



DOWERIN 4WD TORTURETRACK

28th October 2018

Trip Leaders: Troy and Marietta

Convoy: Troy and Marietta (Grand Cherokee)

Steve and Kerry (Hilux)

Frank and Rosa (Patrol)

Andrew and Hertha (Ranger)

Richard and Jemi with their boys Isaac and Dean (Cruiser)

Mike and Clara (Prado) - Tail End Charlie

Report By: Hertha and Andrew

Everyone with the exception of Richard and Co. arrived at the Noble Falls Tavern around 8:15. We all chatted and socialised until getting underway just before 9:00am and headed to Toodyay. The countryside looked green and lush after the great rainfall during the winter months with some colourful patches of wildflowers along the sides of the road.

First stop was Toodyay for those wanting coffee and a snack (maybe breakfast). Some of us just watched the passing parade. The town was really jumping and the main street very crowded, probably due to it being a nice days outing from Perth.

As arranged Richard and Family joined the convoy at the sleepy little town of Goomalling and we continued on our way to Dowerin. We passed a pink lake on the way which Troy said we would explore on the way home.

Arriving at Dowerin Showground we found the purpose built 4WD Track with its varying height hills, hollows, trenches, bumps, tyre barriers and a nice looking semi circular track with a quite severe sideways incline, all looking like good fun. Even though our trip had been arranged beforehand the gate to the track was still locked. Troy made a phone call and soon someone came and unlocked the gate so we could start playing.



It didn't take long before Troy got stuck cresting one of the steep hills, Andrew to the rescue with the snatch strap and then he tried the same hill with the same result so Troy returned the favour. Richard then had a go but same result so we all moved on to other areas. We didn't actually see it but Mike confessed to being winched out of a ditch twice.





A little more frolicking and then about 12:30 we adjourned to a great undercover area adjacent to the Food Hall for lunch. We were able to park all our vehicles, sit in the shade and enjoy lunch with the very friendly flies. After lunch we again did a bit more playing around on the track before heading off to the Pink Lake.



Dowerin is another very quiet town and the extent of activity was one car on the road and three parked outside the pub, but no people around. However when the annual Field Days are on it's another matter and the town and showground are packed to capacity. The Dowerin Field Days are one of the biggest shows of this type in Australia.

We arrived at the Pink Lake and drove down a dirt track between the lake and railway line. The convoy stopped to take photos and admire the colour before again proceeding along the dirt track. Troy maintained it must eventually get us to a town or sealed road. He did find us a couple of enjoyable mud patches and after probably about 20kms we arrived on the outskirts of Goomalling. Good on you Troy!!



At Goomalling we said our goodbyes to Richard, Jemi and the boys, Hertha got stung on the hand by an unknown insect, we all chatted for a while and then continued to the City leaving the convoy one by one to our respective homes.

Thanks Troy and Marietta for a different and very enjoyable trip.