



Daniel's account of the ANZAC Expedition, 24-26/April/2009

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At about 6pm on Friday 24th April, 6 Scouts and 3 Leaders set off for Canberra. About 2 hours into the trip we stopped for dinner and then swapped cars and cruised through the foggy night. We arrived at the CrestView Tourist Park in Queanbeyan where we stayed in two cabins.



The cabins in Queanbeyan

Next morning we woke at 4am and went to the Australian War Memorial. When we got there we waited about 30 mins for the ceremony to start and got a candle and red poppy with the program. The ceremony probably gave all of us a different view of things and made us realize how lucky we are to live in a war free country.



Dawn service

After the ceremony we walked past the honor rolls to the fallen and had a look in the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Honour rolls



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Pool of remembrance.



Scouts at memorial.

After that we went back to the cabins for breakfast and then went to Old Parliament House for a guided tour.



Breakfast.



Chris cooking up breakfast.



Scouts with King James.



Outside Old Parliament House.

Next we walked to Lake Burleigh Griffin and saw some fighter jets fly over. Later we went to a park beside the lake and cooked some chicken and made wraps for lunch.



F16 flyover.



Cooking lunch.



Lunch beside the lake.

Next we went to the Australian Museum and then back to the cabins for afternoon tea and watched a movie.



National Museum of Australia.



Later we made pizzas for dinner and when we thought all the day's activities were over we went out again to the Mt Ainslie Lookout where we got the best foggy views of Canberra.



On Sunday morning we slept in until 8:30am before we had to start cleaning up to leave. We went to the Canberra Glass Works where we made our own glass tiles using a sheet of clear glass and placed coloured shards on top.



Canberra Glass Works.



Making our glass tiles.





Our tiles before going into the furnace to melt the layers together

Next we went to the markets where I bought a little cactus. After that we set off for the long journey home. For lunch we stopped at a RSL where I had steak.



The crowded Bus Depot markets.



Diggers restaurant in the Goulburn RSL club.



Once again we were off and moving again and then finally after a lot of talking, snoozing and kilometers we got back to the Scout hall.