

# Warren Camping weekend

## March 6 -8th

**Trip Leaders:** Roger and Roslyn Lowry

**Participants:** Roger & Ros Lowry, Chris & Doug Farmilo, John & Toni Dickerson, Steve & Merrill Turner (v), Stephen & Linda Hollier, Cec & Dianne Lee, June Wilson, Barry & Trish Green, Ray & Pam Allen, Clive & Charmaine Sefton, Mark, Cindy & Georgia Treloar, Brad Harrison, Melissa, Nicole & Aaron Mann, Chris, Nicki, Cody, Clinton & Brianna Seton, Len & Ellen Wellington, Malcolm & Brandon Murray

**Trip Report:** Friday Cec & Dianne Lee, **Saturday** Clive Sefton Sunday not submitted

**Photographs:** Roger Lowry , June Wilson, Mark Treloar

Friday morning 11am and we are on our way. Seven vehicles, most towing caravans, leave Wahroonga Park and head along the Newell to Brocklehurst where we turned west on the Burroway Road to Warren.

The 126kms was a pleasant drive past mostly open farm land. We were soon travelling beside the Macquarie River shouldered by River Gums and other eucalyptus and saw the dry open irrigation channels that once watered the cotton and other crops grown in this area.

Our convoy of caravans through Warren proved to be an interesting sight for the locals and it was here that the Allens, towing their caravan, joined us.

By 12:45pm and 8 kms out of Warren we had arrived at the reserve overlooking the Macquarie River that was to be our campsite for the next few days. Lunch over and it wasn't long before most of us with a chair and a drink were under Steven and Merrill's awning for a lazy afternoon chat and catch up. Some set up fishing lines and yabby nets but apart from a small carp, nothing else was caught.

Our shared finger food evening meal was a lovely way to finish the day. With plenty to eat and drink, a pleasant evening was had by all and it was at this time that Barry and Pat Green arrived. Talking continued until about 9:30 when most retired for the night.

A beautiful morning greeted those who chose to gather at Wahroonga park on the Saturday morning. Some were there by 8am but all had trundled up by the scheduled departure time of 8.30. Discussions ranged from flat batteries in a GPS unit to the perils of burning your vehicle on a Melbourne freeway and how major roads can be blocked from vehicle fires and the like. Mark's "bits are missing" lead a mini convoy of half a dozen vehicles including the obligatory Toys and a mysterious black beast humming along in the pack. Down the Mitchell highway to Rawsonville along the Burroway Road, into Warren and then 8 kms on the Carinda road joined our group up with the Friday starters.

A few late arrivals and the mishap of an awning deciding to part company with its vehicle added to the day. A total of 35 happy campers in 16 different vehicle and a combination of caravans, camper trailers and tents added to the appearance of us looking like a Gypsy's camp.

Good open camping spots, easy access to the river, unsubstantiated claims that the Friday crew had caught a couple of fish and good company saw everyone enjoy themselves. The kids and some "big" kids made sure they gave the river and kayaks a work out while the rest of us (even those wearing odd shoes) swapped stories and adventure into the evening.

Sunday Report not submitted