

Australia Day Weekend

Australia Day Picnic at Upper Colo Reserve 26th
January 2014

Trip Participants

Kim, Glen & Monica Coddington – Hilux (Trip Leaders)

Michael and Denise Kruger – Hilux

Taps, Venita and kids Sharma – Landcruiser

John, Karina and kids Groth – Navara

Conray & Chris Arbon – Brava

Sunny, Raj and kids – Jeep

Garry, Darlene and kids Peemoller – Pajero

Ryan, Renae and kids Darlington – Pajero

Well it was a reasonably early start as we were expecting big crowds at the river even though the weather was a little on the overcast and rainy side. The camp ground was booked out and had been for a month prior to the long weekend. With the Krugers first there followed by the Coddingtons, they quickly claimed a spot where we could comfortably fit all the cars with only a short walk to the river for the kids. The new caretaker at the park kept the campers separate from the day trippers so there was not much room anyway for the picnic.

Most people copped some rain on their way to the park however we were very lucky that we stayed reasonably dry – except for the kids as they didn't seem to care it was only 23 degrees, they wanted to swim anyway. Most of the kids came out shivering but couldn't understand why!! Kids

will be kids. Taps and Conray had big gazebos which we put up and they definitely worked a treat – thanks guys for bringing those. The rest of us put our foxwings and awnings out to create a big sheltered area.

We had lunch, followed by happy hour and basically just sat around and talked and hydrated (not from the rain) and had a nice relaxing day until someone realised that it was 5pm and thought we should all head home before the ranger locked the gates!

I must say that the new rangers are doing fantastic work at the park in keeping it clean, tidy and well managed.

Kim

