



Dates for the diary:

Next Meetings:

27 January 2021

Upcoming Trips:

6 December 2020 Christmas Party

17 January 2021 Wilbinga

Freedom All Wheel Drive Club is a family oriented 4WD Club for drivers of Compact and Standard 4WDs.

Monthly Meetings are held on the **fourth Wednesday of each month** at the Manning Senior Citizen's Centre, 3 Downey Drive Manning. Contact us via email at info@fawdcwa.com



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

President's Report

Dear Members

G'day everybody. As this is the last newsletter for 2020, I would like to wish all members and their families and friends a very merry and safe Christmas.

2020 has been a tumultuous year, and although we in WA have not had massive outbreaks of COVID19 as in many other states, we have still been impacted by the virus. I hope all our members have coped and continue to improve as we start a new year.

As a Club, we have finished the year on an upward curve with two successful trips in November. We have one trip in the planning stage for January and then lots of dates for members to host trips. Please put some thought into hosting an event in the early part of 2021.

I would like to thank all the office bearers this year for their efforts, and also you the members, as you are what make up the club. Keep up the enthusiasm and get our club back where it belongs – on the track. Thanks also to the trip leaders, tail end Charlies, ground Charlies and everyone who has helped in reces and trip support. A special thanks to Diane for again producing this newsletter and I wish you and Rod all the best.

During this festive season, please take care as we are entering what promises to be a very hot summer. Be aware of fire risk, dehydration and sun burn, and be especially cautious at our beaches as there have been several beach accidents already this year.

I hope to see many of you at the Christmas function next week but if I don't, Merry Christmas to you all.

Tony Allender

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Snippets from the Editor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone.

Enjoy reading!

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Trip Report : Moore River Sandplain Trip - 13 November 2020

Trip Leaders: Tony & Carole Allender

Written by Tony Allender. Photos by Tony & Carole Allender

Our eight vehicles set out from the Gingin Roadhouse at 0930 and headed out for a day on the sand plain north east of Gingin. First stop was on Beermullah West road to air down. Someone had clearly marked the turn off for us by laying a tree branch across the road opposite the track. After airing down, Tony Van and myself removed as much of the tree as we could to prevent unwary motorists from receiving a nasty surprise.

Based on our recce two weeks earlier, we all reduced our tyre pressures to between 15 and 20 psi. The trip was delayed a little at this point as when Rex removed his deflator, the entire valve centre came with it. With Rex holding his finger over the valve, Wil quickly located a valve tool and we managed to get the valve back into the stem and stop the air. The tyre was now down to a perfect pressure for the oncoming sand, so we mounted up and headed on our way.



Rain had helped compact the sand a little and the temperature of the day made the driving much more pleasant than it had been three weeks earlier. There were many more wildflowers showing than before – good, and a few more branches across the track – not so good. Kangaroos and an emu also crossed in front of us on this stretch.



We continued on over a variety of tracks, bush, sand and brush, even negotiating "Ted's Corner" named after our very own Ted after his exploits on this corner in a similar trip last year, when he had lost his four wheel drive capability and did a remarkable drive with two wheel drive only and a lot of encouragement over the radio.



In some places we were surrounded by Morrison, the colour and aroma was beautiful.



Eventually our little group arrived at Cowalla Bridge for a lunch stop. The last six kilometres or so was done at 50kph as we were now on bitumen and did not want to air up again. As is typical with our club lunch was fantastic with donations of cakes and biscuits from members. Our visitors today (Laval and Nathalie) produced what was the largest tin of biscuits I have seen in a long time.



After lunch we headed out on the best part of the trip. Unfortunately Wil had to leave us as he had a “do not miss” family function that afternoon. Heading up Mimegarra Road we turned off into the sand again. This track was more overgrown and the sand deeper than the mornings drive.



In some places it was difficult to even see the track. Eventually we burst from the bush onto a dry lake where we had afternoon tea, while checking constantly for ticks, which were found in abundance.



The only casualty on the day was Barry's fender in the brush, but luckily he had colour coordinated gaffer tape for repairs.





After leaving the lake we made our way through some more sand tracks back to Mimegarra Road, where we aired up again and made our way home.

*Trip leaders: Tony and Carole Allender
Tail end Charlie John and Debi Marten
Participants: Tony and Carole. John and Debi.
Barry. Tony and Jill. Dom and Caz. Wil. Rex and
Wendy.. Laval and Nathalie.*



2020 Club Executive and Committee

Executive

President: Tony Allender
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Committee

Committee Member: Domenic Ciprio

Committee Member: Vacant

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Website Coordinator/IT Manager: Ted Litchfield

4WD Association Delegate: Barry Price
Trip/ Social Coordinator: Chris Potts
Newsletter Editor: Vacant

These guys need to figure out if they want to be seen or not



Stop the government from tracking your car:



Disable the tracking chip by removing this antenna.

Lazy is a very strong word.



I like to call it "selective participation"

THE OTHER DAY I
YELLED INTO A
COLANDER AND I
STRAINED MY VOICE

Trip Report : Buffalo Beach Run - 22 November 2020

Trip Leaders: John & Debi Marten

*Writing and photography
by Debi Marten*

Seven cars met at the Southbound Roadhouse on Forrest Hwy. We refueled and refreshed then headed south to Binningup Beach where we aired down and entered the sand. We had a very pleasant sand run for the 17km to the cut, and all vehicles managed the sand without any problems.

To our delight, we arrived to find no less than 15 dolphins playing and feeding just off shore. We all scurried to get photos and videos, Laval even got out the drone ☺

With the dolphins obviously relaxed and happy to stay for a while we set up for a leisurely lunch on the beach. Sweet treats were shared by all as we enjoyed Mother Nature's floor show.



Although the sea breeze had come in a little earlier than expected, it was welcomed to keep flies at bay. Only Phoenix was brave enough to get wet.

Reluctantly, we eventually packed up and set off for a quick 9km return run to Buffalo Beach car park, and were very grateful for the available facilities ☺.

After we all aired up, the end of trip was called as we said goodbye to Dom, Kaz and Phoenix, as well as Laval and Natalie. (Barry tried to sneak

out past us all but we managed to head him off before he got too far LOL)

The rest of us headed up to Cape Bouvard Winery to finish off a very lazy afternoon with a cuppa and a sneaky slice.

Thanks to Sue for being our "Tail End"

Trip participants: Sue, Tony and Carole, Barry, Tony Van, Dom, Kaz and Phoenix with second time visitors Laval and Natalie

Happy Birthday



The adult version of
"head, shoulders,
knees and toes" is
"wallet, glasses,
keys and phone."

