

# WANNEROO WANDERERS 4WD CLUB



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### Note from the Editor

Hello Wanneroo Wanderers,

With this chilly weather comes our opportunity for camp fires, the odd damper or two and warm campfire breakfasts to start the day.

This edition features our new members Michelle and Brian Finlayson in "A little bit about".

We look forward to enjoying their company.

*Pat Whitehead*

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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)

## **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.

## 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

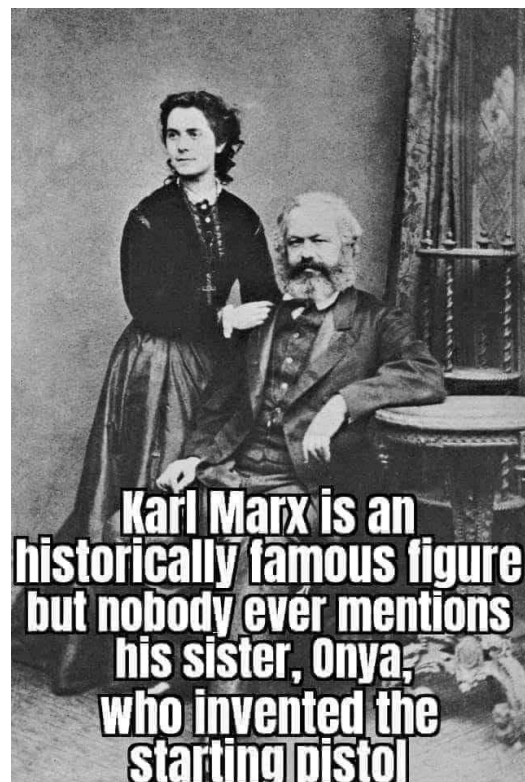
SPARE RADIATOR HOSES AND FAN BELTS

## 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

### CLUB PROPERTY

Club banner	1
Gazebo	3
Urn	1
Defibrillator Phillips	1
Personal locator beacon	1
Chain saw Stihl	1
ARB Pully blocks	2
Snig chain 3m x 700mm	1



## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT — Michelle and Brian Finlayson

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

We have only been members for a few months but being the daughter (Michelle) of Marian and Keith (members for over 30 years) we have been to many trips over the years as visitors. Our kids are finally at an age that we can get away for a weekend and leave them at home, so we thought it was time for us to enjoy getting out and doing some camping and seeing more of WA.

Our little family?

We have been together since 1998 and married for 19 years. We have 2 gorgeous kids, Makayla 19 and Joshua 17.

Do you have a favourite club activity and why?

That would be going to any place we haven't been before. We love going off grid and looking at the stars. We do enjoy competing in the damper competition at Whicher Ranges.

What interest and hobbies do you have outside of WW?

Brian- is an avid rugby league supporter and follows the West tigers and NSW blues.

What pets do you have?

We currently have 2 jack russell dogs, Wags & Chewie & 1 cat named Belle but we have had budgies, weiros, rats, 2 other dogs and another cat over the years.

Michelle - Growing up we always had cats and many a Christmas they had kittens. After a **lot** of pleading, I finally talked Dad/Keith into letting us get a dog. He told me we could get a red cloud kelpie but unfortunately when we went to pick one Dad had to work, so of course we came home with a border collie, Tara .





# CODE OFF ROAD

## A guide to safe and responsible off-road driving on WA beaches and coastal national parks.

Everybody loves the stunning scenery, magnificent beaches and great outdoor activities on offer along the Western Australian coastline.

Coastal ecosystems are some of our most fragile and they need special care when we are visiting them, so it is vital you know how to drive safely and lightly to protect yourself and our fragile environment.

Responsible and skilled driving minimises degradation to coastal ecosystems, accidents and the spread of *Phytophthora dieback*.



### The beach is not a sandy desert!

The weight of a vehicle not only squashes the sand, but also many small marine creatures which are important to the beach ecosystem and are food for larger beach animals and fish species. Beach driving also impacts negatively on larger animals such as shorebirds, whose nests and young are difficult to see and who may be resting in wind-protected areas after long migration flights.

Stay on the track as there is no need to deviate when heading to the beach; damage to vegetation and soils can be irreversible and once a new track is made, other vehicles will follow which causes further damage.



