



MundAI Track (Mundaring to Collie)

4th August 2024



The day was off to a great start from the beginning, looking to be a day free of rain.

This was also the first inter-club trip for the Peel 4x4 Club, having three members from the Out & About 4x4 Club joining us.

With an early start travelling from Mandurah, we met up with the rest of the crew at the Mundaring Sculpture Park at around 8:15am.

Following the trip briefing, everyone got into our convoy of 16 vehicles in the order of the numbers that were assigned for the day.

Within 5 minutes of leaving of the meeting area, the Trip Leader had already made a wrong turn (however was able continue onto the correct road). A few more kilometres up the road, the turnoff onto the dirt road was missed. After a bit of radio banter, everyone was expecting a few more wrong / missed turns, but luckily that was it.

Being a lovely day, there were a few cyclists & motor bike riders out enjoying the day also, however they did not end up posing a problem.

We passed over the Mundaring Weir, where we continued along with a leisurely drive, stopping for Morning Tea opposite a camp site along Millars Log Road / Balmoral Road.

While stopped for morning tea, we were all provided with some freshly baked Pumpkin scones, and Asian style cake. These were both a hit, and enjoyed by many (thankyou to Julie & Eny).

Everyone had a bit of a chat, and before we knew it, it was time to head off again.

A little further down the track, we came across what appeared to be a little bit of water across the road. Cassie drove the 200 series through for the first time, where, although looking quite shallow through the (at first) crystal clear water, proved to have a little bit of depth to it.

Everyone made their way through it quite safely, whilst having fun at the same time.

A bit further along, there were a few ruts where the track had been washed out a little from the rain, however this just provided a bit of fun for everyone.

Driving along Kingsbury Drive, we came across some really green, and very well maintained paddocks. There were also some different than normal fences, then we came across a sign, and it all made sense – the Karnet Prison Farm. Residents with all the time in the world to keep everything well maintained.

We stopped a little later than expected for lunch, however the location was worth it. The Marrinup Prisoner of War Camp. A couple of us took a bit of a walk through the site, looking at what was still there, and reading the history, and taking in the scenery. Most had a bit of a chat over lunch in the car park area, and enjoyed each others company.

Following lunch, we found that Saket had a stone thrown up at his windscreen earlier in the trip by an overtaking motorcycle, and due to the chip turning into a crack, and progressively getting larger, decided to call it a day and head home to ensure it did not get too bad. A couple of other vehicles also followed suit, taking us down to 13 vehicles.

We then passed through Dwellingup, continuing on through Nanga Brook, past the start of the Captain Fawcett Track, then through the mining areas – which included a couple of tunnels.



