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## Presidents Message



Hello Friends,

I hope this messages finds everyone fit, healthy and in good spirits.

We decided to use an alternate venue for our March monthly meeting.

The Mighty Quinn Tavern has served us well, however with the Covid restrictions still in place for indoor hospitality venues, mandatory masks / social distancing etc. We decided an alternate meeting place was required where we had space to spread out and with no mask requirements for our meeting.

Ad and Maijaliisa offered up their home in Kalamunda as a venue for the meeting.

This was accepted and meeting was held in their very comfortable outdoor entertaining area with plenty of space for all.

Many thanks to Ad and Maijaliisa they are great hosts and great company.

We also got to look at progress on Ad's latest project, which will be ready to use at Easter.....

Folks please stay safe, healthy and happy.  
Please check in on family & friends regularly and ask them RUOK.

Bob Senn  
President





## Front Cover Photo



The front cover photo is of the grand reception and dining hall at Cit In NSW, Cowra (photos courtesy of Serge & CCCQLD Facebook)

Fantastic to see Cit In 2022 NSW happen after 2 years of postponements and delays due to the ever-changing Covid restrictions.

It is a great effort for everyone involved at Citroen Car Club NSW, to maintain the momentum after 2020 and 2021 had to be cancelled.









	<b>Easter Event</b>	
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Do you want to get away for Easter and have a good break?

Well this is for you.... Good times and great company.

This is an Easter camping trip that will ultimately take us down to the gypsum Salt pools at Hyden in the southern wheatbelt and up to Beacon & Kalannie in the northern eastern wheatbelt.

We have a fantastic itinerary kindly put together by Ralph Hibble.

It is going to be a lot of fun, so if you are available come and join us.

Bring your Swag / Tent / Roof top camper / Camper Van / Motor Home / Bike and sidecar, whatever works for you.

For those people that are short on time jump on or jump off the route to suit your own time frame needs

The itinerary is.....

### **Day #1**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April we stay overnight (meet up) at the Brookton Caravan Park, where we will camp overnight.

This allows people coming from areas other than Perth Metro to meet us there. Alternatively, for people that cannot get away Thursday, they can meet up with us on the Friday morning.



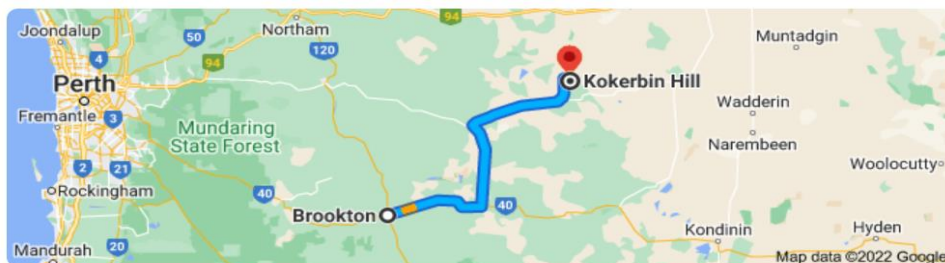
Dinner Thursday night at the local pub, Bedford Arms?  
Maybe!



Brookton Caravan Park, details can be found at  
<https://www.brookton.wa.gov.au/visitors/visiting-brookton/places-to-stay.aspx>

## **Day #2**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, travel from Brookton to Kokerbin Rock,  
approx. 140 klms.



Known as Kokerbin Hill, it is the third largest monolith in Australia and its recognised as an interesting unspoilt spot for flora and fauna study.

It covers 9 hectares and is 122m high with interesting formations, caves and a deep well on the western side.

Situated approximately 40km north-west of Bruce Rock, the picnic and barbecue facilities that are available, make it an ideal location for a pleasant outing with family and friends.

Parks and Wildlife Service plus the Shire of Bruce Rock are working to improve signage and walk trails throughout the reserve.

