



High Range 4WD Club of SA Inc

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Bindmurra Country Music Campout

24th to the 26th October 2008

Bindmurra Country Music Campout – the last weekend in October. It all was a bit déjà vu this year. Which can be a GOOD thing – a familiar weekend. Tried and true.

Now don't get me wrong – I like country music – but it is not my preferred Genre – so I was there mostly to support the club and test out the Forester for a weekend away with all essentials – no camper. Simple – can I replace the Paj with a beautiful little road car – the forester? Coz once again the Paj was “in the shop” after her hammering in the NT. Not to mention camping is always relaxing and the atmosphere..... Nothing like background music, relaxing, chilling, kicking back and maybe taking time to read a book..... As usual as we left home Mel was sick.....sigh.....Oh well – she might as well be sick at Bindmurra as at home!

The usual sign awaited us

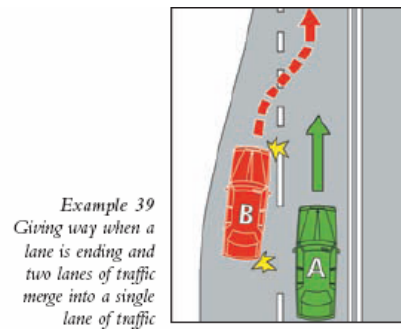
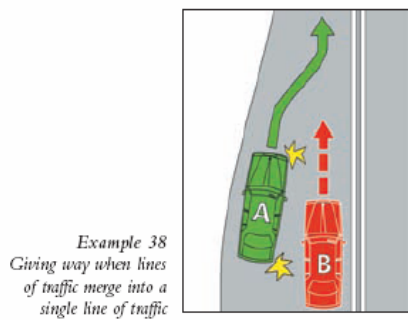


Along with the usual people, the usual sights, some great country music, some good cooking and just a nice weekend away from “the rat race”. As usual – just when we were pulling in there was the multitude of phone calls by people wanting me to do something or be somewhere else. The cue to leave the mobile phone unattended.



Friday night was spent in camp socializing around a 12volt “campfire” into the wee hours of the night. Saturday was another day filled with the backdrop of country music and a few more die hard club members. Pretty close to last year! Unfortunately (fortunately for me) I got engrossed in the book I had brought (deja vu – last year I managed to finish a novel over the weekend) as the story had grabbed my imagination The Six Sacred Stones by Matthew Reilly <http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/r/matthew-reilly/six-sacred-stones.htm> .

There was some lively discussion over road rules – and no book is spellbinding enough to sidetrack me from such a discussion – considering I am a trained “getting your learners permit” tutor – I just couldn’t help myself! Bad girl.



Check out the facts http://www.transport.sa.gov.au/publications/reg_licence_permits.asp#drivershandbook page 64

Or http://www.sapolice.sa.gov.au/sapol/road_safety/road_safety_tips.jsp tip 7

Who said weekends away weren’t “educational”. ☺

Mel and I elected to be self sufficient (Read “skint”) for tea trialing the “repaired” cobb cooker and the new cobblestones heat beads. Which worked well – cooking tea and then even managing to cook a cake. Which I thought was nigh on amazing as I tend to get a bit side tracked and lost in the story when reading a book – and I didn’t burn the cake! Mel, still being ill and narky spent the night on the wonderful teenage babysitter MSN chat!

The others wandered over for their Saturday Night camp oven tea and to watch the Country music. It must have been a good night – they wandered back sometime after midnight in high spirits!

(perhaps one of the other 3 hr4wdclub members that was present can send in some details and some photos of the night)

Sunday morning was a bit Déjà vu yet again. First up being Adrian and myself. This year I just had to leave him and Belinda the eggs for breakfast-last year it was supply the whole deal. Eh... it generally means we get quiet chats – trying not to wake up others still getting their beauty sleep. The giving of eggs and there wasn’t an easter bunny in sight!

I think Mel and I have the packing thing down pat now. Even when it is the much smaller forester. By the time others were just waking up we were packed to go. I had an (obligatory) family BBQ to go to at Strathalbyn for lunch – my 2 big brothers birthdays - and still had to go home, grab family bbq essentials, and pick up the other 2 kids. Sunday was not a day of background music, relaxing, chilling, kicking back and maybe taking time to read a book.....

Back to reality.

Bindmurra. Well worth it whatever reason you go for.