



# WANNEROO WANDERERS 4WD CLUB



## **CONVOY PROCEDURE**

1. Fuel tanks must be filled prior to start of trip.
2. Before moving off from a designated departure point the trip leader will appoint a tail-end charlie.
3. At **All** turn-offs, vehicles shall wait until the following vehicle is aware of the former's intention. Periodical checks for the following vehicle must be made as per convoy procedure.
4. Persons leaving the club convoy **MUST** notify the trip leader and if possible give details of their intentions.
5. No vehicle in the convoy is to pass the lead vehicle.
6. When travelling in convoy on the open road, the distance between vehicles shall not be less than 6 vehicle lengths, and keep the vehicle behind in sight at reasonable intervals.
7. At nature stops the rule to be followed is ladies to the left - gents to the right.
8. In recovery procedures to avoid injury to personnel the drivers of the vehicles involved shall ensure that the immediate area is cleared.
9. All persons travelling in convoy must be inside a vehicle

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

1. Obey restriction on use of public lands. Respect national parks and other conservation areas, (i.e. Calm, Water Authority, Fire Authorities).
2. Obtain permission before driving on private land. Leave livestock alone and gates as found.
3. Keep to existing tracks where possible.
4. There shall be no deliberate destruction of trees, shrubs or wildlife. Respect our wildlife, stop, look and observe but never chase animals.
5. Use a well worn campsite to minimise impact on the environment.
6. No firearms to be displayed or used in campsite or prohibited areas.
7. No unofficial competition or displays of "4WDing" shall take place during trips without permission of the trip leader.
8. At club functions members shall obey verbal instructions and visual signs erected by the organisers.
9. Drive very slowly within camp area.
10. When answering the calls of nature, members are asked to take the shovel and bury the result at all times, Ladies are respectfully requested to dispose of their paper hygienically. (i.e. rubbish container or campfire).
11. Keep the environment clean. Be prepared to carry out all the rubbish you take into unserviced areas.
12. All members are requested to comply with the above codes.

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## ABOUT THE CLUB

### WANNEROO WANDERERS 4WD CLUB INC

The Wanneroo Wanderers 4WD club is an enthusiastic group of people who have banded together to enjoy 4WD trips and excursions while conserving the natural bush ecology.

Club membership comprises families and individuals of all ages. The range of club activities caters for the novice as well as the experienced drivers. Activities include social functions, day drives, weekend and extended trips both on and off road at various times during the year.

Club members use a range of camping options from tents, troopies, camper trailers and caravans. The club has no preference to the make of 4WD vehicle owned. Personal and vehicle safety during club events is of the utmost importance. Where possible proposed trips are thoroughly planned and surveyed in advance.

The club is an affiliated member of the WA 4WD association and we support the aim to promote 4WD vehicle owners as responsible, community spirited people concerned with conservation and the environment.

The club Meets at the Warradale Community Centre, Warradale Terrace, Lansdale on the first Wednesday of each month except for January when it is held on the 2nd Wednesday commencing at 7:45pm.

Visitors are always welcome to attend meetings and club events. Prospective members are encouraged to attend two club meetings and two club activities before applying for membership.

If you wish to obtain further information about the club, please feel free to contact us at

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## EDITORIAL

Hi everyone

Welcome to the Winter edition of the club magazine. Well, it certainly is winter now with all the rain weve had. Farmers are happy with the rain arriving traditionally in May which is also when they traditionally start seeding so hoping this sets them up for a good season.

Theres a number of great trip reports in this edition so I hope you enjoy the read and photos.

Please continue to send in your reports and photos, soon after the event is best so I can work on the magazine over the course of the season.

Next mag due will be the Spring edition, so all contributions due before the end of August.

Please note the updated fridge flyer at the back of the mag for all upcoming socials and trips.

Barb

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## TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

Syd Browne Memorial Fishing Trip – March 3-5

Murchison House Station Trip - Easter

Anne Beadell Highway extended trip - May

Kwyolin Long Weekend - June



## Syd Browne Memorial Fishing Comp

Held 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Written by Kym Batten

On Friday the 2nd three intrepid souls (Steve Morris, Andrew Embley and Kym Batten) met at Tony Downe's residence in Millbridge before travelling in convoy to White Point south of Augusta.

Upon our arrival, we made our way to a location right on the beach. This was the first problem. Andrew became bogged only to discover he was not in 4WD. (he had not locked in a Hub). After a brief recovery with the MAX Trax we began setting up camp.



It was blowing an absolute gale, so setting up the tent was a struggle. We then all pitched in and set up the club gazebo to protect us from the wind.

Paul Di Georgio arrived later that day.

On Saturday, the weather had not improved much, the water was extremely weedy. So, Paul and Tony set off up the beach to see if there was a better fishing spot. Alas it was not to be, so we prepared for the competition to be held on the Sunday. A couple of members tried their luck on the Saturday only catching weed. A few long walks along the beach were also had.

We managed a fire that night and after few drinks and tea retired.



On Sunday, the day of the comp was bright and sunny, but the weed persisted. Kym caught the first fish, but it was not worth keeping. Andrew caught a small cod like fish and then Tony started catching a few (4) small fish (herring I seem to remember).

So, at the end of the day Tony declared himself the winner and he cooked up his catch and shared a few morsels between us.

On Monday we awoke to a beautiful day, weed was largely gone, but unfortunately, we had to pack up and head home

Perhaps we should have stayed one more day

Another great weekend had by all.

