

## PRETRIP REPORT

### TOP CROSSING HUT REPAIRS

**DESTINATION:** Top Crossing Hut, Upper King River, Alpine National Park.

**DETAILS/PLAN:** Plan is to head up to Top Crossing Hut on Saturday morning to refurbish the hut, camp over night then finish the hut on Sunday before lunch. We will then head home via Cobbler Hut to check if the hut is still in the condition Craig Cheetham and the team left it a couple of weeks ago after the working bee.

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**START DATE:** SATURDAY 7/11/15 **RETURN HOME:** SUNDAY 8/11/15

**START TIME:** meet at 7:30am for departure at 8am SHARP! hopefully be up at the hut by 9-930am to meet up with chris clark the ranger.

**MEETING PLACE:** Apco Service Station Wangaratta

**ESTIMATED RETURN TIME:** Sunday afternoon/early evening

**TRIP RATING:** Medium difficulty

**TYPE OF TYRE TREAD RECOMMENDED:** All-terrains or better, no road terrains

**FUEL REQUIREMENTS:** Full tank of fuel ex Wangaratta or bring a jerry can full if you aren't sure on your fuel range.

**RECOVERY GEAR:** have recovery points both front and back of vehicles, bring your own recovery gear (snatch rope etc) and UHF radio tuned to channel 14

**WINCH REQUIRED:** NO

**TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION:** CAMPING so bring your tents/swags or should be enough room for camper trailers.

**MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VEHICLES:** there will not be a limit of vehicles as more hands to help the merrier.

**UHF RADIO CHANNEL:** Channel 14

**PERSONAL EQUIPEMENT:** Bring clothing for all seasons, camping gear and enough food and drink for the whole weekend. Include some protective gear for yourself e.g. eye wear, gloves and boots.

*SEE YOU ALL THERE*

## Top Crossing Hut working bee – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> November

**HUT Name:** Top Crossing

**LOCATION:** Top Crossing Track – Upper King River – Alpine National Park

**Caretaker Group:** Wangaratta 4x4 Club

**Items supplied by Parks Victoria.**

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Element	Maintenance Required.	Materials	Tools needed
PPE	n/a	Gloves, safety glasses, dust masks, ear plugs 1 <sup>st</sup> aid kit	n/a
Wall frame	Replace broken timber wall pole.	Bush pole supplied by PV (Chris Clarke). Fixing screws/nails. Supplied by PV (Chris Clarke).	Jemmy bar, crow bar, cordless drill with bits, pliers, Hammer, handsaw, chisels, hacksaw, bolt cutters, cordless cut-off disc unit (PV don't have)
Wall cladding	Replace damaged sheets of mini orb	Sheets of mini orb (supplied by Wang 4x4 Club), fixings – screws roofing nails (PV to supply)	Tools similar to above, may be a pop riveter & tin snips
Wall cladding	Needs cleaning & repainting	Paint – DOC green water based. PV to supply)	Wire brushes, paint scrapers, paint brushes.
Fireplace & hearth	Needs flashing	Flashing and fixings - screws, pop rivets,	Tools similar to above, may be a pop riveter & tin snips
Door	Door needs rescrowing	Screws size to be confirmed	Tools similar to above, may be
Door jam	Needs replacing	100x 25 x 1800mm long, nails, screws	Tools similar to above, may be
Fencing	Timber bracing replaced & wire to be restrained	Wire & treated pine poles - To be confirmed.	Fencing strainers & tools.( PV has)