

# 1500 Challenge

## Australia Day Long Weekend at LCMP

Sounds like a winning combination already! This long weekend was about buying a 4WD including extras, for a maximum spend of \$1500.00 and having fun.

There were four teams who participated in the Brisbane 4WD Club inaugural 1500 Challenge. The teams included Rosie and Vince in their Ford Maverick (Aussie Pride), Glen and Brett in their Hilux (Chugga Lux 2), Graeme and Michael in their Disco (Saturday Night Fever), Neil and David with Dylan in reserve in their Jeep Cherokee (King of Hazards).

With a rainy and very wet Friday, it looked like the weekend was going to be a wet one. After the last few weekends of getting the Disco ready, we were going no matter what. Club members started arriving in the afternoon and into the early hours of the morning on Saturday. Girlish giggles, tent poles and pegs getting banged into the ground at 1:30 am. Let's say that it has a very distinct sound.

Anyway, back to sleep. What felt like only a short time later, our alarm went off at 5 am.

Vince and Rosie with those girlish giggles, unloading their Maverick off the car trailer and revving the ring off it. (I think they were a bit excited about the weekend!)

With the rain clearing to a beautiful Saturday morning, more club members rolled in.

The first event for Saturday morning was to line up the challenge vehicles for the show and shine. It was then up to fellow club members to choose their favourite vehicle. Some of us had a few more family members than others when it came to vote.

Then it was down to the challenge track. (Ye ha). I won't bore you with every challenge, but it consisted of drivers and navy's, reversing roles and negotiating the vehicles over a series of challenges. This included over rocks, logs, tyres, jump ups, jump downs, ditches on a designated course and getting scored accordingly for the weekend.

Thanks to Neil and David for the recce they did a couple of weeks before, to suss out all of the tracks.

The final challenge, and perhaps the most entertaining of all was the mud bog hole. Matt was our official scorer (thanks mate!) and jeez did we have fun.

Happy hour Sunday afternoon was trophy presentation, have a guess who won?

The winners were ..... and ..... in their .....

That will go down in history!

Monday morning we had an Aussie Day brekkie put on by Danny, Heidi and Rhiannon at their Australiana decorated camper (Thanks guys).

We all packed up at our leisure and made our way home.

With the great time we all had, I am sure we will be doing this again very soon. So get a team together and go for it. It doesn't have to be super expensive, if you get together a team of four, you can get involved for as little as a few hundred dollars each.

Start looking on Gumtree, you will be surprised what you can find!

We all must thank Neil Brown for making all of this happen, everybody for helping out and we can't forget the spectators for cheering us on. And by the way, everyone's vehicle finished and drove back to camp.

**Michael Connors**