

BIG FOOT ADVENTURE

The weekend organised by Terry and Denise for the Club proved to be a most enjoyable few days, despite a very wet start.

The small group met at Kangaroo Valley in what can only be described as appalling weather. Brave Tony and Brenda drove their Low Light from Emu Plains encountering heavy traffic and heavy rain. They arrived safely to meet Heather and Merv (who opted for the 4 wheel drive alternative!) and Terry and Denise in their convertible (roof on).

A bit of a paddle around KV, a very enjoyable pie (meat and apple) for lunch and then head across to Shoalhaven Heads to our accommodation. Very comfortable cabins in a “resort” type park. Still too wet to be outdoors so settled for a coffee and a chat.

Dinner was taken at Shoalhaven Heads Bowling Club and a fairly early night.

Saturday dawned sunny and windy. Terry had the top of the convertible ready for the day. Denise had been in touch with the “Big Foot Tour Operators” who advised because of the rain, they would defer the tour time to 2.30 pm. (from 11.30 am) and go ahead if conditions allowed. Fortunately, the track up the Mountain was deemed safe so after a good look around Berry in the morning, we met for our adventure.

John Strachan joined us for the tour (Janice still in hospital) and our driver/tour guide, Bruno gave us brief introduction on what to expect and away we went.

Well, the vehicle is huge (see attached photos), apparently converted fertiliser units, the seats comfortable. The initial climb was probably the scariest, not knowing what to expect, however we were in very safe hands and Bruno provided a terrific history of the area and how it came to be settled etc.

Naturally the views are spectacular and because it was just our group on board, Bruno very kindly gave us a more private tour. After the final climb (did not get to the absolute peak because of slippery conditions) we stopped to take in more outstanding views with plenty of photos taken.

The trip down was just as spectacular. If you haven't done this tour and you are in the Shoalhaven region, don't miss it. After a coffee, we headed back to our accommodation.

Dinner was again at the Shoalhaven Heads Bowling Club and another reasonably early night.

Sunday dawned sunny and warmer and the convertible was now in it's element. After checking out of our accommodation, a quick tour around The Heads, we re assembled at the Berry Markets where we were joined by Jean and Ivan in their Ute. Many purchases were made, plants, fruit and vegies, books etc. and then lunch at Berry Bowling Club for a meet up with some of Terry and Denise's family members for Father's Day.

A terrific weekend and despite the bad weather on Friday, most enjoyable. Thanks to Terry and Denise for taking the time in organising the event with every detail covered. Look forward to ideas for next year's weekend away.