

# Chill End

Friday 7 to Monday 10 June

The long weekend in June saw 8 vehicles head to historic Hill End (near Bathurst) for a weekend of relaxation and a day of 4WDing.

Three campers arrived on the Friday afternoon to set up and were joined by another 4 campers on Saturday, and 2 families who chose to stay in a historic cottage in Hill End.

The campers resided at the Village Camp Ground, which has been recently re-done, and has good grassy sites, and fixed fire pits which worked well to warm us a little. In saying that, the weekend, which is traditionally a cold one, was very pleasant. We were blessed with beautiful blue skies and clear nights, until pack up! More of that later....

On the Saturday afternoon, we welcomed some new members to happy hour and coordinated ourselves for a trip on Sunday along the Bridle Track. The track was in good condition, and took us past some lovely spots along the Turon River, an old cave and a platypus floating in the river! We even had a river crossing or two.

We also saw the aftermath of "what not to do", when trying not to avoid a scratch on your car. A 2 week old BT50 rolled over the edge of the track and into the river. We found out that luckily the occupants survived with some injuries, but the car did not. A lesson, you can generally polish away a scratch!

## 4 *Along the Track*



The Bridle Track was still closed so unfortunately we couldn't go as far as we had hoped, but a good drive was had by all. On return, some vehicles headed up to the Cornish Roasting Pits to have a look while other enjoyed the enormous sausage rolls the local Bakery is famous for!

Happy Hour by the fire on Sunday featured a surprise birthday lamington and chorus of voices to wish Stuart a happy birthday! We may have also had our trip leader go undercover on the kid's bike with a unicorn helmet on.... Styling in Hill End! (And he rode all the way into town and back.....gave the locals a bit to talk about!)



The rain came in the early hours of Monday morning, and the campers awoke to the sounds of rain on canvas.... Then the reminder it was time to pack up. Nothing like a wet pack up!

Some of us waited, waited and waited a little longer for the rain to ease... no such luck and a very wet pack up was had by all campers.

This however did not lessen the fun that was had, with a fabulous group of people on the trip!

Thank you to John and Karina Groth for leading a wonderful trip, Kim and Glen Coddington for bringing the chainsaw for the fire wood, and to the families of Darlington's, Ellis's, Vergos's, Kench's, Tessier's, Teuma's and Aros's for being great people to weekend with!

