

# WANNEROO WANDERERS 4WD CLUB



## Wanneroo Wanderers Magazine Spring Issue 2024



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### Note from the Editor

Hello Wanneroo Wanderers,  
 We hope you enjoy this read.  
 Thank you to those who have  
 contributed. Your reports are  
 always enlightening to those who  
 have been unable to attend.  
 I particularly found the Extended  
 Flinders Rangers trip report  
 fascinating.

*Pat Whitehead*

*Editor*

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## **WANNEROO WANDERERS**

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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

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

### **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.

### **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 Wed-nesday 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**

## **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 PROCEEDURE**

- 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 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**

## **A LITTLE BIT ABOUT — Neil Jones**

### **How long have you been a member of WW and why did you join?**

I've been a member of Wanneroo Wanderers for approximately 3 years and am looking forward to many more years to come. I joined the club to meet and make new friends after retirement and enjoy some adventures in my Nissan Patrol (The Black Beast) and the little Jayco Pop Top caravan.

### **Do you have a favourite club activity?**

Debbie and I have enjoyed all activities that we have attended so far. It is not hard to see that I am sports orientated and have a soft spot for the Ledge Point Annual Golf weekend.



### **What interests or hobbies do you have outside of WW?**

In my youth I was a keen sportsman, and played several sports including cricket, hockey, AFL football, surfing and athletics. As far as my hobbies are concerned, my main hobby at this stage in life is playing golf several times a week, although I am a very keen motorsports enthusiast. This unenthusiasm towards motorsports has come from my involvement with my son and his many years of go cart racing and then into drifting. We travelled quite extensively with a few different carting clubs both through Western Australia and interstate.

### **Is there something your friends would not believe is true about you?**

I was once a 'roadie' for a local band for a considerable amount of time. I can play the drums and keyboard and am a qualified Fitter and Turner.

### **What is the dumbest thing you have done that turned out well.**

I spent 55 years smoking cigarettes (and other stuff) then at aged 61 survived a heart attack and am still here, so it turned out well!

### **If life is a game as some people say, what are some of the rules?**

If life was a game, my rules would be (a) treat people as you would expect to be treated yourself and (b) what goes around comes around.

### **How would you spend your time and money if neither were an issue?**

It wouldn't be much different to what I do now, but with a lot more freedom to travel (in 5 star accommodation, not the Pop Top caravan) and explore other horizons, activities and purchase a villa in Trieste,

## **TRIP/SOCIAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY HIGH TEA**

*A Trip/Social Meeting followed by High Tea was organised for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at Madeley. Members (28) started arriving around 3.30pm with a great selection of finger food for our dinner. The meeting started around 4.15 with lots of input for future trips and social events including discussions on how to celebrate the clubs 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. After many different ideas put forward a new programme was developed for the rest of this year and also into 2025. Following the meeting it was now time for us to eat delicious savoury and sweet dishes that were bought by everyone to share.*



*A good night had by all.  
Cheers Chris and Ray*



# WW Extended 4WD Trip - Flinders Ranges – 8 Jun to 3 Jul 2024

Steve Bly

Participants - Barb, Tom, Shaun and Rose, John and Penny, Chris and Camille (visitors), Richard and Kylie, Steve and Sue, Terry and Jacki, Phil and Judy, Vlado and Audrey.

Trip Leader – Steve and Jacki.

## Saturday 8 June.

11 cars departed Brockton at 10am. We took in the Dog Cemetery at Corrigin and the Tin Horse Highway at Kulin with fuel and lunch at Hyden. From there it was onto the Hyden-Norseman Road (recently opened after rain) for a bush camp at the Breakaways pulling up 2 hours before sunset.

Distance covered - 484km.

## Sunday 9 June.

Rain and strong winds overnight. Departed at 9am and back onto the Hyden-Norseman Road which was in great shape allowing highway speeds. Crawled over McDermid Rock and stopped in for morning tea at Lake Johnson. Lunch and resupply at Norseman then onto the Telegraph Track south of Norseman. This Track was a bit of fun after constant rain days before and finding a bush camp for 11 cars was going to be difficult however we found a great spot big enough for all the vehicles. Set up camp and got the fire started and then came the rain. Re-joined the fire later and the remainder of the night was dry.

Distance covered - 225km.



