

TRIP REPORTS

GLOW WORM TUNNEL/NEWNES TRIP. FEB. 9&10 2019.

Trip Participants.

Ian and Rhonda McKinley (Trip Leaders) Holden Colorado.
Steve Chapman and Alison Pratt; Toyota Prado.
Chris Keys; Mitsubishi Pajero.
John, Trisha and Christian Sloan; Holden Colorado and Camper Trailer.

We all met at Zig Zag Railway at 0845 hrs, introduced ourselves, aired down and travelled to Glow-worm tunnel, parts of the road was very rough with large potholes.

With torches in hand we ventured through the tunnel stopping a few times, turning off the torches to look at the glow worms. At the end of the tunnel we walked through the ferns and taking the opportunity for some great photos. We then ventured back through the tunnel to the vehicles for morning tea.

Chris led the convoy to some Aboriginal sites where we viewed some carvings in rocks where they would have sharpened their tools. On the return to our vehicles Rhonda scraped against a large log thought she had scratched her left shin but on further investigation it was decided a trip to Lithgow Hospital was needed, where she received 7 stitches, x-ray and Tetanus shot.

Chris led the rest of the group down the Black Fellas Hand Trail and viewed more Aboriginal art and stopped for lunch. The group travelled on to Newnes camp ground. Chris then returned home as he only scheduled the Saturday on the trip.



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Rhonda and I arrived at camp around 1700 hrs to find the rest of the group still setting up camp. As Rhonda's leg was sore I set up camp with a little help from the others. (Thanks All)

Happy hour was started and we while we chatted to each other about our lives and where we have travelled across this great country. Dinner was cooked and eaten. A nice fire was lit and we sat around and chatted some more and finally off to bed about 2230 hrs.

We all awoke Sunday morning with the sun shining and a temp of 8 degrees. We had breakfast then headed off leaving Rhonda to watch the camp, as it was quite wet from the dew overnight. The 2 hr walk through the ruins of the shale mines and coke ovens was very interesting and puzzling on how it all worked as there were few signs and little information.

We then returned to camp, packed up a nice and dry camp and all agreed it was a great weekend with great friends and headed home.