



Freedom
All Wheel Drive Club
of Western Australia

Newsletter March 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 Everyone,

I think all will agree that the meeting and presentation from Border Watch on the 23rd of February was fantastic. Kath Forwards presentation was very informative and pointed out a lot of areas that we don't normally think about in relation to border protection. The membership turnout was around 50% of the club, and many questions were answered and discussions held.

The WA4WDA seems to be becoming more active and several initiatives were mentioned in Barry's report. We hope that this activity continues to grow into a more interactive relationship between the clubs and the association.

On the 16th I attended the Environmental Officers meeting representing our club. The guest speaker could not attend so we had an impromptu chat around the table. There seem to be some good feedback the comments I and several others made at the previous EO meeting regarding the lack of direction of the EO position. We should see some initiatives in this area in the near future, to upgrade the functions of the EO and make the position more meaningful.

The arrangements can start for this year's 4x4 Adventure show, so I will be looking for ideas and volunteers starting this coming meeting.

Within our own club there has been some difficulty in arranging trips, with areas being shut down for fire risk, beaches being closed due to erosion and the ever present Covid threats. Added to this, Carole and I and Jeannette and Michael have been away, (not together) while Debi and John have been without their camper trailer due to modifications and Pete and Tony V have endured broken vehicles. At the time of writing most are either back in operation or close to it. Unfortunately now we are hit with fuel prices that will certainly not help us undertake frequent extended trips.

Despite all these we have still managed a trip each month so far and will hopefully maintain this record.

At the beginning of April the mandatory fire bans will lift, which will hopefully allow us to conduct a campfire cook up. We must of course remain aware of local fire bans or extensions to the mandated times. The WA4WDA is also looking at some events so 2022 should be an interesting year.

See you at the next trip or meeting (or both). Stay safe.

Tony Allender, President.

Dates to Remember: from WA4WDA meeting notes from Barry.

1. On the 10 April there will be a social family event at the Murdoch Outdoor Cinema. The Movie will be "Ghostbusters Afterlife. Max attendees are 300 with around 150 for the association to break even. Open to all clubs and their families. A flyer will go out shortly.
2. The 4WD Adventure Show at the Perth convention Centre will possibly be held 13/15 May 2022.

Also to remember:

23 rd March	Next General Meeting
15 th April	Possible Holland Track Trip
23 rd April	Anzac Day Camp Trip
27 th April	Club General Meeting

Chrispy's Trip Report:



23 January, total fire bans put Colleen's Dwellingup trip out of the question so a hastily formulated trip outside the fire ban area was put in play.

The convoy assembled at the southbound Midway Foodery and then headed to Binningup Beach where all vehicles aired down to the tune of a shark alert. We accessed the beach and headed south and then Ted did the old "I should have turned left at Albuquerque" routine and found some very soft sand whilst trying to detour via Rottnest.

Tony got stuck trying to get Ted out, but with the help of Max Trax and Handy Andy's handy winch both vehicles were recovered and we headed off again.



Andy's winch was put to use again helping some other beach users who had also got stuck. It was now getting a bit late so a lunch stop was found and some of the group hit the water for a swim as it was a very hot day.

After lunch and a little more swimming, the group headed down buffalo beach to the "Cut" where the dolphins turned up on cue.

As it was getting late the swimmers were coaxed from the water and we headed for the beach exit.

The lead vehicles managed to get through ok but our visitor got stuck trying to leave the beach. With some assistance and much advice, he made it out and we all assembled at the car park and aired up and headed home.

A good day was had by all.

Guilderton, Seabird to Ledge Point Trip Report.

