REDMOND FOREST AND PORONGURUP TRIP
Sunday 9th April 2017

Trip Leaders: Don and Val
Followed by: Alan and Trish, Mike and Barb, Todd, Peter, and Alan and Robyn

The Route

Six cars departed the Gravel Pit at 9.30 for the Upper Denmark Road. Crossing the railway line we turned right onto the gravel Marbelup Road for about 15 km before turning left onto Redmond West Road. After entering the Redmond State Forest we turned right to enter the actual forest. As well as deep ruts, there were some watery and muddy moments before we reached the Hay River and morning tea. This is

definitely a dry weather track. After contemplating the steep ridged exit veering to the right we decided to take the easier sharp left hand exit to follow a similar track weaving through the forest. Coming upon some very recent bulldozer work that had cleared and widened the 'road' made our exit from this forest an easy affair.

Intercepting the Denmark/Mount Barker road we headed toward Mount Barker. Leaving the DenBarker road at Centre Break Road we re-entered the bush. This track is in good condition with both sandy and gravel sections. A few bushes were absolutely covered in flowers and bees.

We weaved around the edge of several pine and blue gum plantations before arriving at Spencer Road.

The convoy followed Spencer Road to the east until arriving at the beginning of Sheepwash Track. With the Hay River nearby we followed the track towards Mount Barker. Intercepting the old highway the next destination was the famous Mount Barker bakery for rations and then to the park for a leisurely lunch and coffee.

The route after lunch was along the Porongurup Road to Porongurup then turning left onto Woodlands Drive, stopping at the lookout to take in the magnificent view of the Stirling Ranges and the farmland.

We continued on this road and followed it around the western side of the Porongurups.

Last stop for the day was to admire Castle Rock and from there the convoy split up and headed for home.

Thanks Don and Val for a very pleasant day