



# 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

**JANUARY 2019**

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**Meetings:** 4th Monday every month - 7:30pm

**Manning Seniors Centre, 3 Downey Drive, Manning**

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi members,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a great new year!

Looking forward to a great 2019, and some awesome trips.

Just a word of warning, in the extreme heat if you are out on the tracks, please make sure you have plenty of water just in case something happens.

Also a gentle reminder that if there is a "Harvest Ban" in place, please note that there shouldn't be any 4wd activities.

**LUKE**

## NEXT MEETING—Monday 21st January

This meeting is a week early due to the long weekend

**DON'T FORGET WE HAVE A NEW VENUE**

**Manning Senior Citizens 3 Downey Drive, Manning.**

# PRESIDENTS TRIP

## FREEDOM IN THE BUSH

Our Annual Visitors Day in November was a great day.



We all met at Sawyers Valley to start, with a big show of Members and visitors.

After all the introductions, Luke and Craig led the 22 car convoy through parts of the Mundaring Power Line track and Wandoo area.

We all had a great time and as usual, shared a feast of sweets for morning tea, including a very tasty banana cake baked by one of our visitors (they can come back anytime).



*Great day and a great bunch of people.*

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Club Christmas Party was held at Noble Falls Tavern in Gidgegannup.



It was a warm day but it was great to catch up with everyone and to sit around relaxing and telling stories about the adventures we enjoyed in 2018.

*Enjoyable afternoon.*



# Last Trip for 2018

## BEACH RUN to Wedge Island.

Good attendance with 16 cars joining in. Great to see some of the visitors tagging along for this trip and a couple of newbies. Neil finally got to drive the Kona on the Beach and he was thrilled.

We went to the point to look out to Wedge Island. The wind was blowing so it was decided that we would turn around and run up towards the sand dunes and find somewhere a little less windy to have lunch. A few cars went up into the dunes for a play around, some got bogged, we won't mention names will we Michael and Kaye, and a couple of visitors.



Once play time was over we left the beach and headed back to the black top, where we aired up. It was at this point that we found out that the Indian Ocean Drive was closed due to an accident and that we had to find a different way home.

*All in all a great day.*

**Did you  
know:**

The Emu can run  
as fast as 45km/h

WOMBAT Poo is  
shaped like a  
cube.

## TRADING POST

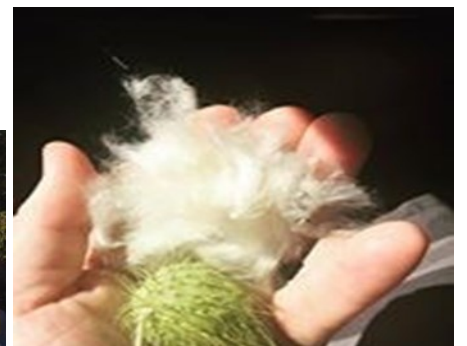
If any members have something they wish to sell, whether it be 4WD accessories, camping gear or any quality unwanted items, email the details, price and picture (optional) to : [lbarrett@iprimus.com.au](mailto:lbarrett@iprimus.com.au) by the 15th of each month.



# 2018



## HIGHLIGHTS

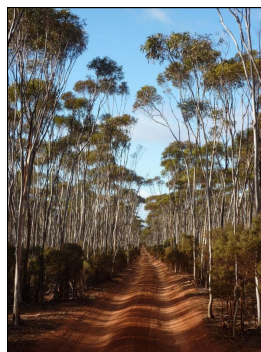


## FUN





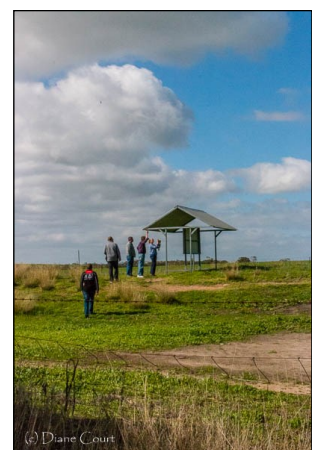
*Good Company*



**CHALLENGES**



*Some things we prefer to forget*







## Interesting places



## G I R L D O W E R



As the sunsets on 2018,  
a new year begins,  
with the promise of  
laughter, adventure,  
fun, friendships new  
and old, 2019 is the  
year for exploring new  
places and learning  
new things.

**Keep on 4WD**



# UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

## BOOGALOO CAMPING TRIP

Don't forget we're all going to Boogaloo, Augusta.

Date: 25th—27th January

Meeting Point and other important information has been sent out to those attending.

