



## **TRIP REPORT**

### **DARLINGTON TO KARNET PRISON FARM DAY TRIP**

**Date:** 21 July 2018

**Trip Leaders:** Troy and Marietta

**Participants:** Kris (visitor), Paul, Steve and Kerry (tail end)

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At 8:15am a small group of members and one visitor gathered at the Glen Forest shopping centre car park. After signing in, the convoy exited the car park led by Troy and Marietta in a Jeep Grand Cherokee followed by visitor Kris in a Mitsubishi Pajero, new member Paul in another Jeep Grand Cherokee, and tail end charlie Steve and Kerry in a Toyota Hilux.



After a 20km run on the bitumen past Mundaring Weir, the convoy turned onto Ashendon Rd where the dirt and puddles began. Shortly after turning off Ashendon Rd onto an unnamed track, the trip leaders made a wrong turn which brought them to a puddle which appeared to be quite innocent until Kris dropped into some deep wheel ruts and came out the other side minus the piece under his headlight. The convoy doubled back to the correct track only after Kris had waded into the puddle and successfully recovered the missing piece.



Continuing along the correct route, the convoy weaved its way around the forest tracks through puddles and over/around fallen trees before crossing Brookton Hwy onto Kinsella Rd. The first rain of the day came just as the group was finishing morning tea off Marginata Rd, ensuring that the tracks beyond were not going to be any drier than those already encountered.

We splashed our way through more puddles along Scenic Dve, Four Ways Rd, Leona Rd, and Randall Rd before a short run along the powerlines and into Millers Log Rd which brought us out to Albany Hwy. Half a kilometre on the bitumen then left into Balmoral Rd to a well-earned lunch stop. We had lunch under the shelter of awnings as the rain was not about to give up. After lunch we continued along Balmoral Rd onto the bitumen for a short run along Jarrahdale Rd and Kingsbury Dve, before turning onto the dirt again at Scrap Rd.

Scarp Rd turned out to be corrugated, washed away, and quite scenic before we came back out to Kingsbury Rd. For the final part of our journey we followed a small set of powerlines to a rather large puddle that we decided not to tackle during the reccy a week before. After surveying the puddle some more, we decided to give it a go, and what a great way to end the trip sloshing through muddy water and making our way up to Karnet Prison Farm.



Thankfully no one had a reservation for Karnet Prison Farm, so we all turned onto the bitumen to head for home, wash the dirt off our cars, and look forward to the next Out and About adventure.

Report by Troy Smallacombe.