

## TRIP REPORT

### Saturday 13/2/2016 – Dingo Beach, Cosy Corner, Windfarm

Everyone gathered at the gravel pit and introduced themselves - 6 cars in total, Don was the trip leader and Rachael was Tail End Charlie.

Those on our trip were - Bruce and Gloria (Adelaide), Mike and Barbara, Rachael, Mick, Kalden and Gaia, Todd and Jane, Ray and Angela and Don and Val

Left the gravel pit approximately 2:30 and headed out to the Lower Denmark Road towards Cosy Corner, continued through to Dingo Beach. Mike was a bit unsure whether he was going to take his car down but decided in the end that he would give it a go.

The sand was a bit powdery but otherwise good.



With me being tail end Charlie it was fun watching everyone getting back up the hill, a few cars had some small issues with the run back up, having to let tyres down a bit more and taking different angles to get the traction to get past the soft patches, everyone made it back up the hill with some laughs – some cars not quite making it and having to reverse down and try again etc. Several of the women on the day had their cardio exercise for the month with the walk back up the hill, deciding this was the safer option to get to the top. Don also had a work out with the shovel to fill in some of the deeper soft spots. As per usual my standard hill approach - in Low 4 and throttle, got up first go. (gotta love my car)

Once everyone had made it to the top including those on foot, we all got back into the cars and headed out to Cosy corner for the BBQ – when we got there only one BBQ working so it was BBQ tetris time, Angela was able to fit most of the required cooking onto the hotplate that was working, Bruce and Gloria also had their own stovetop, so everyone was able to eat at the approximately same time. Lovely time with everyone, not many Marchie's around either, for once I did not get bitten. Got to have a lovely chat with Mike, Barbara, Ray and Angela whilst we ate Dinner. Kalden scored extra sausages to eat from Angela. Then Bruce and Gloria had to leave us at this point to go and check on the animals they were looking after.

On the run down to Mutton Bird I acquired an extra child with Tod's son joining Kalden in our car – mind you the boys played minecraft on the Ipad all the way, once we reached the top of the lookout we stopped for photo opportunities, I got some really nice shots with the sun coming through the clouds over the area with Mutton Bird Island to the left and the Beach to the right.



With the sun setting, everyone piled back into their cars and we headed up through the back of the Windfarm. Don took a different way out of the Windfarm, we only had to back track once when Don came up against a fence but otherwise the trip ended nicely with mostly everyone (except us – we took the lazy way out and drove back into Albany to a servo) pumping their tyres up and heading home.

All in all it was a lovely way to spend the Saturday afternoon/evening. Thank you all for a lovely time.

Tail End Charlie (Rachael, Mick, Kalden & Gaia)