

TRIP REPORT



Dates:

Thursday 25th January to Monday 29th January 2018

Trip participants:

Glen & Kim Coddington Trip Leader
Jack & Pam Simpson
Doug & Robyn Mathewson
Neil & Cheryl Whitley

We managed to get away from work a day early so headed up on Thursday morning. It was a nice easy drive with no traffic. A quick stop at Lithgow for some last minute supplies and we were on our way.

We arrived at Coorongooba around 11.30am and there were only 3 or 4 camp sites there. Jack and Pam arrived about an hour later and still the campground was quiet. We set up our sites and decorated our site and picnic area in everything Australia Day.

There were quite a few helicopters flying around, some with the water buckets due to the bush fires around us. They were getting water out of a nearby supply and dumping it on the fires.

In the mean time the RFS helicopter thought it was a good time for a break and landed in the middle of the campground much to everyone's excitement. All the kids made a bee line to check it out. Eventually we cooked dinner and got together for a great chat, awaiting the arrival of the other members on Friday.

Doug and Robyn were the first to arrive and were quickly set up. We had lunch and were still waiting for Neil and Cheryl to arrive. At 1.30pm we decided to go for a drive to get phone reception to contact them and in doing so, passed them on the dirt road.

They followed us back to camp and set up their tent and new stretchers that they bought on eBay, only to find they didn't both fit in the tent so Neil got given the short straw to sleep outside!

A massive thunderstorm passed over with not a lot of rain. The thunder echoed through the Capertee Valley like it was surrounding us, only to cool us down from 35 degrees to a comfy 22 for sleeping. We had dinner and decided that Saturday was going to be a drive to Dunn's Swamp.

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND AT COORANGOOPA



We got up on Saturday morning with no rush, had breakfast and were on the go at 9.30am. It was a nice drive there. The campground has been expanded and there were heaps of campers there. We found a parking spot and headed to the water for a swim.

Dunn's Swamp is a wonderful place to camp and swim and fish. You could hire kayaks, stand up paddleboards and they did kayak tours out to the dam wall. We finished our swim and had lunch before heading back for a shower, ice cream and coffee at Glen Davis, then back to camp for happy hour, dinner and bed.

Sunday saw us watch Neil & Cheryl and Doug & Robyn pack up and head home. It didn't take long for all the other campers leave, making it quite peaceful.

Glen and I decided we would head into Capertee for lunch at the pub. When we got to Capertee there was a lot of holiday traffic. Glad we were staying until Monday! Lunch was good and we made our way back to camp. The camp ground was slowly emptying, which was great for us! By the end of the afternoon there were only a handful of campers left.

The Kangaroo's, Goanna's and Wombats all came out obviously relieved to have some of their ground back again. We did a small happy hour and then cooked dinner. A few bits and pieces were packed up just in case it rained overnight and time for bed.

It was an overcast morning on Monday but no rain! We had a coffee and tea, packed up and farewelled Coorongooaba.

Such a relaxing weekend with everyone, we had a great time.

Kimmy x

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