

Finchley's Trig

Trip Participants

Glen & Kim Coddington – trip leader

Grant & Anne Keogh

Andrew & Patricia Timms

Kevin Chidgey

John, Karina, Liam & Ashley Groth

Neil & Cheryl Whitley

Lawrence Misso & Harley James

Corey Parlato & Petra Phillips

We all met nice and early at the truck stop on Putty Rd for an 8am departure. Everyone was early so we got away on time. Even though the weather was supposed to be nice, it rained on the way up. We drove on for about 45 minutes before stopping at Grey Gums Cafe for a quick toilet break and coffee stop, before continuing along until we reached our track.

Thankfully the rain had cleared by the time we made our turnoff. Once the gate was opened and it was clear for everyone to come through, we aired down and got ready for our track ahead. There were a few gates to open and close, lucky

for our tail end Charlie they had 2 eager kids to get out and do the hard work. Made even more eager by Andrew telling them they were getting pocket money (and they weren't his kids!). There was a small creek crossing to go through which didn't pose any issues to anyone. The track itself was a bit washed out, more so than usual, due to the amount of rain we have recently had. It made it good with a couple of small rock steps to get up and some decent hills. We had morning tea at the junction leading towards Yengo camp ground, where we found some really freaky caterpillars on a tree. They were seriously gross but at the same time entertaining! After our stop we headed on towards Finchley camp ground where there was a drop toilet which got used! We did the short walk down to the cave before heading back out and stopping at the aboriginal rock carvings. From there we went to Finchley Trig lookout. The views were great, although some pruning would be even better. Who knew trees could grow so fast!. We organised to do our group photo here, and with our illustrious trip leader setting up the timer, we huddled in for a photo. Even though there were 2 other people there who could have



taken the photo for us! Glen then asked for one of the men to take a photo for us however didn't take the timer off. God bless the old bloke, who was at least 70, stayed as still as possible for the 10 seconds needed before the camera went off!! After this, we drove on to Wollombi where we had a picnic in the park. After a few laughs and lots of chit chat we decided to head off. Some people went via the M1, but most followed us to St Albans pub where we had to stop for a cold beverage, only because we had people on our trip who had never been here before!

Last toilet stop and we went home via Bicentenary Rd, Wheelbarrow Ridge track, Upper Colo Rd, Wheeny Ck before coming out onto Bells Line of Rd.

Thank you to John and Karina for being our TEC and to everyone else on the trip. We loved taking you through one of our favourite tracks and hoped you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Kim xx

