



## OUT AND ABOUT 4X4 CLUB

TRIP: Kwolyin and Granite Way - Weekend trip  
Date: 11, 12 13 September 2020  
Trip Leader: Chris Redgrove  
Report: Chris Redgrove  
Participants: Terry and Jan; Woody; Andrew and Hertha; Chris.

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Kwolyin? Where the %^\$&@ is Kwolyin? If I had dollar for every time I heard that we'd have a whole wing on the RFDS plane named after our club. The trip name is a bit of a give away but think rocks, lots of them and all very, very big.

To further enlighten the masses we gathered at The Lakes BP Truckstop Friday mid-morning ready to head east along the Great Southern Highway towards York, Quairading and then onto the old Kwolyin townsite.



Quairading Bull Metal Sculpture –  
main street Quairading

Stopping at Quairading, we discovered the bakery's reputation for fine pies, sausage rolls and free range eggs has obviously spread far and wide as it had almost sold out of all these by the time we arrived. Almost, but not quite. The very last sausage roll was snapped up by the very deserved (and thick skinned) trip leader. Quick or the dead at the Quairading bakery on a Friday afternoon. With plenty of other caravans and 4WD's in town we decided to quickly get back on the road and head to the Kwolyin towns site to setup camp.

Kwolyin is a now deserted 'ghost' town located about half an hour' drive past Quairading on the Quairading/Bruce Rock Road. The campground is located on the old football field and we found a great little spot among the beautiful native trees and wildflowers.



Terry came very prepared with his very popular, environmentally friendly fire pit.



Saturday was Granite Way day. The Granite Way is a 60 kilometer trip starting at Kwolyin townsite and meandering through picturesque backroads to take in some very pleasant points of interest including ...

Kokerbin Rock





... and Mt Stirling



... and Mt Caroline



... and who could forget the lovely but not so lively town of Shackleton





Just before we left Shackleton we were greeted by the local postman with a special delivery, an invitation to return to Shackleton anytime, preferably when the only café in town is open.



After a Sunday morning 'sleep in', Woody and Chris decided to take a leisurely stroll along Granite Gardens Walk up to check the view of the surrounding areas including Pantapin and Shackleton. This is one of several very scenic walks starting from the Kwolyin townsite that promise great views with fairly minimal effort. Enough of that though, it was back to camp to get the bacon and eggs on the hotplate. Free range eggs, courtesy of the Quairading bakery on the trip up were very graciously shared around for all to enjoy.

On the way home we stopped for lunch at Toapin Weir, a structure built in the natural granite rock formations to capture and supply water to Quairading and surrounding towns.



A great trip, and a very enjoyable time had by all.