### Watch for wildlife

Most of us would rather watch wildlife behaving naturally than watch it disappear under the wheels of an off-road vehicle. Keep your eyes peeled for reptiles basking at the side of the track. Keep an eye out for birds, kangaroos and bring your binoculars as there's heaps to see! Dogs and other pets are not permitted at any time in National Parks and 1080 poison that is fatal to dogs is regularly laid.



You don't need to be a specialist mechanic to operate a 4WD, but you will need a few basics to ensure that you and your vehicle get home safely.

### Picnic in, pack it out

Ensure what goes in with you goes out again! It's not acceptable to bury or burn rubbish, or to throw food scraps, bait bags and plastic into the bush.

### Toilet training

Practice good personal hygiene in the bush and prevent the spread of nasties such as Giardia and Gastroenteritis as well as stinky surprises for other travellers. Carry a trowel to bury solid waste and toilet paper at least 100m from any watercourse and at least 30cm deep.

### Biosecurity

Many of our unique plant species including coastal heaths are susceptible to Phytophthora Dieback (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*) — plant death caused by a microscopic soil-borne water mould. The pathogen kills many coastal species and vegetation types. It is spread by the transportation of infested soil and plant material.

There are many areas that are free of Phytophthora Dieback and you can help stop its spread if you:

- Clean any mud and soil off your vehicle before and after your trip
- Avoid travelling in wet and muddy conditions
- Keep to established tracks and roads.



### Trip preparation

In addition to carrying enough drinking water for your passengers, include these essential items in your vehicle:

- Air compressor with gauge
- Tow rope for attaching to load rated recovery towing points on your chassis
- Tyre repair kit and an inflated spare
- Jack and a jack plate
- Rated bow or 'D' shackles
- Recovery gear such as traction mats and shovel
- A well-stocked first aid kit
- Some form of communication - phone (mobile or sat), radio or EPIRB.



## Safe driving

Consider undertaking 4WD training through a registered provider or joining an incorporated 4WD club.

Sun glare and mist may reduce visibility on beaches, and off-road tracks are full of blind corners and hill crests. Drive slowly, respect conditions on the day and avoid driving at night. Always drive slowly on coastal off-road tracks and keep speed on beaches to 20km/h. Enjoy your drive and the surroundings!

It is essential that tyre pressure is reduced to maximise the tyre footprint before entering sandy tracks and beaches. Your tyre should look like the example photo below. Make sure that your driving speed is also reduced to maintain control when the tyre pressure has been reduced. It is essential that tyres are reinflated whenever you encounter hard sand or surfaces and before driving on the road. Always carry an air compressor with a gauge for this purpose and check manufacturer's specifications for your vehicle.



Engage 4WD before entering sandy tracks or beaches. Generally, in sandy conditions engage second or third gear in low range and steer clear of sharp turns or sudden braking to avoid losing momentum.

When driving on the beach, aim to travel at, but not above the high tide mark. Check tidal and weather conditions on the day. Avoid driving over piles of seaweed, be especially careful on high-energy beaches and be aware of steep drops caused by normal beach processes or storms surges. Remember all beaches are different.

Passing points enable vehicles to pass without damaging vegetation. Please use them and resist the temptation to create new ones.

River and creek crossings can look deceptively shallow. Always stop and walk the crossing and if you can't walk across it don't attempt to drive. Wheel axle height is a good guide as to how deep you should go.

## HELP!

Always tell someone where you are going and your expected return time and arrange to travel with another vehicle.

If you become bogged or break down you are generally safer staying with your vehicle until help arrives, but if you have to hike out avoid walking in the heat of the day and leave a note in your vehicle of your intentions. Survival situations cannot be anticipated and bush survival training is definitely beneficial to everyone using the Code Off Road series.

Ensure you have an approved Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) distress beacon or another form of reliable satellite-based communication equipment.

## In an emergency

Contact emergency services by calling 000 or via your satellite communication device.

## For more information

<https://www.Int.org.au/resources/green-guides.html>

<https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/publications/publication/off-road-vehicles-in-western-australia-management-of-off-road-vehicles>



[www.trackcare.com.au](http://www.trackcare.com.au)

[facebook.com/trackcare](https://facebook.com/trackcare)



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# Cave Hill and Peak Charles

EASTER 2024: Thursday 28 March to Tuesday 2 April

Mark and Stella, Allan and Alison, Phil and Judy, Richard and Kylie,  
Tom Jones (second trip with the club), Ray Zac, Bruce Carmen, Vlado and Audrey

## Day 1

Having done a similar trip 10 years before, this time we wanted to time our day runs so that we could camp at the base of Peak Charles. That meant the first day needed to be a longer drive to get us closer to our launching point at Coolgardie.

