

WANNEROO WANDERERS 4WD CLUB



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From the Editor

Hello Wanneroo Wanderers

Mother nature certainly announced Autumn with impact to our great state of W.A. Together with the fuel situation, costs and health we may be considering a few changes in this season. Regardless I am sure the WW will continue to be an active band of great people.

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 PROCEDURE

1. Fuel tanks must be filled prior to start of trip.
2. Before moving off from a designated departure point the trip leader will appoint 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

Awards night - 29th Nov 2025

The Christmas dinner/awards night was held at Ron and Angs'. Some came in on Friday night to camp over and some came in on the Saturday. Saturday was spent relaxing during the day with some dipping in the pool and socialising. By mid afternoon the allocated jobs for all the attendees started.

Everyone had a job to do from selling raffle tickets, to cutting up vegies, to carving the meat and then cleaning up. By having everyone do something it made it easier on the hosts. Some wanted assistance from their wives (Terry) but everyone had to do their bit. The tables were decorated wonderfully by Terry, Glenda, Dave, Alan and Terry.



The meat and vegies were cooked to perfection if not early. Eric, Brendan and Kym carved the meat with great pizzazz. Shaun and Rose snuck in at the end to prep the vegies and gravy.



When it came to the clean up Paul took over the washing of the dishes and wouldn't let anyone near them until they were sparkling clean and well rinsed. Judy, Phil, Luciano. Deb and Alan had to just sit back and wait to dry the dishes.



Lindsey came well prepared to sell his raffles tickets with help from Alison. The carrot prepared by Barb were the talk of the night. Brian and Deb other vegies were ok to.



The only person that needed a gentle nudge to get in the kitchen to do their task was Andrew but in the end he went willingly.....and helped prep the desserts with Deb. and Jacky.

Mirella and Gayle presented the dessert wonderfully.

To finish the night off Dave, Vince, Tony and Jenny cleaned up the desserts.

Unfortunately there was only 1 award given out. That was presented to Shaun with his toot toot ward. Hopefully at the AGM we will have a few more awards to be given out then.

Trophies for the female golf winner (Deb C) and archery trophy (Michelle) were presented



There were raffle prizes galore. Everyone went home with at least 1 prize, some were lucky enough to get 6-7.



Thank you to everyone that came along and helped run another great Wanneroo Wanderers event.

Written by Michelle

BRIDGETOWN WEEKEND

With Judy and Phil

A small group of Wanneroo Wanderers met up at Sunnyside Reserve south east of Bridgetown on Friday the 6th of February. Phil and Judy had been at the Bridgetown caravan park since Wednesday to do a suss out on Thursday. Kym and Glenda and Richard had also arrived in Bridgetown early and were also at the caravan park on Wednesday.

On Friday the three of us drove the short distance to Sunnyside to be joined shortly after by Ewen and Dee in their new OKA. It is quite an impressive vehicle, set up for many Aussie outback adventures. This was their 4th shake down trip to iron out any new vehicle issues, so far only some minor problems.

Not long after that we were joined by Michelle and Brian, Kerri and Steve, Mark and Stella and finally Tom.

Sunnyside looks like a cricket oval with a large corrugated iron shed on the west side and surrounded by trees, so reasonably sheltered and is next to the Blackwood River. There is good river access which is great for kayaking and swimming although the river bed is a bit more mud than sand, but great on a hot day. A lot of kayaking was done with the 5 kayaks bought along by Phil, Kym and Glenda and Kerri and Steve.

The weather was fantastic, not too hot during the day and cool enough at night to get a good night's rest. Even though we had 2 gazebos, they were not needed as there was plenty of shade from the trees.

Friday night was pretty casual with the usual happy hour and a couple of drinks then dinner and back outdoors to marvel at the clear night sky and a bit of satellite spotting.

On Saturday we left the campsite at 9.00 to do the drive Phil had sussed out previously in the bush south east of Bridgetown. There were lots of roads closed due to disease risk so we had to take more Kingston national park roads than planned. We were limited with stops as there were lots of 1080 bait signs about so that didn't bode well with the 4 dogs we had with us. One short toilet break then onto our lunch stop around midday on to the upper reaches of the Blackwood River in a rather neglected covered picnic gazebo. We hit the road again in search of Jayes Bridge free camp area which was not far away, but unfortunately due to the bridge being closed for repairs we did not see the camp area on the other side of the bridge. There was some very nice natural bush during our drive on roads that none of us had been on before and very easy going, no dropping tyre pressures but lots of dust.



We made our way back to Bridgetown via Boyup Brook and then back to Sunnyside camp by mid-afternoon. A couple of the group had a swim, some kayaked and some got the cards out then it was happy hour and dinner time. After that there was another big card night in Judy and Phil's van while the others had another star gazing and satellite spotting night. Richard did not join us on Saturday as he had his grandsons first birthday in Bunbury that day. He came back mid afternoon with Kylie in tow.

