

Christmas in July

On Saturday 25th July approximately 9 cars congregated at Gumeracha at 9:30 am for the Christmas in July outing. The drive up took 2 hours – it was a lovely day for a drive, with blue skies, lush green fields and a warm sun. I must say that I enjoyed winding in and out on the dirt back roads of the Barossa, with their spectacular views, trying to hear the crackles of the radio over the music going full blast. We got to Towitta Park at ~ 12:30, and after everyone set up their tents, the drinking and socialising began! I took advantage of the location wander off for a walk and came back feeling very relaxed.

The dinner was impressive – everyone chipped in to help put up the Christmas decorations and prepare and cook the meal. There was an anxious moment when we thought there wasn't going to be a Christmas tree, but ended up with two! After dinner, people huddled around the roaring fireplace (there was no shortage of wood!). There was some alcohol-fuelled ranting about the club and its constitution (no names, you know who you are!) which resulted in the birth and erection of The Talking Stick – thank you Ken for polishing up and agreeing to be the guardian of the Talking Stick – and a motion passed that the stick should be taken to all future outings. If holding the stick doesn't give you some respect, you can always bash other people over the head with it! As the evening wore on, the conversation turned to past and future trips and more general topics.

As a new member, I found everyone was very friendly, welcoming and concerned about looking after me and making sure that I was enjoying myself. Thank you all for your kindness and for letting me join your club – I look forward to many more trips to come!

Best thing that I learned: how to put hot coals under your seat to set your ass on fire! A truly blissful moment.

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