Traction was sometimes difficult on the Telegraph Track



The obligatory photo at the 90 mile straight – Eyre Highway

## Monday 10 June.

Left the camp on telegraph track. Terry and Jackie agreed to Lead and Tail End Charlie (TEC) was Phil and Judy.

The Track had not seen a lot of traffic lately and we had to clear some dead fall off the track using manpower and chainsaws. The Track continued to provide some entertainment and we experienced some very greasy and muddy conditions. Barb managed to pull off a 180 much to her delight and surprise. I even managed to get stuck in a particularly bad patch but managed to work my way out without assistance. Every car looked like it had participated in a Rally and were covered in mud by the time we popped out on Great Eastern Highway near Balladonia. Stopped into Balladonia for fuel and coffee but due to water restrictions it was not possible to have showers. Headed east on the blacktop for an hour until we found a suitable bush camp. No rain overnight.

Distance covered - 240kms.

## Tuesday 11 June.

Woke up to the sun this morning which is the first time we have seen it in days. Left at 8.30 as sunrise and sunset keeps changing as we progress eastwards. Called into the Caiguna blowhole. Fascinating!

### **Tuesday 11 June. Cont...**

Drove to Cocklebidy Roadhouse and it was our first opportunity to have a leisurely shower. 10ks further East we turned right heading towards the Eyre Bird Observatory. Negotiated the steep descent of the escarpment and turned left at the base to continue along the twin track that hugs the base of the escarpment (Hampton Tableland). Called into the Burnabbie ruins before backtracking to a cozy bush camp site facing the escapement. Lots of banter around the campfire .

Distance covered - 170 kms.

### **Wednesday 12 June.**

Today involved a very scenic drive out of camp and great twin track alongside the Hampton Tablelands. The vegetation and scrub included all shades of green and some wildflowers were blooming even at this time of the year. We then visited Madura Cave which was quite surprisingly large then headed to Madura Roadhouse for some lunch and to air up. After leaving Madura it was a quick trip to the Madura Lookout which provided sweeping views of the area we had just driven through.

From there we continued heading East on the blacktop and spent the night at Jallah Campsite . Wiki Camps comes in handy! Had a dry evening around the camp fire with rain setting in and although not heavy, it was constant.

Distance covered - 179 km.

### **Thursday 13 June.**

Left camp and drove down the road to Mundrabilla Roadhouse to refuel and air down then off to join the Old Coach Road which runs to the rear of the Roadhouse and follows the top of the Hampton Escarpment. Arrived at Arubkurrie Cave and we all climbed down to the entrance which was steep and a good bit of exercise for the morning. Some climbed in further to explore and the cave which is reported to have the largest single cave chamber in the southern hemisphere and aboriginal hand stencils which are evidence of the deepest penetration of aboriginal art in any cave system. From there we popped into Eucla Roadhouse for lunch. Worst cup of coffee Jacki had ever bought. Refueled, had lunch and then took off to the Old Eyre Telegraph Station at the beach which had been long since abandoned and being consumed by drifting sand. Destination tonight - Border Village - time for a shower and dinner out at the Roadhouse tavern. Dinner was surprisingly very good quality and they certainly gave us a big feed. Nice to see everyone relax and enjoy a night off.

Distance covered - 115km.



Some great twin track between Cocklebidy and Madura



Visited many caves along the journey

### **Friday 14 June.**

Left Border Village for a 10am departure on our way to Bunda Cliffs; one of the spectacular viewing areas of the Great Australian Bight. Then it was a few more km of blacktop before heading north to the Koonalda Homestead and Cave. Camped around the Homestead (a former traveler's rest stop on the original Nullarbor crossing) and had a fire in front yard. Rained again during the night. Heard dingos during the night and Chris saw one wandering around his campsite early in the morning.

Distance covered - 110km.

### **Saturday 15 June.**

Left Koonalda and continued heading east along the original crossing which hasn't seen a grader since 1976. Called into 'Wombat City' for a look see; lots of fresh signs of Wombats all around a maze of burrows. From there we popped out at Nullarbor Roadhouse on the current alignment of the Eyre highway for another hot shower and lunch. Continued heading east and called into the recently opened Yalata Roadhouse. Finding suitable bush camps was becoming a little more difficult as we were now surrounded by farmland and fence lines. We were successful in securing one site but were close to the highway with the ever present sound of Road trains throughout the night. For a change, it was a dry night with no rainfall.

