



**Angorichina Easter Weekend (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) April 2010**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Day 1**

Before day light we were at Tarlee Parking Bay, and at 7.15 we took off. Our destination – Angorichina Tourist Village, between Parachilna and Blinman. The starters were: - Trip Leaders John and Jane, their friends Chris & Gayle, Simon, Wendy and Cain, Lyn and Max, Roy and Bronwyn, John M, Martin and Marie.

We headed north as the sun rose, through Auburn and the rolling hills of the Clare Valley, Spalding and finally a stop at Jamestown at the well kept park. Another 57 kms through pastoral country on the RM Williams Way, found us at Orroroo, a well laid out rural centre. Some of us gave the bakery a visit.



On the road again, 107 kms to Hawker where our fuel tanks were topped up for the long days of driving to come. It was also our lunch stop.



Karen, David and Angus had caught up and joined the group as we headed for Parachilna. From Hawker, views of the rugged Wilpena National Park and St Mary's Peak were seen on our right. The road crossed Edeowie Soak and Brachina Creek on the 89 kms to Parachilna. There we left the bitumen and hit the dusty dirt road to Angorichina.

At around 2 pm we pulled into the Village, announced our arrival and found our allotted campsites and facilities, which would be our bush home for Easter,

surrounded by mountain ranges. During the afternoon camps were set up, finances organised, it was time to relax. Later we gathered for Happy Hour under the long shelter shed and talked about Saturday's plan. After a well earned meal, we spent more time chatting until about 9.30 pm when it was time to hit the swag, or for the lucky ones, the inner spring mattress.

**[Marie]**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Day 2**

When we go away, it's eggs and bacon and that's exactly what we had today. Poor Dave did a vehicle check to find a weeping brake hose. He decided to travel at 9.30 am in Martin's vehicle to Copley (80km away) as they thought they may have the part, while Karen and Angus stayed back in the van.



Another Dave (Henery) brought a key to the Caravan Park and 8 vehicles left to venture the Mt Samuel track which took approx. 6 hours. Our convoy consisted of John & Jane; Chris & Gayle; Darren (John's son), Laura, Jesse & Walter; Wendy & Simon; Roy & Bronwyn; Marie; John & Martin & Max & Lyn.



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The self drive tour went through places called Valley Paddock and Lindow Bore before seeing the Panoramic Views over the Heywood Valley where the Heysen Trail travels. There was too much to see that we forgot to stop for morning tea. Sighted the weeds Prickly Pear (scattered around) and the Junction, building up an appetite for lunch at the Summit.

Here we all had a discussion over the 2 Mt Samuels. In the early days, it's believed independent surveyors could not agree,

which resulted in Mt Samuel & Mt Samuel Proper both covered with a thick layer of weathered white quartzite deposits – orange/maroon colour. A great backdrop to enjoy our lunch stop viewing Lake Torrens, Nilpena Sand hills, Heysen & ABC Ranges.

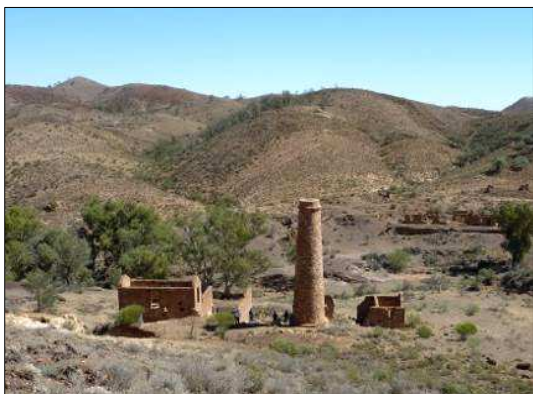
Mt Buggery Gorge lived up to its name and certainly was a challenge shaking lunch down. Finally getting to Bolton Valley Bore, John, our trip leader, (just temporarily) lost the track or was it the plot!!! It was soon found with some help from his friends. It was interesting to note the average rainfall over the last 10 years was 245mls; no wonder there is little fear of an American using his holiday house and sheds near the creek bed.

Arriving safely home to share happy hour at 4.30 pm, Dave told us he had no luck at Copley but will try again tomorrow. Dave stirred up a funnel web spider which was ready to pounce. We joined Darren, Laura, Jesse & Walter for a short rock pool walk near the park. After tea, all enjoyed "Angorichina Under the Stars" seeing the tracks we went on today, photos from Moonta trip and our weekend air flight with Banksia Adventures over Lake Eyre. Heaps of bugs fried on the projector and stuck to the big screen which now look like eagles in the sky. Many sat waiting for more pictures but that's all folks!! What a great fulfilling day. Thanks John & Jane for your leadership and to everyone else for your wonderful company, extremely relaxing.



**[Max & Lyn]**

**Easter Sunday in the Flinders – Day 3**



Easter bunny had left some goodies and the little ones enjoyed finding them. The big kids did not miss out either! After breakfast we went for a drive to the Nuccaleena Copper Mine site.

It was an interesting drive winding through the country side and creek beds. The trees were looking very refreshed after the recent rains, although there was not much water lying around. You could see the force with which the water had been through the area, by the flattened grass and debris up the trees.

Lunch was in a creek bed under the shade of the beautiful gums.





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Clarentyne decided it was time to fly the coop not coping with sitting on the back of John's Patrol and sucking in the dust any longer. Cain gave Clarentyne some of his puffer to help him breathe again.



We stopped back at Blinman for an ice cream. When we got back to the vehicles, Marie noticed a flat which was only the start of her dramas, with the nuts being too tight and sheering off when the boys tried to take the tyre off. The boys managed to fix the problem and off back to camp for tea.

***[Simon, Wendy & Cain]***

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Day 4**

Monday morning dawned, another superb day in the Flinders Ranges, we could not have asked for better weather. It has been absolutely glorious the entire time. We would appreciate the next trip leaders (whoever they may be) ordering more of the same for the club's next adventure.



Unfortunately this is our last day and nobody really wants to go home, but we set off anyway at around 9.30 with our group of Chris & Gayle, Max & Lyn, Roy & Bronwyn, Marie and ourselves. Simon, Wendy and Cain, Martin and John all went via Wilpena and left at different times. Dave, Karen and Angus decided to go touring on their way home so they set off by themselves.



We travelled along the same route that we came up on. We stopped at Hawker for fuel and Orroroo for lunch. We encountered plenty of wildlife along the way including Emus, Eagles and thousands of grass hoppers. Being in the front, we managed to collect the majority of them so it was not so bad for everyone else. Max was sure that John and I had a huge load of them stashed in the vehicle, and at strategic places were letting them out for him to collect. Not true Max, as we had about 3" thick of grass hoppers on the front of the Nissan when we arrived home.

We had one more stop at Clare for drinks and ice creams were eaten by some, before going our separate ways.

John and I would like to thank everyone for their company and friendship on the trip; we had an absolutely great Easter. Thanks to the trip leaders for a wonderful weekend.

***[Jane and John]***