

WANNEROO WANDERERS 4WD CLUB



Spring 2022 Edition



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EDITORIAL

Hello Wanneroo Wanderers,

Spring has sprung and it's nice to have some warm, sunny days here and there. This magazine is full of reports and upcoming events, so pop your feet up for a few minutes and check them out.

A big thank you to all who have contributed to this magazine for without you we would not have a magazine.

Pat Whitehead

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Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month (except in January when it is held on the second Wednesday,. The AGM is in September which is a dinner function).

Meetings are held at

Warradale Hall in Landsdale – 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start

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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 swags, 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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EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ON VEHICLES ATTENDING TRIPS

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

- ◆ SUITABLE TOW POINTS FRONT AND REAR OF THE VEHICLE

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

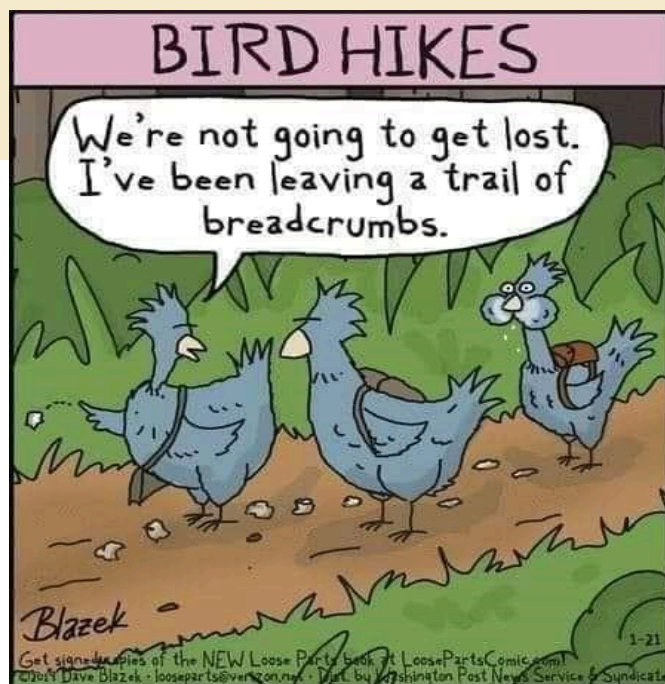
- ◆ 'D' SHACKLES (Minimum Specification: BODY 13mm PIN 16mm)
- ◆ TOWROPE AND OR CHAIN SNATCH STRAP
- ◆ SHOVEL
- ◆ SPARE TYRE (Same as other 4 tyres on vehicle)
- ◆ TYRE INFLATER AND TYRE PRESSURE GAUGE
- ◆ BASIC TOOL KIT TO SUIT VEHICLE
- ◆ JACK, JACK-HANDLE, JACKING PLATE WHEEL BRACE
- ◆ FIRST AID KIT
- ◆ SPARE RADIATOR HOSES AND FAN BELTS

CODE OF ETHICS

1. Obey restriction on use of public lands. Respect national parks and other conservation areas, (i.e. DPAW, 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 un-serviced areas.
12. All members are requested to comply with the above code.

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 six 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



WILDFLOWER TRIP

Hi all.

Quick rundown on the extended wildflower week.

Day 1 saw 7 vans gather at Minnivale where a fire was soon organised and social functions (nibbles) began, this extended into an evening meal and with the wind dropping the fire chat flowed.

Day 2 saw most of us trek the 20 kms into Dowerin to check out the field day displays, personally I can't believe how much it had grown since I last went, massive equipment would probably be an understatement. Do yourself a favour if you have never been, put it on your list for next year. After returning to camp again it was time for fire, nibbles, tea and fire side chat.

Day 3 saw 6 vans (Karen and Archie's friends had to head home) depart and play follow the leader to Latham, having an impromptu lunch at the Dalwallinu hotel due to the bakery running out of pies. We arrived in Latham mid afternoon to meet up with a range of other members thru the afternoon and again it was great to be able to get a fire going and sit around and have a relaxing afternoon.

