

WANNEROO WANDERERS 4WD CLUB



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From the Editor

Hello Wanneroo Wanderers,

A big thankyou for all your trip contributions. It certainly makes for a bumper issue. A special thank you to Russell and Carolyn for sharing their family adventure.

Happy New Year to all. We hope 2026 is kind to you and brings good health and happiness.

Pat Whitehead

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WANNEROO WANDERERS 4WD CLUB INC

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

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

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

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

The club Meets at the Warradale Community Centre, Warradale Terrace, Lansdale on the first 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:

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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

The Great Western Woodlands

With Russell and Carolyn

Carolyn & I recently completed a trip through the Great Western Woodlands with our son Regan and some of his friends. In the group was our 200 series, Regan's monster truck 80, Steve and Madz in a Prado with camper trailer and Bushy & Nic in a 100 series swagging it but with a trailer to carry all their gear. The other vehicles had 6 kids in total on board ages 12, 8,7,6,5 & 4 so it was a pretty active group.



Carolyn & I left on a Friday afternoon and camped at Mt Roe Dam out of Narroben which was a pleasant spot for the night. The dam had plenty of water and is standard dam for the area gathering the run off from the rock of Mt Roe. We were surprised to find the dam fenced off as it is used for drinking water for a local town. I assume Hyden or Narroben but not sure as they are both a fair distance away.

We met up with the group about lunchtime at Southern Cross and headed north to Helena & Aurora Ranges for the first night. After arriving late in the afternoon the kids were stunned to find the stick huts (mia mias?) they'd constructed 12 months ago were still in place. As is mandatory a good fire was started with a feed and a few drinks but all retired early as it had been a long day for most of the group.



After the views were taken in we headed out past Mt Manning and further north to Mt Elvire homestead. We set up camp behind the homestead out of the wind. The wind wasn't bad but it was much more comfortable as the evenings were cool and there was a sheltered table and fire pit. The next day we explored further north climbing to the top of Mt Elvire itself. This was a somewhat gnarly climb and you didn't want to be precious about your paint job



The views however made it all worthwhile. Continuing north we spent quite a bit of time trying to navigate to the eastern edge of the peninsula but to no avail as the track seemed to just peter out. We returned to the main track and turned north to the tip of the peninsula into Lake Barlee. No water to be had but the kids had a terrific time on the salt whilst we all had lunch. Southwards then we found the old airstrip and well which was full of good looking water. I wouldn't drink it but it was fine for showers and washing.

After a second night camped at the homestead we packed to head off via the station dump that held a few classic old wrecks plus we found another well full of water. With ample water around the station makes a good base for exploring the area. After clambering over the wrecks we followed a scenic drive on the back track along the edge of Lake Giles through to Evanston Menzies road. Our next stop was at Lake Ballard making camp at a reasonable hour that afternoon. Lake Ballard camp was busy but we managed to find a camp area away from the main throng of people and enjoyed an evening with a fire, food and drinks overlooking the lake. The kids had a ball with a mud fight - see the pics - and mining the lake for 'gems'. The gems were actually near glass like quartz with young Oliver managing to sell off his discoveries to neighbours.

A relatively early start had us into Menzies the next day and we were rewarded with excellent piping hot showers (\$5 each) and refreshed water supplies (free). However the goal of a pub lunch was dashed as although there was a pub it's operation consisted of a couple of guys sitting out the back with packaged beers in an esky and no food to be had. A couple of our guys needed a beer restock and paid \$80 for a block of Emu!! It was that or nothing and they couldn't do nothing could they? There was however a cafe operating and although a bit pricey they provided excellent burgers and other food which was enjoyed at the nearby, near-new water park where the kids had a good time. After lunch we were on the gravel again to Rowles Lagoon. The lagoon held some water but I doubt there was enough to waterski as apparently used to be common here in the past. Another excellent spot and campfire again. Amusement of the evening was watching Carolyn's head torch as she vacated the loos and started heading in the totally wrong direction to the wrong camp, she was almost in their camp, suddenly realised and promptly exited stage left at a very great pace.



