

PICNIC IN THE VINES

31/1/2015

Trip Participants

Glen & Kim Coddington – trip leaders

Kevin Chidgey

Neil Whitley

Alan & Carol McDermid

Neil & Anne Lambourne

Sarah Corris

We were meeting at Wilberforce shopping centre at 8am for an 8.30am departure. At about 8.20am and with only 1 other car ready to go, we thought something was not right. Turns out the other cars were waiting somewhere else! Once they finally worked out where they should be, they came and joined us for a quick chat about our day ahead before heading out of the shopping centre carpark. Neil L was asked to be our TEC which he thankfully was happy to do. As we left the carpark and headed out onto the main road, we noticed we had already lost our TEC. We waited for a few minutes before we turned back to find poor Neil checking his rear brakes out.



Some sort of clicking noise had started and needed to be investigated before we went too far. It was decided that all was good to continue however we then made Alan and Carol our TEC just to be safe.

We continued up the Putty Rd before turning off onto Wheelbarrow Ridge Rd. We followed that and turned onto Wheelbarrow Ridge Firetrail which was a short cut to Bicentenary Rd. This took us to the other side of Webbs Ck Ferry and we headed towards St Albans for morning tea in the park across from the old pub. After some choc chip cookies and some home made fudge and a cuppa (no chocolate cupcakes though thanks Sarah!) we continued our drive through St Albans





common and up towards Wollombi. We stopped at the Mt Manning Intersection to check out a part of the Great Old North Rd. We continued on and turned off onto Yengo Rd and went the scenic way to Wollombi through multiple causeways which were quite full due to the recent weather. We soon arrived at Undercliffe Winery where a few of us had some wine tasting and a great chat to Peter who owns and produces the wines. This little boutique winery always welcomes us and lets us use their ground to have a picnic in. It is a great way to support local business in the area.



We had lunch, a great chat and then decided which way was best to go home. As we were leaving at 2.30pm we ended the trip at the winery. Some people went back via the M1, some via Wisemans Ferry and others via Colo/ Wheeny Ck. It was a great day with great weather and even greater people. Thanks to all who came and made it a brilliant day.

