

# Blue Hike 16-17/Oct/2009

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## Preparation

The Blue hike we went on, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, was planned for many days before.

Egil and Bilby had organised our first meeting for our amazing Blue journey. It was on the 15 of February. We all discussed what we were going to do in the future months with planning and what we had to plan for this hike. They said we had to first find our weight and tell them in the next meeting. This meeting was on the 26 of June.

We talked about our essentials and what they were going to weigh like food, water, cooking equipment, etc. Egil's homework for us was to get in our groups and find out what we were going to take for our meals. With this list we had to find out what they weighed, add it to our weight we had to carry. We also added two litres of water, which we needed for our hike.

With this all sorted out for our next meeting, which was on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. We had planned to go on a practice hike to see if we were fit enough to go on this hike.

We planned our weight on the night before and set off on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, for our all day hike to and from Eagle rock. The hike was exhausting but all made it through alive.



The next week Egil had done all the work needed to make this hike happen on the weekend.

The next meeting was our first weigh in to see what it was like when we had our packs on to see if everyone had the right weight in there bags. Bilby gave advice for our next weigh in on our last meeting.

The last meeting we had our weigh in and some people were still over weight so they organised that while Egil had showed us when, where, what (was happening. Eg. Where we stayed for the night). That night we rested for the next day.

# Hike Trip

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, Daniel, Josh Massingham, Jack, Lachlan and I went on our blue hike we had been planning for months. Our starting point was Sutherland station on and left the station at 8:24am. On the train Jack tried a simple science experiment but failed. Mean while, the sun shone and the birds sang but we couldn't hear because we were on the train but when we departed from Heathcoat we could here it all. Minutes later we arrived at Heathcoat scout camp were Daniel and I had already gotten lost and Egil had to redirect us to the path. Later on we found a large pipe, which Josh Daniel and I walked along. Jack tried to come aboard but he was too short.



Not very far away we found a sign that said 'Sarah's knob', and we all had a quick laugh and had a photo, assuming it was a rock. At 10:05am, and



we past many kilometers, we soon had morning tea by a small dam. As we had our fun, we left in a hurry to get to our campsite. Around 11:30 we stopped to have a chat to some girls doing their D.O.E (Duke of Edinburgh's award). That only lasted 2 seconds, but 5 minutes later we found some boys from the same group and quickly scuttled by. 12:20am and we arrive at a beautiful lunch spot. We had lunch and

dipped our feet in the river that ran by. As Lachlan and Jack were trying to catch Josh, Daniel and I were catching little critters that lived in the river. They looked like pill bugs that could dive and skim over water. We left in a hurry at 1:50pm. Later we stopped by a waterfall and a crevasse. We had time to explore so we had a look around. We soon got lost in the hole but



managed to get out alive. Along the way I found a staff we began to call Gandalf's staff, so as I had this staff I decided to slap on some clay and shape it like a beard. Soon everyone was calling me Gandalf. At 4:30 we arrived at Coots, our camping ground and much

rejoice was at hand ...yay... but we quickly put our tents up and set a fire in and hour's time. 6:45 we started dinner, which was fantastic for Josh and I, but Daniel's group, didn't enjoy there for the first time round. At least their second attempt was better. Later we were sitting by the fire and by that time we had all had showers. Soon after we went to bed.



I woke up by that sound of "hey Lachlan, can I borrow your tarp? It's freezing on the ground". So I gave josh my mat and got up to retrieve firewood for breaky. As everyone slowly rose from their beauty sleep, we began to cook our porridge for breakfast. Jack was up first and he failed but not cooking it right. Then me, which was fantastic, Daniel and Lachlan (they had a brilliant idea of putting there's together) had also had the same result and same with Josh. Jack had quickly

become a little sick as we packed up ready to go for 10:00am. We started



walking and pasted some wildlife and some carnivorous plant that seemed to amuse Egil. About an hour pasted and we arrived at the side of the highway. We waved at a biker gang and had morning tea. Left in ten and crossed the road nearly loosing Egil. Thirty minutes later we crossed a bridge that led over the main highway. Stopped for 2 seconds for a glance



and headed off. We followed a road that led along a railway and soon we found a shady spot to have lunch. Before Daniel had



given a stick that look just like my Gandalf stick. So he challenged me to a duel. He lost greatly as I smashed his stick in half, but we soon set off. We walked for an hour and a half finally arriving at our last stop. It was by a small pond or stream that if you followed up it would lead in to a sewer. So Daniel and I ran up the pipe



but them everyone followed, including Egil. As Daniel and I ran up we made funny but weird noises. The sewer wasn't dirty as it led back out to the sun, were there was a dam holding up rainwater. All but Egil had adventures through the bush as we found to be by the station, so we decided to go back with Daniel leading the way. He had quickly lost us but redirected us back to the place we were before. We headed back while Daniel and I still made



weird noises through the pipe. When we were back at the pond Josh Jack and Lachlan found a dog and started playing with it as I stranded Daniel on a rock. I quickly assembled a bridge to get Daniel across before we ran out of time. As we headed to the station we relaxed and unworried as we had completely had finished the journey.