The meeting point was at the Lakes BP station on Great Eastern Highway. Everyone was there (total of eight vehicles) so that we were able to leave 10 minutes early on our 9.30am departure, with the first stop being the bakery in Merredin and then on to Southern Cross for those wanting a fuel top up. The highway drive was an easy and relaxed drive with only the occasional truck to deal with.

From Southern Cross we soon reached camp at Karalee Rocks around 3.30 in the afternoon. After setting up camp we chatted while waiting for the temperature to drop so we could take a walk up to the top of the rock. Phil took a dip in the greenish water of the dam and somehow lived to see another day. While the campground was in good shape, we were disappointed to find the toilet and dump point had not been kept open for use.

## Day 2

With a few of our campers experimenting with setups and tents before the big desert trip in June, we were ready to get on the road at 9.15am. The first stop was Coolgardie for some fuel and morning tea, with the concurrent arrival of two 4WD groups and a large truck causing some mayhem and short tempers at the bowsers. This turned out to be the first of a few travails for Bruce who found himself being informed (with a loud voice) of how truckies own the road so don't get between me and my fuel stop. Eventually we gathered the group back together for some morning tea before setting off towards Burra Rocks with Mark in the lead. Over the last ten years the bush track has been turned into a caravan friendly gravel road, so the traveling was a lot faster than expected and we took time to have a good look around at Burra Rocks and then again at Cave Hill.



Lunch was followed by a refreshing dip before departing the full campground. After a stroll up to the cave site we headed to the Higginsville track and finally some 4WD'ing – although not much. The track had fully dried out and dust was more of a problem than mud.

Day 3

Allan led the group out of the campground for the short run into Norseman. Bruce might have hoped to have a better day but didn't get out of camp before announcing over the radio that he had a tyre puncture. Unable to find any leaks the tyre was pumped back up and driven into town but continued to lose pressure and so the spare was called into service as we were heading out of town. The offending puncture was found and plugged at camp that evening, but needed the pressure up to 55psi and some soapy water before it revealed itself

After fuelling up in Norseman we realised we needed to kill some time or would be arriving at Peak Charles well before lunch. So an impromptu departure was made out to the Old Telegraph Track as far as the edge of Lake Dundas where we had an elevated view across the lake and the 4WD crossing. A couple of good campsites were noted here – but for small groups only.



Back on the highway, we headed for the turnoff towards the Peak Charles national park. With corrugations and rough surface, it was time to drop 10psi out of our tyres, but otherwise it was an easy drive out to Peak

Charles. Unfortunately, a group of caravans had taken up half the bays, so the Wanneroo Wanderers juggled themselves into the remaining bays, finding inventive ways to squeeze two vehicles onto some of the sites. Thanks to all for their cooperative attitude and good humour in making this difficult situation work.

With the afternoon being quite hot, it was decided to put off the mountain climb to early the next morning, and so the group had a lazy afternoon reading, snoozing, chatting. Great amounts of noise and laughter came from the table where the ladies had formed up a card game with Audrey as the eventual victor.



Day 4

Three intrepid mountaineers (Allan, Phil, Richard) headed off at 5.40am as the sun was rising and were at the peak by 7.00am. The last section of the climb challenged their fear of heights with a sheer rock face to be scaled clinging to hand and foot holds. Others in the group made climbs part way up to enjoy stunning views over the surrounding bush

land and salt lakes .Rain in recent weeks meant that the desert growth was looking clean and fresh. With Peak Charles conquered we de-camped around 10am to explore some tracks on the western side that we have never visited before. Expecting it to be tough going we were soon surprised by a group coming the other way who informed us the track ahead would not be difficult. We took an enjoyable morning drive first westwards then found a track heading north towards the Lake-King Norseman Road. Some broken up sections of this road showed how difficult it could be when wet, but being dry our troubles were reduced to dealing with corrugations and avoiding the many potholes. True to form, Bruce was soon calling proceedings to a halt as the shower awning on his trailer was working loose. After removing it we were soon at our next turnoff for a lunch break and leg stretch.

Our track took us between Lake Hope and Lake Johnston heading north, but had clearly been impacted by a large bushfire in recent years. In addition, the mining companies have been using part of this track for exploration of the area, so some sections had quite bad corrugations.



