

Trip Reports:

FLOOD RECOVERY TRIP 16th to 18th MAY

Five Club Members Graham & Sue Abotomey, Graeme Martin, David Blore and Bruce Gooday left Wednesday morning to travel to the Moira Shire to combine with the Idlers 4WD Club (15 members) in helping flood affected farmers remove debris from their property fences.

After a welcomed coffee break at Katamatite it was onto the Wunghnu (One Yew) Football Reserve to set up our camping accommodation for a few days. Camp set and a bite of lunch, it was time to meet up with the Idlers and commence fence clearing.

Introductions over and a briefing as to what to do we set about the arduous task of raking away and burning Canola stalks that were banked up on the fences with the help of a borrowed tractor. This continued until approx 4.30pm when we all returned to Wunghnu to freshen up and spend an enjoyable evening at the local hotel. The night's specialty was a fisherman's basket for \$15.00. All fed it was back to camp for an early night.

Thursday and we were back at it clearing fences on the same property as yesterday. With numbers working in a gang, it is amazing how many Klm's of fence can be cleared and burnt. The Idlers left to return to their respective homes at lunch time, as they had started on Monday and we carried on and finished the remaining clearance of the property that afternoon. We then packed up and transferred the tractor to the next property that we were to start the next morning.

David Blore left for home and the rest of us returned to camp to clean up and venture back to the pub for a \$10.00 roast. Back to camp and a sit round the open air pot belly heater for a pleasant evening.

Up early Friday morning to pack up, as we were all returning home after the day's work.

The day was spent clearing and burning until 3pm when we returned the tractor, said our farewells to the property owner and headed back to Wangaratta.

I would like to thank all that made the effort for the cleanup and hopefully we will be able to continue our effort after winter.



Graham Abotomey