Thanks to Tony for his organisation



## MURCHISON HOUSE STATION

EASTER 2018

By Barb

I'd been looking forward to the Easter break for weeks, so finally on Thursday after work I took off for our overnight camp spot near Badgingarra in the Nambung National Park. While some club members had the luxury of heading off early in the week, some of us, Angela & Ron, Phil & Judy, Mark and myself had to work up to the Thursday so we all made our own way to the camp spot in the bush. This was a good spot to catch up over a couple of coldies and have an early night ready for the Good Friday drive to Murchison.



Sunset at Hotel California...no wait, Cataby Roadhouse

On arrival at the MHS homestead we checked in and let our tyres down. Already feeling the heat we were looking forward to our camp spot by the river. Well, we had a good camp spot, but unfortunately not very close to the river. Not to worry, we could drive down for a dip and found a couple of good spots to put the canoes in or just have a dip.

Good Friday was spent catching up and enjoying happy hour and a few drinks. Tony, Paul, Steve, Bruce and Joe went for a drive up to the Emu proof fence and checked out the coastline for fishing spots. The weather wasn't really compliant for good fishing and the coastline was pretty rugged.



Saturday, saw all of us head out to explore around the “down river” part of the station. We found a very nice spot that would’ve been good for lunch, but we decided to continue on to see if there were other tracks to the beach or if we could get to the beach near the town of Kalbarri.

At the river mouth, Glenda, Judy and Jenny all went for a dip and then it was decided to see if there were any tracks down to the beach, and then head back to the lunch spot. Unfortunately, only a quad bike track was found.

Back to the lunch spot for relaxing under a shady tree while members swam, fished, read their books and chatted.

A good day out followed by the usual happy hour banter, stories and songs, laughs and larrikinisms



Sunday was also a great day out exploring the “up river” part of the station with some good 4wd tracks, lovely waterholes and riverside camp spots. Notes taken for future reference. Our lunch spot was nice and shady with huge deep water pools. A number of canoes were launched and the fun part was getting into and out of the water. Canoodlers paddled further up river enjoying the quiet stillness and birdlife of the river. Once again, followed by the banter etc over a few beverages and a nice meal.

For our group of working class, we had to pack up on Monday, have a quick swim then hit the road home. Heavy traffic to Geraldton and then not too bad for the rest of the trip. We did all get pulled into a booze bus station and fisheries inspection point. I must’ve looked dodgy as they went through my esky and fridge and asked me a number of questions about my weekend. Maybe as I had the canoe they may have thought I’d been fishing in the river. Not sure, but all good anyway.

A good weekend and I’m sure we will be back here again

BB

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## ANNE BEADELL AND OLD EYRE HIGHWAY TRIP – MAY 2018

TRIP LEADER: Tony Downe

### Participants

Bob & Lesley Armstrong – Nissan Pathfinder  
Kym Batten – Mitsubishi Pajero  
Steve Bly & Jackie Morris – Toyota Hilux  
Tony Downe – Toyota Landcruiser Troop Carrier  
Barb Lynch – Toyota Prado  
Steve & Sue Morris – Isuzu D-Max  
John & Jan Setlak – Toyota Landcruiser Troop Carrier  
John Stoffels – Toyota Hilux  
Alan & Alison Wyatt – Toyota Landcruiser Troop Carrier

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Today's Trip Notes: Kym Batten

The following members Bob & Lesley Armstrong, Kym Batten, Steve Bly & Jackie Morris, Barb Lynch, Steve & Sue Morris, John Stoffels. Alan & Alison Wyatt met at the Lakes roadhouse prior to departing around 9:30.

We cruised up to Merredin for the mandatory Bakery lunch stop. Before departing around 12:45. We stopped briefly at Southern Cross and then onto Coolgardie where we picked up some firewood. Then a short trip to Lake Douglas for the night. Upon our arrival we found John & Jan Setlak had arrived a day earlier. We scrounged up some wood and along with the purchased wood, stoked up the fire for the night. Tony Downe arrived some time later and the first of our social evenings commenced.



Day 1 – Sunday 6 May Laverton to Condun Well.

Trip Notes by Tony

After an overnight camp at Lake Douglas and a short stop in Kalgoorlie for a McDonald's coffee the group of intrepid travellers made their way up the Goldfields Highway to Laverton for lunch and a fuel stop. The local servo had run out of diesel so it was down to the bulk fuel depot to fuel up (\$1.57 per litre).

It was then onto the White Cliffs Yarmarna Road for the start of the Anne Beadell Highway to Coober Pedy, a distance of some 1300 kilometres of rough and unsealed road. Eighty five kilometres in and the time was approaching 4.30pm so camp was made for the night at Condun Well in a clearing behind the well where there was a good supply of wood for the fire.

Day 2 – Monday 7 May Condun Well to Campsite 2

Trip Notes by Tony

Left Condun Well at approximately 9.15am and made our way towards Yarmarna Station where we stopped and looked around for the old ruins of the community that had existed there in the late 90's. Not much left but an old water drilling truck and a tank containing some water along with some cattle yards and an airstrip. Gas pipelines for a mining operation followed the track for many kilometres.

Stopped at Yeo homestead for lunch and a look around. Discovered a previous entry for the Wanneroo Wanderers in the visitor's book dated May 2000. Continued on for many kilometres on a corrugated road encountering five camels and two bustards before stopping at Bishop Riley's pulpit for a sermon and some climbing exercise to get the benefit of a wide panorama of the desert country.

Another 80 odd kilometres before stopping for the night in a clearing on the side of the highway.



