

# WANNEROO WANDERERS 4WD CLUB



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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Wanneroo Wanderers,

This is the last issue before our up and coming AGM.

We have had some wonderful trips and socials to report on over the past year.

Wanneroo Wanders prospers with the help of our members and I thank you

for your magazine articles and look forward to your ongoing contributions.

*Pat Whitehead*

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## **WANNEROO WANDERERS**

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Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WannerooWanderers>

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

Magazine articles: [gldnidl@bigpond.com](mailto:gldnidl@bigpond.com)

## **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:

**Wanneroo Wanderers 4WD Club Inc.**

**PO Box 414**

**Wanneroo WA 6065**

## 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.

## 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

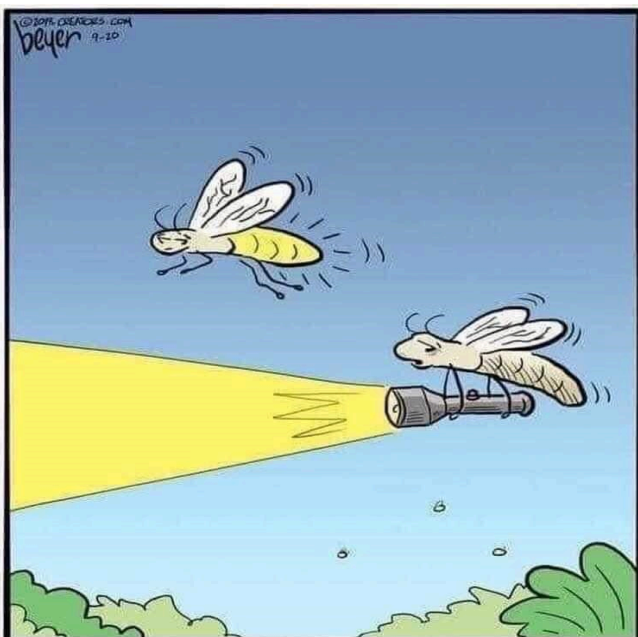
JACK, JACK-HANDLE, JACKING PLATE WHEEL BRACE

FIRST AID KIT

SPARE RADIATOR HOSES AND FAN BELTS

## 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



*"When you get to be my age, things don't work like they used to."*



**The kids won't move back home if they can't find it!**

## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT - Kym and Glenda Batten

**Q. How long have you been a member of Wanneroo Wanderers and why did you join?**

A. Been a member about eighteen years and joined because the Club took dogs

**Q. Do you have a favourite club activity and why?**

A. Kym: Outback trips,  
Glenda: Social events and caravan trips.

**Q. What interests and/or hobbies do you have outside of the WW?**

A. Kym: Travel, gardening and electronics (smart home automation)

**Q. What interest or hobby would you get into if time and money were not an issue?**

A. Travel Europe

**Q. If life is a game like some people say, what are some of the rules?**

A. Play hard  
Do no harm  
Be kind to others

**Q. Is there something you like to do the old-fashioned way?**

A. Glenda: Read books rather than a kindle because I can then pass these on for others to enjoy.



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## Sat Mar 25 Event – Brookton Motor Show Weekend @ Hillside:

Report and photos by Maureen Hurrleim

We had yet another very enjoyable weekend at Hillside with 26 Members, 3 Visitors along with 4 Dogs (Jessie, Missy, Thor and Gerri). Most arriving on Fri afternoon, with a few arriving on Sat.

O Burns Beach Steve, when O Steve went to connect his gas bottle, he noted that his O ring had disintegrated, I advised him to chat with our Visitor Mike, who normally has everything, Mike had a O ring but it was smaller than the one on there, I called Allan W to ask if he had a spare O ring, he didn't, Allan suggested checking with Dave Clark, who had a spare one that fitted. Thank you, Dave Clark, for saving the day for O BBSteve.

Friday was a lovely day, with sunny spells.

Pre-dinner drinks were scheduled at 4pm on



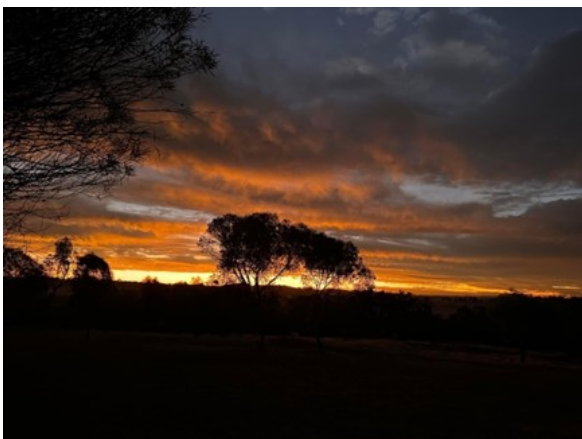
Elisa, Dave C, Carol & Jane



Dieter, Mike, Estelle, Richard & Kylie



Maureen, Joe & Elisa



Dave & Steve W & Rufus

After dinner some went back onto the veranda to chat, while other sat around chatting in the lower paddock, Allan W went for walkabout to the lower paddock but didn't tell Alison, when Alison realised that Allan hadn't returned, she began to fret so she went in search of him, firstly checking the toilet, then their caravan, he eventually turned up to Alison's relief!