Distance covered - 290km.



The magnificent Bunda Cliffs on the Great Australian Bight



Fire side cooking. The fire is always the social hub when camping

### **Sunday 16 June.**

Heading off to Ceduna for re supply - have to store all our fruit and veggie with Barb and leave her car before the border- Barb will come into Ceduna with Tom and we will spend a few hours there to reset for the next stage of our trip.

Well...that didn't go to plan; border control didn't like our idea and confiscated our veggies anyway. As it turns out anything you have had since the border is fair game. After restocking in Ceduna we headed off to Googs Track for a fun drive through the 363 sand dunes. Googs Track was blazed thru the bush by the Denton Family. A memorial is located near Googs Lake. We arrived at Googs Lake shortly after that. What a great campsite with a beautiful view.

Distance covered - 168km.

### **Monday 17 June.**

Left our lovely campsite and are heading back on Googs Track which has been compared to a mini Simpson Desert crossing. Had some dramas clearing a couple of the taller sand dunes with a couple of the vehicles requiring recovery. Lots of woop de doos . Great fun track though very bumpy in places . After clearing the track bush camps were scarce. Went to Tarcoola, an abandoned town alongside the Trans Australian Railway, but it was unsuitable. The group agreed to push on to Kingoonya arriving just prior to sunset. Great community campsite there including a flushing toilet. We arranged showers at the local caravan park. Although we were camped alongside the Trans Line, we only heard two trains throughout the night.

Distance covered - 230km.

### **Tuesday 18 June.**

On our way to Andamooka, a tiny opal mining town but before we get there we stop at Woomera for lunch and have a look around at the towns exhibits which include rocket, aircraft and all things 'missile'. After leaving we visited Len and Ann Beadell's final resting place in the local Cemetery. The countryside constantly changes but out here there are patches of moonscape completely void of all vegetation...just a barren moonscape. Arrived at Andamooka which has a unique appearance with all

of earth created by the local miners. Although very basic, a very interesting and unique place. Rose enjoyed some noodling but unfortunately didn't find any significant opal in her effects. We enjoyed another night with the campfire being the social hub for the evening. We experience some more light sprinkles of rain overnight. Plenty of stars in the sky throughout the night however woke to another overcast day. The township is an interesting place with a multitude of historic remnants of years gone by all on display. The township has a hall and cafe with locals running lunches and events - beautiful country feel great and sense of community. Glad we went in and bought a coffee to support the locals.

Distance covered – 250km.

### **Wednesday 19 June.**

We start the day by backtracking to Roxby Downs for resupply and refuel then headed north passed the controversial Olympic Dam Mine Site and then on the Borefield Road toward the Oodnadatta Track. We turned left there and drove a few km to the southern extremity of Lake Eyre...here the lake is 12 metres BELOW sea level. Go figure! After lunch we then head back toward Marree with a stop at Plane Henge; a hippy sculpture park. Arrived in Marree and stayed at the local caravan park for the night. Some took the option of a room for the night. Most had a pub meal at the Historical pub in town.

Distance covered – 264km.

### **Thursday 20 June.**

Leaving Marree at 9.30 and headed for Arkaroola in the Flinders Ranges. Actually started to see an increase in the amount of wildlife for a change. Brumbys, Roos and the ever present wandering stock on the road. We called into the renowned Bakery at the once abandoned commercial hub of Farina where volunteers spend many months a year doing restoration and operate the Bakery. All the products are cooked on site in a below ground bakery which still operated today. Stopped on our way to collect wood which almost became a daily routing for the group. Arrived at Arkaroola and some camped while others hired a room. Very cold here. But the scenery is spectacular.

Distance covered – 235km



Andamooka – A small Opal Mining Community



Farina Underground Bakery – Delicious!

### **Friday 21 June.**

When we checked in yesterday at Arkaroola we were told there was no ridgetop tour over the weekend. Once they caught wind there were twenty of us the tour was immediately organised and we had two sessions one at 8am and the other at 1pm- we were greeted by our tour guide 'Macca' who herded us onto a Safari type Ute, strapped us in like sardines and took us for the most amazing ride along a track that lead us to stunning lookouts. We had morning tea at Stillers Lookout. The scenery is like nowhere else in Australia and was breathtaking. Some of the tracks we took were

steep and gnarly and some of the 'passengers' would probably have rather driven the track and not be in the back like cattle. Macca joined the dots and provided the history of Arkaroola (primarily the search for Uranium) and the Geology of the Flinders Ranges.

