

Cosy Corner – Dingo Beach – Windmill Track Trip Report

In attendance: Don & Val (Trip Leaders)

Trish & Alan (Tail Charlie)

Peter (Entertainment)

At 2:30 on Sunday 26th the above members of the 4WDing Club met at the gravel pit where we began our trip to Dingo Beach via Cosy Corner. The weather was overcast and had been quite wet prior to the drive so we were all a little apprehensive about the condition of the tracks, however Don assured us that the tracks would be better to drive on having been compacted from the slight rainfall earlier in the day. Everyone got onto the beach ok and enjoyed a short drive on the sand but negotiating the track off the beach was a different story for Peter and his Pathfinder. Traction control was turned off and low range was engaged but with each attempt it proved an impossible feat. After being winched to safety by Don and Alan it was decided that perhaps the Pathfinder is lacking in wheel/suspension travel even though it has had a two-inch lift from factory height.

Once we had finished mucking around in the dirt we all proceeded to Mutton Bird Beach and enjoyed the beautiful coastline it provided before finishing off the trip with driving along the Windmill Track, which was quite pleasant, coming out at Prescottvale Rd at about 6:00.

It was continuous driving on our trip which suited everyone, due to weather conditions, and well worth the experience as it is every time the club goes out to enjoy our magnificent environment and coastlines. Every time we go out I'm sure we're all discovering new things about our vehicles and this time I have learnt that there is more that needs to be done to my Pathfinder if I am going to consider tackling such tracks again. Thoughts from you all would be really appreciated.

Many thanks to Don and Val for taking us out to that neck of the woods and to Trish and Alan for sharing the experience.