

Trip Reports:



Combined Bellarine Wangaratta Day Trip

This was our first combined run with the Bellarine 4x4 club but we need not have worried about their experience as their six vehicles rolled in all with big lifts & tyres more than capable of handling our local hills. A late season dump of snow had fallen to 1000m the day before ensuring, so we were going to have a fun drive.

Heading along the Buckland Valley we followed Scotchman's track to the Buffalo Range where the snow was up to 300 deep & provided plenty of challenges both getting up some of the steep pinches & descending the icy track. A stop at the summit gave a few kids their first ever play in the white stuff building snow men & the inevitable snow ball fight. We continued down Twin creek but were stopped on several occasions to clear fallen trees. This gave the kids time to pull out the toboggans for a few runs. Lunch was down at Beverages Station by the fast flowing Buckland River. Several bonnets were lifted again for a few minor adjustments as is usual with older highly modified vehicles ☺

The afternoon drive was up Pheasant Creek back into even deeper snow leading to Gunn's Helipad. We turned around here for the run home down Paddy Hill & one last obstacle, that being the Buckland crossing at Clear Creek. Running a banker & chocolate brown from the recent downpour one of the Bellarine members volunteered to go first to check the depth. With water over everyone's bonnet a few cars skipped a little downstream before all were safe on the other side. This completed an interesting day cementing a new friendship with the Bellarine Club.

We now have an invite to join them in their backyard, the Otway's, at some future date.

Cheers Craig.....

Wang members: Cheetham Family
: David Jackson