On Sat morning Keith Richards arrived at Hillside to say hello before heading off to the show, most people went to the show while others had a drive into Brookton to visit the sites, i.e. A Giant Horse and Ginormous farming machinery!

Richard said that he and others were disappointed at the show, because as they were arriving around 11am some of the exhibits i.e. Classic Cars Torino or old tractors where driving away, he thought that they should have at

Pre-dinner drinks where again scheduled at 4pm on the veranda, the weather was lovely. The plan was that at 6pm all were going to come back onto the veranda to eat our own food together but the weather had other ideas, at 5.30pm most had gone back to their caravan/van to prepare/finish/heat their dinner and most luckily decided to put away their canopy and pack away their outside chairs, floor mats, because at 5.50pm the sky opened up and the rain poured **down, in & around**, the veranda blinds and protection had to be put quickly in place as Dave Clark

had not cleaned his gutters as Penny had wanted, the rain had nowhere to go but everywhere, I mean everywhere!, all the furniture on the veranda had to be moved as the rain was falling between the house and the veranda.

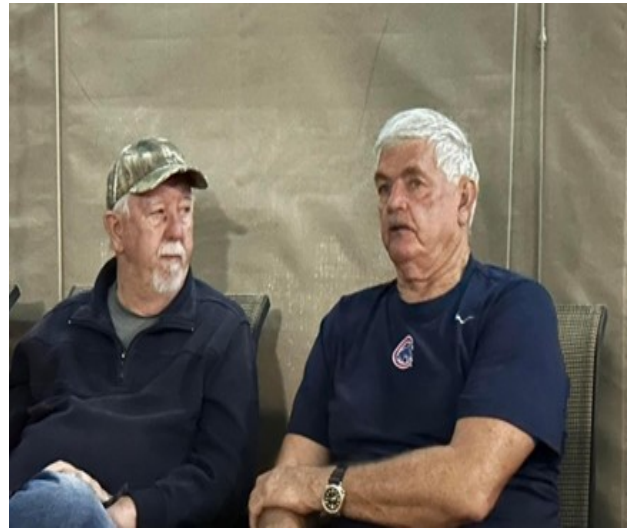
Carol Clark called Debby and Andrew to advise that their canopy was collapsing so they had to run to their caravan to save their dinner!



Saturday evening storm!



Andrew & Alan



John & Larry



Steve S Flip Flop floated down to our cara-



Ghost gum branch just missed hitting Alan and Alison's caravan



Many fallen trees on the Bartram Rd



Many fallen trees on the xx road

## Easter Lake Rayson and Great Australian Bight

Report and photos by Kym Batten

**17 vehicles, 5 visitors**

### **6th April**

Most met at the Lakes and travelled in convoy to Yellowdine camp stopping at Merredin for Lunch. When we arrived Larry and Jane were already set up. Tony, John Stoffels and Andrew and Debbie

### **7th April**

All were to meet in Kalgoorlie for 1 PM departure.

I left earlier than the rest but was held up by slow moving traffic and witnessing a caravan rollover. After rendering assistance, calling emergency services etc., we left and met everyone in Kalgoorlie.



Departing Kalgoorlie we headed out Yarri road towards Laverton stopping short of Sunrise dam where we camped for the night. Enroute we witnessed the most glorious Rainbow. It was extremely vivid appeared ahead of us





### 8th April

The next morning we headed to Laverton via the causeway across Lake Carey and past Sunrise Dam Mine Site to refuel





After refuelling vehicles and bodies we proceeded to the Lake Rayson road. Andrew and Debbie left the convoy. We stopped at Burtville to find a historic site (The Burtville Arch), but it was nowhere to be found. We followed an old haul road for some distance before veering back onto the Lake Rayson track. There were a number of small water holes to navigate, but the road base was solid. We found a camp at Mallen Hen Rocks.

### 9th April

The next morning was a lazy pack up and departure with most checking out the waterhole and surrounding rock.

