

Trip Report

June Long Weekend 2017 - Queenstown

Lyndon & Makkai met the Hills at their place before leaving Launceston @ 1830 to meet Gav and Andrew at the Homemakers centre & have a bite to eat. Sarah purchased KFC to take to her Dad in Queenstown, she then had to stop at Burnie to purchase the same burger a second time after the dog ate it on the way. We arrived in Queenstown at 2230 to a nice warm house that is actually Sarah's Dad's mancave for our use. 3am lights out ready for a late start the next day.

Saturday we went for a drive to the top of Mt Owen and were lucky enough for the clouds to part long enough to get a look at Lake Burbury. It was 1.7 degrees Celcius but the hot chicken strips straight out of Gav's onboard oven helped out. Then back down the hill for a look through Gormanston and back to Queenstown to meet up with the Ortners.

We took a drive out to the start of the Lake Spicer track where the Braddon Club had just arrived after completing the track, it was decided that it was too late to start that track so we went for a look at the Lake Margaret power station instead. Gav was having some fuel starvation issues, he changed the filter on the side of the road, it was very dirty, he decided to head back to rectify the problem.

We arrived at the abandoned houses at Lake Margaret from Boulder Hill just on dusk and had a look around and through some of the old houses. Deciding it was time to get back to Queenie for a bite to eat we found the boomgate locked which meant we had to go back the way we came in, back up Boulder Hill. Matt made it up unassisted after a few big lurches from his 80 series, Andrew had the similar big lurches but got stuck on a rock ledge which is where we discovered that his winch decided it wasn't going to work. It took 2 fully unspooled winches and 2 winch extension straps to reach Matty's car and pull him out of trouble. We arrived back at Rob and Narelle's place at 1930 for a BBQ on their deck and a few beers.

Sunday morning Gav emptied the fuel out of his car in a bid to sort out his starvation problem. It didn't work out so we all decided to pile into Matt and Andrew's cruisers to tackle Lake Spicer. This was a fun track, mainly rocky but very wet after the overnight rain. We had a look at the Rosebery Anglers Club huts on the way and drove in and out without any issues. The weather was very inclement but small breaks in the cloud allowed us to see what the view was like for very small windows.

Monday morning Lyndon & Makkai headed back to Launceston early leaving the others who had a more relaxing start to the day, leaving Queenie around lunch time. Had a drive around Gormaston, then along a little further the old royal hotel. Gav informed us when we got to lake Burbury that it was time to stop for lunch the smell of the sausage rolls were starting to get to him. Hill family had a bit of an issue with the rear axle coming out but nothing an old shirt and cable tie can't fix. Farewelled Rell and Robert, had a drink with them at the driver revivers stop at Franklin River thanked them for their hospitality. One last stop for the day at Great Lake as the smell of more sausage rolls and chicken nuggets were making Gav feel hungry again Thanks everyone for a great weekend. A big thank you to Matty, Sarah, Rell and Robert for the awesome accomodation.



Trip Leader:

Matt & Sarah

Date:

10,11 & 12th June 2017

Destination:

Queenstown, Lake Spicer, Lake Margaret, Boulder Hill

Attendees:

Matthew, Sarah, Amelia, Jess, Olivia, & Jo Hill

Toyota 80 - B38CZ

Gavin Stebbeings

Nissan Patrol - F42CV

Andrew Rockliff

Toyota 80 - C09JM

David, Lauren, Levi, Indi Ortner

Toyota 80

Lyndon & Makkai Kettle

