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GLOBAL GYPSIES GO GOODWILL HUNTING

A recent Global Gypsies tag-along-tour turned into a real life version of 'Goodwill Hunting' when participants helped restore a local 4WD track and raised more than \$300 for charity!

The 12-day ***Brilliant Bight Tour*** in March began in Kalgoorlie then headed south to explore such wild and pristine destinations as Toolina Cove, the Baxter Cliffs, Bulbinya Dunes, Israelite Bay and Point Anne.

Along the way the 10-vehicle convoy visited Point Culver in the Nuytsland Nature Reserve which provided some excellent 4WD opportunities. The winding track leading to Bulbinya Dunes had been upgraded with the addition of a much appreciated 100m or so of rubber matting which turned a steep, possibly impassable, stretch of very soft sand into a pleasant four-wheel-driving experience with magnificent ocean views.

The Point Culver Escarpment Stabilization Project was completed in partnership by Coastcare, Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines, Bay of Isles Aboriginal Community Workers and DEC management and staff. However, due to heavy use, a deep pothole had developed at the end of the rubber matting where it rejoined the sand track. To the unsuspecting, the dropdown could give a nasty jolt and do some serious damage to a vehicle's undercarriage and suspension.

The Gypsies grabbed their shovels and worked up some sweat as they filled up the hole with rocks and sand restoring the track to its original condition. Clients Ross Bunney and Graham Slessar acted as 'chief diggers' under the supervision of Global Gypsies Director and Tour Leader Jeremy Perks.

When they weren't rehabilitating tracks, the group was busy raising money for charity. Through a series of nightly fines for 'crimes & misdemeanours' they raised \$300 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. All in good fun, the offences included such 'bad behaviour' as failure to use headlights when traveling in convoy, naked swimming, swearing before breakfast and excessive tent and boot cleaning. There were also two charity auctions held – one of which saw a well-used iconic bandanna worn by Jeremy sell for \$47 to loyal Gypsy Marion O'Neil who was enjoying her 10th safari with the company!

Caption for photos: *Ross Bunney, Graham Slessar & Jeremy Perks repair the huge pothole at the end of the stretch of rubber matting on the 4WD track from Point Culver to the Bulbinya Dunes on a recent Global Gypsies tour along the Great Australian Bight.*

Marion O'Neil, enjoying her 10th safari with Global Gypsies, paid \$47 for one of Jeremy Perks' iconic bandannas at a fun auction held for the Royal Flying Doctor Service on a recent Gypsies' tour to the Great Australian Bight then tore the scarf off with her teeth!

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