



Karratha 4WDWA Gathering 2019

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Terry and Jen, Woody, Alex and Maria, Steve and I left Kialrah Pool, (Jones River/Oakover River) on 12th of July. Leaving early, we travelled along a very rough road towards the West Coast Highway. The first section was rough but once we got to the bitumen it was easy going.

We stopped just after the railway crossing for a cup of tea and a breather and were soon under way again it was about 9 AM when we came to

Roebourne and then it was a quick drive into Karratha.



We were arrived at the Belmore Park Caravan Park at 9:40. We were set up by lunchtime, but then after lunch we learnt how to repair atyre and how to take suspension springs off Woody's caravan. We had

fish and chips from Banjo's Fish and Chip shop, and we enjoyed our meal together.

13th July

The first official engagement for the weekend was the General Delegates meeting held at about 3 PM then following that in the evening we had a meal at the caravan park which was provided by the 4WDWA Association. It was a

sumptuous affair with beef, pork and chicken roast meat with gravy in rolls. There was a lovely Chinese noodle lettuce salad a garden salad and tomato salad. Dessert was mini pavlova's, lamingtons and watermelon. It was a friendly relaxed meal, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Wynona won a jar of sour bears in a guess-the-number-of-bears-in-the-jar competition.

The next day was the 4-wheel drives and our trip was hosted by Corrine and Leon. We had a tour down to Dampier first and then out to



Cleaverville and along a dirt track which included a steep hill and a deeply rutted descent.



We were treated to a Land Rover bogging and a two-car recovery. The trip continued to Cossack, which had a lot of history to discover and was really interesting. Upon our



return we prepared for a quiz night at that Tambrey Tavern and we shared the transport to the tavern.

At the quiz night we were unfortunate to

have to sit on two separate tables. Jan and Terry, Woody, and Pauline and Greg sat with some members of the Peel 4-wheel drive club. They did much better than the rest of us and came second in the quiz night. We were very proud of them. It was a very challenging night in more ways than one.

The following day we went our separate ways, some to extend their holidays and some to return to home and work. It was a great weekend away and we look forward to the next Gathering in Busselton in 2020.