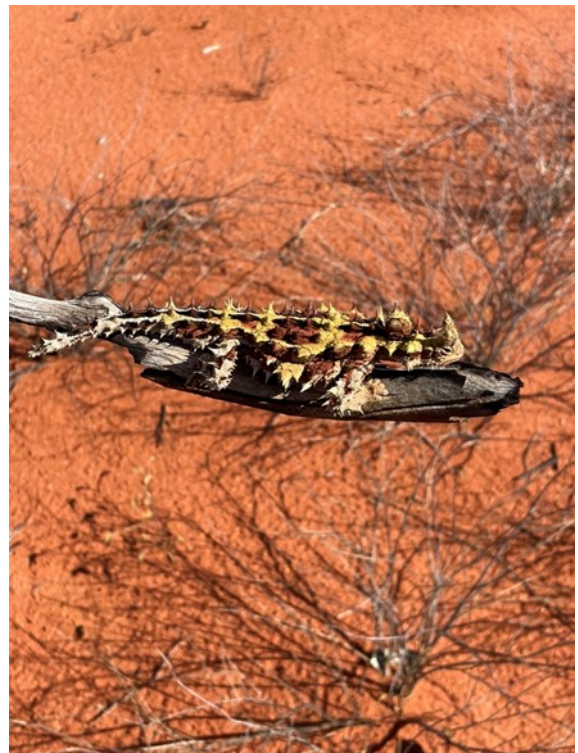




We carried on towards Lake Rayson We stopped for lunch as John was having electrical issues (no windows or air conditioning ) We could not find the fault, so Alan managed to get the electric windows down.



John led the convoy to avoid the dust and spotted a couple of emus and a Thorny Devil on the track. We finally arrived at Lake Rayson camp where we found a very well setup hut (Shower spare food, water long life milk and alcohol) Richard Managed to stake a tyre. on the way in. So he set about changing his tyre while I tried diagnosing Johns electrical issues. Finally found the offending fuse and now all OK.



## 10th April

Larry and Jane decided to leave and head back the way we came as they a commitment back in Perth. We left Lake Rayson and headed to Plumridge Lakes We stopped off at Tiger trap gully which had a large cave at the end. We did



Carrying on we entered the Plumridge lakes nature reserve. An interesting note is that one of our visitors, Robert Walker made this sign. He knew this by the way it was engraved.



We stopped for Lunch at an old abandoned Airfield and after lunch continued on taking one wrong turn before finding the error of our ways. Further on Greg Tippett staked a tyre. And while changing the tyre, found that the wheel nuts from the after market rims did not fit his factory spare. After taking random nuts from other vehicles, we managed to get the tyre back onto the car.



Later that day we were looking for another airfield but could not find it so we found a camp on the side of the road.



**11th April.**

Continued on to Plumridge lakes with the track narrowing and winding its way through the nature Reserve. We finally reached Plumridge Lakes.



Quite spectacular, but the photos do not do it justice.



. Steve Sharp tried disappearing down a rabbit hole (Alice in Wonderland)

We left Plumridge lakes and carried on towards the Connie Sue and onto the cut Road. We stopped at several wrecks and found various wheel nuts, but none fitted Greg's car.

The cut road varied from good high speed road to rocky and Bulldust. Dave Clark managed to pinch his 20" tyres on the rim .



Further up Steve Bly found a spare tyre of the same diameter of Richard's rims on the road. We found camp and another burnt out vehicle, and this time we found the correct wheel nuts. Steve Bly then gave Richard a lesson in replacing a tyre. Alas the tyre was leaking.

Steve Bly also gave us a demonstration on the strength of a condom

## 12th April

Left camp and headed to Kitchener and Zanthus. From Zanthus Dave, Greg & Lyn, Richard and Kylie headed off to Kalgoorlie to get new tyres. Tony also left us. The rest of us were going to go down the Zanthus-Baladonia road, but we met a some caravanner's who advised us the road was closed. We made some calls and found that it was, so we headed to Kalgoorlie to refuel. Steve and Sue Morris and Alan also decided to leave us as we were not going to the Bilbuinna Dunes. We decided to abandon our planned trip to the Bilbunna dunes and instead

## 13th April



Arrived at Mungalup Beach caravan park and set up camp. That night a storm came in.



## 14th April

We did a day run along the coast at Lake Shaster nature reserve. Paul and Mark went fishing. We drove down various tracks and onto the beach where I managed to get bogged. We had planned to go out in the afternoon but it had got late and the weather was setting in. Many shifted camp into the caravan area for protection. We packed up our tent and hired a cabin as our sleeping gear was wet.



## 15th. April

Paul got wet, so he and the rest of us decided to head home.

This was a very social trip. A bit disappointed in the lack of animal life

Thanks to everyone for a great trip.



## Sat 29 April Event – Pizza & Wine @ Jane Brook:

Report and photos by Maureen Hurrelim

There was a great turnout of 39 members and visitors with everyone enjoying the Pizza & Wine event.