Sunday was a lazy day with nothing much planned. Tom, Kylie, Michelle random vehicles coming in and out during the day. A quiet night to end the weekend. Thanks to the few that came from 3-4 hours away for just a couple of nights.

Phil and Judy and Mark and Stella headed home on Monday while Richard and Bella have another day on the road before they return home and Kerri, Steve and Toby have two more nights out.

A great campsite at Sunnyside, so maybe not the last time we visit.



2026 Valentines Night

On February 14th the annual WW Valentines Night get together was held at Steve & Kerri Waterman's in North Beach. 45 members enjoyed a casual summers evening on the verandah overlooking Star Swamp bushland.

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Paella dish that was delivered at \$20.00 per head, with club providing a good selection of desserts. By all reports was enjoyed by all.



After dinner Steve subjected everyone to his special valentine's quiz... Questions covered James Bond's romances, film industry and rock legends marriages and romances, together with testing our knowledge of personal relationships of our politicians... to ensure nobody could get 100%. Thankfully only 25 questions in total.



Whilst several members had little idea of any correct answers, others showed amazing general knowledge.

With quiz over it was time for dessert and drinks with everything wrapped up by 11pm.



Thank you all for your participation and making it a great social evening.

Steve & Kerri WW39

2026 Fishing Competition

(27 Feb - 2 March)

Everyone attending had arrived at the Preston Lime Campground by Friday evening. Being a holiday weekend the campground was very popular. However there was room for our 10 vans. Campground facilities are limited to two toilets in front of the Red Shed behind the Hobbit Hut.

Eric mentioned he would be departing at 3AM on Saturday for a pre-dawn start. The remainder of the fishers weren't that serious.

At 8:30 Ray, Phil and Tom departed for Preston Beach where they met Eric who had already caught a good sized Tailor and a Herring. The four then headed south down the beach to a promising looking spot. By now the forecast wind from the SW was affecting the current pushing lines north along the beach.

After several hours with no bites more interest was starting to be shown in vehicles getting stuck in the sand. A local farmer went past in his tractor looking for trade. With nothing in the water Phil decided to go for a swim.

By early afternoon the wind had become even stronger. That's when it was mentioned Nardia was providing freshly baked scones for afternoon tea. Fishing immediately stopped and the group returned to the campground where everyone enjoyed some very tasty scones.

Late afternoon more fishers returned to Preston beach in anticipation of fishing at dusk. The situation with the wind hadn't improved.

7:30PM was the weigh-in time and only Eric had caught fish. He was therefore the 2026 winner.

The trophy presentation was conducted at 8PM.

Barb's Games Night

Thank you to the host for the night barb, to the 40 people that attended and the 24 people that participated in the games night & the assistant judge Makayla.

The group was split into 4 teams of 6.

Blue team: Phil, John, Kym, Ang, Shaun, Cherril

Green team: Alisa, Luciano, Julie, Michael, Bruce,, Indi.

Yellow team: Sue, Paul, Eric, Glenda, Ron, Deb.

Orange team: Penny, Steve, Richard, Andrew, Rose, Alison.

The 1st game was throw 3 ping pong balls into a basketball hoop worn on a team members head.

Green completed it in 3 min 36 seconds

Orange 3 min 39 seconds

Yellow 3 mins 45 seconds'

Blue 4min 10 seconds

As that was happening my assistant judge Makayla was running the granny pants toss.

One player wore granny pants and the rest of the team had to throw 3 ping balls into the pants.

Orange completed in 42 seconds

Green 51 seconds

Yellow 53 seconds

Blue 1 min 28 seconds

Next was fling a chicken at a pyramid, This seemed a little difficult and we had to change the game up a little bit. Each person threw 2 chickens each to see who could knock down a pyramid of 10 shooter cups down.

Yellow had 3 cups left

Blue had 4 cups left

Green and Orange had 6 cups left.

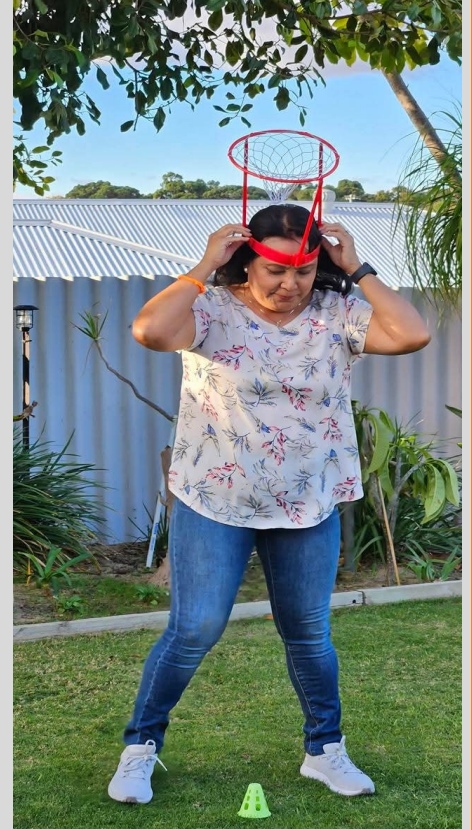
Then 4 members of the team had 3 attempts to bounce a ball on a parachute thing

Blues best was 10

Green was 16

Orange 40

Orange with only 1 attempt got 91+. We stopped counting at 91 but they could of gone all night.