In the morning we joined the Gus Luck track to Jaurdi Station. I imagine this was how the Holland track used to be. Prolific wildflowers, scenic views, wells and dams with ample water, monolithic rocks to climb where you could see far and wide. The track itself was easy going with no difficulties but close in some sections meaning there were the inevitable bush stripes. Arriving at Jaurdi we had it to ourselves as we had hoped. There is a good Kitchen and bathroom shed like structure with an operating water tank but BYO hot water. The old shearers quarters are now locked up due to asbestos risk. A substantial fire pit meant we needed an equivalent fire which was duly organised. Food and drink followed.



Friday morning dawned and Bushy, Nic and their girls headed for home. The rest of the group went east along the Trans Aust line road to Wallaby Rocks which held yet another rock dam with ample water and would make a terrific camp for a few nights. The kids had a ball in the water. The weather was rather windy and cool so only the kids got wet and we all enjoyed lunch by the waters edge.



Saturday was our final pack up and we followed the remainder of the Gus Luck through to the highway just near Yellowdine. We hit the highway to our nieces house, just past Southern Cross, to spend the night. Enjoying their hospitality, hot showers and comfy beds.



Then on to home Sundy.

A terrific week spent touring this beautiful part of the country. The weather was kind though generally on the cool side and flies were generally scarce to tolerable at worst.

I plan to run a trip similar to this in August/September next year. The plan is to accommodate caravaners and campers with the option of a long weekend or a full week. Caravans won't be able to participate in all sections but can use Jaurdi as a base to cover the Gus

Russell & Carolyn



TOODYAY WEEKEND

17-20 Oct 2025

Michelle, Brian, Makayla went up early on the Thursday evening. Everyone else coming into Toodyay Holiday Park & Chalets on Friday afternoon. Steve & Leann, Terry & Jacky, Shaun & Rose, Marian & Keith, Rob & Maria, Paul & Mirella, Luciano & Nadia, Neil & Deb, Archie & Karen, Dave & Sue, Ron & Ang, Bruce & Cherril, Alisa & Rod.



Saturday was archery morning. Karen, Dave & Sue stayed back at camp. As Ang got the weekend wrong and had double booked herself, she went off to a baby shower in Innaloo.

Everyone else exited the caravan park out onto the highway & took the correct left-hand street on to Hody well Archery except Keith & Marian with their passenger Ron. Keith 'knew' the way..... and didn't use a GPS. Shame he headed to Northem instead. Ron was very helpful and pointed out they could get there using the turn Keith took but the 5km trip would be an extra 30km to get there.

After having all 21 participants sign in the groups were announced.

.I don't know. Robbery = Rob, Keith, Cherril, Jacky, Steve.



Your grandmother beat me= Terry, Bruce, Maria, Marian.



Blind antelope (no eye dear)=Brian, Archie, Rose, Luciano.



Panthers=Shaun, Alisa, Makayla, Neil.



Tail end Charlie's=Ron, Paul, Deb, Michelle.

Everyone had a great time and had lots of laughs. The weather held off with only a few drops of rain. No bulls eye during the competition but Cherril got 1 with her first practice arrow.

After Archery everyone did their own thing with most popping into the bakery for lunch. Some went off to visit the Jennacubbine tavern as a possible venue for our Xmas in July location. Others visited the museum, drive around town or back to camp.

At 6pm all 29 of us went off to dinner at the Victorian pub in town. We all ordered dinner and got our drinks. The food came our quickly and enjoyed by all. Then is was trophy presentation time. With a grand total score of 6 Keith Granland was awarded the wooden spoon award.



- ◆ Other scores
- ◆ Cherril 10
- ◆ Maria 13
- ◆ Jacky 14
- ◆ Makayla 16
- ◆ Marian 18
- ◆ Rose 22
- ◆ Deb 29
- ◆ Alisa 34
- ◆ Michelle 37 women's champion for 2025



- ◆ Paul 15
- ◆ Bruce 16
- ◆ Steve 33
- ◆ Neil 37
- ◆ Ron 39
- ◆ Archie 44
- ◆ Luciano 44
- ◆ Terry 45
- ◆ Rob 53
- ◆ Brian 56
- ◆ Shaun 61 men's champion for 2025

Back to camp for more socialising. There were lots of tours in most of the vans with Rob & Maria having their 1 day old van out on their maiden voyage & Keith+Marian and Brian+Michelle looking for an update on their vans.

On Sunday Rob, Maria, Luciano, Nadia, Bruce & Cherril went home.