Distance covered - Nil

### **Saturday 22 June.**

Today was fun! Echo Camp Backtrack is a self-guided 4WD circuit (classified by the locals as 'Extreme' in places) and involves some difficult driving conditions with steep ascents and descents. It was suggested we avoid one section in particular leading to a permanent waterhole. We 'tested' the waters (pardon the pun) but it was decided to walk the one km to the waterhole rather than risk vehicle damage just to prove a point. Good decision! Those that chose not to do the Track walked some Trails or did some housekeeping. The night was completed with a group dinner at the restaurant to help celebrate arriving at the Flinders Ranges.

Distance covered - 42km.

### **Sunday 23 June.**

Today we leave Arkaroola and head for Wilpena Pound. Standard 9.30am start and negotiated the dusty dry conditions with dust trails extending to hundreds of metres causing the convoy to be spread out over several kms. Visited South Australia highest town, Blinman, for lunch and a look see. Did a diversion along the Bunyeroo Loop and stopped at the Razorback Lookout for the obligatory photo of the winding twisting gravel road with St Mary's Peak in the background. Arrived at Wilpena Pound with lots of daylight left and managed to avoid the two school groups that had taken possession of half the campground. Wanneroo Wanderers took over the other half.

Distance covered - 216km.



Morning tea at Stiller's Lookout - Ridge Top Tour



The Group at Dinner - Arkaroola in the Flinders Ranges

### **Monday 24 June.**

Today was spent however you wanted to. Some chose to climb St Mary's Peak while others chose to do some other local exploring. The remainder decided to take it easy by reading, lounging, or doing some housekeeping.

Distance covered - Nil

### **Tuesday 25 June.**

Today we headed south toward Port Augusta, the largest community we have seen since departure from Perth. We visited the Kanyaka Ruins, a former Sheep Station, which was the commercial hub for the region back in the day. We also visited the towns of Harker and Quorn, towns that were pivotal in supporting the original alignment of the Ghan Railway. We briefly called into Port Augusta for resupply and then headed to a bush camp (Native Murtle Retreat) near Whyalla in Fitzgerald Bay.

Distance covered - 260km.

### **Wednesday 26 June.**

Today we headed for Whyalla. Camille was flying back to Perth Ex Whyalla and via Adelaide. The group was ahead of schedule so we decided to visit the Maritime Museum (initially) and then onto a Steelworks Tour. Others explored the town and local Environs. The whole group then headed for Cleve and a bush camp at a nearby dam.

Distance covered – 197km.

### **Thursday 27 June.**

Camile and Chris return to Whyalla for Camille's flight later that day. Chris will meet up with us at Streaky Bay the following day. The remainder head for the coast and check out the sculptures near Elliston and then onto Talia for more sightseeing. We then visit the 'Haystacks' with a view of bush camping there. That idea didn't appeal so the group decides to continue on and camp at the Fore-shore Caravan Park. Great idea with a stunning location, fine weather and brilliant sunset.

Distance covered – 318km.

### **Friday 28 June.**

We woke to light drizzle that hung around for most of the day. Everybody's priority was to pack and use the facilities of the camp kitchen and surrounds to ease the misery of having to cook and prepare breakfasts and do the clean-up in less than ideal conditions. Chris rejoined the group after dropping Camille off at Whyalla Airport the day before. Started the day with the tourist loop at Streaky Bay but there was little interest in braving the conditions to smell the roses. Returned to Streaky Bay for resupply, lunch and a look around. Left Streaky Bay in the continuing drizzle and made our way to Ceduna stopping only long enough to refuel and start heading west...drizzle continuing. Pulled up at a roadside stop (Rushys Balcony) and the rain had finally stopped as predicted. A few drizzles around the camp fire before bed and then a very still night.

Distance covered - 270km.

