

High Range 4wd Club of SA Inc

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BLACK COCKATOO BUSH CAMP EASTER WEEKEND 6th-9th APRIL 2007

Fantastic, great, most enjoyable are just 3 ways to describe the time spent at Black Cockatoo this easter weekend. It was a wonderful get to know you weekend with some of the members.

There were about ten vehicles that attended. Three arrived on Thursday night and the rest arrived throughout the day Friday. Once everyone had arrived and set up their camp site the rest of Friday was spent relaxing and in the evening sitting around the camp fire just getting to know one another. For tea though we all enjoyed Yabby Burgers made and cooked by our hosts and the owners of the property Ken and Elizabeth.

On Saturday we all set off, led by Cuffs, to check out some of the tracks around Naracoorte and visit Cockatoo Lake. The lake was quite a shock to everyone, it was bone dry. A little more than two years ago we were at the lake and it was full with an abundance of bird life, now you can walk across it as some did. Instead of birdlife it now has grazing sheep.

The tracks that we trekked on were a mixture of dirt gravel, sandy patches and the occasional bit of bitumen. For the most part uneventful until Greg got bogged on a sandy rise, Rob towed him off backward allowing him to get a good run off up and over the top.

Saturday night we all gathered together for a three course candlelit evening meal at the campsite, we even had tablecloths on the tables. Everyone contributed a soup, a main course and a dessert. It was quite a banquet. It was great fun, the only thing missing were the Tuxedo's and Evening Dresses, maybe next time. I think I can say we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Afterwards some of the group gathered around the camp fire to finish the evening.



Sunday everyone did their own thing. Some went caving, while others relaxed around the campsite and Cuff's changed his flat tyre. After tea we had a Trivia Night around the fire. A very funny evening with Easter eggs all round. An early night was had by most after Saturdays late one by some (2.30am).



Monday everyone reluctantly packed up for the trip home which I hope was uneventful, unlike for us. We had two flat tyres on the caravan coming home and Luke had to come to our rescue with the second one. Thanks Luke. Now its back to the norm until the next trip. Thank you Cuff's for organising such a great weekend.

Rob & Barbara