



Freedom All Wheel Drive Club of WA

A 4wd Club in Western Australia that is a mix of Compact and Standard 4wd's, seeking adventure.

NEWSLETTER

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Meetings: 4th Monday every month - 7:30pm at East Victoria Park Family & Community Centre. Corner of Kent St and Gloucester St, East Victoria Park.

Visitors are more than welcome.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

April, already! Where has the year gone?

Just quickly I would like to say thanks again to Toki who's been sitting in the big chair.

Would also like to take this moment to wish all the Mum's out there a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday 13th May. Thanks Mum's.

Looks like there is a few good trips starting to come together. Don't forget the 4WD Gathering in Kalgoorlie for the June long weekend. As well as the Christmas in July camping weekend. Still need to arrange a few day trips or social outings.

Please help Linda, with the newsletter by providing trip reports, articles, jokes, recipes etc.

Until next month, keep safe. **LUKE**

MEETING DATES FOR 2018

APRIL 23rd

MAY 28th

JUNE 25th

JULY 23rd

AUGUST 27th

SEPTEMBER None

OCTOBER 1st

NOVEMBER 26th

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MAY 21st

AUGUST 20th

Trip to BOAT HARBOUR

Saturday morning Sue, Manoj, Bobbi and I (Chrispy) headed off down south to explore the unknown. I shocked everyone by being at the meeting place early. Lee and Angie had gone down on Friday. We arrived at Boat Harbour Chalets Saturday afternoon early enough for a relaxing set up, dinner and campfire.



Not sure the Chalet was value for money for Manoj and Bobbi but the campsites for me and Sue were cheap enough even if the amenities block was limited. It was like camping in the bush but in a caravan park (a bit like Dwellingup with less toilets and showers but with a sheltered camp kitchen).

Sunday morning we assembled at the caravan park with Lee and Angie

joining us, my main Hema off-road and offline GPS software did not want to work so reverted to *Memory Maps* but it took a while before it got it's act together and we ended up off course but found a short cut which was useful later in the day.

When we finally got back on track my intel of no need to drop tyre pressures was wrong and it took some time to find somewhere safe for the group to air down. We then went to a spot with a good beach view and access to the beach, as a group we decided not to access this beach but with a little manoeuvring turned around and headed to Boat Harbour just a minute away.





We went onto the headland first and onto the rocks and the view I cannot find words for, then we went down onto the Boat Harbour beach for morning tea, if the chill in the wind had not been there I am sure some of us (me included) would have gone for a swim.



After morning tea we headed back along Boat Harbour road and then turned into the swamp. The tracks in here have a bit of sugar sand, rubber mats, high scratch factor, low scratch factor, sand dunes and rocks, one track in and one track out and different challenges each direction.

First stop was Little Quarrum with a nice sheltered lagoon but no vehicle access, then some sand dunes but you have to keep on the track here and Lee had to let some more air out of his tyres to get through.





We then went down onto Big Quarrum beach for lunch, again if not for the wind chill factor a few of us would have gone for a dip, the access and egress to and from Big Quarrum was a little tricky with different lines needed for different vehicles, a visit to Middle Quarrum and the blue bottles noted on the beach. Some recovery needed getting back over the dunes and back out to our short cut to Parry Beach with an air up on the short cut before the bitumen of Parry Beach Road and down to Parry Beach where it was possible to go for a long drive along the beach, there were some more tracks here but too late to explore, out to the Toffee factory for ice creams and then back to our respective accommodation.



I know I enjoyed the trip even if it was a long drive to get there, the tracks had a variety in conditions and challenges and there are many more to explore in this region. I know I will visit this area again, as I'm sure others on the trip will do as well.

Cheers

Chrispy

EASTER MYSTERY NIGHT DRIVE FAR FAR AWAY

The trip started with the formal meeting of our visitors and members and then the waiting began for the McIntosh family (surprise, surprise), with Andrew rubbing in the reason for their lateness, due to Kay's shopping expedition and burning the credit cards in the shop machines late into the afternoon (go girl).

We had three visitors, Jenny and Kevin in the Patrol, Tatum and Ian in the XTrail and Neil in the Kona.

Once all the paperwork was completed and trip information done, we headed east for Boyagin Rock as our first destination to hit the tacks in convoy with Jeanette and Michael as tail-end Charlie.

We arrived and found out how dry it was out east
DUST was thick and like a

winter fog and speed was reduced and more distance between cars needed. I asked if we wanted to head to the big favourite down hill rock face and I got a typical YES, so with fading light we followed the fence line to the eastern side of Boyagin and found the tracks have been graded over the last few months and was fantastic to drive on.



Once we reached the top of the rock everyone was asked if they felt ok to drive down and our visitors gave a thumbs up with Neil in the Kona saying he gets to try the hill decent in the car.



We had one person, not naming them, that would be rude, who would not go down with loving husband in the Silver Triton Ute with the roof top tent, poor Michael had to drive down alone, hehe. We had smiles all round at the bottom and our light was gone so the lightbars flicked on and into the night we headed spotting the odd rabbit/ possum and John spotting the rising full moon, wow it looked good rising over the trees. We headed for our

dinner stop, finding an open area for all to get the chairs out and have a feed and water. We learnt a lot about our visitors, as they did about us.



