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CRiKEY! GYPSIES LAUNCH STAR-STUDED, RECESSION-BU\$TER WEEKEND ESCAPES!

What better way to beat the economic downturn and to celebrate 2009 as the 'Year of Astronomy' than to go on a star-studded **Rece\$ion Buster Weekend Escape!**

To put a smile on the dial of budget-conscious holiday-makers, Global Gypsies & Crikey Camper Hire have teamed up to offer a series of fun and economical weekend getaways combining a basic astronomy course, 4WD and towing tuition, great food and great company!

It's the perfect way to get back to nature, enjoy starlit summer nights, learn about astronomy and improve your off-road driving or towing skills on an educational and affordable weekend escape just two hours from Perth.

There will be a special night-sky viewing at Gingin Observatory with the Head Astronomer, a tour of the amazing Gravity Discovery Centre, plus 4WD and towing practice with leading trainer Jeremy Perks. There will be two overnight camps at picturesque Willowbrook Farm caravan park near Gingin and all meals, entry fees, tuition and campground fees are included (BYOG). Participants can also self-cater if they wish to make the weekend even more affordable!

Anyone who doesn't own a camper trailer can hire one at special recession-busting rates from Crikey Camper Hire. Crikey has one of WA's newest hire fleets available and it's a great way to 'try before you buy'.

Convoy numbers are strictly limited. Camper trailers, tents and caravans are welcome and either 2WD or 4WD vehicles can participate. Two-way radios are mandatory (these can be hired for the weekend).

Dates: February 13 - 15; April 17 – 19; and May 22 - 24, 2009
(detailed itinerary appears on next page)

Cost: \$325 per person with catering; \$250 per person self-catering.
Camper trailer hire just \$255 for the three-day adventure!

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Rece\$\$ion Buster Weekend Escapes!

Itinerary

Day 1: Friday

Meet at picturesque Willowbrook Farm Campground in west Gingin, at 5:00 p.m. Set up camp, learn how to use a two-way radio and enjoy a Global Gypsies' gourmet summer picnic in the bush. Then travel in convoy to Gingin Observatory to view the night sky using state-of-the art telescopes with Head Astronomer Grant Thornett. Travel in convoy back to Willowbrook Farm for our overnight stay. (D)

Day 2: Saturday

After a continental breakfast, pack a gypsy picnic lunch and join a convoy led by Jeremy Perks to nearby Lancelin for an exciting optional day of 4WD tuition and practice on the challenging sand tracks with morning tea.

Or visit the Gravity Discovery Centre (entry fee included), or explore the local area independently. You can visit Yanchep National Park to see the koalas, tour the caves or attend the fabulous indigenous presentation; drive to nearby Guilderton & spend the day fishing at Moore River or on a river cruise; visit the West Coast Honey Farm, or just relax at camp and soak up the country air! Enjoy a famous Willowbrook roast dinner (BYOG) and overnight stay at the country farm. (B,MT,L,D)

Day 3: Sunday

After a continental breakfast, pack a picnic lunch and stay on for optional camper trailer and towing tuition. Or if you prefer, tour the Gravity Discovery Centre (entry fee included) or venture out on your own to explore the local sights. Enjoy Willowbrook's famous fresh baked scones at morning tea. Tour ends after lunch. (B,MT,L).