



OUT AND ABOUT 4x4 CLUB: Meckering Bush Trip Report

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Photos - Paul Gunton (Thanks Paul)

Trip Destination - Meckering Bush Date - 20/10/2018

The Trip Leaders were Steve and Kerry and Tail End Charlie was Damien and Karen.

There were 9 vehicles in our convoy ; Kerry & Steve

Andrew & Hertha

Steve King

Alex and Alex (son)

Bob Dorizzi (Visitor)

Scott Havercroft (Visitor)

Shachar Marom (visitor)

Paul Gunton

Karen & Damian

We met at the Swan View Tavern, Morrison Road, Darling Ridge in the carpark, and were on our way at 8:30am.



We travelled up the great Eastern Highway until we reached Meenar and there we left the road in preference of the access road along the railway line. It was slightly more challenging with at least one large puddle to get through on the gravel road.



This took us to the back entrance to Neville's farm which we followed through to the Bald Rock stop for morning tea at 10:30am. We then proceeded through our bush track which took us into the scrub and through a variety of challenges from a creek that might have been very wet underneath the surface (it wasn't) to some gravel climbing and tree negotiation.

At the rock falls Steve King provided a little excitement by getting stuck in the pond...



He was ably rescued by Scott and photographed by most of us. Good fun.

Watch the video (Courtesy Paul Gunton)

<https://www.facebook.com/paul.gunton.71/videos/10155850199198837/?t=8>



We returned to Bald Rock for our lunch at 12:00pm and a few passes of the rock climb over the top of the rock.

Following that we headed off to look at the Earthquake House on a nearby property along Solomon Rd.



We made our way across to the South side of Meckering to have a first-hand/foot look at the actual fault line and then made our way home from there.

It was a great day, even though the land was dry and a little dusty with plenty of hitch-hiking-grass-seeds, the view from the rock is spectacular and well worth the stop.