

Peake Sand and Social (17th -18th May 2014)

<u>Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th May 2014</u>

Kaleb and I got an early start Saturday morning, getting up at 6:30 am and managed to hit the road by 7am.

Trip up was a good drive, arriving at Tailem Bend at 8:45am and decided to top up with fuel just in case.

Pete popped out and said he and Jo were inside trying to get some breakfast, but service was slow.

Martin showed up as we were resting and said everyone was out the back and ready to go. Out in the car park there were both Martins and some of their friends Rodney and Fiona, Adam and David in 3 cars.

We all hit the road for Peake but everyone must have been tired as chit chat was minimal.

Arriving at Peake everyone claimed their spots and pitched their varied sleeping quarters.

A couple of vehicles were up for the day so went out to play while everyone set up. This didn't take long and we all were soon out enjoying the sand. With the weather we have had we all thought it was going to be quite firm, BUT, quickly we found out otherwise.





Lunch didn't seem to be important and everyone was out driving again.

Headed back to camp around noon-ish and found David, Michelle and Jessica had arrived and set the caravan up.





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Went to the hilly side and before too long David was caught out and needed to be recovered. Rodney's Landcruiser had a winch and was able to get David quite a good way to recovery, then David with numerous amounts of driving forwards and reversing was out. Toyota drivers took lots of pictures of recovery. Only fun they had...lol.

Later in the day I too managed to belly up on a dune and had no traction at all. David was kind enough to pull me backwards while all the Toyota boys took pictures.



Going to have to troll YouTube for the vision I suppose.

At the campsite the two Martins got the fire going and everyone cooked their dinners. Was a nice evening, very cloudy but still. There was lots of chatter and everyone got along well. We had lots of wood brought up and if we were there for 4 nights we might have run out. I retired early as it was a long day with an early start. At 3 am I awoke to the loudest music ever and went out to see what drunks were up to and see if they had an inferno blazing but was completely black. I rang the owner and asked if anyone else was on the property, but she said it was them celebrating her hubby's 50th and would turn the music down. 10 minutes later it was off!!

Oooops ... after a small morning shower and everyone started to get up and quizzing each other to see who the noisy bugga was. After telling them about my phone call they all laughed.



Sunday was another good day driving, some trying to outdo others, but all enjoyed. Unfortunately, I managed to bottom out again and needed some assistance. Embarrassing!

After lunch we packed up and made tracks for home. Most of us followed each other to Tailem Bend then went separate ways around Murray Bridge.

Was a really good weekend weather wise and company was excellent. Cheers to all!!

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