



## 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

#### August 2023

##### **Four Wheel Drive Victoria's New Mailing Address**

As of the 11<sup>th</sup> of August the Mitcham Post Office has ceased trading ending its tenancy it has held on Whitehorse Rd since June 1<sup>st</sup> 1884. Due to this, Four Wheel Drive Victoria no longer has a PO Box at this location. Please send all mail for Four Wheel Drive Victoria to 6/27 Thornton Cres, Mitcham 3132.



##### **National 4x4 Show Melbourne**

The National 4x4 Show is on again at the Melbourne Showgrounds over the 18th to the 20th of August 2023! With the showgrounds packed out with exhibitors from all branches of the 4x4 market there is sure to be something for everyone.

Come say g'day to Four Wheel Drive Victoria at stand EH220 in hall 3 as well as the clubs that have come along in the club stand section. Use the code **4WDVIC for a discount** on your show tickets, what a great way to spend your weekend!



##### **Lifeblood**

Over 3,000 lives have been saved by the Four Wheel Drive Victoria's generous blood, plasma and platelet donors! Thanks to you, everyday moments have become something special. You're the reason someone is able to walk home from school today. Someone else can hug their teenager goodnight. And someone else can stay up late finish off the tub of ice cream.

We hope you're feeling pretty extraordinary, knowing you contributed to changing so many lives.

Starting in 2014, the Four Wheel Drive Victoria's Lifeblood Team has grown from strength to strength. Now, with over 60 current active donors in the Team we are asking those who donate, check they've joined the Lifeblood Team and for those who have never donated, please consider rolling up your sleeve. With 1 in 3 Aussies needing blood products in their lifetime, no one ever chooses to receive a blood product, but you can choose to give it.

To join the Four Wheel Drive Victoria team, simply update your preferences in the 'Donate Blood' app or online at [www.lifeblood.com.au](http://www.lifeblood.com.au).





### 2023 Seasonal Closures

The DEECA and Parks Victoria seasonal closure are in effect for 2023. Seasonal Closures will run until the 2/11/23 for most tracks. Some tracks will have an extended closure period. Please have a good look over this list when preparing and planning for a trip and find alternate routes if you intend to drive any of these tracks. Seasonal Closures are implemented to help protect the environment where extra help is required to look after the tracks in the wetter months.

**DEECA Seasonal Closures:** [www.ffm.vic.gov.au/closures-of-parks-and-forests](http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/closures-of-parks-and-forests)

**Parks Vic Seasonal Closures:** [www.parks.vic.gov.au/seasonal-road-closures](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/seasonal-road-closures)

## The Great Outdoor and 4X4

### Shepparton Great Outdoors Show

The Shepparton Great Outdoors Expo is the next show up! The event is to be held at the Shepparton Showgrounds over the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and with plenty of big name stall holders it will make for a terrific event. Be sure to get down to check it all out, the Goulburn Valley 4WD Club will be in attendance and flying the flag for Four Wheel Drive Victoria!



### Chainsaw Course Locations

Four Wheel Drive Victoria is constantly on the lookout for locations to run accredited chainsaw courses. If you or anyone you know has property with plenty of felled trees to be able to fill two days of chainsaw work, please let us know in the office. This will give us the opportunity to schedule and conduct more chainsaw courses.

[office@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:office@fwdvictoria.org.au)

### Club Affiliation Vehicle Stickers

Four Wheel Drive Victoria are now in a position to offer the 2023 – 2024 FWDV stickers to all financial member clubs and ask clubs to have someone pick them up from the office if possible.

We look forward to seeing you soon, please bring donuts and we will supply the coffee!

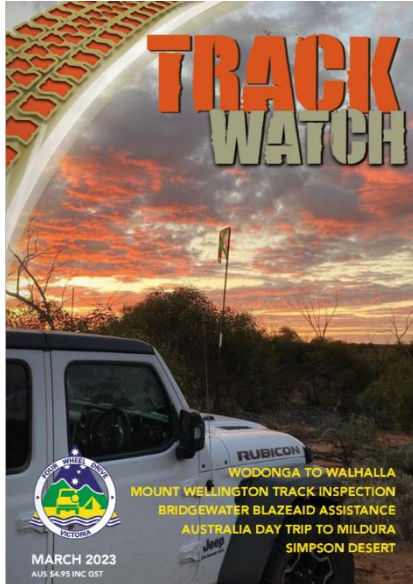
### Mt Skene Permit System 2023

The Mt Skene permit system is now fully online. From June 1<sup>st</sup> the system will be open to members. You will be required to login the Four Wheel Drive Victoria website. If you have any difficulty logging in, please contact the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office. The Mt Skene permit will be located under Member Resources on the left hand side after logging in. The same rules and limits still apply (20 cars max per club per day, each day must be a separate permit, maximum of 80 cars on the mountain per day). Permits will be emailed through the website and must still be printed out and carried with the trip leader. Detailed instructions have been sent to club executives to distribute within your club. They can also be viewed on the permit application page.



### **Affiliation Fee Reminder**

Affiliation fee reminders have been sent out along with member templates to update club records at the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office. Please make sure these are returned ASAP along with payment of fees which is now due. These reminders and notices have been sent to club executive email addresses, please make sure to check junk incase they have filtered there.



### **Trackwatch Articles Needed**

We need interesting articles and high-resolution photos about your club for Trackwatch magazine. Trackwatch is distributed far beyond our clubs and is seen by many organizations as well as Government agencies and politicians, so it is a terrific way to show your club to the world.

Please email your articles and photos to [projects@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:projects@fwdvictoria.org.au)

If you don't want to receive a hard copy of Trackwatch and would rather read it electronically, send an email to the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office, [office@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:office@fwdvictoria.org.au). The latest 4 issues of Trackwatch are always available to read on the Four Wheel Drive Victoria website. [www.fwdvictoria.org.au](http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au)

### **Do You Log Your Volunteer Work? Track Clearing and Flood Assistance**

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.

With many seasonal closure gates opening on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October there are many clubs getting out there to assist land managers in track clearing. There is also a big opportunity for clubs to assist in flood clean ups. Please make sure to submit these volunteer hours to [projects@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:projects@fwdvictoria.org.au) and thank you to all our clubs that complete countless volunteer hours.

If your club has done any volunteer work including track clearing or flood assistance please fill in the volunteer hours form.

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

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