We were broken hearted on arrival at our camp site to find it totally destroyed by the bush fire and clearly not used for many years. Pressing on we soon realised that our ambitions for camping beside the salt lakes would not be possible, and we decided to head to the Breakaways camp site (on the Hyden-Norseman Road) for our last night together. Strong winds meant that we headed to the shelter of our beds fairly early in the evening.

#### Day 5

From this camp site it's a long but easy drive back to Perth and three cars packed up and got going early. The remaining five headed into Hyden for a final morning tea together at the bakery and two more cars headed from there to home.

With the trip at an end the remaining three cars(Mark/Stella, Phil/Judy, Richard/Kylie) decided to camp one more night on the road and Dryandra Woodlands seemed like a good idea. Taking some back roads we found ourselves on the Tin Horse Highway then stopped in Wickepin for lunch, before ending up at the Congelin Campground which was surprisingly almost empty.



Some Woylie and possums provided entertainment that evening, including one that marched down the middle of the table of six people to steal an Easter egg. Mark trounced them all in a game of cards before it started to get chilly and time for bed.

#### Day 6

From here the three cars had separate destinations. We said good-bye to Phil and Judy at the highway, and then travelled through Boddington to Dwellingup before the final two cars went on their way – until next trip.

# Fawcett Track/Dwellingup Trip – 24 to 28 April 2024

By Eric Ayers

**24 April** - Twenty eight WW4WD members attended this trip. We camped at Pinjarra Holiday Park which is located within the historic home of Lt Col William Fawcett and his son Captain Theodore Fawcett (1832 -1898). The property is a 600 acre working farm on the banks of the Murray River near Pinjarra.



**Thur 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day**, we were joined by Russell Crook, his son Regan & grandson Oliver, making it a seventeen vehicle convoy on the Fawcett Track. This drive provided everyone with an easy to medium rated 4wd track, which included a mud bog hole, rutted sections and a few small hill descents to tackle.



**Trip Leader – Eric Ayers**

**Tail End Charlie - Ray Zaretsky**



We enjoyed a picnic lunch beside the Murray River, then drove through Lane Poole Reserve, sight seeing before heading back to camp for a well deserved happy hour.





**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>**

We were joined by Mark Bolton for a day trip along the dirt roads of Marrinup.

The group visited Oakley Dam and Marrinup POW Camp before heading to Dwellingup for lunch. Later in the afternoon, we returned to camp for happy hour, a few cocktails and the famous card game named Spoons.



**Brian walking the dam wall.**



**Marrinup POW Camp Entrance**



**POW Camp information & history boards**



**Some of the group**



**Steve & Shaun**

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup>** We had a free day with everyone choosing their own activities or just relaxing around camp. Steve and Kerry lunched their kayaks at Pinjarra for a paddle on the river and some of us crossed paths at Vegone's Farm Shop, The Wine Tree Cidery, Redgum Wine Estate and Scarp Pool.



**Vegone Farm Dwellingup (120kg Pumpkins on display)**



**The Wine Tree Cidery Dwellingup (vintage vehicle display)**



**Redgum Wine Estate Dwellingup**



**Scarp Pool - on the Murray River**

**Back at camp, we enjoyed an afternoon game of Finska**



**Michelle**



**Richard**



**Julie**

Most of us headed home on the Sunday, with a few people choosing to stay one more night.

Everyone had a great time on this trip, including Herbie & Bella.



**Looking forward to our next adventure**

*Eric Ayers*

# Ledge Point Very Amateur Golf weekend

May 3-5, 2024

Archie and Karen Lind

A few years ago we thought this annual event had run its course with only a handful of members coming along. But in the last couple of years, it has become very popular again. This weekend was the biggest turnout ever with 34 people enjoying a fun and relaxing weekend.

We even had 13 golfing which is a great number, given we had a couple of late withdrawals. Kylie, Bruce & Cherril having other commitments, and Alison freaking out that we saw a snake on the course last year.

Almost everyone arrived on Friday afternoon. It was sunny with a light breeze, just beautiful weather for camping/caravanning. We had the normal happy hour drinks, plentiful snacks and banter before going to the Country Club for dinner. The food was excellent with quite big servings as always. But the ordering process became very disorganised and matching the orders to the meals ended up in considerable confusion. But we all eventually had a lovely meal.