Yamarna



Yeo Homestead

Original

10:00 hrs

21/5/00 Ross + Gwen Noble - Maffra Victoria  
Cooper Pedy to Laverton. All going well Rain - nil.

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26/5/00 (FRIDAY) Wanneroo Wanders club  
Sue & Elaine Brown, Alan & Val Davies,  
Tony & Jenny Downe & Jimi (The Wombat)  
Plus 2 Jayco Camped Vans  
Left Cooper Pedy Monday - Travelling to  
Laverton - Saw <sup>3, 2000</sup> Bustards & a Dingo  
today. Lots of wild life tracks to be  
seen. Camping here to night.

29/5/00 2ND TIME HERE, GOOD TO SEE THAT IT IS  
WITH BETTER SITES THAN FIRST TIME. HEADING EAST TO COOPER PEDY  
M... ..

The two Visitors Book entries from the Wanneroo Wanders. The first entry dated 26-05-2000 and the recent one on 7-05-2018. Tony Downe being present on both trips. Tony had also told us how on the first trip the club had left a broom in the original house with an inscription "fr"m the Wanneroo Wanderers" the broom was still there

04/05/18 Steve, Gayle + Bob Shearer, 2 generations travelling  
East-West, loving the drive, scenery and have  
had great weather. Cheers.

7/5/18 WANNEROO WANDERS - Tony, Kim, Sue + Steve, Barb,  
Alan + Alyson, Bob + Lesley, John + Jan, Steve + Jackie, ~~Barb~~  
John Stoffles. HEADING EAST TO COOPER PEDY. Glad to see our  
DONATED BROOM IS STILL HERE! THE START OF A 3 WEEK TRIP. So  
far. So good. TRIED TO GET HERE LAST NIGHT BUT DIDN'T QUITE  
MAKE IT. WEATHER QUITE HOT TODAY!



Tuesday 8th May

Kym Batten Trip Leader

Leading trip today. Left camp around 8:15 am. And in a short time came across a dingo running on the track. Shortly afterwards we came across a pair of camels who would not leave the track. Steve Bly wanted some footage, so he passed me and followed the camels for a short distance before reverting to our original position. As the camels refused to move off the track, I moved up alongside them which then forced them to leave the track. A couple more Dingo's, lots of parrots and a few lizards were spotted as we traversed the heavily corrugated track to Neale Junction We stopped at Coolgubbin Camp a few hundred metres short of Neal Junction for Morning Tea



While having morning tea, we were visited by an old fella driving a Nissan Patrol Ute and pulling a large trailer with a buggy on the back. He had had a lot of problems with punctures and broken springs.

Also, on this trip there were a number of locations where remembrance plaques were placed at locations where these people loved to be rather than having died in the location. We left Neale Junction around 10:45 and headed for light plane wreck. This time a Large group of camels on track and again I needed to force them off the track, having learnt from the first time.



At the turn off to the plane wreck, John Stoffels and Jon & Jan Setlack decided not to come in to view and went on up the highway to a rest stop for lunch. The rest of us headed to the wreck. After reaching light plane wreck for lunch and obligatory photograph.

We headed back to Anne Beadle Hwy. and on to Ilkurlka for fuel @ \$3 per litre. The site attendant was very happy to see us as he hadn't seen anyone in days. We camped here overnight. Showers and toilets. Great facilities.



9th may

Alan & Alison

We led today, left Llkurkla Camp ground stoped at salt lake morining tea on side of the road step out nice snake waiting for me yahh.

Made it to state border and entered Maralinga Land. Found place to camp for night Barb found a Thorny devil waiting for her at her camp site .



Day 6 - Thursday 10 May

Steve & Sue

Another beautiful day, around 8 degrees, fine with our first sign of cloud cover. Most of the trip got up around sunrise (7:00am), had a leisurely breakfast and broke camp. But Tony slept in until 8:30 got up and had a rushed brekkie – we departed at 8:45 with the mighty Dmax in the lead, sand flag fitted and looking forward to seeing all the wildlife at the front instead of eating dust and seeing nothing at the rear of the convoy.

Fat chance of seeing anything. There were animal tracks all around us but not a single animal to be seen. The most interesting things along this section of road was a series of green sign posts identifying various aspects of the surrounding country. All the stories we had heard were that the road conditions deteriorated in South Australia, but this was not true. The track made its way through both open country and woodlands of spinifex, mulga and desert heath (according to the green posts).

As the morning wore on it started to drizzle a little – just enough to keep the dust down but not enough to make the going slippery. At lunch time we managed to dodge showers and stopped for lunch in a desert oak grove in sand dune country. Whilst we were stopped a group of travelers came through heading west – two 79 and one 200 series – to Wiluna and then then the Canning Stock route. I made a comment that they seemed to be well set up for their trip, which was the start of considerable banter over the next few days .At this point Steve B and Jackie broke convoy to make haste to Coober Pedy as Jackie had a flight to catch to Adelaide then home so she could go to work Monday. It was great to meet her and we hope she had an enjoyable time.



Late afternoon about an hour before sunset we made camp at Annes Corner where we gathered wood for a roaring fire as it was starting to turn cold. Fortunately the rain held off.

All in all a good day but no wild life at our end of the convoy. We covered around 250km.

Steve & Sue

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
John Stoffels

Today it's my turn. Will I see any wildlife? how will the track be? how far will we get?

We departed our Desert Camp (Great Victoria) at a leisurely 9:20am. Track conditions were good and progress relatively easy. Scenery all the same and no wildlife to spot.

Morning coffee was at the Emu Weather Station site, nothing there but a shelter and bench.