### **Friday 29 June.**

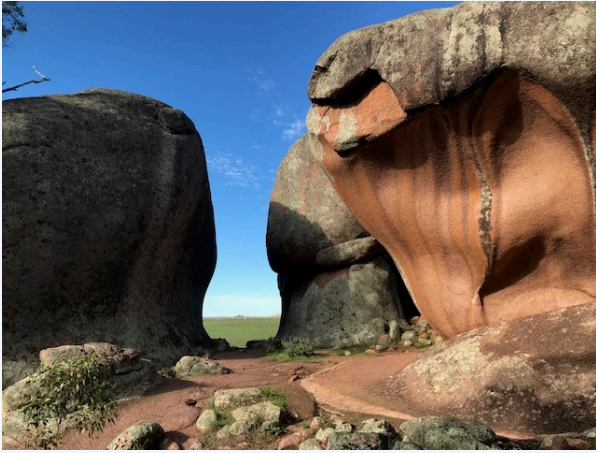
Woke to clear dry sky's which was a little unexpected. Great campsite. Large, level, void of any obstacles. We made our way westwards towards Yalata for sub \$2.00 fuel (last 'cheap' fuel for the next foreseeable future) and then slabbed it to Nullarbor for an early lunch and showers. From there we were able to pick up some cliff top tracks. Some lead to dead ends and others hugged the cliff tops. We then picked up the Old Eyre Highway to Border Village and agreed to stay at the Village due to snotty weather which would have been unpleasant conditions to bush camp. Parts of the Village campground had suffered minor flooding and suitable unpowered sites were few and far between.

Distance covered – 347kms.

### **Saturday 30 June.**

Half the team have decided to go home after the rain and muddy conditions. You cant blame them. We have had rain on and off for the last couple of days and it started to take its toll on morale and the ability to stay dry. Some tentage and bedding was wet and proving difficult to dry. I rang Forrest on the Trans Continental Railway and spoke to the Manager and mentioned we were inbound and would arrive later in the day. He expressed some concern about the wet conditions and after some deliberation it was decided to head toward Perth initially on the blacktop. It was then suggested we visit the Eyre Bird Observatory (EBO). The EBO was formerly a Telegraph Station and is definitely off the beaten track. Most of the group had not been there so we headed for that. We got back onto the Telegraph Track at Madura and headed West along the Escarpment and bush camped at the same spot we had on the inbound journey.

Distance covered – 250km.



The Haystacks – South of Streaky Bay



The Eyre Bird Observatory – A former Telegraph Station

### Sunday 01 July.

Woke to clear skies (thankfully) and headed for the EBO. The 10 km track into the Observatory was a bit of fun (rolling dune country). We were greeted by the volunteer caretaker who had been advised of our arrival thanks to an email sent the day before. Tony (the Caretaker) was keen to tell the group about the history of the former telegraph station and showed us thru the Station and Museum. Our time there was made complete by one of the short walks (700 metres) around the close confines of the Station. From there, Jacki and I departed for Norseman as our bedding continued to be wet and then home while the others continued on to Twilight Cove before negotiating the difficult track toward Cocklebiddy.

Distance covered – 440km

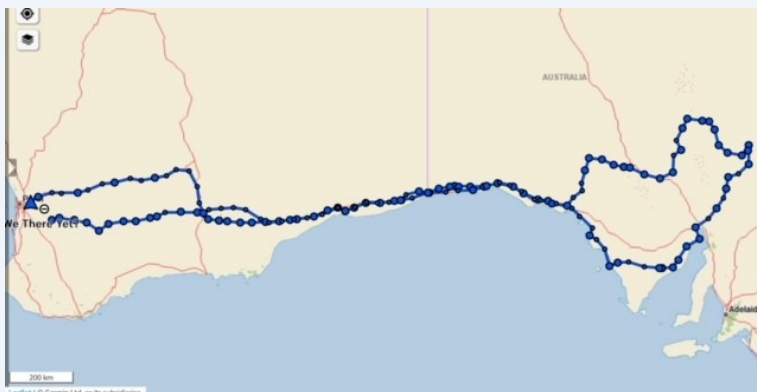
### Monday 2 July.

Woke to clear skies but the Hyden to Norseman road was closed to traffic which meant we had to black top it on Great Eastern Highway. Pretty uneventful trip other than the road trains and caravanners disrupting the journey. While having lunch at Southern Cross I checked the road report for the Hyden to Norseman Road. It was now open to traffic....what a difference half a day can make.