After dinner, we convened in the recreation room for a quiz game. Each person had to write down three things about themselves - two being true and the third being false. Karen read out the name of the person and the three facts. The group had to guess which one was the false statement. There were plenty of laughs at the false ones and a few surprises in the truthful ones. Karen made a mistake in her own competition and actually wrote 3 true statements on her form –



that's a fine of course. The automatic lights out at 10.00pm was the signal to get a good night's sleep before the big golf competition.

Since we didn't have to wait for anyone arriving on Saturday morning, tee off for golf was brought forward to 9.30am. It also enables us to finish the round before the golf club's member competition at 12.00. We had four teams with players that were as closely matched as possible. Regular golfers, fairly regular golfers, occasional golfers and hackers. It was a shotgun start with teams teeing off from holes, 1, 4 and 7. Us hackers start from hole 1 after the first group disappeared into the distance. The course was in excellent condition, especially since we have had such a long hot summer. Well done to all the Ledge Point Country Club member volunteers who maintain it.

This year was another landmark result as we had a new women's champion yet again – Debbie, who came along as a visitor.



As expected, Neil topped the men's comp with 41, then 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Brendon on 47 and Steve M making the podium in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 50. Well done to the winners.

Other men with scores in the 50s were Ben (visitor), Archie and Luciano. In the 60s were Lindsay (visitor), Steve D (visitor), Richard, Phil and Ken. This year Terry received the best value for money award with the most number of shots for the round with 72. We figured it out to be 27c per shot. And of course Alison received a lolly snake as a prize. All the runners up received Minties (for obvious reasons). The Ladies and Men's champions received their certificates and prizes. Karen actually spelt Neil's name wrongly on the certificate (another fine) so we'll see if Niel Jones turns up next year to defend his title.



Saturday evening we commandeered the recreation room for happy hour and a games night. The Pictionary challenges and the general knowledge quiz was again arranged by Karen.



Pictionary – much easier drawings than last year, so most were guessed fairly easily. But what is in someone's head doesn't always make it to the drawing and there were plenty of laughs and confused faces.

Next was the general knowledge quiz which Karen had picked off the Internet. I think there were a couple of incorrect answers in the quiz but we went with the official answers. Winner of the quiz was Deanne and Brendan which really should have been disqualified since it was supposed to be an individual competition. And I don't remember seeing the winning To-



blerone shared around.....The winning score was 27 out of 30 with Linda and Ken second with a very close 26. Most scores were about 17-20.

We had quite a bit of competition from the Eagles footy game on the recreation room TV and quite a few members deserting the Pictionary and quiz regularly to watch it. Their absence was noted and they will be fined of course.

Most people headed off after the competitions but a few diehard regulars stayed around to sample a couple of whiskeys and ports. No prizes for guessing who.

There were certainly a few very stiff bodies on Sunday morning. I think our peak athletic abilities are well behind us. Except for Niel who played another 18 holes on Saturday afternoon with friends who were up there for the weekend.

So, all in all, a very successful and enjoyable weekend was had by everyone. About 4 couples stayed on for an extra day or two but the majority headed off home on Sunday morning.

Lets hope this year we have a 'lucky' lotto ticket for a change.

## WA Day weekend Shannon trip

*Hosted by Phil (Judy couldn't make it)*

In spite of the atrocious weather forecast for the June long weekend, the weather was in fact very pleasant apart from a wet Saturday night. From 9pm till early morning there was steady rain and lots of thunder and lightning in the distance.