Day 4 saw us make our first push at wildflower country. Led by Tony we headed north to Orchard Ridge to find a fantastic display of wreath flowers and some orchids with some dodging of rain. We then continued to Camel soak and the remains of the trial farms for lunch



After a relaxing lunch and gathering some wood for the nights fire we continued to follow a track to what was the abandoned Rothsay mine to find that they had restarted mining, so we had a walk around the old cemetery, then headed back to camp for a night around the fire.

Day 5 saw us again head off in search of flowers, and this led us to a place called The Salmons, not known for wildflowers but for starwatching. After driving past the location a couple of time Archie was the star finding the old rock circle next to his car. A quick discussion decided lunch time was close, so we went for a drive along a track leading to the base of the hills and found a great spot for lunch perched between the hills with a great view. Having a wander around we found what looked like an unmarked rock grave from years gone by which we left undisturbed, gathered some wood for the evening fire and then head off in search for some elusive orchids. Our next stop was Carin Dam, a lovely place with room for a couple of vans to stop for a night. We found 3 different types of orchids at the dam and then returned to Latham for an evening around the fire.

Day 6 found us with the numbers dwindling as seven vans moved on to Xantippe Tank via Jibberding rest area for lunch. After arriving at the tank camp site we all walked up to the tank for a look for flowers and some of us scrambled up the rock before returning to camp to get the fire going for the evening.

Day 7 saw some more departures for home, but the remaining few had a relaxing drive to Pretudor Rocks, then through to Kalanie for lunch at the local IGA, followed by returning to camp. Whilst some had an afternoon nap, a couple of us went for a short drive to find a rock hole and a gnamma hole. Again this was followed by an evening around the fire.



Day 8 saw the numbers dwindle even further as three vans headed to Mollerin Rock. After setting up camp we went for a walk to find the old sheep trough and water supply tank. Again a quiet night was had around the fire.

Day 9 saw the numbers reduce to only two vans left so we decided we would move closer to Perth. So after a walk around the area, we packed up camp and moved to Minnivale for the last night. An early quiet night was had again with the fire.

Day 10 Trip over, head home, time to look forward to the next camp fire.

Thanks to all who attended any part of the trip, I hope you all enjoyed it.

Ray Z



Adventure.

Why I Like Retirement!

Question: How many days in a week?
Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?
Answer: Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?
Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?
Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?
Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?
Answer: Tied shoes.



Whicher Ranges Trip

Friday 23rd Sept – Mon 26th Sept 2022

Approx 22 club members and 8 family members attended the Whicher Ranges trip this year with Missy, Bella and Lochie coming along to keep us company. Trip Leader Tony and his lovely assistant Jenny did a fantastic job organizing the trip and a great time was had by all.

The weather was kind with only a few drizzles now and again and lots of sunshine in between.



Alan, Ray and helpers put up 2 gazebos with side shades and a large tarpaulin to help protect us from the weather.

Tony, Jenny and Ray arrived on Wednesday to set up camp for the rest of us.

By the time Leann and Steve, Therese and Keith and Kym and Glenda arrived on Thursday the bonfire was roaring. We knew we were at the right location as we could see smoke as we drove down the track.

Everyone else trickled into camp over the next day or two, some intrepid travelers arriving after dark.

Campers said the directions were “awesome” as only Michelle and Brian took a wrong turn and everyone else made it to the secret location without any problems.

Ray, Alan, Tony, Kym, Paul, Richard and helpers were the resident pyromaniacs this weekend and kept us warm all weekend by collecting and snigging firewood.



There were Spider Orchids in bloom and lots of colourful wildflowers to be seen. Some more knowledgeable members were able to enlighten the others of us of the names of these flowers.



A great 4-wheel drive outing was held on Saturday as we set off through the bush down Blundson Rd. Our first stop at the Cornerstore was greeted with groans as the store was closed and we were unable to buy important items such as coffee and marshmallows.

After driving down a track for many kilometres we were told to stop as tour leader Tony went to check on a water crossing.



