



Anne Beadell & Gunbarrel Hwy's

Dates	11th May to 17th June 2008 38 days
Description	This trip is made up of 2 separate 4WD trips; Coober Pedy to Laverton in WA (where you can leave the trip if you've had enough) and Wiluna to Yulara (Ayers Rock) in the NT. This is not a trip to be undertaken lightly. Serious preparation is required. These 'Highways' are not well maintained and traverse desert areas as remote as The Canning Stock Route. The latest edition of Explore Australia by 4WD contains both legs of this proposed trip and should be read before departure. It describes these deserts as being amongst Australia's most scenic. The non-fiction novels "Too long in the bush" and "Blast the bush" written by Len Beadell (who made these roads) describes the countryside and conditions and is also recommended reading. It is my intention to 'camp out' in the desert at various places for several days at a time and explore on foot. As we will be visiting the Emu Claypan (the site of Britain's first Atomic Bomb tests in Australia) there are still areas of RADIATION to be avoided
Meeting Place and Time	Mallee Fowl Rest Area on the Sturt Hwy 42km east of Mildura in the afternoon of 11 th May It is large and well sign posted
Distance	Approx 8000km of which half is 4wdriving
Fuel Requirement	200 ltrs bare minimum depending on the economy of your vehicle. Longest stretch between fuel (unleaded and diesel only) is 1000km of sand, corrugations and some dune crossings. Double your normal suburban fuel consumption plus a reserve
Convoy Limit	Unlimited but I would like at least one other vehicle to go with me
Trip Standard	Medium as far as 4wdriving goes
Recovery Equipment	Recovery points front and rear, snatch strap, work gloves, axe and shovel as a minimum
Camping	BYO absolutely everything, there are no facilities Very few overnight stays will be in caravan parks
Vehicle	Medium to large 4wd with low range capable of carrying a lot of weight
Tyres	Highway tyres are acceptable Air compressor and hose 2 spare wheels, spare inner tube, tyre repair kit and tools
Provisions	Each highway can be crossed in approx 1 week, but we will be taking 2 for each, therefore you need food for several weeks and a minimum of 100ltrs of water per person.
Equipment	A fully serviced and mechanically checked out vehicle in top condition. Spare fan belts, radiator hoses, all filters, oils, water pump and other spare parts you think necessary. A comprehensive tool kit and workshop manual UHF CB radio I will bring the Clubs SatPhone and my HF radio
Pets	No pets as we will be traversing National Parks
Trip Leader	Kevin 'Smokey' Dawson

**Assistant Trip
Leader**

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At least one meeting will need to take place between myself and any participants. Email me for further details

Trip Rating

Scenic/Social – sealed roads and some good unsealed roads or tracks. No four wheel driving experience required. Road tyres are acceptable.

Easy – little or no four wheel driving experience required. Road tyres are acceptable. Front and rear recovery points at Trip Leader's discretion.
Expected track classification to be encountered – Green.

Medium – low range may be needed with a snatch strap recovery possible. All terrain tyres preferred. Front and rear recovery points (rated), basic recovery gear (snatch strap, 2 rated shackles and gloves), and appropriate driver training.
Expected track classification to be encountered – Green and Blue.

Hard – steep terrain or rutted tracks. Snatch strap and / or winching recovery may be required. All terrain tyres acceptable, mud terrain tyres preferred, road tyres are not acceptable. Front and rear recovery points (rated), basic recovery gear (snatch strap, 2 rated shackles and gloves), and appropriate driver training. Winch and full recovery gear is preferred.
Expected track classification to be encountered – mostly Blue & Black.

Extreme – very steep, deeply rutted tracks or rock hopping will be encountered. Front and rear recovery points (rated), full recovery gear (snatch strap, rated shackles, tree trunk protector, winch extension, drag chain and gloves), and appropriate driver training. Mud terrain or swamper style tyres essential. Warning: Vehicle damage may occur. Expected track classification to be encountered – Black & Red.

See Itinerary below!!

Itinerary as of 24.1.08

Anne Beadell and Gunbarrel Hwys May-June 2008

1.	Sun	11 th	Home to Mallee Fowl Rest Area (42km east of Mildura)	Free	625
2.	Mon	12 th	Mallee Fowl to Melrose	\$	520
3.	Tues	13 th	Melrose to Coober Pedy	\$	600
4. 1	Wed	14 th	Coober Pedy to	Pass	
5. 2	Thur	15 th		Pass	
6. 3	Fri	16 th		Free	
7. 4	Sat	17 th		Free	
8. 5	Sun	18 th		Free	
9. 6	Mon	19 th		Free	
10.7	Tue	20 th		Free	
11.8	Wed	21 st		Free	
12.9	Thur	22 nd		Free	
13.10	Fri	23 rd		Free	
14.11	Sat	24 th		Free	
15.12.	Sun	25 th		Free	
16.13	Mon	26 th		Free	
17.14	Tues	27 th	To Laverton	\$	1450
18.	Wed	28 th	Laverton to Wiluna	\$	610
19.	Thur	29 th	Wiluna Rest Day	\$	Nil
20.1	Fri	30 th	Wiluna to	Free	
21.2	Sat	31 st		Free	
22.3	Sun	1 st		Free	
23.4	Mon	2 nd		Free	
24.5	Tue	3 rd		Free	
25.6	Wed	4 th		Free	
26.7	Thur	5 th		Free	
27.8	Fri	6 th		Free	
28.9	Sat	7 th		Free	
29.10	Sun	8 th		Free	
30.11.	Mon	9 th	Queens Birthday	Free	
31.12	Tue	10 th		Free	
32.13	Wed	11 th		Free	
33.14	Thur	12 th	To Mt Ebenezer Roadhouse	Free	1600
34.	Fri	13 th	Mt Ebenezer Rest Day	Free	Nil
35.	Sat	14 th	Mt Ebenezer to Coober Pedy	\$	
36.	Sun	15 th	Coober Pedy to Melrose	\$	600
37.	Mon	16 th	Melrose to Mallee Fowl	Free	520
38.	Tue	17 th	Mallee Fowl to home		625
5 ½ weeks			Unpack and rest		7735

Fuel: about 8000km @ av 7km/ltr @ \$1.80 ltr average \$2060
 Camping fees: approx \$85
 Sightseeing admission fees: Not much
 Permits: \$200
Total approx \$2350