

Trip Reports:

KTM Cancer Charity Ride

As a result of a chance conversation with one of the event organisers, the Wangaratta 4x4 club was invited to provide refreshment and recovery support for the 2010 KTM Cancer Charity Ride held in the Strathbogie Ranges on September 18th and 19th.

While Stan and Bethne camped (or should I say, caravanned) at James' Reserve, Neville, DJ and myself met in Benalla and travelled out on Saturday. (DJ running a little late with his new caravan in tow). I left the caravanners to organise their accommodation and headed up for instructions for the day's event.

Our job for the first day was to set up a rest station at the top of Golden Mount, supply refreshments and be on standby for any recovery assistance. Whilst I arrived on time after the briefing, there was no sign of the others. Some far flung story about clearing trees over the road and getting bogged were offered as an excuse for not assisting me to get a fire going on a very cold morning! However, the rest break around a warm fire with the snakes and drinks supplied, was much appreciated by the riders. The first recovery call was for a seized motorbike.



Stan and Bethne, Neville and DJ were happy to head off on this adventure and successfully returned motorbike and rider back to base camp. My duties were done a bit later in the morning and I was heading back to base camp for lunch when the call came over the radio that one of the riders had a flat tire on Stan's Track. I headed up to find a tired, profusely sweating rider wrestling with a rear tyre and tube. The look on his face when I offered him some compressed air on tap was truly priceless!

A nice lunch was provided by the organisers, we returned to Golden Mount for the afternoon session. Stan and crew arrived a little late once again after a quick detour, and were soon called away for another recovery, this time to assist a rider with a broken collar bone.

The second day we were sent to the top of Mt. Buggery, and with some expert navigation from Bethne we found a very interesting track on the way, the deep ruts causing the Discovery a few problems! Stan and Bethne continued up this track while the rest of us took the long way around.

Another motorbike recovery was attempted that morning, but by the time the crew reached the area, the rider had 'limped' back to camp.

Thanks to all who participated in this event.
\$15,000 was raised for the Cancer Council!