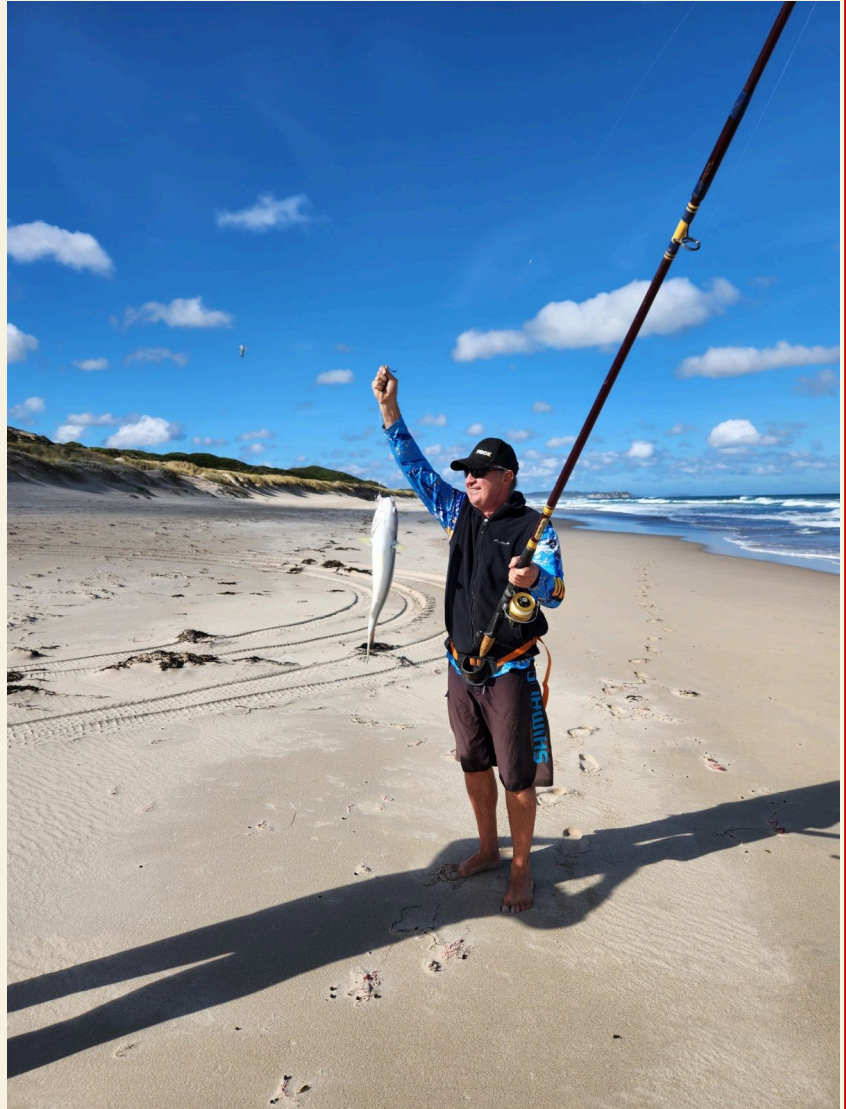
Five of us threw caution to the wind and drove south, Paul and Mirella, Phil, Richard and visitors Lindsay and Debbie and Steve and Julie.



We all arrived on the Thursday and we were well set up in time for the first happy hour at 4pm. The Shannon campground was quite empty, the weather forecast obviously scared everyone away, around 60 campsites in the campground and probably 8 of them taken. Paul got his firepit cranking and we all enjoyed a few drinks and nibblies on a lovely mild evening with smoke from the fire wafting straight up into the trees above. After we all had our dinner, it was back to the fire for a couple of hours and we planned to bring the weekends drives forward to Friday due to the impending storms on Saturday and Sunday. I just hoped we would not have any late attendees arrive while we were away.

Friday morning was cool but no wind so not too cold and at 9.00 we left the campground and went up the highway and took a left turn south down Deeside Coast Road toward the coast for some four-wheel driving and a spot of fishing, Paul, Steve and myself all bought along some fishing gear. It is a fairly easy drive to Moore's hut, also know as Coodamarrup hut where we stopped for those who have not been there before to look around. The hut has been significantly restored since I was there last, it would even be very comfortable to sleep in now. After a short break there it was off to Coodamarrup beach. The sand was reasonably hard, so the 18psi we all had in our tyres was fine (for now, ominous music in the background)

On a lovely sunny afternoon with a light breeze coming over the sand dunes, we were set up and had lines in the water by midday and Steve had a nice salmon on the beach within 30 minutes, followed a short time later by a nice little flathead, 50mm over the size limit. Phil was still waiting for a fish to notice his bait. It wasn't long before Paul landed a nice fat Salmon also and took the prize for the biggest fish, Phil was still waiting to get a bite. By around 2.30 Steve and Julie had had a fry up of sausages in bread and cleaned his fish as had Paul (and a few short blacks). We then decided to take a drive down the beach and try and get onto the track at Fish Creek. Phil led the way and as we got further down the beach the sand got softer and still in high range the poor Hilux was working hard. We pushed on but inevitably it all came unstuck and the call went back to hold up, 50 metres short of the track off the beach. I was pretty well stuck (not parked) and required a pull out by Richard who was behind me and the others further back. After taking some air out of both cars tyres Richard managed to tow me out with the help of Maxxtracs, to some harder sand. I managed to turn around with a bit of effort but Richard got well and truly stuck trying to turn around. It was then my turn to help Richard out and that didn't end well with both us now bogged. Steve was the nearest vehicle so he came back and attempted to pull Richard out first, and that didn't work out well either, now there was three of us stuck the tide coming in and water starting to lap around my tyres ☹️ Paul then came to our rescue and with tyre pressures now down to 10psi or less, shovels flying and Maxxtracs doing their job one car at a time was retrieved from what might have been a watery grave. By now it was after 4.00 and as the skies were looking dark, we went back to Moore's hut to air up. It was after six and very dark by the time we returned to the campground, but a very nice drive back through the Karri Forest and coastal scrub. No happy hour that night but after dinner there was of course after dinner drinks around Paul and Mirella's fire pit.



