

Dromana Drive-In.

Brought to you by
Derk Tuik.

My day began early with a trip to the tip, upon my return home I loaded the Ute (work) with my chainsaw and did my bit for the community by clearing the fallen tree from the road, and for my trouble I scored a nice ute load of firewood, pretty buggered by the time I headed off for Rod's, had a good drive over to his place and a nice relax while we waited for the arrival of Wags & Janet who could not help herself and had to call into Santa's place for an item or two to dress up the house for Christmas (poor Wags) and then a short time later Jeff White arrived, we had a bit of a natter and then headed off for the BP.

In convoy we arrive to find a small group waiting, Ray & Di Eaton have invited Calvin & Dawn (Melb Chapter members) along for the night and so they were made welcome then one by one they arrive till we have a total of 13 FX- FJ's and Rob Martella's EK which always looks good amongst the Earlies, so what now? More talk naturally until we decide it is time to leave so off we head to Creative Custom Cars in Dromana, now here is a place you could spend quite a few hours in looking around but unfortunately we were denied the opportunity to see the FJ Ute that was being built due to contractual agreements but we did see it even if it was covered over with tarps, what's that you say crawl underneath and look up? Sorry but they were well onto us even had the tarps underneath, we tried to have a feel but it felt as though they had padded it out in areas so there was no way we were going to get any sort of look at it, he was kind enough however to show us a range of drawings they used to come up with the final design.

Next on the agenda is dinner, so off we go to find somewhere to park on the foreshore, yeah good luck on that front! It was a case of grab what you could, some on the foreshore some on the main road and the rest up side streets, we then had the decision of what to eat, most settled for Fish & Chips but some elected to go for Pizza, we were seated out front of the fish & chip shop we chose and while we had seats we weren't going anywhere, one by one we ordered and one by one numbers were called out and a good feed was had, I had mine finished pretty quick and decided to have an Ice cream, must have looked a bit odd sitting there eating my Gaytime outside Two Boys, whoops sorry, Two Bouys. It's times like this sitting around having a bite to eat with friends that sometimes you learn things, like the fact that Richard likes to wear wide fur lined collars, well he must do as they don't leave any marks or other evidence after Wendy has had him on the leash.

Dinner over and it's time to move onto the Main attraction for the night "Dromana drive-in" the film selected was "Everest" based on a true story of a group of climbers who had done it more than once with not as many returning to base camp as they started out with, the fact it was based on a true story made the film worth watching I felt, the wait to get in was almost as long as the movie itself, at one stage I didn't think we were going to get in at all but we did eventually, not all parked together but not all that far apart either, from memory the biggest group was about 6 cars, once the movie was over the real work began, most of us driving home, Rod would have been closest than most, I myself didn't make it home till 12.30 before getting in a quick sleep then up again to go on a run with my local club, busy weekend for me but fun all round, had an email from Ian MacLean the next day telling me of his woes on his way home, not the sort you want travelling along East Link in the middle of the night, NO LIGHTS!! Just stopped working for some reason, luckily Jane could make out the white line so she became Ian's eyes while he tried to work out what happened, fiddled under the dash and with the light switch till he managed to get Low beam happening so they continued their trip home, Ian had a closer look the next day to find a frayed wire was the cause so a simple fix for him, and don't forget next months run "State Titles".

Members with Earlies.

Delzoppo, Michael & Brett 48-215

Dempsey, Trevor & Sue 48-215

Eaton, Ray & Di FJ 217

Edsall, Ray & Judy FJ 2104

Fox, Richard & Wendy FJ 2104

Grummitt, Rod, Sharon & Madi FJ 2106

MacLean, Ian & Jane 48-215

Martella, Rob & Di In EK Ute

Orchard, Paul, Maureen & Jodi 48-215

Peime, Bob FJ 2106

Shore, John FJ 2106

Tuik, Derk FJ 215

White, Jeff 48-215

Thomas, Calvin & Dawn. Melb Chapter. FJ 225

Members without.

Waghorn, Mark & Janet