

CFA 4 x 4

Trip report: Easter 2003

**Location: Victorian Deserts,
Big Desert, Wyperfield and the Sunset Country**

Date: 8th to 10th March 03

Attendance:

David, Cheryl and Jodie Sidebottom Patrol
Pam and Gary Vickers Pajero
Alan and Rose Defender
Hue and Di Richards Subaru Outback

Most drove through the night to be close to Ouyen by morning.

We all fuelled up had lunch and were leaving Ouyen by 1330hrs a record for this trip.

We headed west to Boinka a small wheat town on the road to Murrayville, at Boinka we headed south in to the Big Desert National Park.

Wow sand and we were away road tyres but we were invincible, well until the first hill all but the Outback got over but we spent the next 15 min setting our tyres up.

We meandered through the tracks till we found a nice clay pan about 1700hrs. Nice spot plenty of firewood and a clear night, plenty of satalites and the shooting stars were visible for 15-02 seconds.

A point of interest for new players the girls like to take hot water bottles to bed, they also like to reheat the water from the hot water bottle in the morning for a wash, If your coffee tastes funny in the morning, don't blame the coffee just look to see who is killing them selves laughing.

We kept meandering west. Across the Murrayville Nhill road via cactus bore then back in to China Mans track where we found another clay pan for the night.

The following day we headed towards Lake Acbachuca where we found a toilet block with Showers they might have been cold but they were refreshing, even Al had a splash.

We worked our way in to Wyperfeld National bush Camped on the road to Snowdrift; in the morning we made it to Snowdrift and climbed the Sand dune to view the surrounding Countryside.

As Rose had not seen Pink Lakes we headed north to check them out. After lunch we returned to Ouyen fuelled up and settled down for the long haul home. The desert was lovely it was interesting to see the regrowth after the December fires. We travelled some 500km from Ouyen to Ouyen.

The Outback was on a test run for Kakadu National Park and the Damage was minimal.

- We only took it where the Brochure said it should go:
- One damaged tyre,
- Plastic bash plate held on with rope and wire ties
- Rear sway bar not connected.

After the trip Di was talking about the next trip and Hue wants a membership application form.

Di's last comment was I'm not going to impress again we will be brining the Nissan 4 x 4 Ute from the farm next time.

A good trip was had by all,



