

## *Corroboree Reccy*

No: 2 (outward)

29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014

### *Landcruiser Mountain Park*

Friday afternoon saw the arrival of many happy campers as well as inductees, for the club induction due to commence the next morning in conjunction with the reccy. Just the usual chit chat around the fire that night. As Saturday morning saw the arrival of more inductees as well as those contributing to the mapping of tracks.

It was a bright sunny morning when approximately 10 cars headed off to investigate the Telstra tower lookout drive, in readiness for the 2014 Corroboree trips to be coordinated by our club. The lookout drive had been rated medium, and would take about 4 hours to complete. With Grizzly our trip leader and Rosy on our tail we proceeded on a leisurely cruise onwards and upwards towards the summit. As the drive continued with the usual entertaining chit chat, we arrived at a lovely creek, just deep enough for the white submarines to create a splash or two. As this was such a lovely spot and a nice rocky creek bed just waiting to be explored, we decided it was a good place to stop for morning tea, so out came the usual tea, coffee and biscuits, with most wondering along the creek looking for leaches, however, I believe none were found, thank goodness.

After packing away the goodies, it was then time to continue our trek to the top, with Vince and Grizzly often confirming with each other their desired track co-ordinates. Along the way, we encountered a few rough patches, narrow road, tree branches and a few pin stripes courtesy of the lantana bush. On one occasion it took 3 or 4 of our stronger male folk to shift a fallen log from the road, so we could safely continue our weekend drive, through the sometimes thick Jimna forest.

As we approached the tower, most mobile phones made an appearance, as many previously without signal, reached for the device in order to phone home or check delayed messages, which madly beeped in one after the other!!!! When finally all eyes lifted a wonderful view for several kilometres could be seen. Most used this as a pit, tree, tea, coffee, and snack break before heading off on a downward run, towards camp. We had anticipated arriving back at camp before 2pm, as this was the time the association meeting would begin, come Corroboree 2014, unfortunately we arrived back at base camp just prior to happy hour, after passing along the way a burnt out Range Rover, on the steep climb home. Thank goodness all persons from the charred remains were ok and the camper trailer had also survived the ordeal.

Once back at camp, happy hour saw the largest amount of people in attendance for some time, which made for great conversation and cheerful laughter. The nightly fire was also a height of activity with a very large group circle. Thanks to Jason Hamlin, who decided to recruit a few helpers and go on an impromptu drive through the park to replenish the wood supplies to keep the fire burning until the early hours of Sunday morning.

Sunday mid-morning, most campers packed and headed for home, whilst a few male members had unfinished business exploring some challenging tracks, nearby. Judging by the comments, a great weekend was had by all.

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