



Four Wheel Drive Victoria

Annual Report 2025



50th Anniversary 2025



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Board Members

Simon van den Berg – President

My career began with an avionics apprenticeship at Ansett Technologies, but it was in local government where I found my long-term path. Starting with Essendon Council and later at the City of Yarra, I was part of a period of significant change as councils went through privatisation and amalgamation. Much of my early work focused on developing new systems and practices, which naturally led me into leadership roles and studies in frontline management.

Community has always been central to my life. I enjoy being involved, whether through work or volunteering, and this commitment has extended into sporting, recreational, and environmental groups over the years.

Growing up, I was always outdoors—playing sport, camping with family in Apollo Bay, and exploring the bush. Those early experiences sparked my love for adventure, off-road driving, and discovering more of Australia's natural beauty.

In recent years, I've had the privilege of contributing to a number of community organisations. I currently serve on the Board of Four Wheel Drive Victoria, having joined in 2024. With the Range Rover Club of Victoria, I became a member in 2018, joined the committee in 2019, and have served as Vice President and now President since 2023.

Beyond four-wheel driving, I've enjoyed many years at the Williamstown Sailing Club, where I was Vice Commodore (2012–2016) and later Commodore (2016–2018). During that time, the committee introduced the club's first strategic plan and strengthened its financial and asset management.

I am also deeply involved with Friends of Brisbane Ranges, joining in 2020, later becoming a committee member, and in 2024 taking on the role of President. The group recently celebrated its 40th anniversary and continues to achieve important milestones, such as launching a new website and republishing *Wildflowers of the Brisbane Ranges* by Clive and Merle Trigg.

Across all these roles, my motivation has remained the same: to contribute to my community, support the groups I care about, and share in the opportunities to explore, protect, and enjoy the outdoors.

Gordon Porter – Vice President

A member of Everest 4 Wheel Drive Club Victoria.

First started driving four wheel drives on the farm in the 1960's. Have a strong connection with the Victorian High Country. Had several makes and models of four wheel drive vehicles since.

Gordon is a retired sergeant, police prosecutor with 32 years of police service. Gordon was involved in many initiatives and has earned several community justice awards during his service. Included in these is a commendation from the CEO of Magistrates' Court Victoria for his work establishing the Koori court as well as the 2003 Indigenous Community Justice Award.

Gordon has taken leadership roles such as the Chair for the Victorian Branch of the International Police Association, established an anti-racism group Voice for Harmony, his work with the Koori court and was Chair of the Northeast Football (Soccer) League Tribunal.

Gordon was the Officer in Charge at Shepparton Prosecutions for 16 years including dealing with Coronial Inquests involving vehicles and all facets of road law.

Gordon is a Barrister at the Victorian Bar on List S and was in Vanuatu for 3 years as Conseiller du procureur d'Eta.

Board Members continued...

Robyn Burke – Secretary

I have just completed one year as a member of the FWDVic Board. It has been a very interesting and busy time as I found myself taking on the position of Secretary

To work with the Board members and office staff has been a privilege, but the learning curve has been steep.

I have been a member of the Pajero 4WD Club of Victoria for 34 years and have been part of the Committee on different occasions. I am currently the Secretary.

My husband and I loved the outback and managed to cover pretty well all of the iconic deserts and outback tracks in Australia, the more remote the better. Over that time, we have owned four Pajeros, and I am presently driving a Pajero Sport.

The Pajero Club was the right mix for us; we loved the inclusiveness of the members and found that there were plenty of trips to participate in nearly every weekend.

The wonderful friendships made through the 4WDiving Association are a testament to the camaraderie that is shared in the love of 4WDiving.

Evan Wellard – Treasurer

A member of the Nissan Four Wheel Drive Club of Victoria

Evan grew up with strong passion for Camping, Exploring and Four-Wheel Driving at a very young age. This began through the Scouting movement, growing up as a Joey, Cub, Scout, Venturer and then Rovers where he fell in love with four-wheel driving. He continued his passion for the great outdoors, becoming a member with the Nissan FWDC Vic.

He has been a member of the Nissan FWDC Vic for 10 years and has served on many of their committees in various positions including president, vice president and treasurer. His first 4WD was a Nissan GQ Patrol and is now Currently Driving a Next Gen Ranger and Nissan GU Patrol.

Evan has always been interested in working on cars and 4wds. He is qualified in both Mechanics and Auto Electrical trades. Evan has been in the automotive industry for more than 20 years, progressing from a Mechanic, Store Manager to Senior Store Manager. Where he enjoyed travelling around the country fixing stores and their team culture to achieve goals and profits.

He is currently half owner and operator of a successful 4wd Accessory shop in the southeast suburbs.

Board Members continued...

Athol Clayton – Ordinary Member

Current Secretary of the Victoria Police 4WD Club.

Athol has been involved with various car clubs since the age of 20, when he was in the MG car club then moving to the MX 5 club, and then finally the Subaru Car Club, later then finally the Subaru Car Club, later joining the Victoria Police Four Wheel Drive Club.

Athol has coordinated volunteer work such as Blaze Aid and animal rescue via Narbeview Animal Shelter. Another interest is also being a member of the Victorian Animal Shelter.

Eric Bishop – Ordinary Member

Eric is a member of the Toyota Land Cruiser Club of Victoria (TLCCV) and drives an 80 & 40 Series Land-Cruiser along with various other classic cars.

From 2011-2014 Eric was a member of the FWDV Board as an ordinary member and then took on the position of Secretary before moving overseas with work.

