



Tallarook Basic Skills Day

4WD CLUB

Dates	25 th April 2006
Event Organiser	Ian Day

Attendances	John Brandwood, Rod Hanscomb, Paul Burke, John & Andrew Kerfoot, Matt Ahern, Daryl Veronica & Rachel Owen, Mike & Kath Hurley, Andy Kass, Ian & James Day.
Visitors *	Rob Sutton, Paul Calderwood, Gerard O'Rieley, Mark Critchley, Zenon Gawronski.

Anzac Day started well with plenty of chit chat on channel 14 on the UHF, turns out it was groups of the club members working out where each other were on the road. All except John met at Glenburn. 9am and we were all raring to go and headed off for Tallarook via Flowerdale and Strath Creek. There was an excellent turnout for the Anzac ceremony in Strath Creek as we drove by. The fog had closed in and it was difficult to pick up familiar scenery but all worked out as we climbed up Fairview Road and finally popped out above the fog, what a magnificent site with the brilliant white sea of cotton wool sitting between the mountain tops.



The convoy of eleven cars made its way up East Falls Road and into Flynn Road, then into the property of Parkland Holdings, which was our venue for the day.

After setting up at the shelter near the vehicle testing area a hot cuppa was a priority, this was followed by a basic mechanical talk and inspection, a quick look at the obstacles and putting several cars into them.

Vehicles were put through their paces on 20-22 degree side slopes, several different wheel and suspension articulation props, ramp over hills etc. Every one had some fun either watching and/or predicting who would get stuck / perched with two wheels in the air, and then



who would be needed to do the recovery. Kath and Mikes 5 year old, but still brand new recovery straps were called upon (sorry Kath they got dirty).

This gave us the opportunity to do som and Daryl gave an in depth explanation requirements of using these items. The

recover Nissan, followed by Nissan to recover Toyota!

The Disco with its electronic traction devices seemed to drive



straight through, at least these were working.

After experimenting and trying different vehicles in different poses it was a quick bite to eat for lunch with a one minute period of silence for our fallen forefathers.



This break was followed by a drive around several basic but tight tracks through the scrub. A demonstration of winching followed with the assistance of Daryl and Andy.

A short meeting back at the shelter and we were off heading for home via Horan Road across the ridge top back to Strath Creek. It was a magnificent sunny day and all agreed it had been a great gathering of club members and prospective members.

Thanks to all for attending and making this a worthwhile club event.



Report by : Ian Day