

4WD TASMANIA NEWS AUGUST 2006.

WORKING BEES.

1 Arthur Pieman Cons. Area.

Waterholes on the track from Temma to the Balfour turn off were drained with the use of shovels and an excavator. Members from Braddon and Devonport along with Parks picked on the deepest puddles and dug drains to remove some of the water as well as redirecting the water heading for the holes. One passer by was impressed enough to offer a donation of \$100 towards the costs. After draining, the water can still be quite deep and more will need to be done to get the track to a stage where one track can be used by all vehicles. Parks called off the trip planned to inspect the area by Aboriginal Reps, Cattlemen, Fishermen and 4WD members in July as the track was seen as being to dangerous.

2 Pyengana Jeep Track.

Working Bee to be held mid September to install a culvert in a crossing, this will complete the work needed to reopen the track. Money to pay for an excavator has been approved by 4WD Tasmania.

3 Granville Pieman.

A working bee is to be held on 7-8th October, which happens to be Burnie show weekend, and for some a chance to get away for a camp. Basic plan is to camp at Stingray Bay, north of Granville (suitable for caravans) on Friday and do work on the track between 4Mile beach and the river on Saturday.

It is rumoured that the operator of a F250 with big tyres made a determined effort to dig ruts through waterholes along the track. These ruts will be filled with help from a shack owner with a loader.

If you can come along for the weekend contact Steve Roberts 64247565 for more information.

OTHER ISSUES.

- The petition re Southport Lagoon has been delivered to the appropriate politician. A total of 1575 signatures were on the petition. No response has been received not even recognition of receipt. Keep at it.
- The Montezuma track was assumed closed but it was only a warning that Forestry was working on the track clearing scrub. Open now.
- Jeffries Track is becoming difficult in places and may need some attention to avoid upsetting the managers.
- Snug Tiers track has been gated at one end and obtaining a key may be impossible. (Maybe not). The suggestion at the moment is to visit the Falls then return unless the key becomes available.

- **DRIVER TRAINING**

The training authority document is currently being audited by Training Tasmania (?) and is proving to be very difficult. It seems the goalposts have been moved and to satisfy the current auditors is frustrating our representatives but not to the point of giving it away. Mid September is the next deadline for submission and no training will be organised until the audit is completed

The Reps. attempting to satisfy the auditors are busy people and don't have unlimited time to spend on 4WD TAS administration but are doing what they can.

Perhaps there is a retired person out there somewhere who can work out bureaucracy.

- **E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

Not many clubs bothered to supply Email addresses with lists of club members. The clubs that did, will get more info than the clubs that didn't. This newsletter will go to every club so share it around and every member will know what has been or will happen.

- **LOST CONTACT**

Does anyone know what has happened to Derwent Valley 4WD. I have had no response to several attempts to contact them?

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