Distance covered - 739km.

The remainder of the group continued heading toward Perth and bush camped one more night before then returning to Perth via the Hyden to Norseman Road.

In Summary. We covered lots of distance, but at an enjoyable pace. Nobody experienced any real mechanical or tyre problems that impacted on the journey. The weather wasn't perfect but it must be remembered that we were in the southern part of Australia during winter. We ticked a lot of boxes along the way and saw some parts of the country that are rarely visited and on some roads that are less traveled. I would give this trip a 4 ½ out of 5.



We covered a lot of distance – Just shy of 6,000km

Big shout out to Tom for all his assistance with Camp Fire management. Also to Judy for keeping up the groups morale with Liquice injections each time we stopped for fire wood. Lastly, big shout out to the whole group for their camaraderie, social banter, laughs and joviality throughout the whole journey.

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# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN JULY EVENT

Saturday 13 July 2024 @ Hillside

By Maureen Hurrlein

Thanks to Dave and Penny Clark, our hosts for the annual Christmas in July event which took place on Saturday 13th July. 51 attended, made up of current members a few exmembers, 1 accident prone young visitor (Eden) and several dogs. Many arrived on Fri afternoon, it was cold. Dave lit one of the bonfires behind the house all were happy for the warmth, 8 people participated in the Damper competition, Lesley Armstrong was the winner judged by Phil the president.



Keith and Therese Richards



Bob Armstrong showing us that he has 3 cars. Are you sure Bob?? as you are showing 4 fin-



Dieter Hurrlein and Phil Anderson having a serious chat!



Maureen Hurrlein all wrapped from the chill in the air with Dieter and



Mirella Di Giorgio and Judy Anderson having a chin wag



Jenny Downe and Angela Francis enjoying the warmth of the bonfire!

## Saturday Sunrise over the back dam @ 7.35am



Saturday was a lovely start to the day, the sun was out bringing warmer weather, several groups sat enjoying the heat from the sun while others went for a walk around Hillside.

Can you see the low hanging fog @ 7.38am, showing us that it will be a beautiful sunny day and it was!



3 tables for 30, ready in the kitchen



3 table for 21 on the patio ready for dinner



Jenny and Missy enjoying a map before dinner

Dave lit the second bonfire in the lower paddock where a few caravans were parked.

At 1pm all joined in moving furniture out of the house and patio area and replacing them with tables and chairs enough for 51 attendees.

## Sunset before dinner



@5.51pm

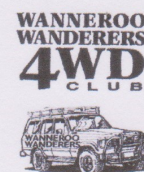


The Turkeys were put into the oven at 3pm, the Ham heated with Penny's Honey glaze on top, at 4pm Happy Hour took place at the lower paddock bonfire, at 5pm attendees heated or cooked their Potato or Vegetable dish, at 5.45pm Dieter carved all the turkey and ham, just after 6pm the buffet was ready. There was a variety of potato and vegetable dishes luckily there was enough potato dishes because Penny forgot to put her potatoes on the buffet!

For dessert there was a choice of home-made of (GF) Panna Cotta with raspberries and jelly, gingerbread muffins, individual (GF) chocolate puddings, along with the favourites, custard, cream and ice cream.

## 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

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



Amended 9 Aug 2024

Time	Monthly Club Meeting 2024	Venue
7.45pm First Wednesday of every month (excl. Jan & Sept)	10 Jan, 7 Feb, 6 Mar, 3 Apr, 1 May, 5 Jun, 3 Jul, 7 Aug, (Sept meeting at AGM Sat 7 Sept), 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec	Warradale Community Centre, Southmead Dve, Landsdale
Date	Event	Leader / Host/ Organiser
<b>AUGUST 2024</b>		
Fri 23 to Mon 26 Aug	Westonia Wanderers & Sunday wild flowers trip (with activites, meals)	Maureen & Russell
<b>SEPTEMBER 2024</b> (Spring School Holidays Sat 21 Sept to Sun 6 Oct)		
Saturday 7 Sept	AGM @ HYC & 40 Years Formal Celebration Evening dress for Ladies and Black Tie/Suit for Men	Maureen Hurrelein
Fri 14 to Tue 24 Sept	Gascoyne Trip	John & Penny
Fri 27 to Tue 1 Oct	3 Bears Trip	Eric & Julie
<b>OCTOBER 2024</b> (Spring School Holidays to Sun 6 Oct)		
Fri 18 to Sun 20	Toodyay Trip to Travellers Rest C/Park, (Archery)	Michelle & Brian
Sunday 27 Oct	Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre 'Clean-Up' Day	Volunteers needed
<b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>		
Saturday 2 Nov	Bingo Night @ Sorrento	Steve & Sue
Sat 16 Nov	Day Run Julimar	Eric & Steve W
<b>DECEMBER 2024</b> (Summer School Holidays Fri 13 Dec to Tue 4 Feb 2025)		
Saturday 7 Dec	Christmas Awards Dinner @ Greenhills Inn	Social co-ordinator
Sunday 15 Dec	Annual Christmas BBQ @ Greenwood	Kym & Glenda

