

## Mt Spurgeon and McLeod River

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2007

In January 2007, Trish, Nigel and Rick did this trip to view a property for sale well the other side of the McLeod River. The Club decided that it would be a good trip for the members. As a coincidence; the Land Rover Club was also planning to do this trip, so it was decided to amalgamate the trip for the two clubs.

We met at the Caravonica School at 0730 for an 0800 departure. We travelled up the coast road to meet Marco at Port Douglas and continued up the range to Mt Molloy for a re-group. After a short break, we drove north to Mt Carbine. Here we turned off the main road and onto the dirt track that led to the McLeod River.



The track was fairly steep but not too difficult, requiring careful selection of the track in places. There were several places that the Land Rover Club called “play pens”. These were alternative tracks to the main track, where it had become too difficult for normal vehicles. Several drivers tried their hand at traversing these play pens. Each driver was allowed three attempts and none made it on the first one. All but one made it on the second play pen. Unfortunately one of the Land Rovers had to be winched out by Derek and his Wrangler. Good fun was had by all.



We stopped for a break at the lookout which overlooked Mt Spurgeon and the mine at Mt Carbine. This is an excellent view of the surrounding country from a high vantage point. After a short break, we continued on towards the McLeod River.





There were several other vehicles already there, so we stayed on the southern side of the river. Several drivers made forays across the river to have a look.



We had lunch on the banks of the river, swapped stories and got to know the Land Rover people better.



For Tricia and Nigel this was a memorial trip for Rick who died in January. We are sure he would have enjoyed it.