We were now at the Emu village area, the site of the Atom bomb testing (Maralinga) was 15 km away.

We did a drive down the air strip and had a fossic thru some remnants, looking for something we could adapt to support a bbq plate. A few members with good maps found the site where the Village, (tent city) actually was. We had a good look around there finding a few relics of time gone by.

Next spot of interest was the area possibility set aside for airport management, radio and viewing tower. (just guessing)

The day was warming up nicely and the wind dropped so we had our lunch break before moving on.

Ground Zero, Totem 1 and Totem 2 was our next stop. This was the site the 2 Atomic bombs were detonated from two separate towers. Interestingly areas of ground were covered with molten lava like material.

We continued on, the track reasonable. Finally, wildlife!!, I came round a bend to see a camel 🐪 and true to form, he proceeded to waltz along the track for some distance at an amazing pace of 30km hr. A short while later my luck had me see 5 more camels 🐪.

Time was moving on and finding a suitable campsite became a priority. 70 Km from the bomb test area we found something suitable with plenty of firewood.

We're all sitting around a great fire remembering the day, and planning tomorrow, only 180 km to Coober Pedy.

Day Done , Oh not quite, we've just had a visit from a not very shy fox 🦊.

John Stoffels.



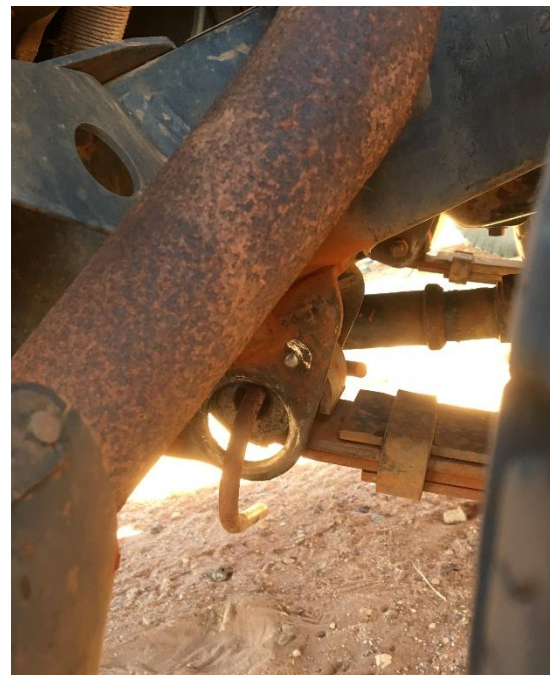
## Today's Trip Notes - Barb

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Day 8

We camped overnight on the edge of the Tallaringa Conservation Park in a nice clearing with plenty of room and a good fire. While preparing dinner I had a visit from a pesky fox. When I described the fox to everyone and said that he was friendly and didn't want to "shoo" when I tried to shoo him away, everyone laughed and said it would have been a dingo and thought I'd already had too many beers! As it turns out, while I was telling the story the fox came by, Steve Morris gave chase and Alan got the camera out for a great shot of him (the pesky fox, not Steve). The fox was quite entertaining and during the night visited most of our camps and moved Tony's floormat and scattered my 4 empty beer cans all around the place. (2 standard beers and 2 too many hehe)

After brekky the boys helped put a flag pole on my car and repair my radio antenna which had taken a bit of a bush bashing before we set off for the day. Our morning tea stop was where the maps said the Tallaringa Well was located. We found a well pretty much right next to the road but after much discussion and checking of devices and maps it was decided the well we were looking for would be to our left and possibly 500m away. We all spent some time searching before deciding the well by the road was the one.

When we first stopped here, John Setlak realised his vehicle needed a bit of repair as the front spring had come loose. On closer inspection it was clear a spring hanger bolt had dislodged and was gone, so everyone searched for a bolt long enough and strong enough to do the job and in the end an old KF steel tent peg was used to complete the repair. The boys got stuck into the job with a jack under the car and another one behind the bull bar to push the spring back into place so the peg could be fitted and bent over at each end to hold it. The bush mechanics job done, John's vehicle was on the road again and made it to Coober Pedy where the correct parts were sourced and a proper repair done.



While the repair job was being done we had been searching for the well and chatting to other travellers (the Australian HF Radio tourers from Queensland) who had stopped also.

Discussion was still continuing weather the well on the side of the road was in fact Tallaringa Well or not when Alan set off the air horns for us to get back on the road again.

At this point we were a week on the road and 2222K's of engaged 4WD since Perth

From there we travelled on, lunch by the dog proof fence and then on to Coober Pedy, stopping for a chat to the locals at 8 mile.

We all checked into the Big 4, all the couples booking the luxury of a suite while the rest of us booked camp sites and enjoyed a lovely hot shower at 20cents for 2 minutes. We later met for cocktails and dinner at the Desert Cave, an amazing underground Hotel which I thought had the WOW factor.

Coober Pedy was a R&R couple of days to re-stock the pantry and fridge, do some washing and a few vehicle repairs as well as take a tour of the Opal mining area.



John & Kym using the GPS co-ordinants to try and find the well. A group selfie using John Setlaks selfie stick. We all went out for dinner to The Desert Cave in Coober Pedy



Today's trip notes – Bob n Leslie

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

After obtaining necessary permits for the Googs Track we left Coober Pedy around 10am leaving John & Jan who were getting their vehicle repaired.