While the other 11 vehicles went off for a day run. Karen & Archie decided to stay back at camp for some alone time 😊. Dave & Sue started the track but decided to head back to camp.

We drove down the highway to Julimar State Forrest. Brian & Michelle lead the way through some tracks with a stop for morning tea & lunch. Thanks to Ron & Ang being tail end Charlie and helping us do a suss out run last week. Not a very challenging day run but nice to try some hill descent and lovely drive through the forest.



Back to camp for a rest for most. Then we cramped into Ron & Ang annex for a couple games of 5 crowns & happy hour. Jacky & Makayla were the winners. There was a fight over who got the cherry ripe from the box of favourites. Marian overexerted herself trying to step up the log but didn't make it up and 'accidentally' farted in Michelle face.

Neil scared everyone by having a few heart attack systems but ended up ok. We all learnt a lesson to improve our 1st aid kits and bring along a BP cuff which we all owned but no-one packed. He is all well and saw a Dr on returning home.

Everyone went off for dinner and returning to Alisa, Rod, Marian & Keith Annex for social hour. Shaun brought out a heater for Rose, which everyone laughed at but Keith jumped on the band wagon and Monday was pack up and go home day. Paul and Mirella stayed on and nearly got washed away from the rain that came in. Thanks again to everyone for your company.

Michelle & Brian

Whicher Rangers

26-29 September, 2025

16 vehicles came to Whicher Ranges on the 26-29 September.

Tony & Jen & Missy, Ray, Joe & Elisa, Kym & Glenda, Vince & Gayle, Troy & Heather (visitor), Mark & Stella, Alan & Alison, Michelle & Brian, Alisa & Rod & Ginger, Marian & Keith, Phil & Judy, Ron, Ang and Bailey, Paul & Mirella, Eric & Julie, Sean & Rose.

Some people came in the days leading up the weekend. Most arriving Thursday afternoon and Friday. The last to arrive were Alisa and Rod on Friday evening. There was a small fire for WW standard for Friday night. Keith suggested a lotto syndicate for the weekend. Within 5 minutes all 15 couples & Ray provided their \$5, gotta be in it to win it. Ray bought the ticket on Saturday morning. Unfortunately, we did not win anything.....

Saturday Tony and Jenny led us on a lovely day run 12 cars. We stopped by a old oil well, then on to rapid pools at Cane Brake.



Then back to camp for everyone to watch the grand final for those that wanted to watch. Others played games or had a Nanna nap. Happy hour around the fire was enjoyed with Glenda showing us how to pole dance. (Photo evidence)

Few camp oven diners cooked around the camp fire. Michelle & Alisa cooked a sticky date puddings to share with to crew (Gf & Normal).

Sunday - Tony & Jenny led another day run to Nannup. All 16 vehicles left camp at 10am. Through the bush tracks which was a beautiful drive through the thick bush land with some steep inclines and declines, windy tracks a few small water crossings, avoiding fallen trees and the odd bolder to navigate around.

Then back onto the black top into Nannup stop in at Nannup for lunch, some of us had a packed lunch others drove into town and bought lunch. Joe was a happy man with his chips.



After lunch we all went back to camp. The Gents went off collecting wood, chainsaws a blazing for wood to stoke the fire to make hot coals for everyone's camp ovens for the Damper comp.

The lady's set up a few tables around the fire and played cards, lots of laughs 😊 There was a new game taught to a few of us. Mirella showed us how 'not' to win around. Alisa got into Marian bad books by saying "she always gets her own way"

Was great seeing and hearing convoy procedures being used so no one got lost.

Keith had a fan belt issue - Alan to the rescue which he resolved with a bit of bush mechanics and trickery Keith was back on the road again (Thanks Alan)



As there was such a big group we decided to make a happy hour roster and only 5 people each night provided nibbles so there was not a overload of food. Was a great idea and enjoyed by all

Sunday night Damper Comp

Our Damper comp chief taste tester was Ray. Appointed by a few as most other did a damper and didn't want a bias. After scrutinising and taking notes a winner was announced

12 dampers created , 4 gluten free dampers and 8 normal dampers.

Winner was Stella & Mark with a normal Damper



Lots of fun around the fire had by all

A few of us left on the Monday morning with most of the retirees staying for another night.

