



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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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Members

Well we are slowly closing in on the end of summer, and that means getting towards the end of the club annual beach runs! Soon we will be back in the Bush!

The club is standing in a great position at the moment with the up coming day trips and a few weekend camping trips planned.

But we need to keep it moving along! So those who want to lead a trip please put your hand up.

Until the next time keep on smiling!

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NEXT MEETING

Monday 25th

DON'T FORGET WE HAVE A NEW VENUE

Manning Senior Citizens 3 Downey Drive, Manning.

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 25th

April 15th

May 27th

June 24th

Trip Report



AUGUSTA



AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND

We all met at the BP Roadhouse along Kwinana Freeway near Baldivis. After a coffee and chat we left in convoy for Augusta. There was a quick pit stop just past Busselton. We all took the new Margaret River bypass, not a bad road, beats having to struggle through busy main street at Margaret River. We all hit the famous Augusta Pie Shop for lunch. Then found the camp ground and after much discussion we finally worked out the best configuration and set up camp.



After a bit of a chit chat and some fun banter we all headed off to Hamlin Bay where Michelle and Rowan got there first look at stingrays. The local fishermen came down with fish carcasses which brought the rays right up to the waters edge.



We then made our way to the Augusta Hotel where we enjoyed a pre dinner drink, great views of the Blackwood River and good conversation. Everyone enjoyed dinner, as usual big country servings. The rest of the evening was spent sitting around camp, where we all enjoyed dessert, chocolates and the usual tittle of port.

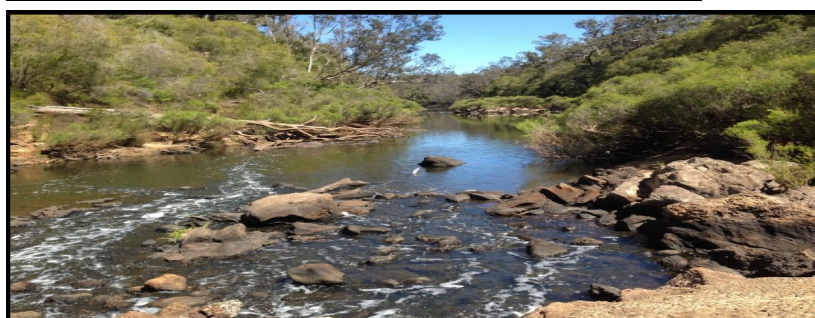
The next day we made our way to the Blackwood National Park, the track had a bit of everything. Corrugations (worse than the Great Central Road), running water, a puddle, sand, rock, washouts, ruts and a scratch factor of 3. Only 1 car got stuck (guess who), a few where on 3 wheels a couple of times.



GUESS WHO WAS
FLYING THE
AUSSIE FLAG.



What did
Neil find
under his
car?



Lunch was at Sues Bridge where we were entertained by a group of young men cliff jumping into the river. We hit the road again into Wiltshire-Butler National Park and the corrugations again.



We arrived in Nannup and had coffee at the Blackwood Café, while waiting for our coffee we listened to the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff (thanks to Jeanette). We all split up and meandered around town before heading back to Augusta.



John and Lyn joined us at camp for a barbecue dinner and some reminiscing of trips gone by.



The next morning it was time to pack up and hit the black stuff back to Perth. It was a great weekend but all too short. Loved the weather in Augusta, top of 25 degrees, while everyone else was sweltering in Perth.

Really enjoyable trip. Thank you to Luke and Craig for organising everything.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show
that the people who have
the most live the longest.**

*To all those celebrating their special day in February.
Hope you have a wonderful day and enjoy the time
with family and friends.*



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SUE

(that's Sue's Bridge on the Blackwood River)

Sue's Road and Sue's Bridge were named after Suzette Morrison, wife of Forestry Officer Ian Morrison, who was in charge of the roads put in for timber assessment and logging in the 1950's.

When was the bridge built?

What length is the bridge?

What is the total width?

Answers in next months Newsletter.



WELCOME

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to **TED** and **PAUL**

Our new members

**Hope you have many great years with the
FAWDC of WA**

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.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

MARCH LONG WEEKEND

Trip to Albany - 2nd, 3rd, 4th March

Those who are interested in attending please register on the data base but you will need to organise your own accommodation. There is a group staying at the Happy Days Caravan Park but this is booked out. Some members are staying at the King River Palms Caravan Park (just across the river from Happy Days).



Plan for the weekend:

Saturday 2ND 8am meet at **Threeways Roadhouse & Tavern** (6519 Albany Highway North Bannister) for a 8.15am departure.

From here we will drive to Albany, aiming to have a morning tea break somewhere along the way. On arrival into Albany we can all book into our accommodation.

Saturday evening we will explore the lights.

SUNDAY 3RD March: Day trip, driving the tracks around Albany - Dinner will be at a local eatery TBA.

MONDAY 4TH March: Pack up and return back to the big smoke.

PERTH CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW

Tickets can be purchased online and includes free transport to and from the Claremont Showground via the [Transperth](#) network.

Adult Standard \$20.00

Concession Standard \$15.00



MELANGATA STATION – CUE and beyond

Extended Easter Trip – 20th April – 26th April

Trip Leader: Dianne

Register on data base if interested

We will be taking the inner more scenic route to **Melangata Station** which will be our base for the duration. From there we will do day trips visiting many historic towns and sites, such as: **Cue, Yalgoo, Mount Magnet**, a meteorite crater, Aboriginal rock art at Wilga Rock, Nallan Lake, a miner's tunnel, **Payne's Find, Perenjori**, a sculpture trail along the way and the Melangata Station tour just to name a few.

Accommodation options: Start from \$12.50 p.p. a night up to the luxury deal of \$125.

For further information please see Diane's email with all the finer details.

2019 PLANNER

WHEN	WHERE	TRIP LEADER
FEBRUARY		
25th	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	
MARCH		
2nd - 4th	Albany Festival of Lights	Luke and Craig
17th	Old Alcoa Railway	Michael & Jeannette
18th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
20th - 24th	Perth Caravan and Camping Show	
25th	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	
APRIL		
7th	Julimar Jaunt	Luke & Craig
15th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
15th	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	
20 - 25th	EASTER - Melangato Station	Diane
28th	Avondale Valley	Michael & Jeannette
MAY		
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	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. Their wedding ceremony wasn't fancy. The reception, however, was excellent.



2019 PLANNER

WHEN	WHERE	TRIP LEADER
JUNE		
1st - 3rd	Nambung Station	
16th	Harvey Dam	
17th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
24th	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	
JULY		
7th	Boyagin Rock Descent	
15th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
19th - 21st	Christmas in July—Toodyay	
25th	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	
AUGUST		
11th	Hoffman Mill	Luke & Craig
19th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
25th	Car Rally	Dayne & Linda
26th	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	
SEPTEMBER		
15th	Tip-toeing through the Canola AKA East of Armadale	Michael & Jeanette
16th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
23rd	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	
28th - 6th Oct	Sue's Southern Wheatbelt Adventure	Sue
OCTOBER		
6th	Tracks & Tucker	Michael & Jeannette
20th	Wandoo Wanderings	Manoj & Lee
21st	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
28th	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	

2019 PLANNER

WHEN	WHERE	TRIP LEADER
NOVEMBER		
8th - 10th	4WD & Adventure Show	Members
17th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
24th	Presidents Trip	
25th	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	
DECEMBER		
8th	Christmas Party	
20th	Manjimup Cherry Festival	

