



eNews Direct To Members

eNews is a monthly newsletter sent by Four Wheel Drive Victoria to all affiliated clubs. If you are not receiving this newsletter, please check with your club executives. It is also available to read on the Four Wheel Drive Victoria website, with a past archive of previous eNews also available.

The latest news from Four Wheel Drive Victoria

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Four Wheel Drive Victoria Need Trackwatch Articles

Four Wheel Drive Victoria are on the lookout for articles for the June edition of Trackwatch. Has your club gone somewhere interesting? Done some great volunteer work? Got a good story to tell? Trackwatch is a great way to promote your club and show it off! With over 4,000 copies printed for each edition, it will certainly attract plenty of new eyes to your club.

Any questions or if you have an article and photos to send in please email projects@fwdvictoria.org.au.

Upcoming 4WD Courses

Four Wheel Drive Victoria have an upcoming accredited 4wd course and proficiency 4wd course. If you or anyone you know wishes to attend these courses, please get in touch with the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office and book in online, link below. The course details are as follows.

Accredited:

Unit Codes:

FWPCOT3325 Operate a 4wd on unsealed roads + FWPCOT3326 Recover four wheel drive vehicle + FWPCOT3329 Perform complex 4x4 operations.

Date:

Theory: 30th April, evening session

Practical: 4th and 5th of May, all day. Please note all sessions must be attended.

Location:

Theory: Online, through zoom

Practical: Meeting at Federation Park Darley

Cost:

Club member: \$495.00

Non club member: \$950.00

Proficiency

Date:

Theory: 7th May, evening session

Practical: 11th of May, all day. Please note both sessions must be attended.

Location:

Theory: Online, through zoom

Practical: To be run in Toolangi

Club member: \$255.00

Non club member: \$440.00



<https://www.4wdvictoria.org.au/index.php/training>

Mt Disappointment Clean Up the Bush

Four Wheel Drive Victoria would like to announce that we are planning a Clean Up the Bush event for Mt Disappointment over the 18th and 19th of May 2024.

We are seeking volunteers to assist with this event, if you have a trailer you can bring to assist the clean up that is terrific. A camping area / home base will be set up within the area for the event.

Further details will be announced shortly. Please email projects@fwdvictoria.org.au if you are able to assist.

Eminent Panel for Community Engagement Regarding the Consultation for the Central Highlands Forests Assessment

VEAC (Victorian Environmental Assessment Council) has commenced its community engagement program for Victoria's Central Highlands state forests. This gives everyone the opportunity to become involved or aware of what is being proposed.

The Panel was established in 2021 to work closely with communities to make recommendations for the future use of state forest Immediate Protection Areas. Following the Victorian Government's decision to end native forest timber harvesting on 1 January 2024, the Panel is now undertaking an in-depth community engagement process in the Central Highlands Regional Forest Agreement area.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria will be making a submission on our affiliated clubs behalf's once we have gathered responses from our clubs.

This community engagement also gives clubs a chance to act directly.

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/central-highlands-forests>



SatPhone Shop Info Night

After the success and great time had by all at SatPhone Shop's last info night they have graciously decided to hold another event. Please see the invite below and pass it out to all your club members. The event is free for all FWDV members and to be held on the 23rd of May 2024 at the Sandown Park Hotel starting at 7pm.

Make sure to register in advance to secure your spot and we look forward to seeing you there. Please follow the text below to register and for more information.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

National 4x4 Show

Planning for the National 4x4 Show is not far away. With dates set for the 23rd to the 25th of August, make sure to lock them in with your club. With only a small handful of clubs represented with free sites at the show last year, FWDV hopes to see many more clubs take up the amazing offer this year.



Four Wheel Drive Victoria can confirm **sites are free once again for affiliated clubs**. Each club who attends will be issued 30 passes for their club ensuring plenty of people from your club can get down to enjoy the show and help out on your clubs stand. This is a massive benefit of being an affiliated club, with over 30,000 people coming through the show over the three days, the ability to recruit new members is huge! If your club is interested in holding a site at the National Show please email projects@fwdvictoria.org.au to book in.

Parks Victoria Volunteer Strategy Consultation Now Live

Parks Victoria is updating its Volunteer Strategy. The Volunteer Strategy 2024-2029 will set the strategic direction for volunteering for and in partnership with Parks Victoria for years to come. Consultation for the Volunteering Strategy is now live and open until 5th May and we would love for you to be involved. We want to continue to strengthen volunteering at Parks Victoria by listening and working with stakeholders and the community to hear your experiences, thoughts and ideas. Feedback will be used to inform the Strategy and guide what actions are a priority in supporting those volunteering at Parks Victoria into the future.

