

# TRIP REPORT

## Jindy Jaunt

(aka Jindabyne Xmas)

### Dates:

26th December 2017 – 2nd January 2018.

### Participants

Craig Upton (Trip Leader), Casey and Shane.  
Glen and Kim Coddington  
Tori Lester  
Gary and Darlene Peemoller and Jesse  
Steve Sheather and Mackenzie

Like most trips I run, the idea is often a very slow relaxed environment that sees a few days of nothing to be able to do whatever people want to do. Wherever it is and whatever you want to do, the idea of any trip is to see the surrounds and enjoy your time doing what each individual wants to do. We are all different after all. Well this trip was no different.

We all left on the 26th December and travelled at our own pace until we met at the McDonalds at Sutton Forest. This was a well-coordinated meet up as we didn't have to wait long at all. Well except for Steve who ended up on the other side of the road and drove past the first, new, massive McDonalds that we were all waiting in. The first of a lot of good laughs.

The rest of the day just saw a move to Jindabyne and set-up in camp. I'm not sure who was more keen to throw the first line in the water though. The kids or some of the adults. I'll just tell you now though, none of us caught a thing for the whole week even

though we did give it a good go at different times of the day. Silly fish!!!

The next day we decided to go to Kosciuszko. Initially this was going to just be a visit and travel to the start point of the walk via the chair lift. Then someone decided they would do the walk to the top of Australia and guilting the rest of us into the 13km return walk. Oh, and the extra 2kms from the carpark to the chairlift. Thank god they did. It was amazing and a day well worthwhile. If we had known we would do the walk we would have started earlier but it is what it is and we had an amazing day. The view and the self-achievement was just incredible. We saw and played with snow. Watched small trout in some of the streams and fell in love with the majestic country that is the start of the high country.





So obviously, the next day was a very quiet day in camp with all of us limping like old people due to us super fit humans who now had muscles hurting like crazy. So we all just chilled out in camp and did whatever we wanted to do. Fish, bike ride, go into town and even swim. No sharks in the lake. Haha.



Our one and only day that was predicting rain was the next day, 29th, so we decided to have another lazy morning and then go for a drive to Perisher. It was a general look around with a coffee stop in the middle. We dropped in to a trout hatchery and looked at a large chimney looking thing that has something to do with the Tumut Scheme but not one of us can work out what it does as the signs explanation left a lot to be desired.

Adaminaby, Lake Eucumbene and the hot springs at Yarrangabilly were on our target the next day. We quickly worked out that our legs weren't 100% better from the massive walk we did as we had a very steep 700m walk into the hot springs. A beautiful place but ouches on the legs. Adaminaby was happily left behind and Eucumbene was so

low in water due to pumping the water into Jindabyne for maintenance work that it looked somewhat desolate. It didn't matter, we had had another awesome day and enjoyed the beautiful area and each other's company.



The next two days really just saw another opportunity to relax and absorb the view at camp. Our camp was literally 10 meters from the lakes edge. So again, bike riding, fishing, relaxing or some just finding their own space to relax was what made the trip simply amazing. I have to say, it was such an amazing place that I have been asked to put this trip up again next year but make it longer so we are able to look around some of the Victorian high country as a day trip or even an overnighner. It is an area that is very well known for the winter fun but if you haven't been to this area, do yourself a favour and check it out during summer. It is just amazing.



**Trip report by Craig Upton, photos by Craig Upton and Steven Sheather**