The walk trail can be accessed via the picnic area or the Well site and it will take you past the devils marbles and to the top of the granite outcrop for sweeping views of the area.



## Free Camping over night at Kwolyin

Kwolyin Campsite is situated on what used to be the old football oval. You wouldn't know it. Pristine bush, with orchids, flowering annual and

sandalwoods surround the camp. Rarely can you sit in a picnic shelter and look on at orchids on the sides of the shelter. Or, park your caravan in a dedicated bay in the bush.

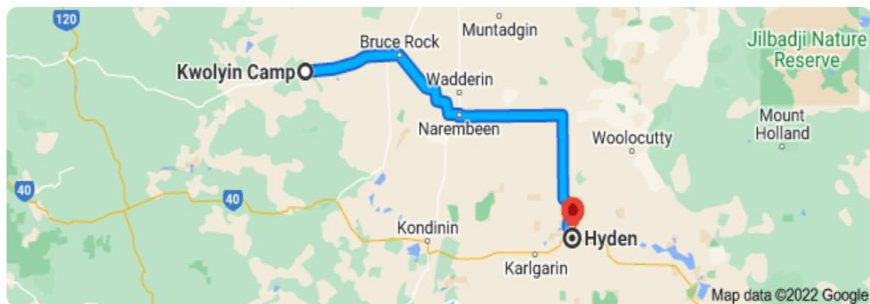
The camp boasts toilets, camp kitchen, large & small shelters, dedicated tent camping and caravan bays, campfires with BBQ plate (April till Sept only), bush walks and a pioneer walk trail through the old campsite & more.

*\*There are no camping fees, and bookings are not required.*



### **Day #3**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, travel to Hyden, aprox 170 Klms, taking one of the 3 available routes.



Decision has not yet been finalised on where we will actually camp in Hyden. There are several of options we are looking at and rest assured it will be a good spot to suit our group.

### Wave Rock



The Hyden Salt Pools lie just 800mtrs behind the more famous Wave Rock. The Salt pools are Gypsum based and you will not require any pool noodle to float here.

<https://waverock.com.au/things-to-see-and-do-near-wave-rock/wave-rock-salt-baths/>

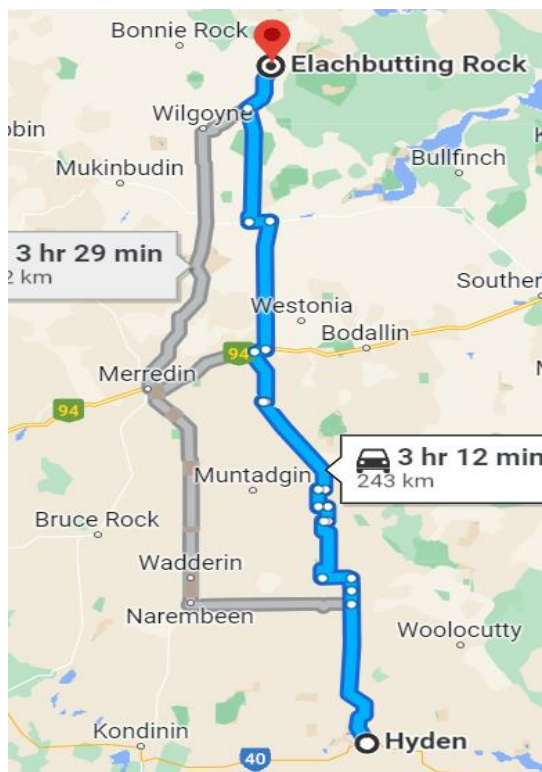


#### **Day #4**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, travel from Hyden to Elachbutting Rock reserve,



aprox 240 klms.



