

Albany 4WD Trip Report

Wildflowers

Trip Leader: Don & Val Tomlinson

Meeting Point: Bakers Junction 9.00 am Sunday 11th September 2016

The wildflower trip commenced at Bakers Junction with a good turn out of 8 vehicles and intermittent Albany rain. Not long after getting on the road and with only just completing roll call we pulled over into a road side layby for our first stop. The area had a very good carpet display of wildflowers, also with a multi coloured creeper display resembling a Christmas tree.

Our next destination took us to Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve out along the Sinker Reef track to the lookout. Our stop on the track gave us a fine display of purple orchids and aptly named sharks tooth wattle.



Our morning tea stop was brought to an end by one of the many intermittent rain showers of the day and saw us heading off towards Waychinicup Nature Reserve. We took in three stops before Waychinicup , first one along the water pipe which had a good display of Albany Daisys, the second stop along a Don short cut heading towards Dempster Rd yielded some native Swamp Bottlebrush and Southern Cross blooms. Our third stop was a spot chosen by

Val just after the turn off to Cheyne Beach, here we came across a good display of orchids.



The days lunch stop was held at Waychinicup on the old shack site overlooking the river, the rain kindly held off for us, so we all could take in the serenity while eating.

After a short walk after lunch Don and Val had us back on the road heading towards Cheyne Beach. Once again we didn't have to wait long to pull over and walk amongst a fine display of Scarlet Banksia and fluro green Cut Leaf Banksia.

Around 2pm while the sun was shining we all fell on the Cheyne Beach Caravan Park Shop and reduced their stock of icecreams for them. This stop saw the group split into three with some heading down along Cheyne Beach, some heading off with Don and Val to do the scenic loop and the rest heading back home to Albany.

All in all a great relaxing day filled with plenty off stops and wildflower colour.

A big thanks to Don and Val for leading the trip.

Todd Bennett Club Member