After checking it out, Tony told us we would bottom out if we kept going! 15 cars had to turn around on the narrow track. After a lot of maneuvering everyone managed to turn around and Tony lead us back to camp.



At the campfire that night Marion saved the day by generously sharing her marshmallows and Katie put on a lovely singing and dancing concert for us to watch.

Phil then ran a damper making demonstration in his van for those first timers.

Sunday was just as action packed. We left camp for some 4-wheel driving fun and lunch in a not so secret location.

After stopping to check out the scenery several times we ended up in the secret location of Donnybrook.

Luckily the bakeries were open for those who wanted lunch and several ladies had a roam around in the local OP Shop looking for equipment to give them the edge in the damper making competition.

The return journey to camp was made challenging by several road closures but our intrepid leader managed to find alternate routes. Once again several of us had to turn around on the narrow track after coming to a dead end.

As we approached camp, it was decided to have one last river crossing. Thankfully everyone made it across.

At camp, the discussion turned to the damper making competition that evening and everyone began their secret preparations.



By 8 o'clock there was a lot of activity around the campfire as the competition got under way.

We tried all of the different types of damper and most were delicious.





Phil had a hard time judging all the dampers but finally made a decision. Lyn and Greg were the winners. Their fruity concoction was definitely yummo.



As the night wore on and more drinks were consumed, some music started up and singing and dancing began.

There was also a rumour circulating camp the next morning about a near striptease.

As people started to leave the next day it was agreed by all that we had had a fun weekend.

Thanks Tony and Jenny.





BREMER BAY TRIP - OCTOBER 2022

When we initially brought up the idea of a Bremer Trip, we thought we may get half a dozen members interested. Much to our delight, we ended up with 38 people!

We arrived at the Bremer Bay Caravan Park on Sunday October 9th. Some members had arrived earlier and the balance would arrive Monday 10th. The weather was not kind and some were setting up between showers. Arrangement was made to hire a firepit from the Park. Due to the large amount of sites booked by our Club, Management gave us the firepit for free as well as a vacant site so we could have our get togethers, meetings etc. The well equipped Camp Kitchen became a social hub for a few members each night and was put to good use on the cold and/or wet nights.

Our first official "TRIP DAY" was Tuesday October 11th. We set off with 14 vehicles in convoy. Headed for Point Anne driving through the Fitzgerald National Park where we saw an abundance of beautiful wildflowers. Upon arriving at Point Anne, we crossed paths with the Ranger who was later able to give us some valuable information on where to go and the conditions of tracks, beach etc. Whilst standing on the sand dunes at the camping grounds area, we were entertained by a large pod of dolphins which were surfing through the waves and swimming up and down the beach. We decided at this point to drive on to the beach and check out Mary's Inlet which wasn't far. After doing that, we all parked up in the shelter of a sand dune to have lunch. For some members, it was their first time driving on a beach, so was a bit of a challenge getting back up through the sand dunes to the track. There was a lovely lookout at Point Anne which was near to the campgrounds, but unfortunately, the rain set in.

The Ranger had advised us that Trigalow Beach was ok to drive on, so we set off on the 16 km beach drive. Was a bit soft in places and we had a couple of bogging incidents, so put our recovery skills to the test. At the end of the beach run was Gordon Inlet where we returned to the track to go back to camp.



Wednesday October 12th. This day was a lay day. Weather was fining up, so everyone went out and did their own thing. Most went to the

Museum for morning tea, some went Op shopping and others did a general look around. Whales were spotted in the bay, but at a distance. In the evening (after an early happy hour), everyone went to the Bremer Resort Hotel for dinner. 38 people in total. It was Penny Stoffel's birthday, so "Happy Birthday" was sung to her, much to her surprise. It was also Keith and Marion's Wedding Anniversary.