Free Camp Overnight

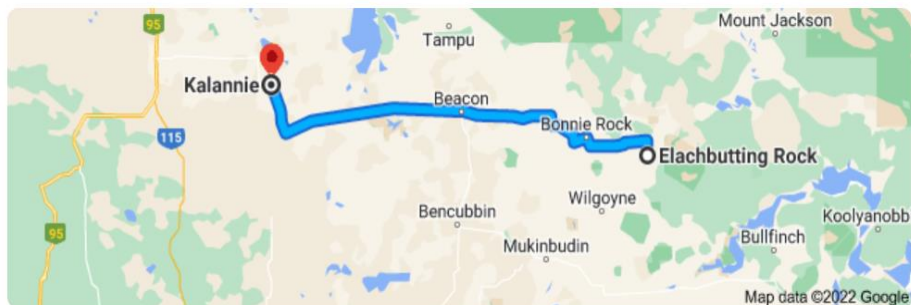


Elachbutting Rock is a massive granite outcrop, a very popular camping spot for 4x4 wheel clubs and for locals, also a popular site for weddings and other gatherings.

Elachbutting Rock is a spectacular natural rock formation with similar features to Wave Rock. The rock has a number of large cavern areas and is surrounded by natural bushland.

### **Day #5**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April travel west to Beacon & then onto Kalannie, aprox 180 klms



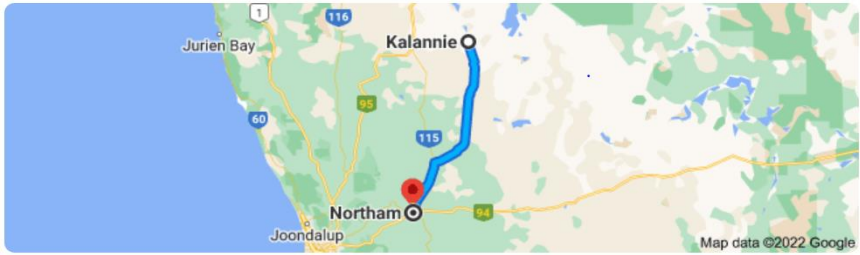
We have not yet finalised our camp spot as we have several options available and can afford to discuss this the night before and then lock it in.

Some of these wheatbelt towns have great free camp spots right in town

### **Day #6**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April we start to wind our way home towards Perth aprox 280klms, Via Toodyay and Northam.

There may be people in no rush to get home that want to stay overnight in some of these areas, we can discuss that during the trip.



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This trip will take us through some beautiful country, some fantastic pioneer towns with very rich history.

We will see spectacular flora and fauna, rock formations, wondrous night skies and no doubt some great silo art on our travels.

Plus being in the great outdoors with good company.

So get out and enjoy life.



## Member Contributed Articles



The below article was sent in by a member in early February after our Australia Day get together and also seeing the story in our January issue on Rod Spargo's DS, EFI Automatic. The EFI Automatic brought back memories and reminiscences.....

Unfortunately, the email got lost in the ether somewhere so hence the delay in it only just getting to print now.



**Dear Sir,**

**Some thoughts on matters secular:**

I recently spent a few fruitful hours over the afternoon and morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of January at Gallagher way. In the company of two delightful hosts Scott and Jack, plus their dog Jeffery.

Great hosts and great blokes.

The occasion was a gathering of the Citroen "Clan" with their attendant spouse/ carers/familiars.

The late afternoon brought tributes to two of our founding members who have sadly gone to the next place. Hanny Hibble and Geoff Cart ledge. They will be sorely missed.

The morning brought even more members and friends, some denizens blinking at the morning light and showing, the wisdom of the ages has yet to arrive.

After, eggs, bacon, croissants and scalding coffee there was a formal club meeting:

Discussion included inter alia: events and a short discourse about the need for the P.O. Box at North Perth. A facility we established about 35 years ago. The through traffic will be closely monitored and a decision made next year, when the annual rent is due.

When the treasurers report was accepted. One of our founding members ventured to suggest how the old firm had too much money. Your correspondent suggested a good place to send excess. His remarks were dismissed with a snort of derision.