Thanks Tony & Jenny for such a great weekend xx

Report written by Alisa (assisted by Michelle)



TRIP REPORT

PERTH TO BRISBANE

VIA GUNBARREL HIGHWAY/ALICE SPRINGS/LAKE EYRE/SIMPSON
DESERT/BIRDSVILLE

Unfortunately Mark and Stella were a late withdrawal from the trip, so that left just Jane & I with Ian & Helen Bawden, friends of Tony & Jenny.

We departed Perth for Phase 1 in rain, cold, cloud & wind, well provisioned and with enough premade frozen meals for the whole trip (the Travel Buddy oven worked a treat). Ian and Helen made the RV with us at Jibberding on 22 June.



We left the rain behind and didn't see anything but beautiful blue skies until 1 day out of Brisbane almost 5 weeks later – very lucky. The trip to Carnegie Station was going well until I had a puncture about 1km from the station around lunchtime. We were staying the night anyway so an internal puncture repair was effected by station staff. We washed clothes, enjoyed a good station meal, good company and a good fire. Jane had allowed me to share the roof top tent with her from the start and the roof topper was surprisingly very comfortable.

The Gunbarrel is the Gunbarrel – it hasn't improved and probably worse after recent rain. Apart from the history, and the tracks of the early explorers, there was nothin'corrug exceptional to report except that my HEMA GPS started to shut down on corrugations then wouldn't change and Jane is still looking forward to travelling the "Highway 'part of the Gunbarrel.



We only met a couple of vehicles in the 4 days it took to cross between Carnegie Station and Warburton. One of them was towing a small caravan in the opposite direction to us and the wife was distraught at how bad the conditions were. We don't know how they got on because they hadn't even hit the really rough stuff yet and we didn't have the heart to tell them what was ahead. We had great fires every night, great history and a few camels.

We split up with Ian & Helen after Curtin Springs and met a week later. Jane and I went to Ormiston Gorge and Finke 2 Mile.



Then it was 3 nights in a fabulous AirBnB in Alice Springs from where we made some meals and stocked up for the next leg. Alcohol restrictions were a challenge. Alice Springs was quiet – not what we had expected. I reported my issues to HEMA and purchased a new HEMA HX-2+ in Alice Springs.

Phase 2 started spectacularly with great fires on nights at: Rainbow Valley



Rainbow Valley



Chambers Pillar

Aurora Australis



and Lamberts Centre (the geographical centre of Australia).



At Lamberts Centre we watched the great QLD team win the State of Origin Series in Game 3 through our Starlink. Unfortunately the water pump for our hot instantaneous gas showers failed , so plan B (pump in a bucket) was put in place.

Then it was on to Mt Dare where I managed another puncture (very small to the sidewall), just before Mt Dare. The hotel tried to sell me a rubbish 2nd hand tyre but I found out that they had someone in Alice Springs so we stayed an extra day/night while a new one was delivered back to the hotel - \$650. Ouch, but it is remote and the tyre was brand new and necessary. Showers, washing, fires and pub meals were a welcome change to trip routine.

On our 2nd day at Mt Dare our Starlink failed after only 17 days use so a new one was organised from Alice Springs by Mt Dare staff. Great service yet again.

We then headed off over a terrible track (3 hrs for 70km) to the fabulous Dalhousie Springs where a hot soaking was thoroughly enjoyed by many travellers.



The story of settlement at Dalhousie illuminates how tough life was out there back then, and the ruins are fascinating.

