

4x4 JAMBOREE



RIGHT: Brett Tyler, overall winner of the 6 cylinder class and second in the Hill Climb.

BELOW: Maurie Chick, 6 cylinder class, third in the Hill Climb.



BELOW: David Gretchan, V8 class, overall second and winner of the Hill Climb.



ABOVE: Armin Bauer, 6 cylinder class, winner of the Hill Climb.



ABOVE: Looking down the Hill Climb track from about half way to the top.

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Action galore at 4x4 jamboree

A two-day 4x4 jamboree organised by the Devonport 4WD Club in March produced plenty of thrills, spills, flying mud — and \$2,000 for charity.

The successful event, which raised funds for the Orana Respite Centre and Camp Quality came three years after the inaugural jamboree.

More than 70 competitors from as far as Hobart, Launceston and Smithton put a range of vehicle from stock standards to way-out exotic through their paces.

As well as giving 4x4 drivers and spectators the opportunity of participating in and watching competition in a restricted area, the jamboree gave the local tracks a breather.

The first day was a hillclimb on Mel Holman's property overlooking the Don River. Spectators made the most of a sunny day to enjoy the farm and bushland setting.

The course started with a short run up to a large gum tree, then turned back 120 degrees to run downhill. Drivers then had to negotiate a slippery 90 degree turn before attempting to climb the hill.

Competitors found the corner hard to negotiate in four-wheel drive, with the front wheels pushing the vehicle wide and overshooting the turn. This made it difficult to position the 4WD straight for the run up the hill.

The hill itself was very slippery, and many drivers bogged out especially before the more powerful vehicles had carved through to a firmer foundation.

The perfect weather continued for day two, which was a mud run at the Latrobe Speedway where the Devonport 4WD Club has built its own mud track.

The track was designed to produce fast times, skillful driving and good spectator viewing. Electronic timing has been installed.

The course starts with a short climb into a mud hole, followed by a 180 degree turn back down a straight



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RIGHT: So close! After 2km with the finish in sight the tractor was the only way out of the last mud trap.

BELOW LEFT: Scott Rockliff, V8 class, overall winner and first in the Mud Run.



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to a set of slippery left and right-hand corners marked with penalty flags.

More water hazards and jumps preceded a final run through a large bog hole to the finish.

One Suzuki rolled on the back of the course, and many vehicles became airborne over the humps.

Splashing mud at the finish line ensure that many spectators went home as dirty as the vehicles.

Among the most spectacular vehicles at the jamboree were David Gretchan's Landcruiser flat tray V8 with nitro injection, Scott Rockliff's radical mid-mounted V8 Hilux and Duncan Role's V8-powered SWB

Landcruiser modified to resemble an MB series Jeep.

All in all, it was a great weekend of four-wheel-driving for participants as well as observers.

Some drivers were even paid for having fun, as a total of \$3,000 in prizemoney was distributed in addition to trophies.

Best of all, two very worthwhile charities between them were set to receive \$2,000 in much-needed funding.

RESULTS

OVERALL WINNERS V8 1st — Scott Rockliff, 2nd — David Grachen, 3rd — Warren Allen
6 cylinder Brent Tyler, Paul Walker, Duncan McCreddie
4 cylinder Gary Ray, Jason Cassidy, Gavin Birtwhistle — Toy Land Cruiser

HILL CLIMB V8 1st — David Gretchan — Land Cruiser Flat Tray, 2nd — Duncan Roles — Land Cruiser SWB, 3rd — Mark Penny — Hilux
6 cylinder 1st — Armin Bauer — MWB Land Cruiser, 2nd — Brent Tyler — Land Cruiser Wagon, 3rd — Maurie Chick — Land Cruiser SWB
4 cylinder 1st — Andrew Joslin — Suzuki, 2nd — David Matthew — Diahatsu, 3rd — Jason Cassidy — Hilux

MUD RUN V8 1st — Scott Rockliff — Hilux, 2nd — David Grachen — Landcruiser, 3rd — Warren Alley — Hilux
6 cylinder Brent Tyler — Land Cruiser Wagon, Duncan McCreddie — Land Cruiser Wagon, Paul Walters — Land Cruiser SWB
4 cylinder Gary Ray — Hilux, Jason Cassidy — Hilux
Andrew Joslin — Suzuki.



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