

Fraser Island Pre Trip Convention

Host/Trip Leader: Brian and Lee Webster

Attendees:

Sweetnam family
Glen and Mitchell
Webster family
Richard's family (don't know their name)
Gilbert family
Stan and Noelene

Everyone arrived on time or early to Brian and Lee's place for brunch, except the fashionably late Gilberts. The kids spent the morning attempting to destroy the local flora in the backyard with their wayward kicks etc. while the oldies watched Brian and Lee prepare the feast we were all looking forward to. The food certainly would not have been sanctioned by Weight-watches, except for some lovely quiches, which explains why it tasted so good.

After brunch we got down to the business of planning the Fraser Island trip. Due to the consummate diligence with which Ben and Brian had committed to this event the planning was far simpler than organising a 'binge drinking session in a brewery'.

We then decided it was time for a play, 4WD play that is, and followed Brian up the Bells Line of Road to Mountain Lagoon Road. We ended up on Mountain Lagoon fire trail, a grade 2 track, and saw some other 4WDs playing on some tricky ledges. So we aired down and joined them; I now have to cut part of my tail pipe off due to it not being round anymore. I noticed a broken shackle on the track and as it turned out it was Ben's; it proved to be an omen but not for Ben.

We drove down a little further on this very easy grade 2 track, grade 1 and a half really, when there was a call for help. Richard, in his Hyundai 'Tin-can', had got himself stuck trying to cross a 9 inch rut. So a real 4WD had to snatch him out, much to the embarrassment of Hyundai. "All day, everyday, but not in a Hyundai!" .

Finally we stopped at Wheeney Creek camp ground where Ben noticed a ute doing some circle work whose occupants probably had a wheeney complex issue they were trying to overcome. All in all a great day was had and Fraser is on track and looking like heaps of fun.

Nathan Gilbert