



THE ROCKS – 10th Anniversary Trip (3rd Jun 2012)

Sunday 3rd June



We gave everyone a good chance to be late and win the privilege of doing the trip report, but no, it is my turn again. Found the lost 'Up and Go' in my pocket (my breakfast) and a 1952 penny on the road for good luck.



There were 12 vehicles in our convoy on a beautiful sunny morning.

Norma's radio wasn't working, so out with the hand held as we left the Tarlee car park and turned left at Giles corner. One wrong turn, a tiny bit of mud (now mostly found under George's Pajero) and 3 of the original families that were on that very first trip - Marie, Quenton and Deb and Keryn and Brent.

We arrived at our location, set up our chairs and tables in the sunshine, got the fire going for warmth and atmosphere, relaxed, chatted over coffee and cake and spent some time looking through an assortment of photos from various trips, with a few explanations required here and there.

Bronte arrived as we were setting up the BBQ for lunch, with shared salads, and we finished off with a cheese platter and a variety of sweets. Meringues made by Jo and special yeast Berlina buns made by George.



It was very pleasant and relaxing sitting around the fire and we all agreed that it was very different to the first trip to The Rocks because now we are a group of friends who know each other and are not strangers as we were back then.

It was a great time to reminisce over the past 10 years, where previously we were very green but excited and had no idea what we were in for, but what a wonderful 10 years it has been with new friendships, great adventures and experiences that we would never have otherwise had the chance of doing.

Following lunch, we wandered along the creek to see a group of people kayaking. We checked out the creek line from the top of the cliff face then wandered back to the shelter to pack up and head for home.

Bronte and Peter W tried out the maze of tracks lining the creek before setting off.

A beautiful way to spend a winters Sunday and a great way to celebrate the **10th anniversary of the 1st outing of the 4WD club.**

The discussion on the way home included whether any of today's members would be around to partake in the next 10 year celebrations, whether we would be travelling by gophers or even remember where The Rocks are! Deb admitted to not remembering the 1st trip already, so don't follow her!! Only time will tell.

Thank you, Norma, for leading the trip, bringing the Club BBQ, tarp and firewood and thank you to the Riddles and Rivetts for checking out the location and to the club members for their support.

Looking forward to the next 10 years!!

[Keryn Wilkins]