



Driver Assessment Weekend



6 – 7 March, Lidsdale SF

Attendees

Ian McKinley - Rodeo

Shrek - Pajero

Paul & Emily Sunnock - Landcruiser

Laurie Williams - Pajero

Ron & Henry Vollema – Pathfinder

After a good run up Bells Line of Road, passing Ben on his way to the Bridle track (going the right direction), met up with Ian, Laurie and Paul & Emily just after 9am at Lithgow Maccas. Leaving Lithgow we headed up the Great Western highway and turned left off the road into Lidsdale SF where we aired down, followed by a short drive down to our campsite near Cox river. Shrek joined us after setting up camp, he had to fix a minor issue with his car before leaving Sydney. Changing a wheel on uneven ground wasn't a problem for most. Although I was able to locate my spare, knowing how to get it out was another. It would of course have helped to have

the car manual at the time but I'd placed it at the bottom of a bag and didn't find it until after the exercise was completed. As there were only three of us doing the assessments, we finished quite early. Ian started off a mini version of a brasserie fire, which kept us warm as the outside temperature dropped quite a bit.

The next day we packed up camp and set off on the trails in the area and finished up the practical driving part of the assessment. I had to back down one hill and have a second attempt due to the auto box being in 3rd gear already before I could stop it shifting which wasn't the right gear to be in and lost momentum uphill. Then a little further managed to stall the engine as well – impressive. We finished up near the brick pit just as it started to rain, aired up and set off home.

Thanks to Ian and Shrek for doing the assessments – and a great weekend out.

Ron (Ed)