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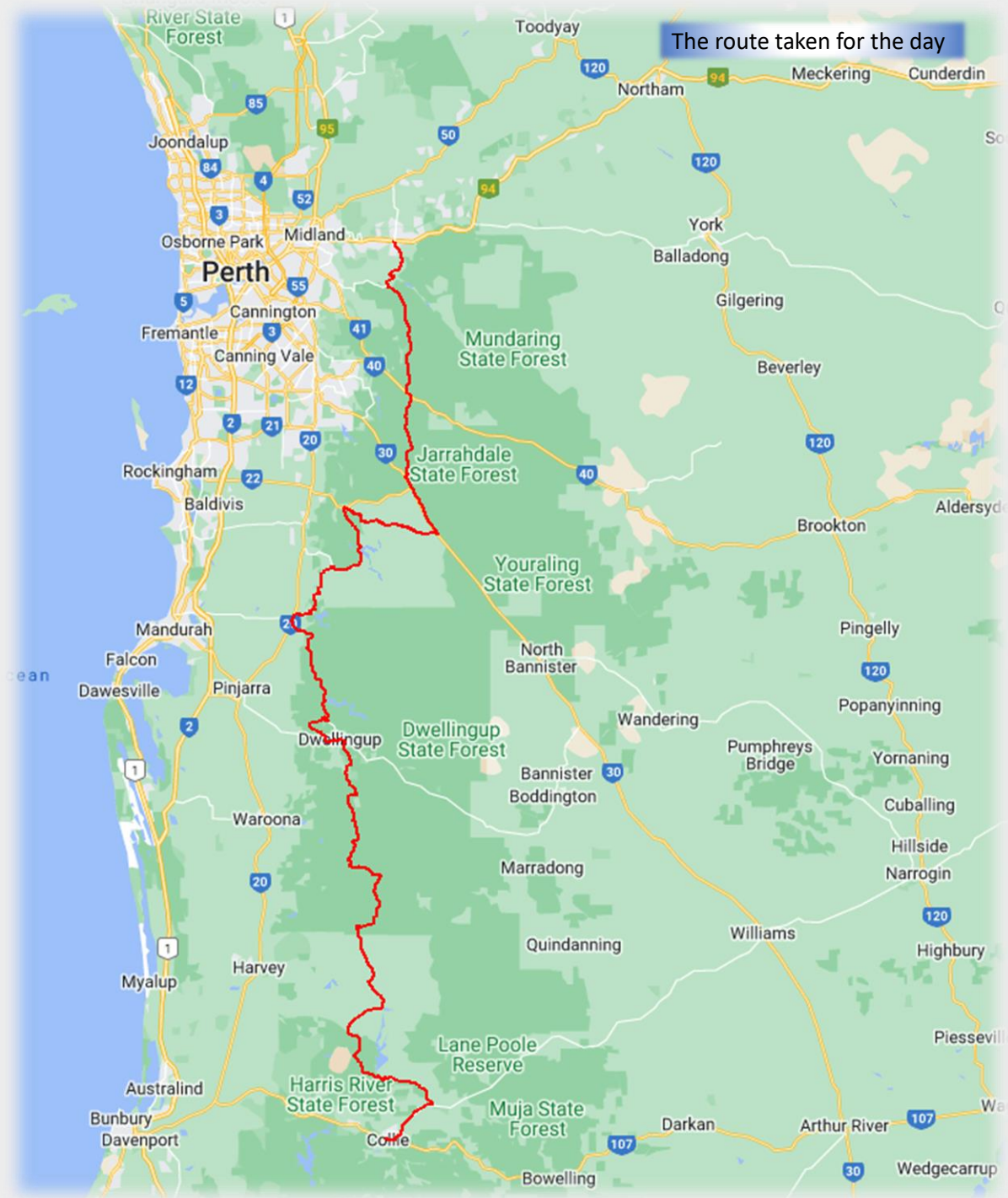
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Once arriving at Collie, we pulled up outside the Federal Hotel, where we had a debrief, followed by a beverage of choice after a great day.

Thanks to everyone that came along and made this a great day.

Keep an eye on the events page and the website calendar for any upcoming trips. The next one will be Sunday 1st September (Fathers Day), where Dave Knudsen will be taking us through the Julimar tracks.





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Nice plant at the weir



Going across the Mundaring Dam



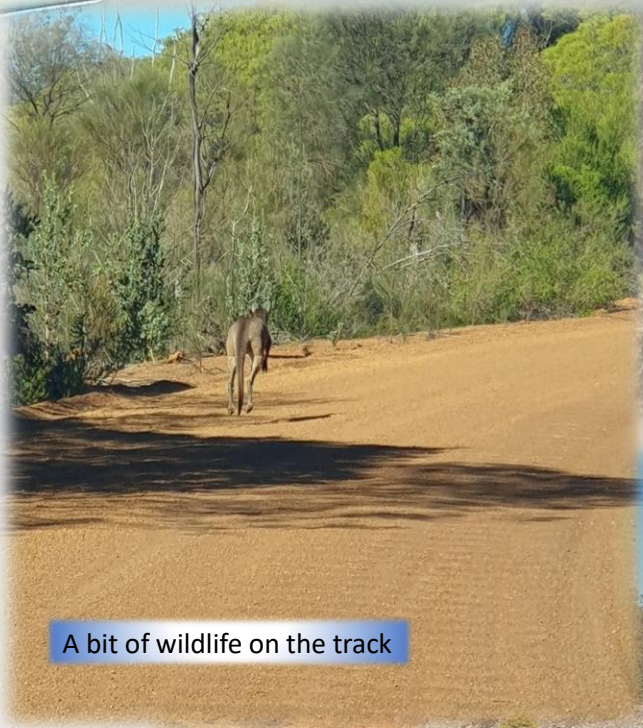
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One of the conveyor tunnels



Little bit of water



A bit of wildlife on the track

Bikes along the weir wall





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Pulled over waiting for the stragglers



Stopping for lunch





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Stopped for Morning Tea



Entrance to the Marrinup POW Camp



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Sakets damaged windscreen