



**PEAKE – 13th & 14th August 2011**

After availing ourselves of breakfast and coffee at the Taillem Bend Roadhouse, 6 vehicles from the Gawler and Districts Club and the Wanderers Club headed off on a cool Saturday morning for a social weekend at Peake. For those of you who have been along the road from Taillem Bend towards Peake recently, you might be “saddened” to learn that the “marker dunnies” have gone (yes, there were 4 earlier this year).

Camp set-up was a leisurely affair with morning tea being grabbed before we all gathered around the campfire spot for a short briefing on the weekend plans. The common agreement was that social weekends were for fun and fellowship; no pressure and no deadlines. With 8 vehicles ready for some driving, we split into two groups and headed in opposite directions.



The morning’s drive was a very sedate affair that provided all an opportunity to become familiar with the general environment at Peake. Nothing is very far away at Peake so it was back to camp for lunch before splitting up, once again, to go seek some challenges. On some occasions, the sand at Peake can be very soft, but they had had a reasonable amount of rain in the previous week and the soft blowy sand had become quite firm. Still, that didn’t mean that all

of the sand dunes were easy; far from it and a competition between Toyota and Mitsubishi soon began – all in good spirits, of course. Remember, that firm sand is probably wet sand, and wet sand is heavy, and heavy sand can take a lot of pushing out of the way.



Once back at camp for happy hour, the general consensus was “a good time had by all”. Sure, a couple of vehicles just couldn’t get up “that dune”, but, by gee we gave it a good try. Although we have no photos, one of the vehicles managed to get themselves into a precarious position that took a fair degree of skill and experience to recover. I’m sure there are photos

to be had that can be added to the “Ask Clarentyne” collection.

Saturday evening saw us all gathered around the fire for happy hour snacks, an evening meal, and an opportunity to hear some good yarns from members of the Wanderers. One of the great things about these sorts of weekends is sharing experiences, good and bad. We all have something to learn from our fellow travellers and while I would like to share some of the tales from that night we have to respect “what happens around the campfire stays around the campfire”.

On Sunday morning, we awoke to a pretty heavy mist/fog; the sun took a bit of effort to warm everything up but it turned out to be a wonderful morning. Of course, a few of us wanted to give a couple of those challenging sand hills “just one more try”. As you will see from the pictures at the end of this report, even the small sand hills at Peake can offer opportunities to practice all of those skills that we learnt during our initial training and consolidate every time we get off of the black top.

A great weekend and a big thank you to all participants:

**Gawler & Districts 4WD Club:** Peter & Jo, Stephen, Martin and Martin, Simon,  
Peter, Sandra and Alex

**Wanderers 4WD Club:** Geoff and Jeanne, Gary, Chris and Matthew, Paul,  
Paula, Kaiden and Daniel

**[Peter]**





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**PEAKE PICTURES**



Yep, the Prado is having another go at the hill that is notorious for popping tyres from rims!



Happy Hour  
Opportunity for Fun and Fellowship



This is one of those “you have to give it a go” hills. Yep, the little Mitsi did make it



However, there comes a time when having two wheels in the air is not good for progress



Told you that wet sand it heavy!!



Bother! Was doing so well too!



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This is NOT a snatch but a very gentle sideways TOW



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