

indigenous group as to how both parties can help each other. We are also involved in the joint management plan for Dja Dja Wurrung people on their appointed lands which make up six parks throughout Victoria. The aim of the indigenous groups is to ensure their culturally significant locations are respected and FWDV plans to work with these groups to identify these areas and ensure that, as far as possible, they are not further degraded or vandalised by the public.

### ALPANA STATION - SA FLINDERS RANGES

Here's a tip for club trip coordinators. If you've not heard of Alpina Station north of Wilpena in the beautiful SA Flinders ranges – consider it for a club trip. With a remote hut featuring full facilities (including hot showers) that would make an ideal base for a four-wheel-drive group, the property has perhaps one of the best 4X4 tracks to be found in the Flinders. The station's Mt Samuel Track features a range of medium to challenging driving with amazing scenery. Part of the drive runs through the aptly named Mount Buggery Gorge which, with its numerous rock ledges, is technically challenging while not being too extreme. With numerous other 4X4 destinations nearby Alpina has a lot going for it. Best time to travel is August/September and if there has been significant rain a few weeks earlier, expect this normally arid landscape to be alive with wildflowers and new growth.



### Horseyard Flat Update.

Many club members took part in the very successful three day combined working camp with Parks Victoria in November. The following is an update on the work at that site.

On Monday the 12th of February Mike Dower (Parks Victoria Area Chief Ranger Foothills and Southern Alps) and I travelled to Horseyard Flat and met up with contractor Buck Williams and his team. Using his versatile CAT excavator with a blade attachment Buck has filled in the bog holes and rehabilitated the informal tracks around the campsite. The machine was also used to clean up the existing access tracks and improve drainage. While Buck used the machine his two offsiders fenced off several areas to prevent drivers from pushing into the vegetated zones and along the Moroka River bank area. Some potentially dangerous trees have been cut down as part of the contract work. Once the vegetation grows back over the rehab areas the site will look great and be a safer and more pleasant place for tourists to camp or picnic.

Over the two days that Mike and I spent in the area we looked at the potential worksite for our 5th and 6th of May weekend. We also inspected Billy Goat Bluff Track, Guys Hut and 4x4 track into the start of the Castle Hill walking track.

Lois and I will re-oil the picnic tables in the next few days to preserve the timbers over the winter months.

Greg Rose.



Meanwhile, over at Hoody's workshop.....