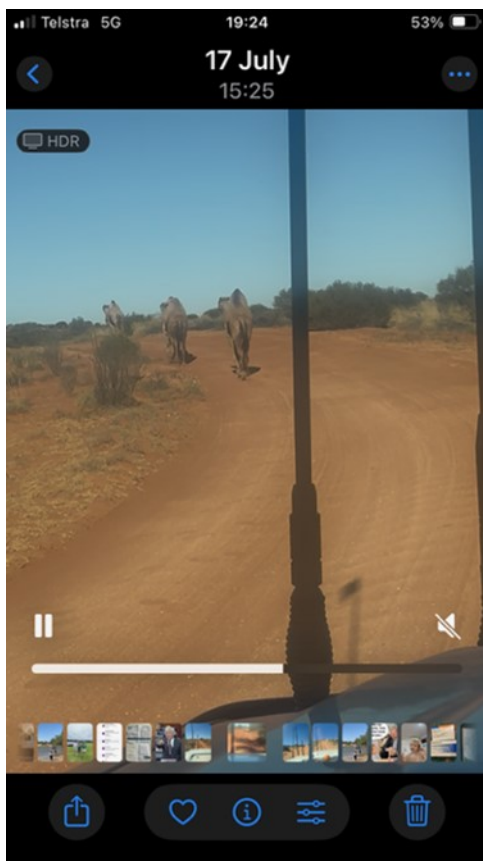




Our original trip plan had us heading from Dalhousie Springs to the Simpson Desert but the filling of Lake Eyre had called for a change of plan and a roughly 1000km round trip detour via Oodnadatta.

A 2 day trip ensued to William Creek where we showered, washed and had a pub meal then took a spectacular flight over a flooding Lake Eyre next morning – a once in a life-time opportunity. We were very fortunate and excited to do the flight in Dick Smith's twice round the world Cessna Caravan.

We returned to Mt Dare to pick up our new Star-link, stayed the night, then met up with Ian & Helen next day at Dalhousie Springs where they had waited for us.



Then it was finally off to the Simpson Desert, that had only recently opened after rains, where we had the pleasure of 4 camels leading us into our 1st nights camp. There are reportedly over 1 million wild camels in Australia.



Over the next couple of days we were on the tracks less travelled (WAA Line, Erabena Track, Rig Road to Lone Gun and Knolls Track) and saw very few vehicles which was great. Campsites were plentiful and really good. We did not have to share a campsite on the Gunbarrel or over the Simpson. Wood was plentiful on both. The wildflowers were spectacular over the whole Simpson, wattles were in flower and green was everywhere.



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We joined the busy main French Line track, detoured across Lake Poeppel to Poeppel Corner and camped on the busy QAA Line for our 3rd (and last) night in the desert - that was the only night below zero for the whole trip. Up until then, 4 to 8 degrees C nightly had been the norm with 18 – 22 C and beautiful blue skies and no wind every day since Jibberding so we were very fortunate.

Eyre Creek was still flooded so it was off to the bypass where a large group of nervous nellies were waiting & procrastinating over a pretty simple well marked water crossing of about 900mm on entry then about 700mm for the crossing. So someone had to lead the way.



We then headed to Big Red where we made it up the 4th of the 5 tracks, then onwards to Birdsville for the night. The Birdsville Hotel has a large number of very new donger style accommodations that are really good.

We did not use Low Range at all on the Simpson even though we had 30 psi rear (heavy load) and 16 psi front. West to East was easier than expected and definitely easier than the reverse. Between dunes it was very up & down, porpoising, at 25km/hr or less. Channel 10 and sand flags were compulsory but as always there are some with one and not the other, or some who didn't listen to the radio – we almost had a head-on at the top of a dune on the French Line with some idiots who did not monitor their radio even when we had called and we were separated by only a couple of hundred metres. We saw a number of vehicles towing trailers and campers and even one with a sizeable boat. Motorbikes treating the desert as a motorcross event were more dangerous with bikes doing 60 – 70 km/hr (plus) and no comms or flags.

We had taken out the \$495 Recovery Package offered by Birdsville Hotel, fortunately didn't use it, but saw quite a number of vehicles who ended their trips on the back of recovery trucks either from Mt Dare or Birdsville – if you have(no insurance then reportedly it's 5k - \$15k for a recovery - ouch \$\$\$\$\$+.



There were a couple of detours in place around flooded salt lakes but nothing difficult. Surprisingly fuel usage only increased slightly (around 20%) through the desert.

We parted company with Ian & Helen after a great meal at the Birdsville Hotel. They headed back to Perth across the Nullabor into a howling gale and rain and we headed 1600 km east to the Sunshine Coast where we ended the trip just as we started with wind & rain.

Overall a great trip of almost 5 weeks, 6700km with spectacular scenery, fantastic history, great fires (from an over-worked chainsaw) and fabulous memories.

Jane says she deserves a medal.

Post trip.

We found out later that a lot of the roads and tracks we had just used from Mt Dare – Dalhousie Springs – Oodnadatta - William Creek and return were closed due to heavy rain soon after we had been through so, yet again, we were very fortunate.

