



Julimar Day Trip Report

Date: Saturday 20th November 2021

Participants: Kerry and Steve (Trip Leaders)
Alex and Maria
Mike and Clare
Julian, Reece and Jenna
Chris Redgrove
Doug Brown
Frank Marzoli
Steve King and Monica
Andrew and Hertha (Tail End Charlie)
Steve Turner (Visitor)
Tony and Amanda with Theo and Immagen (Visitors)
Steve Baker with Thomas (Visitors)
Stuart with Caden and Stirling (Visitors)
Michael with Findlay (Visitors)

Reporter: Hertha

Our meeting place to start the trip was opposite the Red Roof Tavern in Bullsbrook. Andrew and I arrived around 8.45 and were soon followed by other members and visitors. We all introduced each other and chatted while awaiting the arrival of our trip leaders. Kerry and Steve and some others had a very slow trip on the highway to Bullsbrook as they were unable to pass two very large oversize loads being escorted further North.



We were on our way about 9.30 and headed North on Great Northern Highway, then turned right and travelled along Muchea East Road and Chittering Road before turning left into the Julimar Forrest at Heine Road. The lush green paddocks that we had noticed when doing the recce with Kerry and Steve some 5 weeks previously were now stating to brown off with the warmer weather approaching.

We aired down after turning onto Heine Road and set off to conquer the days 4WD adventures. We soon came to our first challenge, a steep rocky hill which we all negotiated without any problems. The track then ran along a fence line, going past a very isolated, lonely looking farmhouse (nice if you want peace and quiet). As we were now at the top of the hill the drive down was easy and the surrounding bush was filled with Grass Trees and Cycads. There were even some scattered patches of small, mainly white and yellow, wildflowers, but nowhere near the amount or colours that we saw on the recce.





At the bottom of the hill, we came to a lake of considerable size with what appeared to be a track leading straight across, however we took the track to the left and continued around.



We found a nice spot for morning tea around 11.30 and then meandered off again. We then followed our trip leaders up another track which they wanted to explore (more likely they were lost), which luckily came to a roundabout where all 14 vehicles were able to turn and retrace our steps. It was a well worn roundabout so obviously we were not the first to take a wrong turn.



The next obstacle was a mud hole but, as no one wanted to get their vehicle too dirty, we took the chicken track around. Time for another rough uphill track which left us a bit shaken (but not stirred). Everyone then took the chicken tracks around some more muddy bog holes.



Onwards and upwards we went to a lookout with views of the surrounding bushland. We then continued down the hill and along more winding tracks, before following another fence line beside a huge paddock containing a grain crop which had browned off and looked ready for harvesting.



We then came to a large open area surrounding a waterway that would be very interesting in wet weather but was now mainly dry holes. There were tracks going in and out in every direction. Next was a hill climb for everyone, just for fun. To get to our lunch spot, on the other side of the waterway, we found a tight, rocky and steep crossing which everyone negotiated successfully. This would have been very challenging after rain.



After a relaxing lunch break, we were on our way again, negotiating some nice rock strewn tracks and a hill descent back to our starting point. Alex and Mike had compressor problems airing up but eventually all was sorted. After finishing airing up Andrew discovered a hernia ready to pop in his air hose. We were all ready to depart and head home around 3.30.

All our visitors indicated that they enjoyed the days outing and we hope to see them again on future trips.

Thank you Kerry and Steve for leading us on a very enjoyable trip.
