



OUT AND ABOUT 4X4 CLUB

Bush Camp GPS Training and Poker Run

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Kerry & Steve, Greg & Pauline, Mike & Clare, Troy & Marietta, Terry and myself met at the Placid Ark Petrol Station on the South Western Highway 9am Saturday 1 June. Convoy proceeded along the Highway till the winery sign at Yarloop, where we turned left onto Hoffman Road, a picturesque drive up the hills, so far all bitumen though narrow in places and very twisty. Onto Scarp road a well-maintained gravel road till turning onto the property track.

We meet up with organisers of the weekend who showed us our camping spot. All managed to get a camp spot with some manoeuvring around. Doug and Woodie joined us, Damian and Karen were camped on the main area as they had come up on the Friday. Once all set up we joined other campers at the BBQ hut for general introduction and housekeeping for the weekend. During the afternoon a number of us took the short walk through the bush to the local winery (Skipworth Wine Company) to stock up on the local liquid refreshments.

Over the weekend there were several talks. One on bush health issues, GPS history and GPS training, a sausage sizzle lunch and happy hour around the big fire pit and BBQ hut. No individual fires were permitted as it was windy and the bush very dry



Bush Camp Welcome



Our secluded Bush Camp



Monet Open House



Retirement Life



More Monet



Girls Morning Chat

The main attraction for the weekend was getting to know you GPS and set up designated coordinates for the Sunday afternoon Poker Run. Members set off at different times to find the GPS coordinates and collect an envelope. Once all members were back at the BBQ hut for Happy Hour, they were asked to open their envelopes which had a playing card inside. The members with the best Poker Hand won the prize, two bottles of wine from the winery. Unfortunately, our club members did not win the prize, although they all managed to find the coordinates and secure an envelope.



Beautiful evening sunset on Sunday Night



Bush Architecture at its best



Great big, old, fallen tree.



Our sleepy camp



Small but effective signs



Time for the "Electrickery" challenge



Team effort on Solar Panel Adapter

Our club were not the only people for the weekend, but it was good to chat to other like-minded campers. Members got to learn about their GPS set up and on the Monday morning Troy Marietta and Mike and Clare did the run to find the coordinates again. Other members packed up camp and headed back to Perth.

A really great informative weekend, weather held out for us, no rain, bright and sunny during the day but did get cold at night as we were literally in the bush surrounded by big trees.