HEMA refunded the full cost of the new GPS, JB HiFi refunded the cost of the original Starlink and Starlink gave an account credit of \$200 to cover the difference in cost from the original Starlink and the one purchased from Alice Springs. Great service without any argument.

Jane returned to Perth on 14 August for 3 weeks and I was once more 'Home Alone'.

Larry & Jane

WW 27

Wedge Island Day Run

All Meet up at the Café

8 cars in convoy

Lovely rainy day

Ang & Ron have the defib on board for anyone that's planning on needing it !

Headed up on the blacktop to Wedge Island, heavy rain all the way up to Wedge.

When we got there it stopped raining.

Poked our nose out on the beach at Wedge Island, not much beach so we went for a drive through the shacks then back onto the beach at another spot, but no luck for a run up the beach today.

Not much beach with the wild ocean hitting the beach. So Back onto the tracks to Wedge.

Drove up to the sand dunes to have look around great view of the dunes and wild ocean. Still no rain.

After a group discussion we headed back out onto the black top, after a few km down the road nipped back into a track on the left, had a nice drive down the track we stop at camp-site 13 of Wanagarren camp-site for lunch. (There are some nice sites to camp with fire pits to use if you bring in your own wood)





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The rain gods were good to us for lunch and most of the trip.

Jumped back into the cars to do some more track work up into Grey drove through the shacks onto the beach for a look around.

Then out through the shacks again back on the blacktop to go home.



It was definitely a miserable day weather wise BUT IT WAS A FANTASTIC DAY CLUB WISE !!!

Thanks Russ for a great day!

It brought back so many memories of free camping up this coast line 30 years ago for us.

Report by Alisa Oehlman

Collie Very Amateur Golf weekend

November 7-9, 2025

Ledge Point has been the venue for our golf weekend for as long as we can remember. The caravan park is excellent but its prices were creeping up and were about \$48pn in 2024 if I remember correctly. This year they wanted an eye-watering \$75pn – that's even more than Coral Bay or Broome and its not even school holidays or summertime. Every weekend we have stayed there, the park was always full, so I guess they figure they can charge whatever they like.

So, we changed venue and headed to Collie instead. That Collie River Valley 'Resort' is far more rustic than Ledge Point, but at \$38 for G'Day members is excellent value. And it has an excellent marquee for club use. So, we sussed it out and made a tentative booking for 8 sites. It seems this will become the new regular venue as we eventually had more than 20 sites occupied for the weekend.

Wednesday saw 4 couples arrive. On Thursday, the 4 of us sought out the Wellington Legacy Forest where we successfully searched for Carol Clark's memorial tree and plaque. It's a lovely, peaceful forest rehabilitation setting established as a 'cemetery' for want of a better word. Carol had previously chosen this as her final resting place.

We then continued to Wellington Dam to see the mural. It's starting to fade a little, so I hope they have a plan to refresh it a bit. They are building a new road crossing at the base of the dam. The road is closed to we backtracked to River Rd. We all agreed we felt the need for a winery visit and lunch. Green Door has a wonderful setting with views out to the ocean. We indulged in the tasting plates which lived up their name – tasty. Of course, we had a wine tasting – ok but not exciting enough to purchase - and their samples could have been a bit larger to get a better taste.

After that we went past the BushShack Brewery, the venue for Friday's lunch. Then onto the Collie Golf Course to make sure everything was set for the big competition on Saturday. When we arrived back at camp, many more caravans had arrived. That night we had happy hour in the marquee with the usual abundance for snacks and banter.

Friday morning the whole group headed off for lunch. We stopped at Carol's memorial site again for those that had just arrive the previous night. We had a virtual cheers to Carol and took a few pictures which I sent to Alan, who was very touched and appreciative.

Lunch at the brewery was excellent and it's a brilliant venue for a large group, dog friendly too. Tony and Jenny drove up from Eaton for the lunch, so that was a lovely catchup too. The beers, cider and ginger beer were all pretty decent. The food was good with very generous serves.

As we were leaving we noticed a wallet and phone on the table. Kym had left it behind. Unfortunately, we couldn't crack the PINs, so no free drinks were had. On the way back, Angela got her bangle and watch confused and ended up in Bunbury instead of Collie.

Friday evening saw another big contingent of WWs arrive and the park was fully booked out. There were at least 20 caravans in total. Happy Hour saw a number of games of cards played, more food and drinks.