Thursday October 13th. Second "TRIP DAY". Due to the mouth of the river (estuary) being impassable, we went the long way around (approx 25 km) to get to the other side (approx 100 metres). Today we have a convoy of 19 vehicles. Drove along the beach for a kilometre or so, then parked up behind the sand dunes for morning tea. After our break, drove through some water holes and close scratchy tracks to a large fresh water lake. Unfortunately, we could not spend much time exploring this spot as space was limited and all cars were parked single file up and around the narrow track. Got



back on to the beach, but after a short while had to turn around as the large swell was coming up the beach and was too dangerous to drive through. Drove through a space in the sand dunes and followed a track parallel to the ocean which was quite scratchy and rocky but had magnificent views of the Bay. Eventually got to the sand dunes where we had lunch. Russell and Ron went on a mission to find a way out of the dunes. They found a track and it

made for some very exciting four wheel driving. Little did we know, the most



challenging was yet to come. Decided to return to camp via Doubtful Bay Islands Road which turned out to be the most gruelling yet. The “road” actually went through swamp lands and was full of deep ruts, some filled with water. A good test on people’s driving skills. Thankfully, no mishaps, just smiles that we all got through it. Weather has fined up and happy hour around the firepit was enjoyed by all.

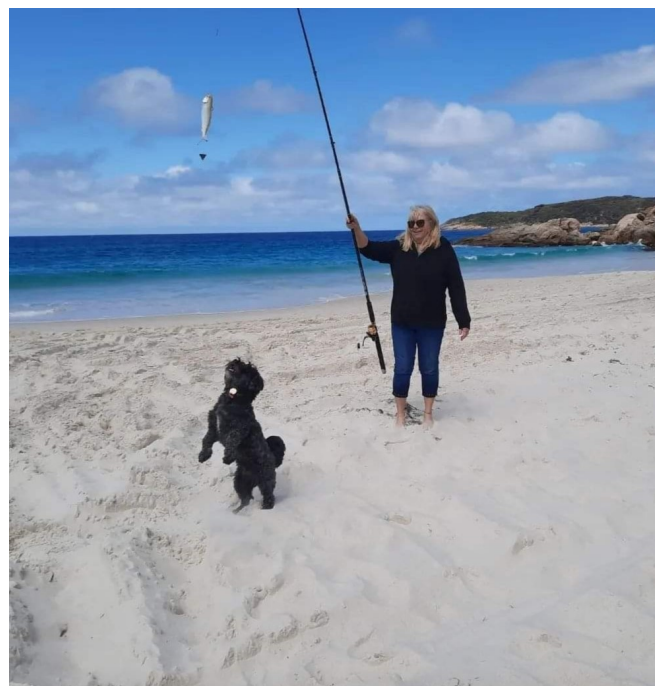
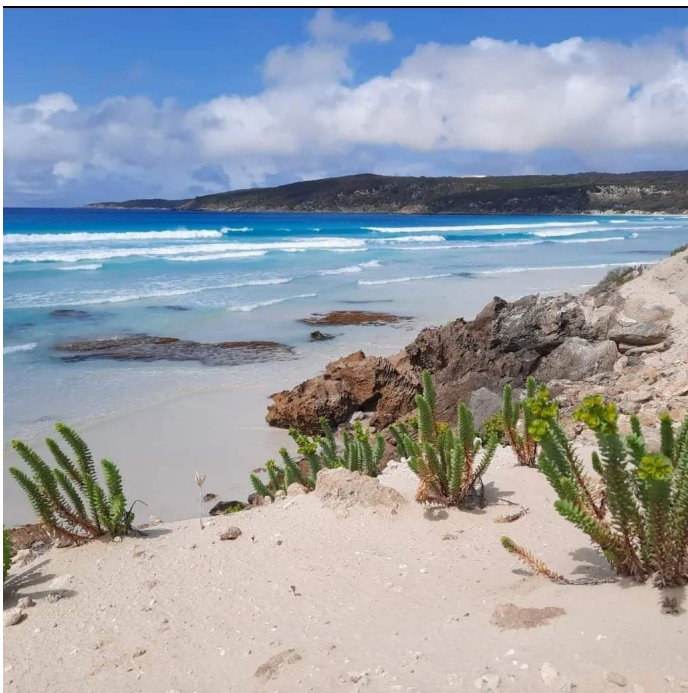
Friday October 14th. A glorious fine day today and perfect for everyone to do their own thing.