We started off the evening with the planning meeting, so thanks to those who volunteered to be the Trip Leader for the July, Aug and Nov trips.

We have a variety of Prawns, Chilli, Meat Lovers, Hawaiian Pizzas to choose from, which everyone enjoyed.

The weather was mild, but Keith R had organised a fire which everyone took advantage off to warm up as it got cooler.

Phil and Sue Morris created a Damper award which was presented to Greg and Lyn the first winners of this inaugural prize.



President Phil and Sue M presenting the  
Inaugural Damper Award to Greg & Lyn Tippett

Now, Keith and Therese have lived in this house for 16 years, but at one stage when Therese trying to squeeze past Richard, she completely forgot there was a garden bed and fell backwards onto it, Richard kindly helped Therese to get out of her garden bed, she said she was not injured, but complained because she has spilled her wine!

Sorry no photo evidence!

Marian left and completely forgot her handbag, it was suggested that they call Marian, but it would have been of no use as Marian's mobile was in her handbag.



Debby & Kerri



Ron, Phil & Larry



Keith & Marian



Maureen & Neil



Neil & Michelle



Estelle & Julie

**Thanks to the hosts Keith and Therese and their daughter Michelle for a lovely evening and to everyone who came along to yet another enjoyable Wanneroo Wanderers Social Event!**



Terry, Jacky & Judy (FLoW)



Deanne, Alison & Allan



Keith, Jane, Elisa & Joe



Richard, Deb & Kylie



Vlado, Audrey & Sue



Brendan, Dieter & Mike

## Hot & Spicy Sat 13 May 2023

Report and photos by Maureen Hurrlein

This year's annual Hot & Spicy event at Ron & Angela's was held on Sat 13 May, there was 21 members and 2 special visitors (Indi & Eden), many camped overnight while some drove home or stayed at a nearby B&B in Chittering.

At 6pm we had Angela's Mum's recipe of a crowd favourite and very tasty Pea & Ham soup



At 7pm we tucked into a variety of delicious Hot & Spicy and non-spicy dishes, ranging from Chicken Curry with coconut, Thai Green Chicken Curry, Chilli Beef, Chicken Curry, Chilli Con Carne, Meat Curry, Beef Ragout, Pork Vindaloo, Chicken Curry, Beef San Choy Bow and Chicken Korma there were also three gluten-free dishes of Massaman Chicken curry, Chilli Con Carne and Chicken Malaysian Kapistan.



Neil & Deb,



Richard, Indi & Eden enjoying their choices

Unfortunately, the council would not allow a permit for a bonfire but we were kept warm with a potbelly stove in the kitchen and one on the patio. We had a few rain spells, but we didn't really notice them, until Ron told us it had been raining.



Ron, Angela, Penny & Dave

See some photos below or/and on the WW4WDC Facebook Page



Alan, Julie, Alison & Jacky



Maureen & Dieter



Steve & Kerri W



## Lake Mason Community Service project and long weekend trip.

Report and Photos by John and Penny Stoffels

Friday 2nd June 2023 to Tuesday 6th June

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When we arrived, Joe and Elise and Archie and Karen were already there and set up. Until that moment, we had experienced beautiful weather with no flies, but the moment we got there; we were inundated with flies. Thankfully, they disappeared as night fell and we had a lovely calm evening with a full moon.



Next day (Sunday), everyone pitched in to do various maintenance jobs around the Station. Barb got busy repairing the fences, so as to keep the wildlife and stray stock from coming into the house yards. Bruce did a heap of whipper snipping around the house and other areas around the campsite.

Windows were boarded up where necessary, rooms swept out, the house bathroom cleaned etc. Repairs were made to stop vermin from getting under and into the house. Audrey did a wonderful job cleaning out the Campers Kitchen area and getting rid of unnecessary rubbish (which we burnt or took to the tip).

Karen was very popular when she made a delicious batch of scones with jam and cream for our morning tea. After lunch, the day was spent relaxing etc.

That evening was again calm and serene.





Monday started off well, but the wind slowly started to pick up. We all went for a drive to find the lake, which we did after a bit of bush bashing. Unfortunately, we could not get close to the lake due to the very muddy tracks and low-lying water everywhere.

Came back to camp, where Joe and Elise and Archie and Karen decided to head off on their next adventure.



Perth was getting a hammering from a strong front that day, so we were getting the edge of it as the wind just kept getting stronger. We all took refuge on the veranda of the camp kitchen for the afternoon. The gusts were incredible and whipped up the red pindan dust over everything. Barb had to pack-up her camper trailer, so she set herself up to sleep in her swag in the camp kitchen area in front of the fire. Some rain came in that night, so next morning, we all packed up and headed in different directions.

John and Penny.



# BIRTHDAYS