Travelling South on the Stuart Highway for 200kls the convoy turned off the highway to the Kingoonya Siding on the Trans Line. We stopped by the old pub for lunch where we were joined by a very friendly horse, after fuelling the horse with carrots & apples and our vehicles with diesel we headed for Tarcoola where we stopped for a look around as Sue had worked in the area in a past life. It now has a gold mine. Continuing 11kls after Malbooma we turned onto the Googs Track hoping to make Mt Fink, going was slow so 10ks down the track we pulled over and made camp. Loads of wood, great fire, sun setting another great day.



Today's trip notes – Steve Bly

Trip Report – Day 11 – 15 May 2018

The day started from our campsite on Googs Track which was about 10km south from the Trans Cont Railway turnoff. The dunes seem to start as soon as we entered the Yellabinna Regional Reserve. The recommend path on Googs Track is to go from South to North but it appeared that all the approaches from the South had huge dips and bumps on it from vehicles that appeared to struggle up the dune face. This was later confirmed during day when we met three other vehicles, one of which couldn't get quite enough speed to crest the dune without several attempts being made.

20km from the campsite we found ourselves on the track leading to Mt Finke which was a 7 km deviation. Mt Finke is the only noticeable feature along the track at 275 metres above the surrounding landscape (369 metres ASL).



Mt Finke – Named after William Finke, who was associated with mining and pastoral activities.

Some brave souls in the group tackled the climb and were rewarded with outstanding views of the surrounding area while the remainder just relaxed in the shade at the base. When the trekkers returned, we had lunch and continued heading South toward Googs Lake.

The terrain and vegetation changed a couple of times when dunes became less frequent for a few km only to have the dunes reappear 15km from the Lake. The route to Googs Lake is well signposted and we reached the recognized campsite in enough time to establish camp and light the fire before nightfall. It was agreed to spend the following day exploring the Lake and local area.

Day 12 – 16 May 2018 – Rest Day (See Tonys report following this one of Steves)



John walking to the Island positioned several hundred metres from the lake edge. The dry bed was soft underfoot in some places with a salt crust on top

Day 13 – 17 May 2018

We left camp but instead of heading South straight away, it was decided to follow the Lake in an Easterly direction and explore the shore line and other campsites. The track eventually led us to a track going East West and after turning left, it brought us back to Googs Lake. From there, we visited the two memorials to Father and Son (John and Martin Denton) who blazed the track in the 1970's just 'to see what was the other side of the next dune'.



Yumbarra Conservation Park South of Googs Lake with the dunes in the distant background

Once clear of the Yumbarra Conservation Park it quickly turned into farmland and shortly after that we arrived at the Eyre Highway. Tyres were inflated and then we all linked up in Ceduna to restock where needed. As we were supposed to link up with John Setlak here (after his spring hanger repair in Coober Pedy) it was decided to bush camp just South of town until the following day.

Today's trip notes - Tony Downe

Day 12 – Thursday 17 May Goog's Lake to Ceduna

Two relaxing days at Goog's Lake enjoying long walks, Lesley's pumpkin soup, Alan's cake and warm roaring fires on two cool nights (approx 5 degrees). Did a bit of a tour around the lake as we pulled out for Ceduna and paid our respects to Goog and Dinger Denton at their memorial near the entrance to the lake where we discovered some "coin" trees.

After diverting off the track to view another rock hole we continued on over the dunes and on to Ceduna where we encountered the quarantine station as we entered the town from the Western end.

Fortunately they accepted our explanation that we had acquired our supplies in Coober Pedy and did not confiscate any of our fruit and vegetables.

Some restocking of supplies in Ceduna and fuel and water at the servo before Steve M lead us out to a free campsite for the night to wait for Jon and Jan to rejoin us as arranged at Coober Pedy.

Day 13 – Ceduna to Fowlers Bay (Scott's Beach)

With rain threatening we headed out of Ceduna along the Eyre Highway, turning left at the Fowler's Bay turnoff and making our way into the small seaside community for a lunch stop and a look around.

After lunch we collected some firewood along the road and made our way across a large lake to Scott's Bay to camp for the night. Nice campsite but unfortunately some rain came down and we had to take cover for a while with many retiring early.



Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Trip Leader Kym Batten

Fowlers bay conservation park



Woke in the Morning to find it had been raining overnight and as we had crossed salt lakes to get to camp site and I was a little concerned that we might have difficulty getting out.

This proved be an unfounded fear as we headed up a track which on the map appeared to be a dead end, but it continued up the coast to a site called Mexican hat which was a rock shaped like a Mexican hat.

While enroute Steve Bly spotted some fins in the water which proved be dolphins heading fish.

After a few photo's we headed towards Nundroo and the old Yalata homestead. On this road we encountered numerous kangaroos and Brumby's.



We did not find the homestead as it appeared to be on private land, so we carried on to Nundroo, stopping at a place called Coorabie for Morning tea and to pump up the tyres before carrying on to Nundroo. After a brief toilet/fuel stop we carried on towards Yalata. Some 10km before Yalata we deviated from the Eyre Hwy and onto the Old Eyre Hwy which took us out the back of the Yalata community.



The usual guess the car make game ensured around the community. We carried on for a while as the rain (drizzle) set in. Once it cleared we stopped for a late lunch.

After Lunch we carried on the Old Eyre Hwy to Ivy Tanks where spent some time fossicking. This was the site of an old roadhouse with numerous car wrecks.



After a period, we back tracked slightly and took a 25km deviation to disappointment cave.

