

Lerderderg

September 6, 2025

Trip participants were Doug (Trip Leader), Garth and friend Chao, Sagar, TJ, Himalaya and Chi, Shawn and Jackson. Dave experienced mechanical trouble on route to our starting point at Rupert Vance Moon Reserve in Bacchus Marsh and so had to pull out.

The weather was great for such a trip – sun shining, no rain clear skies.

We departed the reserve and travelled via sealed and unsealed roads to our first challenge at the Lerderderg training ground. Aired down on route. At the training ground we drove the face of the old quarry. Each participant made it safely and successfully up the face.



We proceeded to Bluegum track and stopped at the highest point on the track to experience the great views back over Melbourne city and onto the Dandenongs. We took the opportunity for a cuppa and photos.

Sagar had a tyre issue so time for a wheel change. Everyone took part in the exercise.

When successfully completed we continued along Bluegum Track, O'Briens Road and Firth Road to Firth Park campground for lunch.

After lunch we headed back along Firth Road, into Chettle Road. The original plan was to take Diggers Track. The pre run (the week prior to the trip) determined that the track was impassible. Disappointment as there is a steep decent which would challenge our skills.

Followed Chettle Road to X1Link track. This track proved more difficult than expected. There were a number of times with water across the track.



Each time the base was checked- even so one vehicle became stuck – which provided an opportunity to practice winching skills.





At one point one of our party decided a swim would be a good idea! Just as well the trip leader's recommendation to bring a spare set of clothes was followed.



We found our way back to Firth Road, headed east to Andersons Mill track, followed Campese Road, Finger Road and into Woodend. Quick goodbye as the trip ended and each headed for home.

Looking forward to another trip to a new area.

Text and photos: Doug