



Red Hill Rough Ride ☺

11th May 2019

Trip Leaders: Chris & Mark Tucker

Convoy: Chris Tucker
Mark Tucker Todd & Renee
Chris Redgrove
Susan Mortin & Nicole with visitor Sharon
Bob & Kim Jones with Mia
Troy and Marietta
Steve and Kerry
Andrew and Toni his daughter
Mike and Clara - Tail End Charlie

Report By: Kerry Gillies

Meet point - Caltex – 240 Toodyay Rd, Stratton
Meet time – 9:am for a 9:30 departure

Nine cars arrived by 9:20 at the Caltex and after fuelling up (food and coffee) we were off up the hill. Very soon after we pulled over into the truck bay at the top of the hill to air down and brace ourselves for the track to come. We had driven about 5 km.





Negotiating Toodyay Road required skill and patience and all our drivers showed this in abundance. The entrance to the track was an almost-obscured driveway which is usually gated but which had been unlocked for us. It was up hill and down ruts from that point on.



There were a variety of obstacles that tested driver skill and vehicle capability as we descended a rutted track into a valley which may have only ever once seen a grader many moons ago. The track was strewn with rocks and boulders and cut with deep holes from water erosion and drivers of vehicles like ours. There will be sections that made our hearts race a little, or a lot, and we were glad of a stop for morning tea.

The view of the city and the bush was spectacular, and we took lots of photos.



We were amazed that we had been driving for over an hour and we had travelled about 400m. (yes... metres)

There were some options to bypass the most challenging spots, but Troy made us proud by giving EVERYTHING a shot.



Even if it meant him using his winch onto Chris's/Mark's vehicle at 12:45 to get him over a mound and again at 12:55 to get out of a hole.





The track was challenging but not at all impassable and it was great to stretch our capabilities. Mark and Chris Tucker were awesome in their ability to guide drivers down or up places where the line was confusing or scary.

Lunch was a very welcome stop on reasonably level ground where there was room for us all to park up and sit out in the warm sunshine or under dappled shade and just breathe normally and relax the muscles for a bit.

Following lunch, we headed back on a relatively straight bearing across the top of the ridge. It still held our interest, in the form of some rocks which the two Tuckers had a go at and some fairly deep ruts which we all managed.

We completed the loop of the area by about 2:30pm and aired up beside Toodyay Rd on the Northern side this time.

Sincere thanks to Chris and Mark Tucker for a great day out driving. It wasn't far but it took a good five or so hours to do. Who would have thought you could have so much fun so close to Perth?