## 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

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



Amended 24 June 2024

Time	Monthly Club Meeting 2025	Venue
7.45pm First Wednesday of every month (excl. Jan & Sept)	8 Jan, 5 Feb, 5 Mar, 2 Apr, 7 May, 4 Jun, 2 Jul, 6 Aug, (Sept meeting at AGM Sat 6 Sept), 1 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec	Warradale Community Centre, Southmead Dve, Landsdale
Date	Event	Leader / Host/ Organiser
<b>JANUARY 2025</b>		
(School Holidays until Tue 4 Feb)		
<i>Public Holidays Wed 1 Jan &amp; Mon 27 Jan Australia Day</i>		
Sun 5 Jan	New Years Brunch @ Egret Point	Archie & Karen TBC
Fri 24 to Tue 28 Jan	Olive Tree Farm Camp group booked confirmed same as 2024	Maureen & Russell
<b>FEBRUARY 2025</b>		
Feb	Games Night TBC	<b>TBC</b>
14/15 or 21/22 Feb TBD	Logue Brook Dam (Water Sports)	
<b>MARCH 2025</b>		
<i>Public Holidays Mon 3 Mar Labour Day</i>		
Fri 28 Feb to Mon 3 Mar	Fish Comp Terry H as winner to decide fishing spot	Terry H
Sat 8 or Sat 22 Mar TBC	Pizza Night	Brendan & Deanne
<b>APRIL 2025</b>		
(Autumn School Holidays Sat 12 to Sun 27 Apr)		
<i>Easter Public Holidays Fri 18 and Mon 21 April</i>		
<i>Public Holiday Fri 25 Apr Anzac Day</i>		
Apr		
Apr	Towerinning Trip TBC	
<b>MAY 2025</b>		
<i>Mother Day Sunday 11 May</i>		
TBC Fri 2 to Sun 4 May	Annual Amateur Golf comp @ Ledge Point and camp over	Archie & Karen
May		
<b>JUNE 2025</b>		
<i>Public Holiday Mon 2 Jun WA Day</i>		
June		
Tue 24 Jun to Tue 8 July TBC	Phase 1 Perth to Alice Springs via Gunbarrel Highway	Larry & Jane
<b>JULY 2025</b>		
(Winter School Holidays Sat 5 to Sun 20 July)		
Saturday 5/19 July	Annual Christmas in July @ Hillside	Dave & Penny
Thur 10 to Sat 19 July TBC	Phase 2 Alice Springs to Birdsville via Simpson Desert	Larry & Jane
Sun 20 to Wed 23 July TBC	Phase 3 Birdsville to Brisbane 20 – 23 Jul.	Larry & Jane
<b>AUGUST 2025</b>		
Aug		
Aug		TBC
<b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>		
(Spring School Holidays Sat 27 Sept to Sun 12 Oct)		
<i>Public Holiday Mon 23 Sept King's Birthday</i>		
Saturday 6 Sept TBC	TBC AGM @ HYC	
Sept		
<b>OCTOBER 2025</b>		
(Spring School Holidays to Sun 12 Oct)		
Oct		
Oct		
<b>NOVEMBER 2025</b>		
Nov		
Nov		
<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>		
(Summer School Holidays Fri 19 Dec to Sun 1 Feb 2026)		
Dec	Christmas Awards Dinner @	Social co-ordinator
Sunday 14 Dec TBC	Annual Christmas BBQ @ Greenwood	Kym & Glenda

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

# BIRTHDAYS