Saturday October 15th. Third and Final “TRIP DAY”. Today we had a convoy of 11 cars. A beautiful day to explore Dillon Bay and Stream Beach.

It was decided that the girls do the driving today. Most took up the challenge and did a remarkable job as some of the trip was extremely difficult. We had morning tea in a sheltered corner of Dillon Beach which was gorgeous with pristine white sand, aqua blue ocean and sheer golden cliffs. A photographers dream. The track off the beach however, was not so relaxing. A very tough track with some drivers having to make two or three attempts to get to the top. From there, we went to Stream Beach. A gorgeous little bay, normally very sheltered, but today was slightly on-shore. This is where we had lunch. Some people went off to explore, whilst a few of us did a bit of fishing. Only a couple of herring caught, then released. Leaving the beach proved a bit of a worry, as the track was quite vertical, sandy and very dug up by others leaving the beach. Like all the other worrisome obstacles, we all got to the top unscathed and continued on the normal track which by now, had become quite easy. Arrived back at camp for an early Happy Hour where John gave out fines left, right and centre (and copped a few himself). Then off to the Hotel for our Farewell Dinner with 26 members.

Sunday October 16th. Most of the Club departed today and those who were left decided to go to Blossoms Beach which was a beautiful stretch of protected hard sand surface. Had morning tea, then lunch there whilst playing Bocci and another beanbag game provided by Keith and Therese. A lot of fun. All the dogs that came with the Club members had the best time when we went to the beach. The whole day stayed warm and sunny. We were able to get in one last Happy Hour before the rain came in during the early evening.

Monday October 17th. END OF TRIP. All Club members leaving today.



FOOTNOTE:

We had a few unfortunate situations during the week. First was Kim and Glenda having to go home due to their home being flooded. We hope that all is well with them now and that the problem has been rectified.

Also, Keith had quite a scare with Marion one morning when she was very ill. Therefore, they left to go home and get medical help. We hope Marion is on the mend now and the Club wishes her well.

Also Carol was very unwell. And Ron did not come out of his caravan for three days due to sickness. Neither could participate in all the Group get togethers. Hope they are on the mend.

2022 / 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

Wanneroo Wanderers 4WD Club
Trip and Social Events - Fridge Flyer

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Date	Event	Leader
7.45pm First Wednesday of the month (excl. Jan & Sept)	Monthly Club Meeting 2022: 2 Nov & 7 Dec 2023: 1 Feb, 1 Mar, 5 Apr, 3 May, 7 Jun, 5 Jul, 2 Aug (Sept meeting at AGM Sat 9 Sept), 4 Oct, 1 Nov, 6 Dec	Warradale Community Centre, Southmead Dve, Landsdale
Fri 28 – Sun 30 Oct	Very Amateur Golf Competition @ Ledge	Archie & Karen
Sat 5 Nov	Mini Golf & Dinner @ Wanneroo Botanic Garden & Leapfrogs	Social Coordinator
Sat 26 – Sun 27 Nov	Lennard Track Collie. Stay at Caravan Park	Russell Crook
Sat 3 Dec	Christmas Dinner @ Lakelands Country Club	Social Coordinator
Sun 18 Dec	Christmas BBQ @ Kym & Glenda's from 5.00pm	Kym & Glenda
2023		
Sun 8 Jan	New Years brunch @ Egret Point Mandurah	Archie & Karen
Thu 26 – Sun 29 Jan	Australia Day Olive Tree Farm Margret River	Joe & Elisa
Sat 4 Feb	Sweet Music	Dieter & Maureen
Sat 18 – Sun 19 Feb	Fishing Competition – Preston Lime / Myalup Beach camping	Tony & Jenny
Sat 4 – Mon 6 Mar	South West Trip destination TBC	TBC
Sat 25 – Sun 26 Mar	Brookton Motor Show / Campover @ Hillside	Dave & Penny & Social
Fri 7 – Mon 17 Apr	Great Aust Bight & Connie Sue – Tent Trip	Tony Downe & others
Fri 7 – Mon 10 Apr	S Bend Caravan Park Greenough – Caravan Trip	TBC
Sat 29 Apr	Pizza & Wine	Keith & Therese
Fri 5 – Sun 7 May	Jurien Bay Drive / Stockyard cove – Camp @ Hill River	TBC
Sat 13 May	Hot & Spicy & Campover @ Chittering	Ron & Angie
Fri 2 – Mon 5 Jun	Golden Quest Trail	TBC
Sat 17 Jun	Social Event	Ray & Chris
Sat 1 Jul	Day Run - Julimar	TBC
Sat 15 Jul	Christmas in July @ Hillside	Dave & Penny & Social
Aug	Trip to be decided	TBC
Sat 12 Aug	Movie Memorabilia night	Joe & Elisa
Sat 9 Sep	AGM @ HYC	Social coordinator
Sat 23 – Mon 25 Sep	Holland Track – Tent Trip	Russell Crook
Oct	Possible Gin Gin Observatory	Social coordinator
Sat 14 – Sun 29 Oct one week in those dates	Wheatbelt (to Lake Grace)	Dieter & Steve (BBS)
Fri 2 – Sun 5 Nov	Mini Golf @ Back to Nature Caravan Park, Wanerie	Social coordinator

