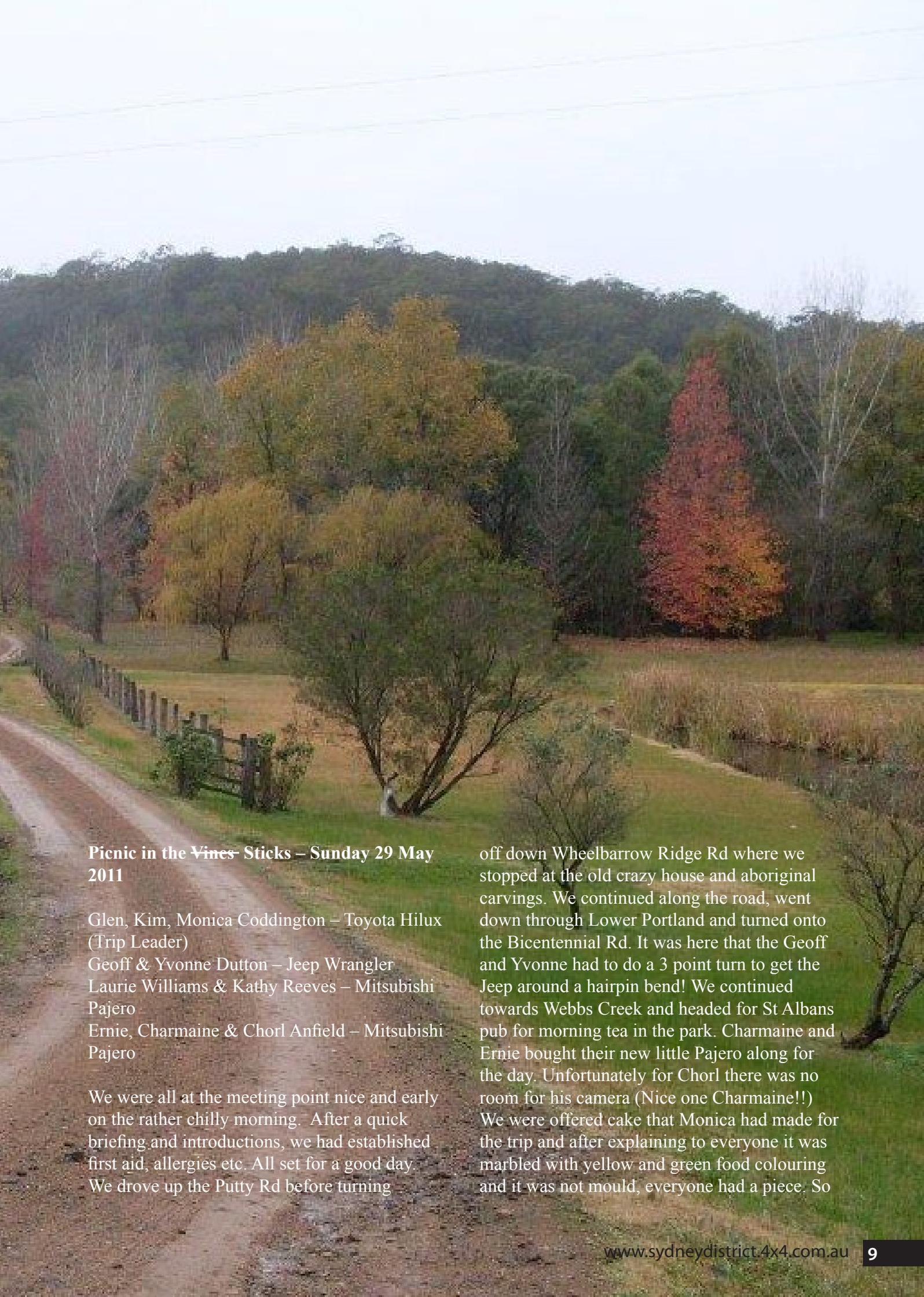


# Picnic in the Vines





**Picnic in the Vines- Sticks – Sunday 29 May 2011**

Glen, Kim, Monica Coddington – Toyota Hilux  
(Trip Leader)

Geoff & Yvonne Dutton – Jeep Wrangler

Laurie Williams & Kathy Reeves – Mitsubishi  
Pajero

Ernie, Charmaine & Chorl Anfield – Mitsubishi  
Pajero

We were all at the meeting point nice and early on the rather chilly morning. After a quick briefing and introductions, we had established first aid, allergies etc. All set for a good day. We drove up the Putty Rd before turning

off down Wheelbarrow Ridge Rd where we stopped at the old crazy house and aboriginal carvings. We continued along the road, went down through Lower Portland and turned onto the Bicentennial Rd. It was here that the Geoff and Yvonne had to do a 3 point turn to get the Jeep around a hairpin bend! We continued towards Webbs Creek and headed for St Albans pub for morning tea in the park. Charmaine and Ernie bought their new little Pajero along for the day. Unfortunately for Chorl there was no room for his camera (Nice one Charmaine!!) We were offered cake that Monica had made for the trip and after explaining to everyone it was marbled with yellow and green food colouring and it was not mould, everyone had a piece. So



far everyone seemed to be having a good time. Glen and Kim were running another brilliant trip.

All packed up from morning tea and it was time to head off. We travelled through the Common and stopped at The Great Old North Rd Convict Trail. On the way in there were a couple of little puddles and one rut which Laurie somehow managed to slip into! From there we continued to Bucketty Wall and stopped to marvel at the work of the convicts in the construction of the wall. As we were getting back into our cars it started to drizzle – just in time for our picnic!! We headed off towards Wollombi and to the winery just as the drizzle got heavier. Thankfully the cellar had a nice big verandah which they offered us to use. As we arrived we noticed that there were a couple of blow in's – Jack and Pam had managed to track us down and join us for lunch. We did some wine tasting, made some purchases and settled in to have our lunch. It was great to be able to chat to the new members Yvonne and Geoff and get to know them as well as catch up with everyone else. After we had finished lunch Ernie announced they were going to leave as Chorl was driving home on the freeway and since he was only allowed to do 80km/h it was going to be a long drive!! Hopefully by the time this trip report is done they should be home! Jack & Pam and Yvonne & Geoff headed off one way (after Geoff did another 3 point turn to get out AND nearly got bogged in the driveway) while Super Codds, Kim, Monica and Kathy & Laurie

went back via Wisemans Ferry Rd. Just as we got to the other side of the ferry Laurie thought it best to stop and make sure his car was OK. After an hour or so at the pub we deemed the car fine!

We all headed off to home after another great day out. Thanks Super Codds – you're the best!!

