



MECKERING FARM FUN WEEKEND

4th, 5th and 6th AUGUST 2017

Well how can one write a report after a weekend like some members have just had.

Friday 4th Terry and myself meet with Woody at Bakers Hill Bakery for afternoon snack – hot coffee plus the best meat pies and pasties in Perth. Whilst enjoying the goodies Paul and Terry drove past on their way home from their big trip. We texted them to join us for a catch up but did not pick up the message in time to join us.

The drive to the farm easy apart from the road works before Mundaring which slowed traffic down.

We followed Kerry's instructions OK till be turned off on the track to The Nursery, at Tralee Farm. No sign at the gate farm so we headed further down the track and realised we had missed something. Turned around and went back to the railway line and checked the mileage to the farm gate, turned left down the track but again missed the gate to The Nursery. Rang Kerry and she gave us the instructions to look for the water tanks – this was where we were staying.

Finally found our way to the camping area. Big open space with a barn which had a large room, a separate flushing toilet, verandah with two half gallon drums for a fire pit. We set up camp and Terry and Woody got the fire going. Steve and Kerry arrived and got the lights and the pump for the water going, then they set up camp. The remainder of the evening spent sitting around the fire, catching up on news and enjoying the peace and quiet. The Nursery was a tree nursery – hence the name. The Nursery surrounded by paddocks of Lupins, Wheat and Canola although the Canola not showing its yellow heads at present – need more rain.

No rain, cloudy but this made for a brilliant sun set. Evening chilly but the fire helped a bit, decided the pit needed a modification to allow more air to get through to keep the fire burning.

A good night sleep and woke to a misty morning but the birds tweeting away. Terry got the fire going just enough for prebreakfast toast, he also got the billies on the fire. Corrie and Jo arrived, set up their camp then we headed off into the bush for the morning run.



Bush track rough in places, numerous high grassed patches, lots of trees with lower branches, the river bed dry. Numerous twists, turns and boulders to avoid but all arrived at the destination OK.

At one stage Kerry could not find the track so Steve walked in front carry a red flag to lead the way .

Bald Hill and Five Mile Hill – 100% views from the top of farm paddocks. Further afield some yellow Canola was beginning to show their heads.

The water hole at the end of our track still had water in it but too deep to venture across.



We returned to camp back the way we had come which gives one a different view of the track.



Back at camp Terry and Woody did some repair work on the wind shield of the shed.

Kerry found an old washing machine drum and discovered that the holes around the side let the air through so we had a much warmer fire.



Jessie Kerry' son called in with his chain saw and cut a large jarrah sleeper into smaller sections for the fire

After lunch, another challenge was put to us – rock driving. Back into the bush and up a further hill. We all stopped and had a good walk over the rocky section before heading up the climb.



Kerry made it to the top.



Terry on the way up.

Troy ventured through the water hole OK.



Woodie balanced over a ledge.

Corrie and Jo also did the rock climbing but they were too quick for me and my camera.

Back to camp, fire needed to be restocked up then we all got ready for a night out at the Meckering Country Club. Great evening, country folk now how to make you feel welcome, \$20 for steak, potato bake, cauliflower cheese, plus other vegies followed by a choice of deserts, sticky date pudding, lemon meringue pie, cheese cake or ice cream. The bar full of folk enjoying a beer, watching the footie game and just catching up with friends. There were several families enjoying a night out as kids were allowed in the club. After filling our tummies with country food, we returned to camp and stoked up the fire pit again to complete the evening with hot drinks and water for hot water bottles to keep warm during the night.

In the morning, we were presented with a brilliant sun rise and not a misty morning. Terry once again got the fire going to heat up the billies for that first morning cuppa. A pow wow was had and it was agreed to leave packing up camp till after breakfast and the drive to Bulgin Rock.



First, we headed into the Colton's Café at Meckering for early morning breakfast – great to have eggs, bacon, tomatoes, mushrooms and toast all cooked by somebody else.

Short drive to Bulgin Rock then a foot climb to the top for an awe-inspiring view of the surrounding countryside. Weather good to us - no rain – bit of a breeze and occasionally the sun shone it head through the clouds. A good exercise after a big hearty breakfast.



Time was getting on so back to camp to pack up for most of us to head home. Kerry and Steve were on the start of their holiday so we said our fareswells and left them to enjoy packing up without us chatting away.

Great weekend and to be able to stay at the farm stay and the facilities a real bonus. Was suggested that we send a letter of thanks to Russell the farm owner, for letting use such a great facility – especailly the shelter in case of rain, the flushing toilet and wood for the fire. Also a big thanks to Kerry and Steves for organising the weekend and 4x4 challenges.