The cover photo for the latest magazine evoked many memories. I was in the company of Len Dutton, redoubtable Citroen dealer and acerbic soul. We were discussing the two speed automatic fitted to the DS. He related how, if he received word of a batch of cars arriving from France, he would send down a driver for each car, and if there was an automatic he would send a tow truck (!)



Len used to get a bit fidgety with me when discussing the use of ATF in the hydraulics. If he opened the bonnet and saw red “stuff” he would refuse to talk to the driver. On one occasion during the World Cup rally, the cars were in Dutton’s for a check over. I asked the two French engineers about the use of ATF. To the dismay of the senior Dutton, they suggested ATF was a better option, because of the heat.

Len nearly blew his top. “What would those twerps know!”

I once owned a DS23 EFI automatic, which suffered the fate of most of its kind: Caught fire when the delivery hoses failed. Only takes about 10 seconds. BOOM! The engine and gearbox saw out their days at the shed of the Lord Mayor of Yornup.(Who incidentally just had an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.)

I am quietly delighted; somebody has had a splendid run with their DS23 EFI Just remember to renew the hoses regularly.

I remain, yours faithfully

Your southern correspondent.

### **A Cautionary Tale:**

Some 18 years ago, I rebuilt a “cooked” D special in Busselton. The car sat there for weeks with cylinders full of water. I had it transport to my place and was quietly amazed at the state of the cylinders, a quick

hone and all was well. These must be the first engines with plateau hardened barrels.

The vehicle was put into a shed for 16 years, while its faithful owner went off to work for the UN.

He returned not long ago and suggested “we” should extract the said velocipede and “get it rolling”

My first question: “To whom does the WE refer??” (Cor Blimey)

Ennyhow we got it out and eventually got it running. Wouldn't start on the key. Took out the instrument panel and lo and behold a family of rats/mice, unhappy with the change of circumstance, fled the scene. Then a sight behold., the entire loom eaten away!

As a variation the vermin had attacked the upholstery and left huge holes everywhere. Additionally, the mudguard cavities revealed the corpses of half a dozen lizards of varying sizes adding to the extraordinary effluvia emanating from various places as we stripped the unit

Tried for a few hours to fix things, dead loss. Grasped the nettle and took out the dashboard. Great Scott, what a mess!

Worked on it a couple of hours every day. Anymore and I would be not very good company. After about 14 hours toil, everything worked and we got it running and off to the premises of one S.K.Pekin, Citroen aficionado extraordinaire, for fixing for rego.

While in a local mechanical shop,. Various denizens would appear and remark, inter alia, how it starts all right for an old heap of junk'.I didn't relate how it had only done about 500 Kms since engine rebuild. However,. It feels good to see it fire up with a single turn of the starter.

The benighted soul who owns the beast then went to Honiara and has been confined to barracks for two years.

Your southern correspondent



A great club magazine is one with plenty of member participation, stories, requests and personality. Members please advise of any car shows or car swap meets in 2022 or anything thing else that you wish to see in your magazine.

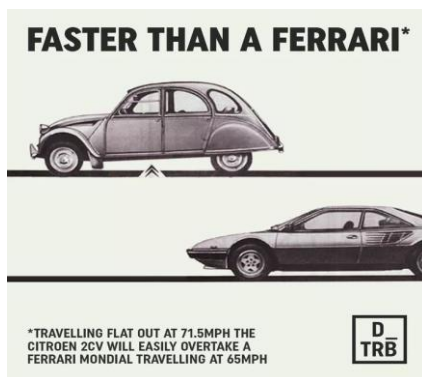
ACE Members please send in your stories, let us know of any rebuild project or raid preparation projects, so we can do a news story and share the experience.

In addition, any for sale/give away/swap/ wanted ads please submit in word format with some photos in a separate email.

Also any good maintenance stories or helpful tips to share with other members.

