

**Report Driver Training
Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 January, 2008
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Participants:

Ian McKinley (Rodeo) - Trip Leader and Trainer
Peter & Ann Moss (GQ Patrol) - New Members
Jack & Pam Simpson (Pajero)
Rick & Jenni Vey-Cox (GQ Patrol) - New Members
Chris Keys (GU Patrol)

Rick, Peter and I completed our driver training theory on Saturday at Ian and Rhonda's place. We spent a very pleasant 4 hours or so listening to Ian's informative talks, anecdotes and general chit-chat. We viewed some excellent pictures and Ian shared memories of past trips (just to whet our appetite for the future).



On Sunday, we met up again at the Shell Garage at Lithgow and were joined by Chris, Jack & Pam and Ann Moss (Peter's wife). Ian led us in convoy to the first training area where we "aired-down" and

managed some wheel placement exercises, a few hill starts and descents, without too much drama. Off then to put the theory into practice and a couple of decent hill climbs and deep ruts before heading down to the river crossing.

This was classic "do as I say, not what I do!" - the pictures tell the story. Suffice to say that the water was a little deeper than Ian anticipated after the rain on Saturday and he decided it was a bit beyond us on our first outing "without snorkels".



So, we turned around and headed for a lunch spot before embarking on the last piece of training with the snatch strap. Then back to the road to wind-up the day and "air-up" before the journey home.



Peter and Rick agreed that they had accomplished some challenges they wouldn't have attempted without Ian's excellent training and support. Ann and I are deciding whether or not to take part in the ladies' training - at least we now know what to expect! Great day had by all - new experiences and lessons learned, good company and great weather.

Thanks guys.
Jenni Vey-Cox