Trip Leader: Luke and Craig



## BUFFALO CUT

Date: **17th February**

Meeting point: TBA

Departure Time: TBA

Trip Leader: John V



## MARCH LONG WEEKEND

Trip to Albany

Date: 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Those interested in attending please see Luke for more details and register your interest on data base.



*We will be visiting the "Field of Light: Avenue of Honour" . . be amazed as 16,000 lights glow in the greens, whites and yellows of the wattle and the kowhai, the national flowers of Australia and New Zealand, paying tribute to our Anzacs.*

## FUTURE MEETINGS

**FEBRUARY: Monday 25TH**

**APRIL: Monday 15th**

**MARCH: Monday 25th**

**MAY: Monday 27th**

# Tim's Thicket

January 13<sup>th</sup> 2019

A last minute decision saw us put our hands up to lead the day trip to Tim's Thicket. Due to the late notice it was a very small contingent, just two member vehicles and two visitors, Michael & Jeanette, Neil, Phil and Ted that made it along on the day.

We met up at the Miami Bakehouse in Falcon on a beautiful sunny Sunday morning with an expected max of 29c. As Neil was the only other member in attendance he stepped up and fulfilled the job of Tail end Charlie.

After exiting the carpark, we headed south, turned right into Tim's Thicket Rd and aired down at the end of the bitumen. From here we headed explored a few sandy tracks and drove along the beach a short way on the Whitehills side of the rocky outcrop on the water's edge. The tide was a bit high to safely get around the rocks, though of course Michael did want to try! We took the tracks back to Tim's Thicket to get down on the beach the usual way. Down on the beach we were blown away by the number of cars already there and parked up, so took the only spot that the four of us could squeeze into and set up.



The weather was perfect, a light breeze and not too hot. We spent a pleasant couple of hours relaxing and enjoying the company. Michael threw in a line, but sadly no fish.





After lunch we decided to be tourists and take a drive to look at the Thrombatalites at Lake Clifton. We aired up again after exiting the beach and headed further south before turning right into Mt John Road to the viewing platform. Neil, Ted and Phil had not been here before so it was an interesting experience for them.



Whist driving, Neil had heard some chit chat from others on the radio re something falling off the bottom of a Hyundai, and as he'd heard a loud knock when down the beach, we stopped to check out his undercarriage and he retrieved the remains of a branch that was caught up down there!!!



***An enjoyable day was had by all***

## **WHAT ARE THROMBOLITES?**

Thrombolites are rock-like formations built by micro-organisms. When these microbes photosynthesize, they precipitate calcium carbonate (limestone), which creates the dome shaped thrombolites, we see on the edge of Lake Clifton today. The thrombolites are dominant on the east side of the lake, because their calcium source is in the fresh groundwater which passes through the sand dunes on this side. Thrombolites form in shallow water, because the microbes need sunlight to photosynthesize. The Lake Clifton thrombolites also prefer water with a low salt content. Lake Clifton is a brackish coastal body of water which has been historically hyposaline. This means it is normally less salty than seawater, and is ideal for a thrombolite community.

Thrombolites are a type of microbialite. This is a general term used to describe structures formed by microbial communities. The micro-organisms which are creating the Lake Clifton thrombolites are descendants of the earliest forms of life on Earth. Thrombolites form by a clotting process, and spread out unevenly over time.

# 2019 PLANNER

WHEN	WHERE	TRIP LEADER
<b>JANUARY</b>		
21st	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
21st	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	
25th—27th	Boogaloo Surf and Yoga Campsite—Augusta	Luke & Craig
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
17th	Buffalo Cut	John V
18th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
25th	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	
<b>MARCH</b>		
2nd—4th	Albany Festival of Lights	
17th	Old Alcoa Railway	Michael & Jeannette
18th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
25th	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	
<b>APRIL</b>		
7th	Julimar Jaunt	Luke & Craig
15th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
15th	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	
20 - 25th	EASTER - Melangato Station	Diane
28th	Avondale Valley	Michael & Jeannette
<b>MAY</b>		
5th	Moondyne Festival	Michael & Jeanette
20th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
25th - 20th June	Flinders Ranges & Eyre Peninsula	Diane
26th	York via the forest	Michael & Jeanette
27th	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	



# 2019 PLANNER

WHEN	WHERE	TRIP LEADER
<b>JUNE</b>		
1st - 3rd	Nambung Station	
16th	Harvey Dam	
17th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
24th	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	
<b>JULY</b>		
7th	Boyagin Rock Descent	
15th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
19th - 21st	Christmas in July—Toodyay	
25th	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	
<b>AUGUST</b>		
11th	Hoffman Mill	Luke & Craig
19th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
25th	Car Rally	Dayne & Linda
26th	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
15th	Tip-toeing through the Canola AKA East of Armadale	Michael & Jeanette
16th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
23rd	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	
28th - 6th Oct	Sue's Southern Wheatbelt Adventure	Sue