Saturday, the big competition day with a good turnout with 14 players – one ladies team of 3, a men's team of 3 and two men's teams of 4. Karen and Angela booked a golfcart so they could drive around and have a laugh at all of the teams. It was also great that Bailey was allowed to sit in the cart and enjoy the day out as well as navigating so Angela didn't end up in Bunbury again. Bailey thought he would have a go at driving, with one leg under the brake pedal and on one the accelerator. That made for a hilarious scene where neither Karen or Angela could stop the cart until they managed to get Bailey's leg from under the brake pedal. It was also handy for them to backtrack and find a club that Brian had left on one of the earlier greens.

Oh yeah, the golf. We assigned teams into groups by ability - good, ordinary and hopeless. I think we all know who we are, so I'll spare the embarrassment of naming people. 9 holes and a shotgun start so we could get finished before the club competition started at 12.00.

To even up the scoring outcomes, we penalised those who played for more than once a week. 2 strokes per hole (so +18 shots added at the end) and those who played once a week, 1 stroke for hole (+ 9 shots added). It worked out pretty well as all scores were within about half a dozen strokes in the end. Even with the 18 shot penalty, Neil only missed out on winning by 2 strokes.

The Ladies Champion was Debbie, who actually outscored nearly all of the men despite not having played for at least a year and only brought her clubs under protest as a last-minute decision. Men's Champion was Bruce who will have his name added to the perpetual trophy yet again – your turn to organise next year Bruce. The NAGA award went to Nadia, understandably as she had never played before. So, it was great to have some new people having a laugh out there, even if she did pick up the ball and put it in her pocket on one hole. Thank you and well done to the winners and all those who got out there and had a go. Lunch and drinks were had at the 19th hole of course. Many came from the caravan park with their lunch and enjoyed the club veranda with views over the golf course. It's an excellent venue all round.

Saturday night tradition is the games and quiz night arranged by Karen. This year she downloaded a bunch of random quizzes from the internet, not even looking at them before reading them out on the night. The one about rabbits was very educational. Who would have thought we knew so little about our furry friends. That was only surpassed by our total lack of knowledge of music from the 2000's. Anyone who scored more than 4 or 5 must have been Googling under the table. The favourite quizzes were the general knowledge True or False. Even with a 50/50 chance there are some that should not admit their scores. Pictionary didn't get a run this year as we didn't have a big whiteboard, so I was pretty happy about that. There was also a name the Logo sheet which turned out a little harder than you might think. As usual it was fun and laughter packed night. Well done to Karen for organising. Wisely the late-night whisky club didn't get out of hand as most of us had to drive the next day.

It looks like Collie will become a regular venue for the golf weekend. There are so many more attractions around that area compared to Ledge Point for those not playing golf, the caravan park is much more affordable and the golf club is very friendly and accommodating. And importantly it's an hour closer to us in Mandurah!!!!

Christmas Bar B Q

The annual Christmas BBQ was held on the 14th December at the Battens. An excellent turnout of 45 members and two dogs attended. The weather was forecast to be hot, 40o + with possible thunderstorms which meant we were wondering whether to put tables on the back lawn. Late in the afternoon, thunderstorms rolled in and 3 to 4mm rain was dropped which cooled things down. By the time the wanderers arrived the weather was perfect. The usual array of salads were provided by members and ice creams were provided by the club.

