

Upper Colo Reserve

Australia Day – Colo River

Families attending:

Sweetnam, Groth, Organs, Keys, Kynoch, Kruger, Jackman, Upton, Evans, Jandes, Malik, Fitzsimmons, Carl (Colleen is in the UK)

We left early to get up and claim a good spot at the Upper Colo Reserve for the day. After a quick stop at McDonalds for brekkie (tradition) we arrived to find about a thousand others with the same idea. We had met the Krugers along the way so we picked a corner of Colo and began to erect the gazebo's and awnings ready for the belter that was coming. It was already stinking hot and it was only 9am.

We were soon joined by the Organs and some of their friends who helped with the shade, and blowing up the toys for the river. Carl and Glenn had volunteered to meet some new members at the Caltex at Wilberforce and they soon joined us as the temp. continued to rise. As the cars rolled in we organised our little area as space was now becoming a premium. Somehow our president managed to reverse into the only tree in the area and dented and scratched his new paintwork – I will let Ian elaborate further, but if you are not at the meeting – trust me, it was funny in a cruel laugh kind of way.

With the shade set up, and the shackle taken care of for the day, it was now time for a swim. We all made our way down to the river to cool off; which was packed with hundreds having the same idea

as us. Chairs, floaties, boards and water pistols were all taken down and used to effect, especially the water pistols with battles erupting everywhere, and the unarmed being massacred.

The Upton's and Fitzzy's joined us later in the day. Apparently Fitzzy had tried to find a new way to the Colo via Old Northern Rd and headed out past Glenorie before having to double back and take Windsor Rd out through Wilberforce. Nice Fitzzy.

The day was spend in the river, with the occasional trip up to the cars for food, or liquid refreshments before agreeing it was too hot and heading back to the river. By early afternoon it was very very hot and we just continued to float and swim.

Finally around 3pm we decided that some of the neighbours were enjoying the amber fluid a bit much and it might be time to move off. We slowly started to pack up and said our goodbye's to the Keys who were camping the night, and to Stan, who could not get Noelene out of the river. Matty J has just arrived for a swim and to say hello on their way to Weiny Creek to camp the night.

The Evans, Malik's and Sweetnams took a detour via the Groths on the way home for another sway and a happy hour to finish the day off nicely.

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make it a fantastic day.

Ben



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