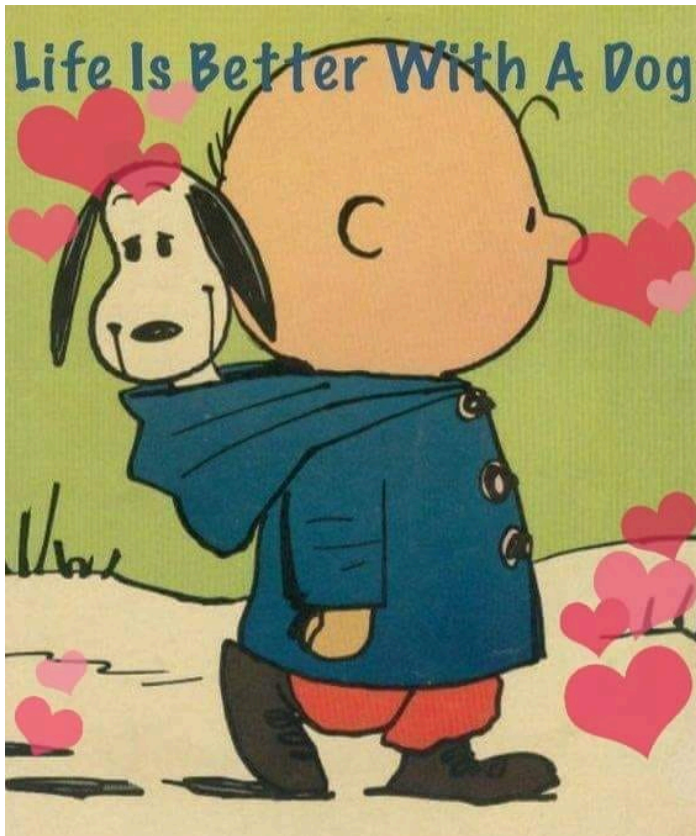
If you have further suggestions, please advise the Trip Coordinator (Russell Crook) or Social Coordinator (Maureen Hurrelin)

CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to Rachel Williams and Carl Jepson who recently became engaged to be married.
Love and best wishes from all of us.**

It's a BOY! Congratulations to first time Grandparents Maria and Rob Baints. Enjoy your precious times.

*A big Wanneroo Wanderers welcome to our new members
Terry and Jacky Humphries
Ewen and Dee Seabrook*



CLUB EQUIPMENT

ITEM	MEMBER	DATE REQUIRED	DATE RETURNED	PASSED ON TO
EPIRB				
GAZEBO X 2				
CLUB BANNER				
LONG HANDLED SHOVEL				
SHORT HANDLED SOVEL				
CHAINSAW				
CHRISTMAS TREE				

BIRTHDAYS