Saturday dawned and we planned a short run on the northern part of the Great Forest Trees Drive, only around 24km but very nice. We all wanted to do the Shannon Dam Walk trail, and as the weather was nice, we all started out at 9.00. It is a really nice 4.5km walk past the old sawmill site and onto the dam, also very nice. Myself and Richard decided to do the walk to the top, on the Rocks Walk trail and check out the view. We eventually got back an hour after the others. Lindsay, Debbie, Steve and Julie took a run into Manjimup and after they returned, we did the short drive. Very informative, with interpretive points along the way, I am now sure I can distinguish the difference between a Jarrah Karri and Marri tree. A pretty lazy day, but again the weather was sunny and we cranked up the fire in the wood fired water heater and had a nice hot shower. The firepit was again the focal point and Paul and Mirella and Steve and Julie cooked up their respective salmon, Pauls was crumbed and Steve's in green curry, and Paul and Mirella had their special chilli sauce out to add to it. That fed all of us that night, another lovely night around the fire with our small group of 10. The rain did start to come down about 9ish, so that was that, we all dispatched to our vans as the rain came down. That was to last all night.



Sunday morning the rain eased and by 9.00 the sun was trying to peak through the clouds and after a lazy hour or so Paul decided to take a drive to Lake Muir for a look, it was only 40km's away so we would be back by midday. Unfortunately, there is a lot of disease risk areas so any track we looked to take had a no authorised entry sign, and if it didn't have that there was a tree down that was too large to move, so the short drive turned into a long drive. We eventually got to Lake Muir by mid-day. Richard said goodbye, and took Muir's highway back to Manjimup, and with the sun out again we took a different back road to camp without any issues. It was 1 O'clock when we got back and I decided to pack up and go home a day early, leaving Paul and Mirella, Lindsay and Debbie and Steve and Julie to enjoy another night around the fire.



A very nice weekend and some more exploring to be done in that part of the south west in the future I hope.

## 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

**WANNEROO  
WANDERERS  
4WD  
CLUB**



Amended 24 June 2024

Time	Monthly Club Meeting 2024	Venue/Co-ordinator
7.45pm First Wednesday of every month (excl. Jan & Sept)	3 Jul, 7 Aug, (Sept meeting at AGM Sat 7 Sept), 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec	Warradale Community Centre, Southmead Dve, Landsdale
<b>JULY 2024</b>		
<b>(Winter School Holidays to Sun 14 July)</b>		
Friday 12 July	Damper Competition @ Hillside	TBC
Saturday 13 July	Annual Christmas in July @ Hillside	Dave & Penny / MH
Sunday 14 July	Day run @ Hillside	Steve W & Dave C
<b>AUGUST 2024</b>		
Saturday 3 Aug	Ten-Pin Bowling bi-annual competition @ Joondalup & Dinner @ Sovereign Arms, Lakeside Joondalup	Maureen Hurrlein
Fri 23 to Mon 26 Aug	Westonia & Wild Flowers Trip (Social meals & activities with Westonia Wanderers)	Maureen & Russell
<b>SEPTEMBER 2024</b>		
<b>(Spring School Holidays Sat 21 Sept to Sun 6 Oct)</b>		
<b>(King's Birthday WA PH Mon 23 Sept)</b>		
Saturday 7 Sept	AGM & 40 Years Formal Celebration @ HYC	Maureen Hurrlein
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>		
<b>(Spring School Holidays to Sun 6 Oct)</b>		
Fri 18 to Sun 20 TBC	York 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>		
<b>(Summer School Holidays Fri 13 Dec to Tue 4 Feb 2025)</b>		
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>		
<b>Mother Day Sunday 11 May</b>		
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

# BIRTHDAYS

