

Trip Leader: Earle & Susan

Date: 30th & 31st May & 1st June 2015 (Long Weekend)

What to Bring: Camping gear, warm clothing and bedding, food and drink, drinking water, etc. etc. work/garden gloves, work clothes for those who wish to do some.

Where: Earle & Susan's Farm in Beverley (directions as below)

394 Beringer Road, Bally Bally.

Directions: Travel to Beverley via Brookton Highway and Westdale Road. Once in Beverley reset trip meter in the main street and travel east thru town and continue on the same road for 16 km. Turn right into Beringer Road, a gravel road, and continue for 4 km to the farm gate. The FESA road # 394 is at the gate. Enter the property and immediately turn left and follow the gravel track along the inside of the fence, then along the gravel driveway as it winds around the base of the treed hill, continuing on until reaching the farm house about 1.5 km from the gate.

Meet: to leave by 10:00am Saturday 30th May at Tomeos BP Service Station 1287 Brookton Highway Karragullen they are open until 7pm and available for last minute fuel.

Maps & directions can be provided for those wishing to come down on Saturday.

Distance : 120 kms approx GPS Coordinate to Entrance of farm (??????????)

This trip is kind of a busy bee on Earle and Sue's farm in Beverley and also a chance to see what the farm has to offer. Camping is available to all, tents, campers, caravans. More details to follow on what activities Earle has planned for us. There are plans for a big bonfire so bring the marshmallows...

The property is a sandalwood grove. The rows of trees have been seeded with tree seeds in the open areas between the existing trees. Please do not drive across the rows even if it appears to be void of plants as the seedlings are germinating. All vehicles are to keep to the established tracks and fire breaks. Thank you.

Toilet and shower facilities are available at the house.

Contact Earle on Ph: 0409 088 135 or earle@tchomes.com.au for any further details.

Some of the activities during the day will include removing dead trees and shrubs from the sandalwood grove, stacking and burning the heaps, some pruning of overhanging branches to allow access for my slasher tractor, and removing rocks on the contour banks.

Late afternoon will be bonfire wood collection. I have a few stacks of pushed up timber that will provide enough wood for this purpose. Please note that these stacks are to be used as a source and are not to be set fire to for the hell of it, they would be gone already if that was the case.

There are reptiles on the property, along with scorpions, centipedes, red back spiders, bull ants and the occasional tick. Wear gloves at all times when handling timber and rocks. Please use common sense when using tools, especially chainsaws etc.

Please also note that the adjoining properties are working farms stocked with sheep and horses. If you must bring your dog it is your responsibility to keep it under full control. If it wanders onto an adjoining property it could be shot on site.

Leaving on Friday afternoon is not a necessity and if the majority prefer to leave Saturday morning we can do so. It would be the same meeting place leaving by 9.00am.