Many technically experienced and knowledgeable people in the Club are willing to provide good service and maintenance advice  
So if you need help or have a maintenance question, just.....

“Ask an expert”, send your question or problem to the editor and we will see if we can source and publish the answer for you.

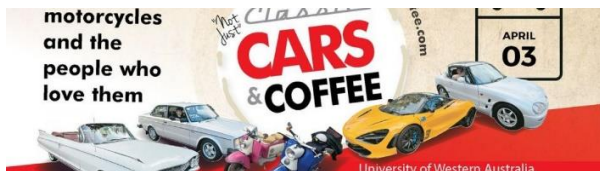




## Upcoming Car Shows of Interest



### 1/ Classic Cars & Coffee Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>



This is a monthly event and well worth going along to. Its great way to start a Sunday morning.

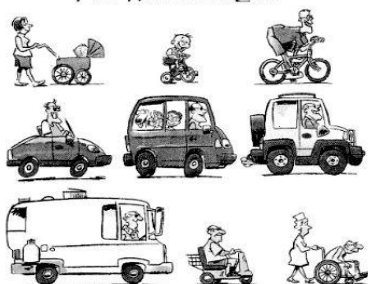
The \$10 entry fee supports a great cause, The Prostrate Cancer Foundation.

Take your car to give it a good run & show it off in this casual atmosphere with other friendly car people.

Then go somewhere nice for Sunday brunch....

The weather is coming good so drive along the coast or the river; there are some fantastic places for a feed on Sundays...

The Wheels of Life







## Upcoming Events



**Keep the date**

**Tuesday 17 May 2022  
Whiteman Park  
Motor Museum Picnic Area**

All day event or join us for any part ....

- Club Drive
- BBQ Lunch
- General Committee Meeting
- Motor Museum Visit &
- Afternoon tea

As discussed and decided at the last committee meeting I have booked Whiteman Park. Never do just one thing if you can do five at any one time.

Please put the date in your diaries and send me a message 0408 940 136 or email me at [duconway@bigpond.net.au](mailto:duconway@bigpond.net.au), if you think you will make it, come rain, hail or shine.

More information will be provided closer to the date.....

Cheers Uta



### **Raid WA**

Raid WA is a definite goer later this year. Planned for a start around 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022.

There could be a very decent roll up for this event as there a lot of Raid ready cars, since Raid Australia had to be cancelled.

Raid WA will depart Perth and end in Lake Argyle / Kununurra and may then even have a second finish destination in Darwin.

Raid WA is being organised by ACE.

The route plan and stage plans are being finalised and hopefully we can get full details for next month's issue and cover it in depth.

### **Bubsy 5CV Re-enactment**

Garry Harrowfield and a group of enthusiasts, some I believe are possibly ex Citroen dealers, are keen to purchase a 5CV and retrace the drive around Australia of Bubsy the 5CV, the very 1<sup>st</sup> car to do the lap back in 1925.

Looks like they may have found a suitable vehicle and are now in the process of fund raising and sponsorship.

Let's hope this all comes together as would be great to see as the 100 year anniversary of Bubsy's feat gets closer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSISJl19dPk>

	<b>ACE GENERAL MEETING</b>	
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## **APRIL 2022 GENERAL MEETING AGENDA:**

1. Present, Guests and Apologies
2. Amendments and Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting
3. Business arising from previous minutes
4. Secretaries Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. New Members
7. Past Events Report
8. Future Events
9. General Business
10. Request for motions for next meeting

ACE members, guests and visitors meet on the third Tuesday of each month. The setting is casual to allow for positive interactions between members before and after the formal meeting. The meeting now starts at **7.30 p.m.** at the Mighty Quin Tavern, Tuart Hill most members arrive from **6.00 p.m.** to have a meal from the bistro, or a drink with friends.

Friends and guests are always welcome.

### **Next Meeting**

<b>April</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 TBA</b>
May	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> 2022 Whiteman Park
June	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> 2022
July	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> 2022

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