

SNOW RUN 30-31 July

Waiting at the Milawa Bakery we peaked out the window at a couple of likely lads (Andrew & Tom) sneaking a look at my ride for the weekend, little realizing I'd caught a lift with a mate in his new FJ Cruiser. Picking up Rob in Myrtleford we then caught up with Dean & Jaclyn at Porepunkah who were still smarting from hitting a deer in the old Cruiser at 100kph! While the bar was folded back to the bonnet & the winch & driving lights inoperative, that wasn't going to stop them from having a great weekend.



After setting aside the usual campsite up the Buckland we climbed up to Mt Selwyn & along the Tee Tree Range in search of snow. Despite the surrounding ranges all being white there was little to be found until skirting around the back of Mt Sarah. Lunch at Guys Hut then decided to switch ranges and head across to the helipads. While much had melted in the fortnight since the training weekend there was still enough to force everyone to drop their tyre pressures in order to get to the top. The FJ on it's 35" muddies made light work of the hill showing that it was not just a show pony. Reaching the summit we admired the view & took a few Toyota shots of the old, the new & the retro.

The return run was not going to be as simple for all with a lot of slipping and sliding on the hill out. Darren in the FJ made the hill look easy although there were some complaints from those following that the snow was all chopped up. Rob to his credit only took a couple of goes with just all terrains, Dean inched his way up bit by bit while Andrew was stuck down the bottom with no clutch. Once the Patrol got underway slipping off the track but despite being a little under tired he finally coaxed it to the top with a bit of pushing. Rob had to head out early so the final five set up camp for a great night around the fire.



Sunday & with no snow falling overnight as had been forecast, we decided to head over to Bright via a few shortcuts. Nothing too challenging but crossed a couple more tracks off the list we hadn't done before finishing off what was a relaxing weekend.

