

Trip Reports:

Nav Run

Saturday May 29 at 0830 four club members fronted up to James Reserve near Swanpool for a briefing. The next two days would see fourteen teams compete using navigational skills, driving skill, computer skills, people skills and a whole bunch of luck to achieve the highest score possible. Noel and Irene teamed up with Stan and Bethne to make team "Merlot Madness". After receiving a safety brief including such rules as "No one is to travel faster than 50kph", we were issued with a massive set of map coordinates, observation tasks and other objectives. Trackers were placed on each vehicle by the organisers to track where, when and how fast we did things. Nasty pieces of equipment these trackers, the organisers can tell if one wonders into private property or no go areas such as protected roads in pine plantations and did I mention monitoring how fast one has travelled.

Saturday it rained most of the day so things were getting slippery, the ink on our instructions was not water proof resulting in some messy pieces of paper being handed back in that night.

Sunday fined up but the tracks were in places extremely slippery with both vehicles sliding about. Golden Mount Track was the most exciting with both vehicles slipping off the track and into water run off drains providing entertainment for spectators. Noel showed how to avoid recovery by moving obstacles and simply driving over drain banks. After a great weekend and some fantastic driving and drifting demonstrations covering 196km we came in 8th out of the 14 teams.

Vehicles came home very dirty but with no damage.

Stan, Bethne, Irene and Noel

Remember "you will never know if you don't have a go"



Congratulations to the team for winning 8th position



Looks like they had fun!