It was anything but a disappointment. We head down another track and due to some confusion, I should have returned via the track we came in on. This track took us back to the Old Eyre Hwy and on the way, we stopped to find another cave and a blow hole. The cave eluded us, but John Stoffels located the blow hole. tony gripped a tarp and we held it over the hole. There was a considerable wind coming from the hole. Carrying on we headed back towards Ivy Tanks before stopping just short, camping in a gravel pit close to some dead trees for wood.



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, rest day at Koonalda

Trip leader: Barb

The gravel pit was a good camp sight and we had a good fire as usual. It was a little damp overnight but as we had decided we would continue back to Ivy Tanks so we didn't miss out on any of the Old Eyre Highway, we could leave tents up to dry out while we did the 30ks back to Ivy. This morning, Bob & Lesley decided they would stay at camp while the rest of us went back for further fossicking at the travellers rest. We found another big rubbish tip behind all the car yards and spent a lot of time fossicking. The big "Shell" fuel sign could be seen although broken into bits and amongst the bottles and interesting bits, I had the find of the day, a piece of wrought iron bent to say "Ivy". Following the scrounging, we headed back to the gravel pit for morning tea. Lesley had been busy making scones and she had some mandarin jam which we all shared and was delicious

We then made our way to Nullabor Village where most of us took advantage of the shower facilities and ordered lunch from the roadhouse.

We spent the afternoon travelling to Koonalda Homestead, encountering a dingo that chased us, visiting and exploring caves and blow holes and looking out for wombats.

At Koonalda, we all chose a camp spot close to the homestead and Steve Bly moved into the Shearers quarters. We all went collecting firewood for a fire near the back veranda of the homestead and then had time for some more scrounging around the many car dump sites.

That evening after our community dinner around the fire a number of us went out wombat hunting. No luck, but we had a lot of fun looking and spotlighting.

The next day was spent going for long walks, exploring the many wombat communities, a drive to check out the old shearing shed and a cave, and more visits to car heaven or station dumps to scrounge.



22nd May

Alan & Alison

We led today, left Koonalda Home Stead found sink hole nice surprise 2 owls flew out when men started exploring. Saw 2 dingoes on way.

Stopped to look at cave a tree root was coming out of cave when they went exploring found bones of animals in a circle spooky. another sink hole another owl.

Made it to quarantine checkpoint Western Australia. Kangaroos everywhere on way to camp site camped near the beach that night bit cold and windy .



Day 19 - Wednesday 23 May

Steve & Sue

Woke at sunrise to a cold and windy morning on the beach west of Eucla. Conditions inland were certainly more comfortable. Our camp site was some distance along the coast from our access track and the maps were unclear if the coastal track continued for any distance. It wasn't possible to drive on the beach due to the weed. Our aim today was to head for Red Rocks Point ideally without having to head back to the main highway.

Fortunately Steve was doing some photo work with the drone so we checked our track to see how far it went. Unfortunately the track ended a couple of kilometres further along and there was no beach access so we had no choice but to make our way along the old telegraph track across the Roelands Plains. The plains are a series of salt pans covered in purple low shrubs interspersed with low sand dunes. Very pretty country and easy driving.



We made our way to the Noonaera station ruins where had a fossick around (Barb in her element again).

There wasn't much left of the old homestead and there was an old bus set up as accommodation – cheaper than building!



We also went looking for Windabijee Rockhole, with no luck as the track was overgrown and the area heavily wooded.

From Noonaera we headed further west along the coastal track and stopped at the beach for morning tea. Again the beach was very weedy and it wasn't possible to get a 4wd onto the beach. There were a number of starling traps at intervals along the track (at least 19). A very surprising find.

Soon the track petered out and we couldn't get through to Red Rocks and had to make our way out to the main road via the old Noonaera station track. This was fairly overgrown and twisty near the beach, but opened up the further inland we went. Eventually the track came out opposite the entry to the Mundrabilla Station homestead, except it was fenced and we couldn't get out onto the highway. Lots of kangaroos along this stretch of track. We turned left and followed the fence for a couple of kilometres until we came across a gate, then turned left onto the highway, westward bound.



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Today's trip notes - John Stoffels

We're on the final leg of what has been a fantastic journey.

Our overnight camp site was at Pannikin Plain - cave, just 10km east of Cocklebiddy. By 9.25 am we were at the much anticipated Cocklebiddy Cave. Unfortunately access into the cave has been removed so all we could do was read the large sign with graphics of how the cave looks.

Before going back to the main road Barb discovered one of her tyres (already plugged) was leaking. It was quickly re-inflated for the short trek back to the Highway and a suitable area for changing.

Steve Bly, our in-house movie maker, took an opportunity to film a few of us along the way and film the willing helpers changing Barb's tyre.

Job done, coffees had and on our way by 11:00. Next stop was Caiguna Blowhole.

A short look see and back on the bitumen. Balladonia was our lunch stop.

We reached Norseman by 3:15 for refuelling. From there I bid the group farewell as they were heading to Hyden and me to Coolgardie. I showered and had a meal before choosing to motor on to Southern Cross, spending the night at a 24hr free camp.

The weather turned wet and wild so I slept in the vehicle, wondering how the others were in their bush camp out of Norseman.

After 5500 km (from Busselton to Busselton) my journey ended, now the work begins, all that washing and cleaning.

Bye for now, John Stoffels.

Final Trip notes – Tony

Day 19 & 20 Pannikan Cave to Norseman to Woodlands Campsite

With John in the lead the group made their way to Cocklebiddy Cave for some more adventure but unfortunately could not enter the cave. On the way out Barb's failing tyres were changed.

