

# Simpson Desert June 2015

People on trip

Warwick & David - Narva - Trip Leader

Neil & Cheryl - Ranger

Jono & Taylor - Prado

Brian - patrol

Ian - Hilux

Doug - Defender

Sun 05 - Day 2 Simpson Trip

Broken Hill

Got to caravan park & set up tent up first time, everyone else rocked up.

We all went to The pub for dinner, 1st dinner all together

Mon 06 - Day 3 Simpson - Broken Hill

Broken Hill

Crap night's sleep, got up & had coffee

Warwick, Ian, Doug, Cheryl & myself went to the Silly Goat for a coffee.

After coffee drove out to Silverton & had a look around, had a beer at the Silverton Hotel & took a look in the jail, which was pretty good.

Other guys did their own thing 😊

Went to look at the sculptures at sunset 😊, pretty spectacular & well worth a look 😊

Then all meet at restaurant for dinner, some had the 2 for 1 pizza, very nice pizza & overall nice food 😊

Then back to camp for camp fire & drinks 😊

Tue 07 - Day 4 Simpson - Flinders

Broken Hill, Flinders Range

Pretty much all packed & on the road by 8:30am We were tail end Charlie 😊

Drove from Broken Hill to Yunta & refueled & coffee stop From Yunta started our unsealed drive to Flinders.

Nice drive, lot of different scenery & wildlife.

Rocked up to Chambers Gorge at 4pm & set up camp. Bit of wildlife, Kangaroos, goats.

Funny thing on drive there was an emu running besides Warwick's car Although we did pick up firewood before camp, thanks to Ian's trusty Chainsaw After setting up camp, everyone cooked dinner & sat around camp fire with a few cold ales 😊

Rained during night 😞

Brian & Warwick shared leader driver, we were tail end Charlie

Wed 08 - Day 5 Simpson Coward Springs-William Creek

Flinders Range, Coward Springs Station

All packed & pretty much on the road by 8am

Some beautiful scenery of Flinders Ranges, all stopped for photo's

Cheryl stopped to go to toilet & left it in drive, shackle nomination 😊

After Chambers Gorge made our way to William Creek.

Got to Copley & on tar road again as making way to Lyndhurst for break & fuel stop Stopped & looked at the sculptures on the oonodatta track.

Stopped & looked at Lake Eyre lookout.

Jono set off his drone over the lake, pretty cool 😎

All drove to William Creek as Warwick, David, Jono, Taylor, Brian & myself have flight over Lake Eyre tomorrow at 7am 😊



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so all decided not to stop at Coward Springs.  
We decided to stay in cabin at William Creek \$150 🤔, Cheryl paid 😊  
All had dinner at pub, barring Ian as didn't have vegetarian  
Great meal, we had the stockman schnitzel which was huge & delicious  
Jono was trip Leader & Brian was tail end Charlie

Thu 09 - Day 6 Simpson - William Creek - Painted Desert  
William Creek, Arckaringa

Up early for the flight over Lake Eyre at 7am, nice sleep in a cabin with AC & nice shower, want to at \$150 🤔.  
Flight was fantastic, well worth the \$260 for the hour flight 😊, seen some much different scenery, including Lake Eyre & Anna Creek Station, biggest cattle station in the world  
We're trip leader today on way to painted desert & Doug is tail end Charlie  
Stopped & looked at Algebuckina Ruins & Algebuckina Bridge, where we stopped for lunch 😊  
Oodnadatta track out to painted desert was very muddy & cars got muddy real quick  
Pretty rough drive out to Arckaringa & painted desert all cars went from clean to very muddy  
Stopped at painted desert for a look & then I had to check a water crossing wear my shoes went from white to a very muddy brown 🤔, thanks Cheryl 😊  
But another shackle nominate goes to Brian who waited 20 minutes for breakfast only to realize he'd organized a continental breakfast which was self-serve 🤔

Arrived at camp & all setup & cooked dinner & then happy hour 😊  
Beautiful sunset 😊  
Camped at Arckinga station, very nice 😊  
Think everyone had a ball getting car muddy 😊

Fri 10 - Day 7 Simpson -Arckinga Mt Dare  
Arckaringa, Mt Dare Hotel

Packed up & on the road around 8am, stopped at the painted desert for some happy snaps.  
Ian was leading & Doug tail end Charlie 😊  
Nearly had red rooster for breakfast, stupid think going off at 4am in morning 😊  
Road to & from painted desert was very ordinary, even some spots changed overnight & got worse 🤔  
Warwick has an issue with roof rack, so we unloaded his gear and spread it around, Brian & Ian took a swag each & We took the spare tyre. Showing good team work by helping each other out 😊  
Nowhere are muddy on same track as yesterday  
Cheryl still had fun getting car dirtier  
Stopped at the Oodnadatta Pink Road House for fuel & coffee break & to see if Warwick could get his Roof Rack fixed, no luck 😊  
Then drive out to Mt Dare with a really nice swamp crossing 😊, I was driving this time  
Stopped on side of road for lunch  
Long long drive to Mt Dare, got in after dark, we stayed in cabin 😊, not as good as William Creek, cabin not even locked 🤔  
Had dinner at pub, really nice people that run it 😊 & very helpful in helping us with Simpson,  
Fun really starts tomorrow 😊