Then 5 of the team had to run a ping pong ball along a tube to a bucket. This got most of the teams unstuck as you couldn't touch the ball with your hands or move your feet when you had the ball or you start again.

Yellow took 41.95 seconds
Orange to 1 min 51.32 Seconds
Blue to 2 mins 56.49 seconds
Green took 4 ins 5.52 seconds

Then to finish the physical games off, it was an Old fashioned egg and spoon race.

1st was Yellow, followed by green, orange and Blue.

We had a break for dinner. The club brought the chickens and the group brought lots of yummy salads.



Then onto the Q&A's part of the night. There were 3 rounds of head to head questions for each team member where they had to buzz in the answer. Unfortunately the people up each time didn't know the answers. Some answer had to come from the crowd. The first round was acronyms. Ones like YOLO-you only live once. KISS-keep it simple stupid and FFS- for F@#\$ sake, which we had to say 5 times because Marian couldn't hear the answer. Next what are groups of animals called. Camels= a caravan, porcupine=prickle, panda= an embarrassment.

Then baby animal names. This had a couple of easy ones, frog=tadpole, kangaroo=joey, and a couple of hard ones echidna=puggle, bat=pup.

Then there were 20 questions answered by the teams. (1 question had 5 answer) No team knew that hippopotamus produce pin milk or that the winner of the wife carrying championship won the weight of the wife in beer for a prize.

Then a huge spread of deserts where on offer.

We drew the raffle which was 2 x \$50. vouchers for the Whitfords Brewing company drawn by the birthday girl Ang. Won by Julie and Sue Morris.

The winner of the night won a trophy each.

4th place Blue, 3rd Green, 2nd Orange and 1st Yellow.



It was yet another successful Wanneroo Wanderers night.

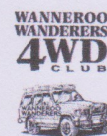
Thanks to everyone for pitching in to get dinner out and cleaned up.

Barb and Michelle

2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

Wanneroo Wanderers 4WD Club

Trip and Social Events - Fridge Flyer



Amended 29th March 2026

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		
9th - 11th	New Years BBQ @ Lower Chittering - brunch, cocktails and swimming	Ron & Angela
23rd - 27th	Olive Tree Farm Camp group booked confirmed same as 2025	Joe and Elisa
FEBRUARY 2026		
6-8th	Bridgetown	Phil & Judy
14th	Valentines event - Paella night cost \$20 ahead	Steve and Kerrie
MARCH 2026		
Labour day 2nd March 2026		
27 Feb - 2 Mar	Preston lime - fishing comp	Tom
14th	Barb's games night	Barb & Michelle
April 2026		
Easter 3rd-6th April Anzac day Saturday 25th April 2026 (public holiday Monday 27th)		
School holidays 3rd April to 19th April		
7th-17th	Rawlina rodeo & Bilbunya dunes	Steve Bly
3rd-6th	Mt Barker	Alan & Alison
24th-27th	Kwolyin	*Keith & Marian
MAY 2026		
Mother Day Sunday 10th May		
24th May - 22nd June	Gibb River Road	Shaun & rose
9th	Ten Pin Bowling - AMF \$27.90 each for 2 games then dinner at Sovereign arms	Leann
15th-18th	Dwellingup fire line track	Eric & Julie
JUNE 2026		
Public Holiday Mon 1st Jun WA Day		
29th May-1st June	Wandina station	Ang & Ron
JULY 2026		
(Winter School Holidays Sat 4 to Sun 19 July)		
4th	Bonfire @ Hillside - to be confirmed closer to the date	*Dave & Penny
24-26th	Christmas in July proposed Collie caravan park. Mention the club when you book direct	Michelle
TBA	Day Run	required
AUGUST 2026		
TBA	Kalgoorlie train run	required
29th-30th	Jaurdi Station	Russell & 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		
5th	AGM and awards night @ Woodvale Tavern - details to come closer to the date	Michelle
25th-28th	Gravel pit - Damper Competition	Tony
OCTOBER 2026		
(Spring School Holidays to Sun 11 Oct)		
16th-19th	Archery in Toodyay with day run	Michelle & Brian
24th	70's night - dress in 70's theme	*Paul & Mirella
NOVEMBER 2026		
3rd	Melbourne cup luncheon - details to come	*Ang
TBA	Day Run	required
DECEMBER 2026		
(Summer School Holidays Fri 18 Dec)		
TBA	Awards night	TBA
20th	Christmas bbq	Kym & Glenda

*=to be confirmed