

# Bushranger Country 2008

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Everyone was on time for the start of this trip and being by myself and the fact it was mothers day, I decided to do the trip report myself.

We left Wahroonga Park on time at 8:30 am and headed out the Obley road towards Yeoval. Just after I turned left towards Dilladerry a voice came over the radio saying they had a problem and were stopping. So we all pulled up and after a little head scratching we worked out the problem, threw the effected front tail shaft in the back and away we went.

We then headed onwards via a few back tracks and country roads towards Parkes, at one stage driving between a farmer's house and his shed. Although it looked like private property all the roads were quite plainly marked as roads on the map.

We stopped at the Baldry Memorial Hall for morning tea, where the ladies all found the toilets were locked.

We then headed towards the Old Goobang Cemetery and did some caching among the head stones, where Anita, Ron, Brandon and the others found a cache to log.

We departed the cemetery and headed down as many back roads as I could find towards Eugowra via downtown Cookamidgera. We arrived at escort rock just in time for lunch

After lunch we headed up to see where the bold bushrangers had held up the royal mail and relieved it of gold and cash. Doing the sums and taking into account the exchange rate tidy little sum of \$2.5 million at the price of gold today

A stop in Eugowra gave some a chance to visit the local museum whilst the mothers in the group found a little Knick Knack shop to while away a little time and money.

It was then onward to the Forbes cemetery where we found the last resting place of Ben Hall and a few other side kicks. We even managed to find Kate Kelly's grave (after a man's look). She was the sister of Ned Kelly.

Leaving the cemetery we drove to the creek where the bushranger was shot and there was a lot of debate on how the troopers could have snuck up on him due to the lack of cover.

It was then home via Guningbland and Parkes.