

PRE-TRIP REPORT

Butcher Country & Caledonia River Region: 2-4 February 2015

Trip leader: David Blore

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Tail end Charlie: Ian Barry

Trip leader contact details: ☎ David: 0407 885 410, Email <david.blore@gmail.com>

Start Date: Monday 2 Feb 2015

Meeting place: Swanpool, 7.30AM, Monday

Trip duration: expected to be two nights away, returning Wednesday night

Trip rating: Medium-Hard

Type of tyre tread required: All-Terrain at a minimum, with better than 60% tread.

Fuel requirements/places to purchase fuel: Full tank ex Mansfield; 450-500 km touring range required. Fuel may be available at Licola should the need arise.

Minimum recovery gear required: Snatch straps, shovel etc

Winch required If you have one Wheel chains required No

Fire restrictions: Most probably will be some restrictions. Plan for the possibility of a Total Fire Ban, i.e. no campfire or open fire cooking.

Type of Accommodation/camping: Tent-based, different location each night likely; locations not known at present.

Maximum number of vehicles (*first in gets a placing*): 6 vehicles + Trip Leader & TEC

Personal equipment requirements: Gear for very hot as well as possible cold and wet conditions.

Trip Details:

We will be travelling to the Butcher Country region via Mt Howitt and the Howitt High Plains. There are a number of scenic locations to visit; we will encounter steep tracks (with a few very steep sections), with numerous river crossings of varying depth.

Drivers must be experienced in 4wd driving in steep terrain; vehicles must be mechanically sound, have low range and good tyres as noted above. Weather will be significant to the difficulty or otherwise of the trip; wet weather could affect river depths and may result in a change to the planned route.

Expressions of Interest: Contact David to reserve your place. First come first served.

Note: Trip will be postponed if bushfires are active in the High Country