Sat 11 - Day 8 Simpson - On the Simpson  
Mt Dare Hotel, Purni Bore

Up around 7am for a shower, which will be the last for about 4 days 😬  
All fuelled up & got desert passes & on road by 9:30am 😊  
Cheryl driving 🚗😬😬😬😬  
Warwick leading & Brian tail end Charlie Road from Mt Dare to Dalhousie Sprngs was crap 😬  
Couple of us had a swim in the Dalhousie Springs, temp around 37c  
Jono lead from Dalhousie Springs to our camp site for the night, good choice Jono 😊  
Road was pretty ordinary all the way to Purni Bore, where we stopped for photo shoot 😊  
Crossed over to the Simpson & camped for the 1st night in the Simpson.  
Some night sand dunes to go over 😊  
Happy hour around the camp fire 😊

Sun 12 - Day 9 - Simpson on the Simpson  
Purni Bore, Eyre Creek

Pretty much everyone up & ready by 8:30am  
On the road & enjoying the sand dunes & some corrugation.  
Stopped for some fire wood & Ian changed the blade on the chainsaw & put the chain on backwards & then threatened the bolt, shackle award 😬. But we did get firewood 😊 thanks to his chainsaw  
Stopped for lunch around 12:30pm on side of road.

Drove to about 3pm & found a camp site & setup.  
Then happy hour 😊

Mon 13 - Day 10 Simpson - On the Simpson  
Eyre Creek, Poeppel Corner

Pretty much all packed & on the road around 8:30am.  
Bit cold overnight & in the morning Doug leading today & Neil/Cheryl tail end Charlie  
I got out the car & fell on my arse 😬 & Cheryl pissed herself laughing 😬  
Continued up the Erabena Track, got some firewood & stopped for lunch about 7km from French Line track.  
Got on the French Line & the fun began, hills become steeper & sandier 😊  
Found a camp spot around 3pm & setup camp & then happy hour 😊  
Neil & Cheryl supplied Chivas Regal Scotch & also ice around the camp fire, how good is that, scotch & Ice in the Sand Dunes of the Simpson Desert, who said you can't get ice in the Simpson 😊

Tue 14 - Day 11 Simpson - On the Simpson  
Eyre Creek, Poeppel Corner

Pretty much all packed up & on the road at 8:30am.  
Doug leading, Neil/Cheryl Tail End Charlie. Driving along the French Line which is beautiful & green, wouldn't think you were in the desert.  
Stopped for some photos of salt lakes & then detoured to Approddinna Attora Knolls for 360 degrees views of the Simpson,

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where we stopped for early lunch break, around 11:30am.

Jono was 1st to get bogged, then Brian & Neil got bogged on same Sand dune which admittedly was pretty chopped up when we got to it, but just let some pressure out of tyres 😊

Also Neil flag pole broke, not impressed 😡  
Bit of a longer drive today, camp around 4:30pm, but only did about 90km.  
Brian shackle nomination for talking on wrong mic, as has 2 in car 🤦

Wed 15 - Day 12 Simpson - On the Simpson Eyre Creek, Birdsville

Pretty much on the road by 8:30am, Ian leading, Doug tail end Charlie.  
Making pretty making better progress than yesterday, although dunes bigger & a bit more choppy, other sections were good 😊

Stopped to let some hootens past 🤨  
Then stopped later on for a cup of tea or coffee 😊  
Drove for a while & then stopped for lunch, drove little further up the road & stopped for firewood, again with Ian's trusty 12v chainsaw 😊

All got to big red, All barring Brian got up big red, Cheryl 😊  
Shackle nomination for sand driver trainer, Brian for not making it 😊, but all in good fun 😊, but Brian didn't have his chip set correctly 🤦

All got in to Birdsville, setup camp & had a well-deserved hot shower 😊  
Birdsville pub for dinner 😊

Well we all made it across the Simpson with no major issues & had a ball doing it.  
What can we say, a picture tells a thousand

words, the Simpson the beautiful and green, probably a once in a life time experience

Thu 16 - Day 13 Simpson - Birdsville Birdsville

Got to sleep in & then we headed up to the bakery, Some of us had the big Birdsville breakfast, which was big, no need for lunch. 😊

Then just a Lazy day washing the clothes & relaxing 😊

Again dinner at the Birdsville pub 😊

Fri 17 - Day 14 Simpson - Birdsville - Windorah Birdsville, Windorah

Rained most of the night & ground is like mud pit 😊

All packed up our tents in the rain & all had moon boots, felt like shoes weighted a ton.  
After packing up few of us had showers 😊

Had breakfast at bakery & made plan of attack, which Brian put up good plan of attack 😊, due to rain & road closers had to change itinerary 😊

Started raining harder around 10am, when we planned to leave 😊

Took the Development track to Windorah, had some fun in sections, rain keeps up won't be open for much longer. 😊, cars all muddy again 😊

Stopped at rest area for break & air up tyres  
Got to Windorah & Ian had a crack in fuel tank which had to be fixed, so borrowed a lot of Jerry so could drain tank and fixed the leak.