The next stage was to head to Dryandra/lol Gray State Forrest and so about 30 minutes later we arrived and navigated our way around and noticed night cameras to the side of the tracks, I'm guessing for survey of animals like the endangered Numbat or feral animals. It was then onto the old fire tower for our last stop and a warm cuppa and then the big drive home up Albany Highway with caution needed due to the large number of roos.

Another great night run completed thank you to all Members and Visitors.

Ben and Jodi

Trip Leaders

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

WA 4WD GATHERING - KALGOORLIE

June long weekend 2nd to 4th

Luke will be leading this trip.

Leaving Perth on the Thursday to travel to Kalgoorlie.

Friday will be spent exploring the area.

Saturday morning kicking around Kal until rest of party arrive.

Saturday afternoon participate with the Association planned activities.

Sunday we will join a tour with the Association.

Don't forget to register on database if you are attending this event and which activities you will be participating in.

Final numbers and payment are required by Saturday 28th April

For further info see WA 4WD Association flyer in our March Newsletter
or contact Luke via Yahoo group.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



FRIDAY 27TH TO SUNDAY 29TH July

WhiteGum Farm Caravan Park , York

Cost is approx. \$25 per site per night for 2 people

WhiteGum Farm also has it's own 4WD test track that we can play on.

If you are wanting a site, please let Luke know via the data base and he will make booking for you.

Cabins available but you need to contact WhiteGum Farm
direct on 0408 906 520.



WINDMILL FARM—BRIDGETOWN

September long weekend.

Please advise Diane if you will be attending, as she needs numbers to book camp sites.

Tariff is only \$15 per night per person, and its suitable for camper trailers and tents but not caravans.

POSITION VACANT

A committee position has become vacant due to Luke taking on the role of President.

Please consider if you could take on this role.

**YOUR CLUB
NEEDS YOU**

Nominations required by
Monday's meeting - 23rd April



CHRISTMAS PARTY IDEAS NEEDED

Do you want to have it in a park, go to a restaurant, river cruise, etc. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting, so we can start organising, get costs or make a booking if needed.

Presented by Trackcare and the Mitsubishi 4WD Owners Club.

An evening with

**Connie Beadell and
Mick Hutton**

7.30pm Saturday 7th June 2018

Manning Seniors Centre

Downey Drive Manning

Come and learn about the "Gunbarrel Road Construction Party" and stories of the 50's and 60's road-making crews led by Len Beadell.

Tickets \$10

Note: Tickets available to WA4WDA members until 26th April, then out to general public.

For booking details see flyer sent to all members on 12th April.

"If your dog thinks you're the greatest person in the world, don't seek a second opinion."

Thank you to TOKI for his time as President. We all wish you good luck with your new role at work and don't forget to come out driving with us as often as time permits. All work and no play makes a grumpy Toki.

The club would also like to thank Lee for holding the fort for the last few months.

Luke thank you for stepping up to fill the role of President, it's greatly appreciated.

2018 TRIP PLANNER

WHEN	WHERE	TRIP LEADER
APRIL		
28th or 29th	SOCIAL FUNCTION	?????
MAY		
6th or 13th	MT DALE	Kay & Andrew
26th or 27th	SOCIAL FUNCTION	
JUNE		
2nd to 4th	Long Weekend 4WD Assoc Gathering—KALGOORLIE	Luke/Craig
23rd, 24th or 30th	SOCIAL FUNCTION	?????
JULY		
7th or 8th	CAR RALLY	Dayne/Linda
20th-22nd or 27th-29th	CHRISTMAS IN JULY	Luke/Craig
AUGUST		
5th	JULIMAR FOREST	Tom
25th or 26th	SOCIAL FUNCTION	?????
SEPTEMBER		
9th	WANDOO	Lee
21st to 24th	Long weekend - BRIDGETOWN	Diane
OCTOBER		
7th	MOUNT DALE NIGHT RUN	
27th or 28th	SOCIAL FUNCTION	?????
NOVEMBER		
10th	BACK OF ARMADALE	
DECEMBER		
8th	CHRISTMAS PARTY	Committee



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

to all our wonderful Mums.

"To the world you are a Mother, but to your family you are the World".

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

EASY AUSSIE BEER DAMPER

Tried and tested by Kay and family

Ingredients: 2 1/2 cups self raising flour 1 good pinch of salt
 175 mls of beer (roughly half a can)

Method:

Place the flour and salt into the bowl. Make a well in the middle. Pour the beer into the well.

Now the fun bit, with your hands combine the ingredients together until the dough is formed.

Adjust the mixture by adding extra beer or flour if needed.

Turn the dough out onto a floured surface. Knead gently for a few minutes.

Place into a pre-heated camp oven and cook for approx. 35 minutes, or if no access to a camp fire, place in a pre-heated oven at 190 degrees.

When cooked, damper will be golden and sound hollow when tapped.

ENJOY

TRADING POST

If any members have something they wish to sell, whether it be 4WD accessories, camping gear or any quality unwanted items, email the details, price and picture (optional) to :

lbarrett@iprimus.com.au

by the 15th of each month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

**EVERY TIME I LOSE
SOME WEIGHT I FIND
IT AGAIN
IN THE
REFRIGERATOR.**



**Birthdays are nature's way of
telling us to eat more cake.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To everyone celebrating a special
day this month.