

# Willowglen

## 3 - 4 October, 2009

The Nissan Patrol Club entered a team in Willowglen this year. The competition was held on the Toyota Land Cruiser Club land near Tarago just out of Goulburn. This land is ideal for competitions with a wide variety of terrain and excellent camping areas. In keeping with October long weekend tradition the weather was lousy. As well as raining most of the weekend, even torrential downpours at times, Mother Nature also threw in a hail storm for good measure.

The team was made up of:

### Drivers

Damian Barber

Denny Danis

Richard Czado

Dave Davis

### Navigators

Michael Hill

Paul Mckeown

Nina Czado

Marlin Dodd

There were 4 events each day and 96 vehicles to watch. The events ran concurrently so there was non-stop action for two days.

It rained most of Saturday which made the tracks muddy and the logs slippery.



Saturday's events were called: Carnage Canyon (a drive up a gully with rocks and logs to negotiate), The Waterfall (a drive up a very steep gully), The Spider (so named because the vehicles had to cling to the track on very steep angles) and Step'n Up (a series of log steps to climb or bounce up). Each event had a possible total score of 100 points.



Sunday's tracks were still slippery and everyone had low scores. Sunday's events were called Rockin 'n Rollin (wombat holes with tyres, boulders and a gigantic mud puddle to make it more interesting), All Shook Up (which involved driving over slippery logs), Tyred and Twisted (consisting of an obstacle course made up mainly of tyres) and the Mud Hole.



The Mud Hole started at about 2.00 and ran for over four hours for all spectators to watch. It was very entertaining with two members of the recovery team going waist-deep into the mud after each vehicle got bogged.

The top score for the weekend was Denny with 344 points out of a possible 800.



Even though we didn't come home with any trophies, we had a great time and gained some experience to help us in the next competition. Another positive was that no-one in the team broke anything which is always a bonus.

Big thanks to the Toyota Land Cruiser Club for organizing a tops weekend.

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