



# Undercliff Winery

via the Old Great North Road, convict trail  
and more.

## Trip Participants:

Glen, Kim and Monica Coddington  
Trip Leader

Ben, Breanna and Bronte Clarkson

Sam and Kath Giordmaina

Glenn Cassar

Mitsubishi Triton

Ian and Rhonda McKinley

Rodeo Trip report writer

Michael, Liana, Rebecca and Tom

Visitors

Toyota Hilux

Ford Explorer

Nissan Navara

Holden

Jeep

We all met at the Caltex Service Station at Wilberforce by 8:15 and after a trip brief from Glen and signing the attendance list we headed off up the Putty road.

After a short distance we turned right into Wheelbarrow Ridge road and continued to an unusual building. Glen and Kim gave a history lesson that a guy was living as a squatter on the block of land and over a period of time had constructed this unusual building from old bricks and concrete. The council eventually discovered he was a squatter and moved him on and the building was never completed.



The next stop was only another 100 metres down the road where we all had a look at some aboriginal rock carvings and a lengthy discussion about aboriginal history took place. Finally we hit the track again and continued to St Alban's for morning tea and a discussion about various 4WDs.

We then continued along Wollombi / Mogo Creek road and detoured to Mount Manning Circuit Bridge on Old Great North road. The next stop was at Bucketty Wall precinct 1830-1831 convict trail. We also inspected a Ford Falcon that had run off the road at high speed and snapped a tree off about 350 mm thick.

The next stop was at Undercliff Winery at Wollombi for wine tasting and purchase of wine followed by a picnic lunch in the grounds of the winery.

After lunch we hit the tar and headed for Wisemans Ferry. It wasn't long until we came across a motor bike accident on a sharp corner where police and ambulance were in attendance. This was not surprising as several bikes had overtaken our convoy during our trip at high speed, over double white lines.

After crossing the ferry we decided to call into the pub for coffee and beer to discuss the events of the day. At approximately 5:15 we said our goodbyes and went our separate ways to home. On behalf of the group I would like to say thank you to Glen and Kim for a great trip and well done for leading their first trip.

Ian McKinley

