

The eager set off Friday afternoon to secure our spot. The Masons were the first to arrive and after setting up camp proceeded to dig out the wood that was buried at the last brasserie weekend back in March, and got the fire started before the rest of the Friday night crowd arrived (McKinleys, Shrek and family, Simpsons and co. Sheath's, Dollery's and later after we had all gone to bed Bruce Gendle.

Despite being a little windy (maybe a bit more than a little) and cold a good night was had by all, Ian had a few problems with evaporating beer while we were sitting around the fire but that was solved once he wandered off to bed.

Saturday morning the sun was shining and the camp started stirring around 7am, by 8.30 the boys were off collecting more wood, busy with chainsaws and getting the fire started.



Throughout the morning more cars started to arrive and set up camp, with a total of 20 cars by mid afternoon.

Mid morning some of us set off with Shrek to the Lost City, visiting 2 viewing spots. Well worth the effort for those who have not been and Shrek is the master of this area and knows all viewing spots well. If you get a chance tag along with him sometime.



During this outing Roger once again submitted his entry for the broken shackle award by getting his Patrol hooked on a tree truck. Pam and Jack came to the rescue with a saw which Roger immediately started on the offending log but soon realised he was using the wrong side of the blade and wasn't getting far. (Sorry Roger had to share)

Back at the campsite the camp ovens were already out with various goodies cooking away. Ralene was very proud of her first effort of damper in the camp oven, well done. Carl and Colleen produced a nice walnut damper as well, and Jill had a tasty garlic dip to go with hers.



Lucy & Andrew Fox brought along their tasty treats that disappeared fast at morning tea, as they were only staying for the day.

As we moved into the afternoon, more camp ovens appeared around the fire and Ian was ready with his shovel and making sure all were properly surrounded by coals for the best cooking outcome.

Ronda out did herself with quiches, that she cooked in batches over a couple of hours – that recipe needs to go on the website

Fitzy has a few issues with his camp oven putting it on the fire 3 times before actually adding something to it.... He says he was just following Shelly's instructions..... but I'm not so sure.



We all had to wear wiggles party hats for Toby Mason's 3rd birthday, and Jill entertained us with dancing to all the wiggles hits.

There were a few birthdays across the weekend, including Ronda McKinley, Al Organ, James (Pam & Jack's son in law)

The food fare was very varied with mains ranging from beef casseroles, roast pork, roast lamb, Moroccan chicken just to name a few. There were a few issues with coals in some dishes and some dropped the roast pork on the ground but other than that it was a great night with more than enough food to go around.

Dessert was wicked with Coco cola cake, apple pie, I think a chocolate cake and there was even ice cream (not sure how that was cooked in the fire... but it was good) And of course there was wine and beer and other beverages in decent amounts consumed across the evening.



People started disappearing off to bed around 9.30pm and the last to be left (and left he was) by the fire was Bruce.



Sunday morning everyone wandered out and after breakfast we all slowly started to pack up with the first to leave around 11am.

Thanks to Ian and Ronda for organising a great weekend, and thanks to everyone that came for making it a great trip. Looking forward to the next one.