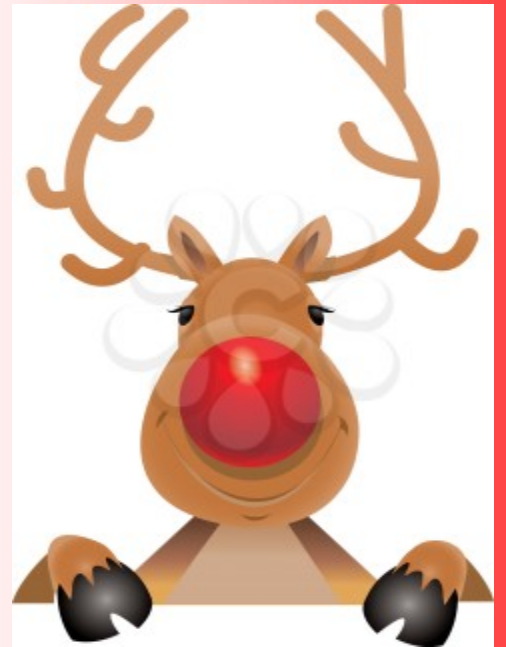
Wishing you all a Happy New Year

Kym & Glenda





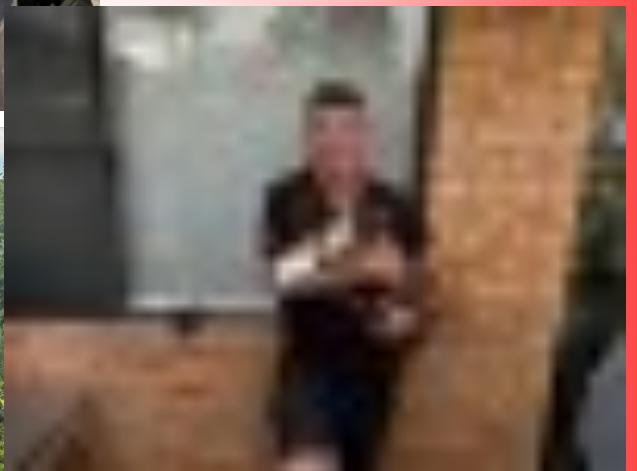








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2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

Wanneroo Wanderers 4WD Club

Trip and Social Events - Fridge Flyer



Amended 14th Oct 2025

Time	Monthly Club Meeting 2026	Venue
7.45pm First Wednesday of every month (excl. Jan & Sept)	14 Jan, 4 Feb, 4 March, 1 April, 6 May, 3 Jun, 1 Jul, 5 Aug, (Sept meeting at AGM TBA), 7 Oct, 4 Nov, 2 Dec	Warradale Community Centre, Southmead Dve, Landsdale
Date	Event	Leader / Host/ Organiser
JANUARY 2026		
(School Holidays until Mon 2nd Feb) public holiday 26th January		
10th - 11th Jan	New Years BBQ @ Lower Chittering	Ron and Angela
23rd - 27th Jan	Olive Tree Farm Camp group booked confirmed same as 2025	Joe and Elisa
FEBRUARY 2026		
TBA	Bridgetown	Phil and Judy Anderson
14th	Valentines event	Steve and Kerrie Waterman
MARCH 2026		
Labour day 2nd March 2026		
27 feb - 2 mar	Preston lime - fishing Comp	Tom Jones
TBA	Barb games night	Barb Lynch
April 2026		
Easter 3rd-6th April Anzac day Saturday 25th April 2026 (public holiday Monday 27th)		
School holidays 3rd April to 19th April		
TBA	Rawlina rodeo & Bilbunya dunes	Steve Bly
3rd-6th	Augusta - accom TBC	
24th-27th	Kwolyin	Keith and Marian
MAY 2026		
Mother Day Sunday 10th May		
late May	Gibb River Road - 14 nights approx - more details to come	Shaun Garlick
15th-18th	Dwellingup fire line track	Eric Ayers
TBA	Ten Pin Bowling	Leann Sharp
JUNE 2026		
Public Holiday Mon 1st Jun WA Day		
29th may-1st june	Wandina station	Ang and Ron
JULY 2026		
(Winter School Holidays Sat 4 to Sun 19 July)		
4th July	Bonfire @ Hillside	Dave and Penny
25th	Christmas in July location TBA	
TBA	Day Run	required
AUGUST 2026		
TBA	Kalgoorlie train run	required
29th-30th	Jaurdi Station	Russell and Carol
SEPTEMBER 2026		
(Spring School Holidays Sat 26 Sept to Sun 11 Oct)		
father day 6th Sept - Public Holiday Mon 28th Sept King's Birthday		
TBA	AGM @ TBC	
25th-28th	Gravel pit - Damper Competition	Tony Downe
OCTOBER 2026		
(Spring School Holidays to Sun 11 Oct)		
16th-19th	Archery in Toodyay with day run	Michelle and Brian
24th	70's night	Paul and Mirella
NOVEMBER 2026		
3rd	Melbourne cup luncheon - details to come	Ang Francis
TBA	Day Run	required
DECEMBER 2026		
(Summer School Holidays Fri 18 Dec)		
TBA	Awards night	TBA
20th	Christmas bbq	Kym & Glenda Batten