



## 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

October 2023

#### Four Wheel Drive Victoria Annual General Meeting

This is notice for the Four Wheel Drive Victoria Annual General Meeting. To be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 at the Manningham Hotel. The meeting will be held both in person at the Manningham Hotel and over Zoom. Members from all clubs are encouraged to join the meeting. Official notification about the meeting including open board positions for nomination will be sent out no later than 21 days prior to the AGM, club executives, please check your emails for these in the coming weeks.



#### Vale Hugh McLaren

It is with great sadness that we pass on the news of the passing of Hugh McLaren.

Hugh was a former training manager with Four Wheel Drive Victoria and member of both the Warrnambool 4wd Club and the Mansfield Alpine 4wd club.

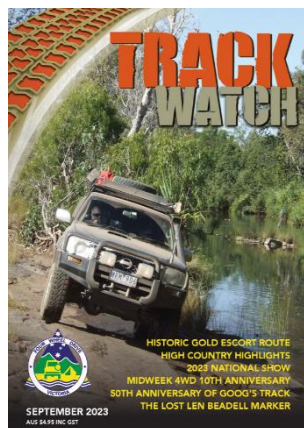
He was a humble guy who had many talents especially in the educational field. He had gained a Diploma of Teaching in 1994, Certificate IV in Workplace Training in 1997 followed by a Bachelor of Vocational Education & Training in 2001. He lectured at Melbourne University in Farm management and was a qualified wool classer as well. He was a well regarded instructor in both driver training and chainsaw training running many courses for both Four Wheel Drive Victoria and his clubs.

He will be sadly missed.

Our condolences go out to Linda and his family at this time.

#### Seasonal Track Reopening

The majority of Seasonal Road Closures will end shortly. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2023 many gates will be reopened. Please note that some tracks have a longer closure period due to sensitive vegetation, conditions. You can check the listings for the extended closures on the Four Wheel Drive Victoria website, [www.fwdvictoria.org.au](http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au), under Resources -> Track Closures.



#### Trackwatch Mailing Address

A number of September 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](mailto:projects@fwdvictoria.org.au) so you can be taken of the Trackwatch mail list.

### **Victorian 4WD Show**

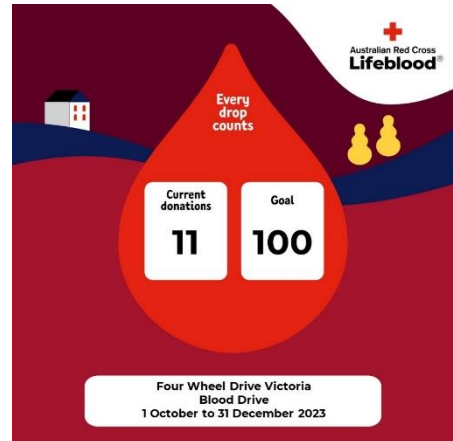
The Victorian 4WD Show is officially back for 2024! It will be held on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Lardner Park. Hosted by the Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria, it is the longest running 4WD show in Australia and makes for a great day for all who attend. There will be plenty of great exhibitors in attendance so make sure you get down and enjoy the day.



### **Lifeblood Blood Drive**

The 2023 Four-Wheel Drive Blood Drive is underway, and we are off to a great start!

By working as a team, we're helping people with cancer through their treatments, new mums through difficult childbirths, and people recover from road trauma and emergencies. Blood Drives are all about bringing people together for a common cause. An hour out of your life will go to saving three lives. To get involved - join the team and book your donation at [www.lifeblood.com.au](http://www.lifeblood.com.au).



### **The Great Outdoor and 4X4**

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### **Gippsland Great Outdoors Show**

The Gippsland Great Outdoors Expo is the next show up! The event is to be held at the Sale Racecourse over the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 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!



### **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)

### **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](mailto: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!

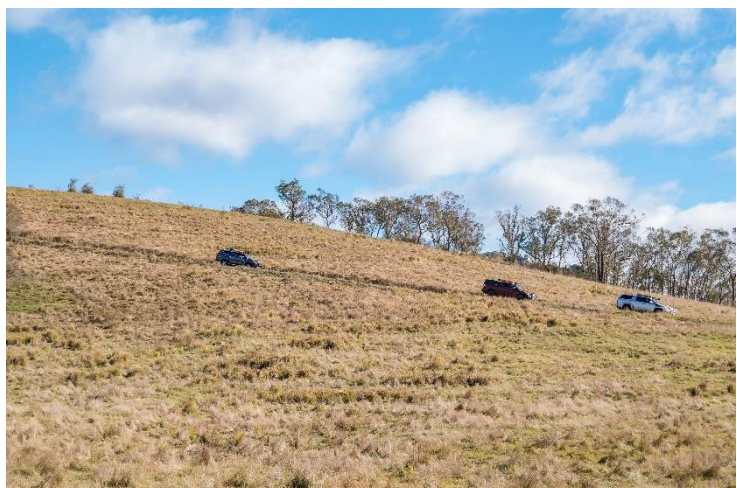


Image 1 Convoy During the Regional Reps Weekend - Mark Currie



### ***Do You Log Your Volunteer Work? Track Clearing?***

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 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, there are many clubs getting out there to assist land managers in track clearing.

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 represent the hard work our amazing volunteers do on a regular basis.



*Photo by Gordon Porter, Everest Club of Victoria*

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