Camped next to the church, as caravan park, if you call it that was full 😊

Ian made a comment about dumping fuel only to find out about fuel leak, so shackle nomination 😊

Most of us went to pub for dinner & had the BBQ, which was pretty good 😊

Then back to camp site for a couple more drinks 😊

Sat 18 - Day 15 Simpson - Windorah -  
Noccundra Hotel  
Windorah, Noccundra

Rained overnight & blood dog barked overnight.

Then Brian packed up at 4am 😊

All packed & on the road by 8:30am heading to Quilpie for morning tea & fuel stop

Road was single lane all the way.

Destination Noccundra Hotel

Got to Noccundra hotel & found roads to Tibooburra are closed, so make call tomorrow .

So setup camp & had happy hour 😊

Then everyone started cooking their dinner & ate around camp fire, that the wood actually come all the way from the Simpson 😊

Sun 19 - Day 16 Simpson - Noccundra -  
Cunnamulla  
Noccundra, Cunnamulla

Rained all night & mozzies were a pain. Brian woke up with wet pants & bed not because of why you think, but because he left tent part open & rain got in, shackle

nomination 😊

Jono & Taylor left today.

Left Noccundra for Cunnamulla.

Brian leading & Doug Tail End Charlie.

Tar road all the way 😊

Stopped at Thargomindah for bit to eat & drink 😊

Got to Cunnamulla & Brian, Ian & Doug shared a cabin, Warwick & David camped & Neil & Cheryl got a cabin.

We had happy hour in Neil/ Cheryl cabin.

Brian, Ian, Doug, Warwick & David went to pub for dinner.

Mon 20 - Day 17 Simpson - Cunnamulla -  
Cobar  
Cunnamulla, Cobar

Said goodbye to Brian & Doug.

Only Warwick, David, Ian, Neil & Cheryl left 😊

Drove to Bourke & refueled.

We then stopped outside of Bourke for lunch break & froze 😊

Dough will be upset as seen numerous Range Rovers/Defenders 😊

Got to Cobar, Warwick/David & Ian camped. Neil & Cheryl chickened out & got a cabin, got to keep the boss happy 😊

Had happy hour in the camp kitchen 😊

Warwick/David lead & Neil/Cheryl Tail end Charlie

Tue 21 - Day 18 Simpson - Cobar - White  
Cliffs  
Cobar, White Cliffs

Bit of a sleep in today as only 350km to



white cliff on tar roads 😊

All had a coffee at Mattie's in Cobar & set off for White Cliffs around 10am.

Ian leading & Cheryl tail end Charlie

Stopped off at the Parlor turn off to track & Ian nearly got bogged within first 100m both in & so did Warwick 😞

Had a bit to eat on side of road in freezing wind 😞

On road to White Cliffs come across cows, sheep, goats & Roo's 😊

Got to the underground hotel & checked in. Then had happy hour in hotel & even Cheryl had a few to many scotch & cokes 😂

Had dinner & few more drinks & then we all played darts 😊

Then later, much later as found out we're all not that good at dart 😞, some played ping pong 😊

As Parloo roads are closed were heading home tomorrow after looking around white cliffs 😊

Wed 22 - Day 19 Simpson - White Cliffs  
White Cliffs, Nyngan

Up & had continental breakfast, didn't wait 20 minutes 😂

Then off to look around White Cliffs

Stopped in at the Paroo Information centre & had a look around. 😊

Went to Red Earth Opal Cafe & Neil/Ian & David spent a lot of money 😞, Warwick said nothing his girlfriend would like.

Had nice coffee & scones & then headed for Nyngagan.

Penelope Pitstop(Cheryl) leading, Ian Tail End.

After arriving at Nyngagan, we went to pub for final dinner as part of trip.

Cheryl drove everyone to pub 😊, all made

it back alive 😞

All said our goodbyes 😞

What a fantastic trip, didn't feel like nearly 3 weeks ago we started.

Thanks Warwick for leading a fantastic trip.

Thu 23 - Day 20 - Nyngan to Home  
Nyngan, Lurnea

Up early on road around 7:30am.

Bumped into Warwick/David on the road near Dubbo & funny enough bumped in Ian at Dubbo Mac's where we had breakfast together.

Then just a can ball drive home

We all had a great time and a big thanks goes to Warwick for leading a fantastic trip Couldn't have picked a better time to go and see the Simpson with it been so beautiful and green, looking at it you wouldn't have believed you were in the Simpson.