



**Teddy Bears Picnic Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

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It's 9 am and a good crowd had gathered at the Visitor's Centre. The weather was good, cooling down after the previous few days of heat.

There was Quenton & Deb, Peter & Sandra, Wayne & Sandra, Brent, Keryn & Wil, Dave, Michele & Jessica, Roy & Bronwyn, Max & Lyn, John & Jane. The teddies were keen to get started on their big day out and for some it was their first adventure outdoors for many a year. They came in all shapes, ages and sizes. A couple of interlopers were found amongst the teddies, a feathery Emu with Lyn and Banjo the Border collie with John. Poor Banjo had nearly been choked tied up in the Ute, but he eventually broke free to join in the fun. Group photos were taken and then we were on our way.

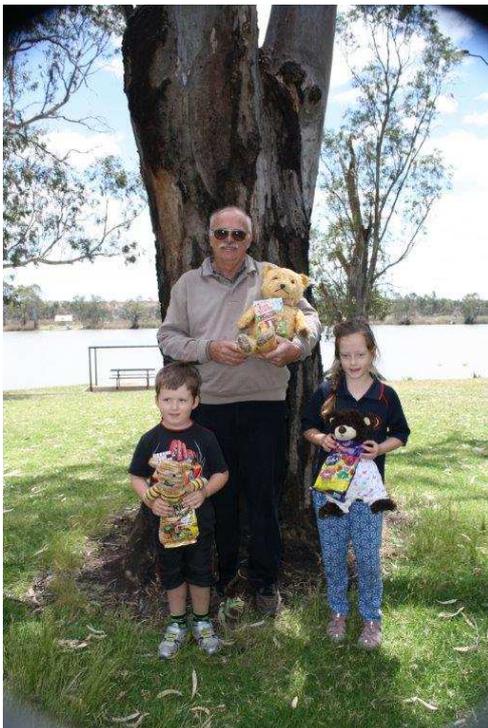


We passed through Lyndoch and turned off towards the Barossa.

There was certainly evidence through the back roads of the fire

that had been through the district earlier in the year. The farmers had been busy with harvesting and there were numerous bales of hay to be carted in.

Seppeltsfield Winery was our stop for a leisurely morning tea. Keryn, Wil and Teddy had been busy making tea cups and bumble bees to share with us all. They were delicious, along



with all the other goodies. Peter gave us a history lesson of the 2000 plus date palms. These were mostly planted during the Great Depression, out of gratitude by the Seppeltsfield employees who had been kept employed by the Seppelts Family at considerable cost.

Time to set off through some interesting back roads, some I don't think I had travelled on before. We passed stone walls that are scattered throughout the Barossa. It never ceases to amaze me, the sheer hard work and feat of engineering it must have taken to construct them.

We headed into the Swan Reach Ferry (or Punt) depending on what you are used to calling it. All the teddies and their friends were super excited for our ride across the river. We stopped for lunch at the nice park in the town of Swan Reach. The Corellas were very friendly.



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They decided that several vehicles were too clean, including Quenton's and Roy's. Calling cards were left on them. My salad container lid and chair were also inviting. Thanks to Michele who had the trusty baby wipes and cleaned everything for me.

After lunch, the Teddy Bear judging commenced. There seemed to be fierce competition but eventually the winners were decided.

Roy	Oldest Teddy
Jessica	Best dressed Teddy
Wil	Best homemade Teddy

Prizes were awarded, winners congratulated and photos taken.

The fun had to end and we were off once again, our trip leaders had now changed to Roy & Bronwyn. We went back over the river and soon found ourselves on some dusty dirt roads. We felt sorry for tail end Charlie who had to eat everyone's dust. We stopped at a pretty little camp site that was familiar to Roy & Bronwyn, nice winter spot but too many slithery things for me in the summer. Passed the Punyelroo Caravan Park, they sure have a few rules on their sign. We set off once more arriving in Cambrai. Ice creams were on the menu and the general store did a brisk trade.

Quenton and Deb left us at this stage and headed off to the Airport. Everyone went their own way home in various little groups. We went with Peter and Sandra. Thanks Peter for our very scenic drive.

Thanks to Quenton and Deb for a great day out. We travelled over two hundred km's. Not sure of the exact reading as I forgot what John told me when we arrived home. A fantastic time was had by all. The teddies and friends look forward to another outing. Thanks to Roy & Bronwyn for leading us around their neighbourhood and to everyone for your company and friendship.

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