After a stop in Balladonia for lunch we made our way to Norseman arriving about 3.30pm to fuel up at the BP. John then left the group for Coolgardie while the rest of us headed out to the Hyden Norseman Road and camped in the Woodlands campsite for our last night on the road.

Next day it was off to Hyden and the bakery for brunch and then on to home our desert trip now completed.

NOTE: A special thanks should go to Tony for his research and previous knowledge of the areas we visited and being the Trip Leader. Also to those who had various map apps with points of interest and the WikiCamps App which came in handy a number of times. Also to Steve Bly for the fabulous Youtube video of our trip. To view the video follow this link: <https://youtu.be/zJzSiRLLVz0>



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## KWOLYIN WEEKEND

Kwolyin is a fantastic 72 hour campsite managed by Bruce Rock Shire, located around 200 kms direct east of Perth midway between Quairading and Bruce Rock. The Kwolyin campsite was opened when the Kokerbin Rock campsite was closed for camping and is now day use only.

The camp sites were plentiful and the facilities were well maintained with flushing toilets and a spotless camp kitchen and covered areas with tables in the tent camping area. There are 3 marked walking trails and an abandoned railway line and service track. The track with minimal clearing and maintenance could be converted to a mountain bike trail. Firewood is plentiful with a pile stacked near the camp sites.

Kwolyin campsite is on the old Kwolyin town site and is an interesting place with remnants of the old town still visible, like a small cemetery with 4 graves, the old concrete cricket pitch, tennis court and remains of the clubhouse.

Friday morning Marion, Keith, Penny and Dave arrived and chose a great site to fit all our vans and tents. Judy, Phil, Kim, Glenda Kerry and Steve arrived later in the afternoon and Ron and Ange just in time for drinks.

We collected firewood and all sat around the fire enjoying a few bevvies and a chat as the night air cooled.



Saturday: We awoke to a chilly 3 degrees and over the morning Lesley, Bob, Andrew, Deb, Darren, Erin, Luka and Lenny (Keith and Marion's family) arrived. During the morning some walked the well signed trails while Kerry and Steve went exploring on their bikes. They also found the bikes handy to get to the toilets if in a hurry.

In the afternoon we all went on a short day run along the “Granite Way” where a 60km run became 80kms ?????? We made a stop at Kokerbin Rock and walked part of the way around the base. We also drove past 2 other granite rocks and many outcrops where the landscape is mostly pastoral but very pretty all the same. Maybe a future wildflower trip. Another night around the camp fire with much banter.

SUNDAY: Another chilly morning and everyone did their own drive around the area and all arriving back for afternoon tea and to welcome Julie and Rob (Erin’s parents) who were trying out their new Avan caravan. The evening was very mild as the clouds closed in and Glenda made a lovely camp oven apple crumble, Lesley a mandarin cake, Julie a cake and Phil a damper.

MONDAY: A mild morning and some got up and walked the trails and after a very lazy morning we all packed up ready for home just before a few light showers came through.

Keith’s flat battery had us all concerned but managed to get it jump started eventually and we were all gone by midday.

Concensus was to revisit Kwolyin again some time



## FUNNIES



During a recent PASSWORD AUDIT at the Bank of Ireland it was found that Paddy O'Toole was using the following password:

MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofyDublin

When Paddy was asked why he had such a long password: he replied "Bejzus! are yez stupid? Oi was told me password had to be at least 8 characters long and include one capital"

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America .

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

**A lawyer and a blonde woman are sitting next to each other on the plane from Cairns to Perth.**

That's a very long flight so in the end the lawyer decides to make some conversation and asks the blonde if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde is tired and just wants to take a nap, so she politely declines and tries to catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists, that the game is a lot of fun. "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5; you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500."

This catches the blonde's attention, and- to keep him quiet- she agrees to play the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?"

The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches in to her purse, pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer.

Now, it's the blonde's turn. She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?" The lawyer uses his laptop, searches all references. He uses the Airphone; he searches the Net and even the Library of Congress. He sends e-mails to all the smart friends he knows, all to no avail.

After one hour of searching he finally gives up. He wakes up the blonde and hands her \$500. The blonde takes the \$500 and goes back to sleep.

The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes her up and asks, "Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?"

The blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5 and goes back to sleep.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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*Wanneroo Wanderers 4WD Club - 2018*

