

# Mystery Trip 2008

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We all assembled at Sir Roden Cutler Park for our departure at 8 am. The sun was shining and a promise of a nice day. Nine vehicles were in our convoy as we headed out on to the Obley Rd. We followed the road past Toongi and turned left onto the Eulandool Rd and on through Nubingerie and over the Little River and came out through Arthurville. We turned and headed towards Yeoval and eventually came out onto the Yeoval/Wellington Rd., we seemed to be headed towards Orange. We hadn't travelled for more than a km or so before we turned right up a lane way and continued on for some time. By this time we had exhausted our ideas as to the destination. We all seemed to settle back and enjoy the ride. The road travelled on through farming country and a few small communities of 2 and 3 houses before coming on to the Cumnock Rd where morning tea was planned in the village.

After morning tea we turned right and headed toward Baldry. About 10 minutes out we turned into a lane way and into a property, where we stopped for a couple of minutes to see the owner but he wasn't home. Moving off again we travelled through his property going through five gates before coming out onto another lane, with various turns onto other roads until we came out onto the Parkes Rd, and headed in that direction for a few kms then turned left and headed south. After more twists and turns we travelled on with storm clouds building and eventually came out onto the bitumen again and as we did the heavens opened up with wind, hail and rain which lasted about five minutes just as we came to our lunch stop and mystery destination, Eugowra. Lunch was at the park beside the Mandagery Ck which flows through the centre of this historic little town, colorful with bushranger and gold history.

After lunch we visited the museum and other points of interest before once again taking to the dirt. We came across a quiet little railway town called Cookamidgera. This road eventually took us back onto the Parkes Rd. About 10 kms out of Parkes we turned right and followed that lane across to the Wellington Rd. and headed in that direction. After following this road for about 10 minutes, we turned left onto more dusty dirt roads which came out behind the "the big dish. We took advantage of a photo opportunity before continuing on to Alectown and on to Peak Hill for afternoon tea which was the order of the day.

After our stop, we each made our way home. Kellie Dickerson and Rob Guest were able to join us for the day in between overseas trips. A very enjoyable day was had by all and thanks again to Peter and Tracy.