

AUSTRALIA DAY

Trip Participants

Kim & Glen Coddington – Trip Leaders
Michael & Denise Kruger
Craig, Casey & Shane Upton
Tori Lester
Andy Adams & Sandy Martin
Bryan & Susan Dixon
Kamesh, Yuva, Yashva Surulimuthu
Paul & Asra Tinker
Owen, Victoria, Tyler & Maddison Sentana
Conray & Chris Arbon
Neil & Cheryl Whitley

The day started off a bit overcast but very humid. We (Kim & Glen) were first to get there and set up our gazebo to try and save space as it was expected to get quite busy. Michael and Denise were next to arrive. They too brought their gazebo which was great. We helped set up their gazebo only to find out they forgot to bring the roof for it! Never mind, Glen raced home and bought a tarp down which made for a great roof. Very soon everyone arrived and we had 4 gazebos all set up together on the sand. There were not many people setting up on the sand so we had a lot of space to ourselves. Everyone else was setting up their bbq's and shelters on the grassed area. It didn't take long for the kids to get in the river and start playing. There were boats, balls, thongs – all

sorts of great water toys. Bryan was getting into the spirit of things and kicked the ball out into the river and straight into the side of a kayak with 3 kids in it, none of whom were with us! They gave Bryan a look that made him run for cover! We all got out happy hour and sat around talking and laughing before some of the adults decided it was time to go for a swim. While we were in the water we noticed that everyone from our group was starting to move the gazebos. Apparently the river is tidal (who would have thought!). We were all laughing at how funny it was although it does explain why no one else set up camp on the sand. About 40 minutes later and water up to our ankles it was time to move again! Chairs, gazebos, bbq, eskys all getting wet, so we moved to a bit higher ground. It didn't take long for us to be sitting in the water, watching Owen cook a bbq while standing in the water. The tide was coming in pretty quick and we had quite an audience watching us on the bank but we stayed put like the determined people we are. Our circle did get smaller but we didn't move. A little bit of water wasn't going to scare us! Chairs, eskys, bbqs again in the water. We were all laughing at the situation then finally the tide turned! We survived! 5pm came and we decided that we should probably all start heading home. A big thank you to Owen and Victoria for feeding everyone with authentic Argentinian food Asado and to Yuva for bring the most delicious curry. You are both always welcome on my trips