*Trip and Social Events - Fridge Flyer*

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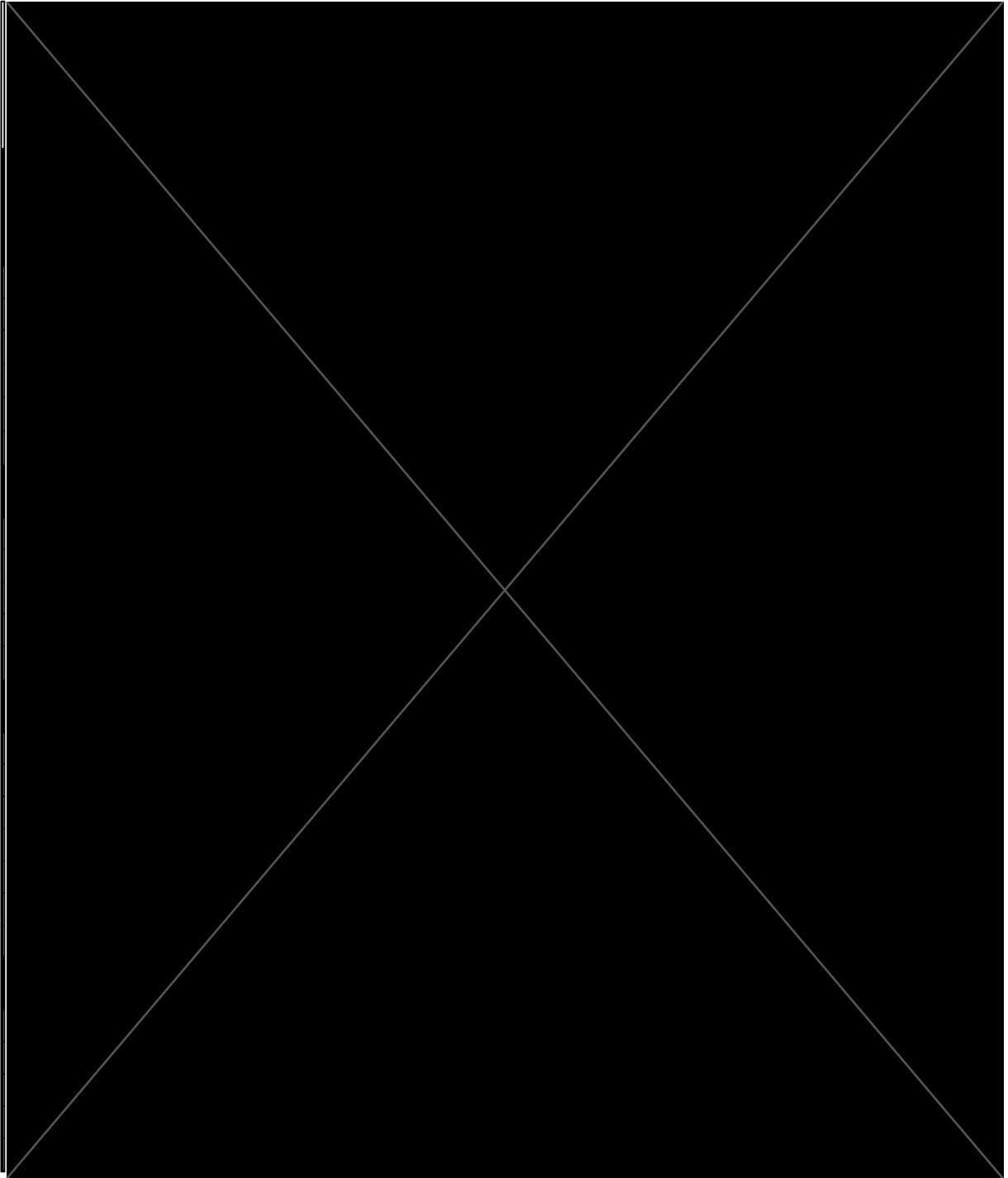
DATE	EVENT	LEADER
7.45pm First Wednesday of each month	Club meetings: 2018: 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st August, 7th Sept AGM, 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December	Warradale Community Centre, Southmead Dve, Landsdale
21st April	Wine and Cheese Night	Cara & Chris
5th - 27th May	Extended trip Anne Beadell & beyond	Tony Downe
19th-20th May	Collie weekend trip	TBA
2nd-4th June	Wheatbelt long weekend trip	TBA
16th-17th June	Bonfire	Ron & Angela
1st July	Julimar day run	TBA
21st-22nd July	Christmas in July Hillside	Penny & Dave
5th August	York Day Run	Bob & Leslie
25th-26th August	Pemberton	Ken & Linda
7th September	AGM	TBA
22nd-24th Sept	Whicher Ranges	Tony & Jenny
5th-7th October	Kulin Races	TBA
27th-28th Oct	LedgePoint Golf	TBA
18th November	Day Run	TBA
24th November	Quiz Night	Bob & Leslie
9th December	Christmas BBQ	Kym & Glenda

**CLUB EQUIPMENT LIST**

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	MEMBERS NAME	DATE REQUIRED	DATE RETURNED	PASSED ON TO
UHF CB RADIO				
EPIRB				
GAZEBO X 2				
CLUB BANNER				
LONG HANDLE SHOVEL				
SHORT HANDLE SHOVEL				
CHAINSAW				
CHRISTMAS TREE				

***NOTE: THIS LIST IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW***



# EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ON VEHICLES ATTENDING TRIPS

## MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

SUITABLE TOW POINTS FRONT AND REAR OF VEHICLE

## RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

- 'D' SHACKLES (Minimum Specification: BODY 13mm PIN 16mm)
- TOW ROPE AND OR CHAIN
- SNATCH STRAP
- SHOVEL
- SPARE TYRE (Same as other 4 tyres on vehicle)
- TYRE INFLATER AND TYRE PRESSURE GAUGE
- BASIC TOOL KIT TO SUIT VEHICLE
- JACK, JACK HANDLE, JACKING PLATE
- WHEEL BRACE
- 10BE FIRE EXTINGUISHER
  - (BFE Type fitted to vehicle within easy access to driver)
  - FIRST AID KIT
  - SPARE RADIATOR HOSES AND FAN BELTS
  - JUMPER LEADS
  - WATER (Enough to REFILL cooling system)



## ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

### SUBJECT TO NATURE AND DURATION OF TRIP

OIL, SPARK PLUGS, POINTS, CONDENSER AND COIL

- FUEL FILTER
- TYRE REPAIR KIT
- HIGH LIFT JACK
- RADIATOR BLIND
- AXE OR BUSH SAW

THE ABOVE MANDATORY EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE SAFETY OF VISITORS AND MEMBERS, SHOULD RECOVERY OF A VEHICLE BE NECESSARY.