



# KOOLANDILLY CAMP

9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2009

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On the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, 2009 at 2.00pm six of us scouts, Ben, Lachlan D, Lachlan H, Jack, Daniel and myself, headed off for 3 days of fun and relaxation away from our families.

It started at Bilby and Egil's house where we met to pack the trailer with our bags. We were packed to the rafters, with food, tents, chairs and the rest. The weather wasn't in our favor, rainy and cold, but we left full of good cheer. It was a full car no room to spare, we had to nurse the afternoon tea no eating it though.

Our afternoon tea stop was at Mittagong, we had a play in the park and a toilet stop. We then continued on to Koolandilly, arriving in the early evening. Upon arrival we set up camp, putting up our tents and the dining fly.

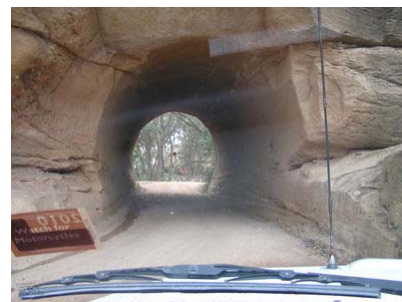
We were put into three teams of two, in these teams we would share the tent and share the cooking and cleanup duties.



Mittagong



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Entrance to Koolandilly



Our sleeping quarters



Our campsite



Another view

After eating chicken hot pot and apple pie with custard YUM, for dinner and then muffins and hot chocolate for supper we went to bed for a long sleep!! After many hours of Jack talking we eventually went to sleep.

Next morning we had a hearty breakfast of omelet, sausage and muffins, cooked perfectly by myself and Lachlan H getting us all ready for a hard days work

We then went to the working bee, we were all given tools to go dig up rocks.



Dig, dig, dig.



Pull



Yeah!!!

After all the digging we had lunch prepared by, Lachlan D, and Daniel, hamburgers, then we returned to work for more digging. We stopped for afternoon tea then decided to go swimming.



Swimming in the river



Oh no he got the photo

We then showered to warm ourselves up the water in the river was freezing. We had dinner consisting of pasta, fish and corn on the cob. We sat around the fire having desert of chocolate pudding and cream. We finished washing up and getting ready for bed when it started to rain so we sat under the marquee talking about the days events. Then off to bed for a well earned rest.

Sunday morning we woke to breakfast of corn and bacon pancakes with extra bacon. We washed up and then went off to work filling in the holes we made yesterday by removing the rocks.



Off to work



Chilling out on the dirt



Enjoying a well earned lunch

After filling the holes we returned for lunch of toasted sandwiches, ham cheese and tomato cooked over the fire. After cleaning up it was back to filling more holes, a few hours of doing this and it was time for afternoon tea biscuits, fruit and cordial. We still had a few more hours of daylight to continue with some badge work then it was time to stop for dinner, which was beef stew YUM!!

After dinner we had a thunder storm with heavy rain and lots of thunder and wind, when the storm ended we moved back out to the fire and noticed the sky was so clear and you could see the Milky Way. You can't see that in the city because of all the lights.

We retired to bed again for a hard earned rest. Next morning Lachlan and I slept in so Ben and Jack who were very hungry cooked breakfast, potato cakes and bacon muffins.

It was then time to pull the campsite down. We packed up the tents, then we brought down the marquee and the dining fly. We had an early lunch of snags cooked over the fire and they were delicious. After cleaning up we packed the trailer and headed out. We drove to Mittagong to stop for afternoon tea of biscuits and poppers. There was lots of idiotic circular stories on the way home about giant cannibal raby ducks trying to destroy them was the bilbinator. The trip went very fast, arriving back at the hall about 4pm where we unpacked everything.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience at Koolindilly and can't wait to go again.

Thank you Egil, Bilby and the Toyota 4WD Club.



The foggy view



Taking in the sites