# 2019 PLANNER

WHEN	WHERE	TRIP LEADER
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
6th	Tracks & Tucker	Michael & Jeannette
20th	Wandoo Wanderings	Manoj & Lee
21st	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
28th	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
8th - 10th	4WD & Adventure Show	Members
17th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
24th	Presidents Trip	
25th	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
8th	Christmas Party	
20th	Manjimup Cherry Festival	



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO EVERYONE  
CELEBRATING  
THEIR  
SPECIAL DAY  
IN JANUARY**



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

# THE CLASSIC LAMINGTON

*Nothing beats*

*a fluffy sponge dipped in chocolate and coconut.*

*This recipe is tasty.*

### Ingredients:

#### Sponge

4 eggs  
2/3 cup caster sugar  
1 cup self raising flour  
1/4 cup cornflour  
25g soft butter, chopped  
1/3 cup boiling water

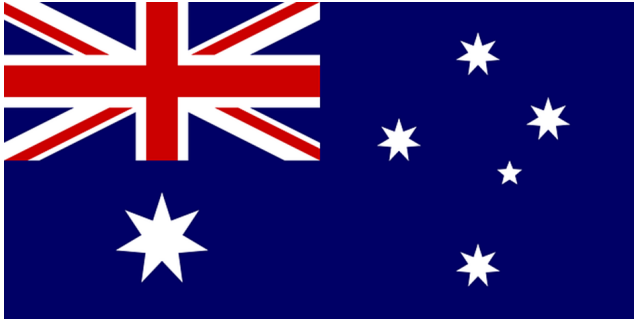
#### Icing

3 cups desiccated coconut  
4 2/3 cup icing sugar mixture  
1/4 cup cornflour  
1/2 cup cocoa powder  
20 g soft butter  
3/4 cup milk



### METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Grease and flour a 20cm x 30cm lamington pan, line base with baking paper.
2. Beat eggs in a small bowl with an electric mixer until light in colour. Gradually add sugar; beat for 8 mins or until the mixture is thick. Mixture should form thick ribbons when the beaters are lifted.
3. Sift flour and cornflour together three times. Combine butter and boiling water in a small heatproof bowl.
4. Transfer egg mixture to a large bowl. Sift the flour mixture over the egg mixture; using a balloon whisk or a large metal spoon, gently fold the flour into the egg mixture, then fold in the butter mixture.
5. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Bake in a moderate oven for about 25 mins or until sponge springs back when touched lightly in the centre and comes away from side of pan. Turn cake onto a wire rack to cool.
6. Cut cake into 20 even pieces.
7. To make chocolate icing, sift the icing sugar and cocoa into a large heatproof bowl; add the butter and milk; stir over a medium saucepan of simmering water until icing is smooth and thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. Divide icing mixture into 2 small bowls.
8. Place coconut into a shallow bowl.
9. Divide chocolate icing mixture into two bowls (as cake crumbs will thicken the icing and make it difficult to use). If the icing becomes too thick, stand it over hot water while dipping, or reheat gently with a little more milk. If necessary, strain the icing into a clean bowl.
10. Dip cake into chocolate icing mixture and then gently into coconut. Transfer cake to a wire rack; stand until set.



# *HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY*

I love a sun smart country  
a land where cricket reigns  
where green and gold singlets are  
adorned with red sauce stains.

I love her sense of mateship  
I love her diversity  
Her beaches and her bull dust  
They all spell home for me.



## **You know it's HOT in Australia when....**



1. The best carpark is determined by shade, not distance.
2. Hot water comes out of both taps.
3. You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a good branding iron.
4. The temp drops below 32 degrees C and you feel chilly.
5. You learn it only takes 2 fingers to steer a car.
6. You can sunburn through the windscreen of a car.
7. You develop a fear of door handles.
8. You break into a sweat @ 7am
9. Your biggest bicycle fear is "what if I get knocked out and end up cooking on the road".
10. You realise asphalt is a liquid state.
11. Farmers are feeding chickens ice to prevent hard boiled eggs.
12. The trees are whistling for dogs.
13. Shopping Centers are temples where you worship Air Conditioning
14. Sticking your head in freezers is considered normal
15. A cup full of ice is considered a great snack
16. A blackout is life threatening because the air con and fans stop working.
17. You keep everything in the fridge, including clothing
18. The effort of towelling yourself off after a shower means you need another shower right away
19. You worry the ceiling fan is spinning so fast it will fly off and kill you
20. You laugh because you know this list is so accurate.