Complete the survey at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/parks-victoria-volunteer-strategy>

Friends of Aberfeldy Maintenance

Four Wheel Drive Victoria are looking for a 4WD club to help maintain the Toombon Track. It was recently cleared by a 4 person crew using whipper snippers and brush cutters however requires a new club to take it on. The work involved should not take a 4 person crew more than a full day to complete.

If you are interested, please email projects@fwdvictoria.org.au.

Trentham Wire Round Up

The Land Rover Owners Club Community Emergency Response Team have approached Four Wheel Drive Victoria to lend assistance. To provide practical support to an elderly couple with a Wildlife Reserve in the Trentham area. The property was significantly affected by a windstorm some time ago. They require assistance with fencing repairs to around 7 km of damaged fences.

This is to be conducted over an upcoming weekend ASAP. If you are able and willing to assist please contact either John Coupe, Land Rovers Owners Club CERT Co-Ordinator, firewatchwp@bigpond.com or contact the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office, projects@fwdvictoria.org.au.



Mansfield Alpine 4WD Club undertaking Track Clearing

FWDV Needs Your Volunteer Hours

Our volunteers do a fantastic job helping the community with Four Wheel Drive Victoria projects such as Camp Host, Track Clearing and High-Country Hut maintenance among many other volunteer tasks.

Four Wheel Drive Victorian Volunteers have already achieved over 9,000 volunteer hours since July 1st 2023.

With many more volunteering efforts to come in 2024 this is a terrific effort and thanks to everyone who has helped achieve this.

Please make sure to submit your clubs volunteer hours to projects@fwdvictoria.org.au and thank you to all our clubs that complete countless volunteer hours.

It is extremely important to Four Wheel Drive Victoria to be able to represent the hard work our amazing volunteers do on a regular basis.

You can download your volunteer hours form from the Four Wheel Drive Victoria website after logging in, under resources.

Have You Logged In Yet?

The Four Wheel Drive Victoria website has a members log in area that many members will be familiar with. In this area you will find all sorts of member resources such as access to Members Calendar, MVO Track Access packs, Track Permits, Trip Leader Guidelines, Temporary Membership Forms, Personal Details forms, Liability Waiver Forms, Instructor applications etc. To log in we will need to have your email address that your club has provided. You will then need to set up a password, your user name is automatically generated and is usually your name as one word in lower case e.g. johnsmith. Your username is linked to the email address we have on record. You then follow the process for forgotten password and set up your new preferred password. If you have a problem with this just email the office for assistance at projects@fwdvictoria.org.au.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria Social Media

Did you know Four Wheel Drive Victoria has both a public Facebook and Instagram page? Both pages are updated almost daily and contain plenty of useful information that may be missed otherwise. Links to both sites are included below this article.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/4WDVictoria/>

Instagram https://www.instagram.com/four_wheel_drive_victoria/?hl=en

Trackwatch Mailing Address

A number of Trackwatch magazines have been returned recently. If you have not received your copy yet, please make sure your club has the correct mailing details to be able to pass on to Four Wheel Drive Victoria so your copy of Trackwatch can be sent to the correct address. **If you do not wish to receive a physical copy of Trackwatch please note that current and previous editions of Trackwatch are available on the Four Wheel Drive Victoria website.** Please let your club know and email projects@fwdvictoria.org.au so you can be taken off the Trackwatch mailing list.

High Resolution Photos for Media Use

Four Wheel Drive Victoria are on the lookout for as many high resolution photos of your club and cars out on trips, undertaking volunteer works including track clearing and camp hosts. Pictures of camp set ups would also be much appreciated. Both the person who took the photo and the club will be credited on each photo used and number plates will be removed from the photo for privacy. Please email projects@fwdvictoria.org.au with any photos you wish to submit including the name of who took the photo and the 4WD club. The location of the photo would also be greatly appreciated. These photos will be used on the Four Wheel Drive Victoria website and across Four Wheel Drive Victoria's social media platforms. A great opportunity to showcase your club and the great times you and your club have!



Port Phillip 4WD Club Camping at Dargo River

www.fwdvictoria.org.au

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