

## Brave Hearts 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014

We, the Power's, had decided that we would arrive first at the Yatala Drive-in, instead of last which is normally the way. However Nicole and her Aunt had other plans. It is funny how the closest is usually last and the furthest is first. So the club vehicle line up started to resemble a Land Rover club Discovery 1, Range Rover and Discovery 2. It wasn't long before Woollie, Linda and Scooby joined us. We then stood around drooling at the other cars coming in. Drivers briefing at 8 with the normal rules and regulations, then mount up and follow the prime movers to the coast.

The speed was set to 80kph on the highway and for most of it we were just under that. I was showing Sean how the convoy would bunch up and spread out, so we kept a fair distance behind Nicole and tried to avoid this. By the time we took the Smith street exit we had pretty much slowed the freeway down to 60.

Through the lights with a little help from the police then left into the parklands. As the 4wds were the second lot in the convoy we were able park and then watch the customs, hot rods and classics come in and park. Sean's old Rangie got a little warm on the way in but some of the other cars were really letting off the steam. Around this time Rosey (our fearless leader) decided to arrive. He had been in contact with other members so we knew he was coming and then he used the excuse that Sharon had held him up. Nice one Rosey, Sharon isn't even in the country.

We all grabbed a coffee or hot drink and started the looking around at the cars, Heidi was feeling a little lost as her camera was on the blink and the new one had not arrived. So I was using the stills on my video camera but is not the same as her camera. I still think I managed to get off some good shots. We had some hot food and watched as James Courtney had a chat on stage. I had a look at the Jackaroo caravan on display. It is a new build but made to look like an old 70's model. Check them out on [www.jackarocaravans.com.au](http://www.jackarocaravans.com.au) very interesting. Great if you are into the classic cars and are looking for that period look.

Heidi, the kids and I went around the back to check out the PT cruiser group, and although they are not everyone's cup of tea, it was good to see the same car being customised in many individual ways. We then wandered back to the group in time for the presentation of the prizes and drawing of the raffle / door prizes. Vince won two prizes and Rosey picked up one. At the completion of this there was a mass exodus past WIN TV. We were asked to make some noise as we went by, so Rosey obliged revving the Tojo, then one of the hot rods did the same but the cooling system didn't like that and it emptied all over the road.

Out onto the road then onto the highway, Sean had the Rangie singing along at 100, for a pleasant drive home. It was a great day out for us and I hope that all that made the effort to participate enjoyed the day as well. Plenty of activities to keep us amused and the money raised goes to a good cause. The standard of vehicles has been improving each year, with some knock out cars to look at this year.

Looking forward to next year.

**Danny**