Trip Leaders: John and Deb

Sunday 27th Feb 2022



After a quick meet and greet at the Indian Ocean Dive rest point 8 cars made their way to the Guilderton Lighthouse where we all aired down, a few sand flags were attached and our friendly drone kept an eye on us all. At 10am we were ready to go. It was soft from the start, with the first hill making sure we all had our game faces on. It was bumpy and choppy as quite a few more cars had been through the area since the recce. One member commented that it was a bit like being at the chiropractor.LOL

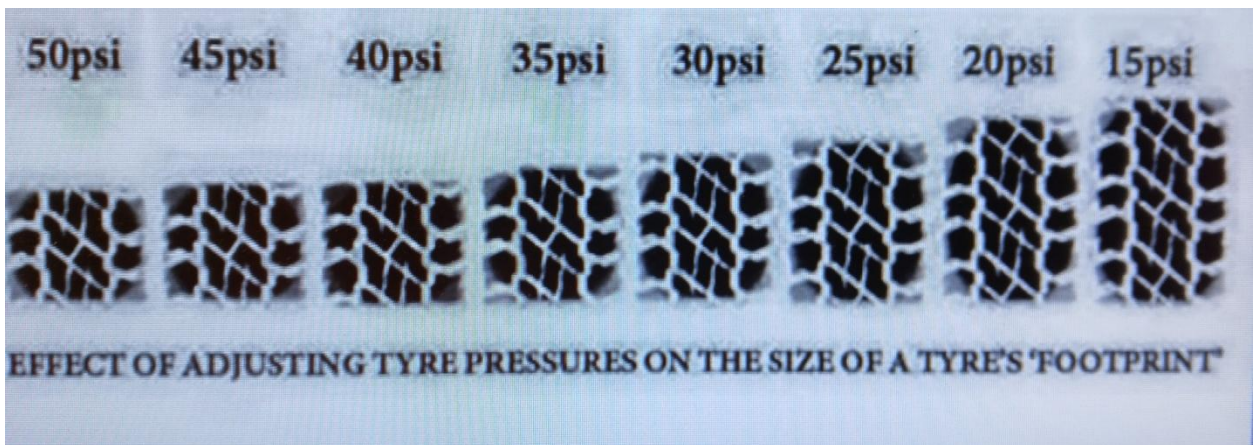
The first half of the track from Guilderton is the worst for corrugations and very soft sand. We all managed to get around the cap rock and roos without too much trouble to arrive in Seabird for a well deserved morning tea break and swim.

Thankfully we stopped when we did as the smell of electrical burning alerted us to a potential disaster. Some quick thinking saw a smoking lithium battery first buried and then immersed in sea water. It was a timely reminder for everyone to be very mindful of leaving anything charging unattended.

After a lovely extended morning break we continued slowly on low tyre pressure to the other side of town where we hit the tracks again towards Ledge. Passing some old train carriages and through the main scratch factor tracks we ended up in a sandy chicane area that had all the drivers working hard. Everyone managed the tricky drop into our first sand trap but the hill climb out saw even the lead car having to reverse back for a longer run up. Eventually all up and over we drove on past the old fishing huts and out towards Greenwood Road.

It had already been a long day but after asking if everyone one was keen to continue on to ledge 8 cars travelled on over more cap rock, past “Fire drum” through a dune desert Until we stopped for a brief stretch and break before hitting the beach for the final 5km run into Ledge.

It was a good long run and all drivers and vehicles handled themselves extremely well. Thank you to everyone for making it such an enjoyable day and a special thank you to Laval and Natalie for being our very competent tail end Charlie.





Have you got your tickets for GHOSTBUSTERS: AFTERLIFE (M)? Sunday 10th April.
This event is for ALL CLUBS under the WA4WDA banner - all Members, all Family, all Friends.
NO TICKET - NO ENTRY! Tickets need to be purchased via the link below. If you're not on the
list, no entry.

NO ticket sales on the night. All tickets need to be purchased & paid for by Wednesday 6th April
2022.

And remember - this was voted on at the DM. You voted for the go ahead, so let's get going!!! 🤖

Links below -

Ticket Purchases - <https://form.jotform.com/.../wa4wda--ghostbustersafterlife>

Pizza & Lounge hire - <https://communitycinemas.com.au/.../private-event-at.../>

(If you are worried about it being scary, it's not. It is suitable for kids of all ages).

**Masks to be worn upon entry. Proof of Vaccinations to be shown.