

Historical Society of the Northern Territory

KIMBERLEY EXPEDITION

Friday 23 July 2004

Rendezvous at the Kununurra Historical Society in Coolibah Drive from 12 noon. Sandwich type lunch with fresh fruit & drinks (\$10 per head) at the KHS & the chance to have a look at the small display based on the history of Kununurra.

Depart the KHS at 1.30pm & drive to Digger's Rest via the King River Road. Set up camp & take a walk around.

At Digger's Rest camping costs \$10.00 per person. You will need to cater for your own dinner.

Saturday 24 July 2004

Depart Digger's Rest at 8am for the Prison Tree & Moochalabra Dam. Onto the Bastion or Five Rivers Look-out; ie, the Ord, Durack, Pentecost, King and Forrest Rivers.

After a visit to the ruins of the Residency and to the cemetery in the Gully, fresh barra & chips with a cool drink will be provided in the grounds of the Wyndham Historical Society Museum. So you can amble through the museum at your leisure either side of lunch.

In the afternoon we will drive out past the old nine mile through the once Ord River flood plains, which flood no more since the Argyle Dam was built, & drive up & over the hill previously the site of the old Wyndham Telegraph Station. Overnight camp at Parry Creek Farm where once again rooms or cabins can be booked as an alternative to camping for those who would prefer. A lovely swimming pool and a bar for cool drinks are also available.

Camping costs \$10 per person and dinner if we want to make a group booking costs \$25 a head. Otherwise you can self cater using the fire places provided or a coin operated electric BBQ. There are also cabins and rooms for those who wish to book in.

Sunday 25 July 2004

Today we will drive back towards Kununurra along the old dirt road visiting the ruins of the Stock Inspector's house & cattle dip, the ruins of the old Goose Hill Station where Maggie Lilly once lived & various graves including those of David Suttie, Neal Durack and Tom Deacon & what is left of the old Ivanhoe Station. The caretakers of the present Ivanhoe Station, now all part of Carlton Hill Station, have invited us for a look around and morning tea or coffee overlooking the Ord River. The Ivanhoe Crossing back into Kununurra is an option for the intrepid traveller but for the not so intrepid the dirt road follows through to the bitumen & high-level bridges! Then we will bid farewell to those who need to head off for Darwin today. (Those staying on have the option of visiting a few of the waterholes on the west side of the Ord River during the afternoon prior to going back to camp in Kununurra.)

Monday 26 July 2004

Optional extra for those with the time – a must not miss opportunity to take a boat tour up the Ord River to the Argyle Dam wall.

Costs

Basic costs will be \$20 for lunch and camping per person on the Friday & \$23 for lunch, museum & camping per person on the Saturday; ie \$43 in total.

If you want to go more luxurious pay \$75 per couple for a room without en suite at Parry Creek Farm or \$180 per couple in a cabin with en suite. These options are extremely limited so if you are interested you need to book ASAP. There is no problem with camping bookings.