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## The lengths some people will go to avoid having to write a trip report!

At 6.40 we set off from home to Coonalpyn to meet up with our trip leaders, Graham and Christine Hill, and the three other members for a weekend at Bushy's. As we drew into the main strip we got a call on our mobile to check if we were close, yes we were very close, like 200 metres away. As we disembarked we saw Graham & Christine Hill, our trip leaders and Ron Bathie and thought, yes we're not last. However at that point we were informed that one member had to withdraw due to illness and another was highly unlikely but that still left one to come.

As we chatted awaiting the arrival of the trip report writer the Hill's mobile rang.....you guessed it, a late withdrawal (forgot it was on!!). So much for getting up early!

Oh well, not a big group, but a quality group so off we went in convoy with Graham & Christine leading, Ida & I as tail end Charlie and with Ron in the convoy. Just up the road we hung a left onto a very good dirt road and headed off to Bushy's. Though a dirt road it was very well graded and the three cars and two caravans made our way safely to the property.

Once we entered the property we were directed to the camping spot by a number of signs and once there we found open space for the vans, a camp fire site, 3 webers, two long drops (male & female!) with trees and a shelter.

Once we unhitched the vans and let down the tyres it was time to play. Brian (Bushy) led us around initially showing us the various tracks till lunch time at which time he departed and were left to our own devices.

Graham & Christine have been there before so were able to take us to nearly all of the tracks, some easy, some not so. We took a drive through the 'winter track' which includes a part of the property which was burnt during bush fires a couple of years ago and is now showing healthy new vegetation. One area of interest is an area Bushy has made which combines sand tracks and man made dips & hills, good fun.

The night was spent around the fire with a camp oven stew and a couple of drinks. A very pleasant evening – cool but no rain or wind – and good company.

Sunday morning we took a drive around the property with a couple of hills and generally had a relaxing morning before heading back to camp to pack up and leave.

Thanks to Graham & Christine Hill for a great weekend and your company Ron.

Gordon & Ida Atherton