



*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

##### March 2024

##### **First Aid Course**

Four Wheel Drive Victoria have organised a first aid course for Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2024. There are currently multiple vacancies if you wish to attend the day, please contact the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office. The details of the course are below.

##### **Location:**

St. Simons Parish School Hall, 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville.

##### **Time:**

Start - 9:15am for 9:30am

Conclusion – 4:00pm

##### **Cost:**

Provide First Aid (HLTAID011) + Outback First Aid variation (includes CPR) - \$125.00 pp

Provide Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (HLTAID009) (First 2.5 hours) – CPR only - \$60.00pp

Please note there will also be online learning to be completed prior to the day.

##### **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: 30<sup>th</sup> April, evening session

Practical: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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: 7<sup>th</sup> May, evening session

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

##### **Location:**

Theory: Online, through zoom

Practical: Meeting at Federation Park Darley

##### **Cost:**

Club member: \$255.00

Non club member: \$440.00



### **Presidents and Delegates Day**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of April there will be a President's and Delegate's meeting at the Manningham Hotel. Presidents and Delegates from all clubs are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to [office@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:office@fwdvictoria.org.au) if you plan on coming. There will also be a zoom link for those who cannot attend physically on the day.



### **Locations for Rubbish Clean Up**

Four Wheel Drive Victoria are always on the lookout for new locations to conduct rubbish clean ups. If you know of any where there are large amounts of rubbish, please contact the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office. [projects@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:projects@fwdvictoria.org.au).

If your club has also completed any rubbish clean ups recently, no matter the size please let us know in the office so your clubs efforts can be recorded and promoted. Every volunteer hour helps and allows Four Wheel Drive Victoria to show to the government how valuable our clubs are to the land and environment in which we enjoy.

### **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>



### **National 4x4 Show**

Planning for the National 4x4 Show is not far away. With dates set for the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> 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, it is hoped for a bigger turnout this year.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria will be in contact with clubs with further details when they are available.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:firewatchwp@bigpond.com) or contact the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office, [projects@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto: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 3,500 volunteer hours since July 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### ***FWDV Are Looking for Trackwatch Articles***

Four Wheel Drive Victoria are always after interesting articles for Trackwatch and to post and share across our various social media channels. Where did your club go over the Christmas break? Perhaps it was an interesting trip into the high country or your club rolled up their sleeves and put in some hard worked volunteer hours around Victoria. It is a great way to show your club off to a wide audience of potential members and interested people across the state. Please email any articles to [projects@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:projects@fwdvictoria.org.au), with your articles and high res photos, please make sure to attach photos separately.

### ***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](mailto:projects@fwdvictoria.org.au).



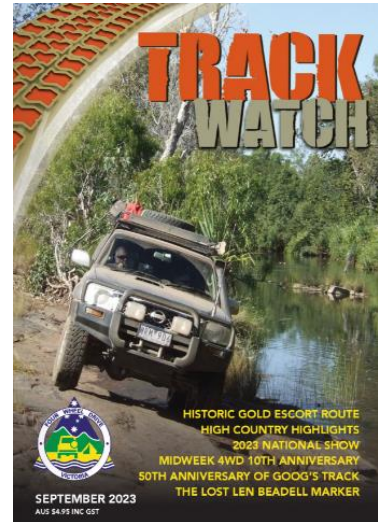
### ***Upcoming Outdoor Living and Caravan Expo's***

The Great Outdoors and 4x4 Expo has rebranded and is now the Outdoor Living and Caravan Expo. They have loads of upcoming shows including the Yarra Glen at the Yarra Glenn Racecourse on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of March, supported by the Yarra Valley 4x4 Club and the Ballarat Show at the Ballarat Showgrounds on the 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> of April which will have the Ballarat and Districts 4x4 Club . With plenty of big name stall holders it will make for a terrific event. Be sure to get down to check it all out!



### **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](mailto:projects@fwdvictoria.org.au) so you can be taken off the Trackwatch mailing list.



### **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](https://www.instagram.com/four_wheel_drive_victoria/?hl=en)

### **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!



*Convoy During the Regional Reps Weekend - Mark Currie*

[www.fwdvictoria.org.au](http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au)

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