



Freedom
All Wheel Drive Club
of Western Australia

Newsletter April 2022

Monthly Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Manning Seniors Centre at 3 Downey Drive Manning. Arrive 7.15pm, grab a cuppa and be ready to start at 7.30pm. Meetings usually last about an hour.

President's Report

Hi everybody.

Now that the restrictions have been relaxed and fire bans are starting to lift, we can look forward to some camp cooking and playing in the mud. Several other events are on the horizon, so we can start to plan for them. Those who wish to come on the September wildflower tour to Ravensthorpe and surrounds need to book holidays and register as we will have to book some places at the end of July. Christmas in July will again be held, well, in July, so that also needs to be booked. At the April meeting we will start planning the November 4x4 adventure show display. If you can help with the planning please volunteer to assist. You do not have to volunteer to come on the day, but that would also be good. There is preparation work to be done designing flyers, taking and picking up materials from printers etc. and just sending emails, making and confirming bookings. Ideas are welcome.

A small but intrepid crew was hoping to head out on the Holland track at Easter, but the destination had to be changed to Elachbutting Rock due to weather conditions. We believe that the trip went very well any way and look forward to hearing of their adventures. Thanks to John P for organizing this.

Our Jack of all trades, Ted is moving house this month. That could well mean that for a short period our VP, Trip Coordinator and IT gur, (he's not a complete guru yet,) may not have internet access. This in turn may result in me completely destroying the web site and G suit. I'll try not to do too much damage.

Peter has written up an article about our club for The Western 4W Driver magazine. Hopefully we get this published soon. It is worth subscribing to this, our own WA based 4x4 magazine for a good read. Also check out their Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/western4wdriver/> Thanks Peter for the hard work.

Anzac weekend saw several members enjoy a camp at Twin Creek campsite in Gidgegannup, complete with 4x4 track, camp oven cooking and an Anzac dawn service. The trip report is below.

This Newsletter is a little later than normal, due to late submission of trip reports and our editor being a little busier than usual. Thanks Debi. Anyone that has some items for the newsletter, please submit them to Debi or myself.

If you want to go somewhere, put up your suggestion and we may be able to plan a trip.

See you all soon

Tony Allender President.

Trip Reports

ANZAC camp – Twin Creeks - Gidgegannup

This trip was supposed to commence with all meeting at Gidgegannup at 1115 on Saturday morning, but Tony and Jill V had actually gone up on the Friday. As Carole and I were packed and ready by 3pm on the Friday, we decided to join them at the camp, arriving at Twin Creeks that afternoon. On arrival, the fire was already burning and everyone had dinner and settled in for a reasonably early night.



The next morning we drove into Gidgegannup and met up with the rest of the group at the information bay, then proceeded to the camp in convoy as originally planned. The rest of the morning was then spent setting up and settling in. At 2.30 it was decided to drive the property firebreak. The firebreak is a mostly rocky surface with some fairly interesting climbs and descents. There are several creek crossings available which vary from reasonable to downright impossible without lift and lockers. We all took the easier route and still had a good outing with no damage to vehicles. That evening everyone settled around the campfire for a chat.



This camp out was planned as a relaxing and social weekend so Sunday was declared a free day. The majority of the group headed into Gidgegannup Bakery for a leisurely morning tea from where they then set off to Toodyay, Nobel Falls or back to camp. Some members had another play on the track and others walked around the property. All assembled in the late afternoon for dinner around the campfire. The property owner, David visited and told us how he had come around just after 4am and stoked up the fire for our Anzac service, before realizing that Anzac day was Monday, not Sunday. Des showed a previously hidden talent, first producing a very tasty curry and then an apple damper to die for.



Monday morning started around 4.30am getting the fire going, (David didn't appear this morning) and trying to get the Bluetooth speaker to pair for the Anzac service. After some time this was achieved and we were able to listen to the service from Kings Park Perth. The sun rising through the trees added atmosphere to the dawn service. Following the service we had breakfast and Anzac biscuits before packing up and heading home.

Overall a fantastic trip at a beautiful venue.

[The Holland Track Adventure The Wheat belt Wander \(Wonder?\)](#)

Easter 2022

The Holland Track has been on my 4x4 bucket list for a while and the Easter long weekend presented a good opportunity to make the 320km journey from Hyden to Coolgardie. Alas, despite weeks of dry weather leading up to Easter, in the days prior a large amount of rain fell in the area, flooding local roads and making the Holland Track at best a bad idea.

A new plan based on an itinerary from John M. was hastily formulated, and so it was that three vehicles crewed by Kerstin and Myself, John & Deb and Sue set off from Goomalling on Friday morning, headed for Elachbutting Rock.

Friday saw us explore the CBH museum in Wyalkatchem which was fortuitously open on Good Friday. The museum is very much worth a visit with a wide range of historic vehicles, machinery, technology and local relics. We had lunch at Korrelocking reserve before heading to Eaglestone Rock then on to Elachbutting to set up camp at what would be our base for three nights.

The plan for Saturday was to head to Mount Jackson. The fastest route would be to follow the vermin proof fence, but travel there is not permitted with signs warning of \$2,000 fines. Hence we went to Mt Jackson Road via Balladjie nature reserve which provided a very enjoyable track.



The Mt Jackson road has been well maintained (although it's marked as 4x4 only on many maps), so to add some interest, a short diversion was added on a smaller track. We discovered an abandoned house at one end which we spent some time exploring before heading for Mt Jackson where we planned to eat lunch.

Following the second half of the diversion track proved quite challenging with a push through a very overgrown section leading to a track which could be characterized as ill defined. That track proved not to be the track we needed to head toward Mt Jackson, but already committed, we continued with the expectation of getting back to Mt Jackson Road via the main track we'd entered on.

The location of the track was not aligned with any of the mapping applications we had, but following the fence line, and with sage advice of more experienced members of the party, we were able to rejoin the main track and get back to Mt Jackson road. An estimated 50-minute jaunt which ended up taking about three hours.

After a late lunch, the planned Mt Jackson visit was abandoned. A good thing as we returned to camp after sunset, having had a long day with a little more adventure than we'd anticipated. A hearty meal cooked over the fire and a couple of beverages were enjoyed.



For the final day of the trip, we travelled to Billburning Rock via Berringbooding Rock, Bonnie Rock and the town of Beacon. All went to plan, returning us to camp in time to climb Elachbutting Rock and watch the sunset while the full moon rose in the east.





Last year we celebrated Christmas in July at the



We had so much fun we want to do it again and we would like you to come along.

Please let us know if you would like to join us on July 23rd.

The cost per head is \$65.00 and a menu will be available shortly. Last year the club subsidized the meal for members and will probably do so again this year.

Accommodation will be available at the Inn, and members will have to book this themselves if they wish.

An attendance nomination sheet will be put up soon.