Eric was a Construction Project Manager with the likes of Theiss, Hansen Yunken, Leighton, Bovis Lend Lease and Fletcher Construction in New Zealand, holding positions from Project Manager to Project Directorships; he is now recently retired. During his career he has managed the reconstruction of numerous Dept. of Defence – ADF Military Bases throughout Australia. He also spent many years in Papua New Guinea working as a contractor for DFAT as a Senior Project Manager building Hospitals, Nursing and Midwifery Training facilities across the entire archipelago of PNG as part of a Program to reduce PNG's horrific rate of Infant Mortality.

Post PNG he travelled to New Zealand to manage the construction of the Auckland East Super Maximum Security Prison at Paramoremo and an Acute Mental Health Facility at the Middlemore Hospital in Auckland.

Board Members continued...

Gareth Milloy – Ordinary Member

Gareth Milloy grew up with a strong background in horticulture, where he developed a deep appreciation for the rugged Australian bush. That early connection to the land inspired more than a decade of extensive exploration across Victoria and beyond.

Today, Gareth continues to nurture his passion for the great outdoors through the Toyota LandCruiser Club of Victoria. While a relatively new member compared to long-standing club veterans, he has never been content to “sit back and watch the grass grow.” He has actively contributed to several subcommittees, taken on key planning roles, and served as Chief Marshal and Co-Event Coordinator for the club’s flagship CruiserKhana event. His commitment and initiative have led to his current role as Club Secretary.

Since joining the Four Wheel Drive Victoria Board, Gareth has assisted in the review and renewal of board policies, co-organised the 50th Anniversary celebrations, and collaborated on the development of the Toolangi Training Centre to deliver a fit for purpose facility that prepares new four wheel drivers for the challenges ahead. Professionally, Gareth’s career has always been closely tied to outdoor spaces and delivering high quality results. After leaving school, he began a landscaping apprenticeship, learning the foundations of horticulture, site management, and hands on problem solving. Over the past 13 years, he has progressed to managing and running large-scale projects, delivering multi-million-dollar infrastructure for sports clubs, schools, and local government. His work spans design, planning, construction, and ongoing maintenance, requiring careful coordination of teams, contractors, and stakeholders. Gareth combines practical expertise with a focus on efficiency and quality, ensuring every project is completed safely, on time, and to a standard that enhances the community spaces he helps create.

Known for a hands-on, detail-driven style, Gareth is committed to making sure every project is done properly the first time. He isn’t afraid to question the old “that’s how we’ve always done it” mindset, believing that tradition alone doesn’t make a process right. His focus is on practical improvements, open communication, and creating systems that actually work for the people using them.

No matter whether he’s wrangling board policies, marking out a CruiserKhana course, or managing a project, the drive stays the same—giving back to the community, backing the clubs and people he cares about, and keeping bush tracks ready for the next adventure. And if it means he ends up covered in dust or mud most weekends... well, at least the LandCruiser feels right at home when he climbs back in.

President's Report

At last year's AGM I filled the casual vacancy role of President of Four Wheel Drive Victoria and we also welcomed new board members Gareth Milloy and Robin Burke. At the time of the AGM the Treasurers role (also a casual vacancy) wasn't filled until Jan 2025 when Even Wellard was welcomed into this role.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Athol Clayton and David van Zanten for their participation over their past two years on the board. During this year both experienced changes in their work circumstances either taking on more responsibility or additional work/projects. It's not always easy trying to manage our work/life balance.

The timing of last year's AGM was fortunate in that it allowed the new board to catch up on current activities and business well before the Christmas break. An informal introduction meeting was arranged shortly after the AGM which also assisted in bring the board together where there was a range of background and experience.

Throughout the year, we continued to meet and work with the Minister Steve Dimopoulos and his advisors, Parks Victoria CEO and DEECA Staff advocating for all the great work many of our clubs undertake in track clearing, clean up the bush, invasive species removal, camp hosting, volunteer training and other programs. For the 2024 financial year period clubs contributed to more than 15,000 volunteer hours. We also improved our reporting of volunteer hours in terms of which land managers we are working with and the mechanism for reporting volunteers work which can now be done online after each event. Although very late into the financial year we were fortunate enough to secure some funding again.

During the community consultation phase of the Great Alpine National Park we advocated for maintaining track access and dispersed vehicle-based camping. I also want to acknowledge the great work that many 4x4 clubs made in contributing individual submissions to the Eminent Panel members. I've no doubt with the proposed creation of the Wombat-Lerderderg National Park, we will find ourselves once again advocating for continued track access and that recreation, tourism and caring for the bush go hand in hand.

President's Report continued...

Over the past year Board members and office have worked collaboratively on a number of activities, programs and projects together including

- ❑ Working with the Project Management Committee for the new Victorian Four Wheel Drive Centre in Rowville
- ❑ State and local government approvals for the Toolangi training facility, including some early on ground works to prepare the tracks
- ❑ Review of Board Governance, policies, procedures and induction process.
- ❑ Reviewed of website, digital communications and member management systems with rollout of the RevSport platform as an initial phase of the project.
- ❑ Review of RTO compliance requirements
- ❑ Updated the Student Management Training System to be on an online web-based learning portal
- ❑ Development of our Strategic plan to 2027
- ❑ Review of current Rules / constitution
- ❑ Planning for the Association 50th Anniversary event
- ❑ Made submissions to the Eminent Panel on the Future of Central Highlands
- ❑ Participated in stakeholder workshops with the Great Outdoor Taskforce on the future of Victoria's State Forests.
- ❑ Hosted regional reps meetings at Halls Gap in Nov and in the Otways in May, with Presidents and Delegates meeting in June
- ❑ Participated in Lardner Park 4x4 Show and National 4x4 Show at Royal Melbourne Show grounds

President's Report continued...

Not everything has gone to plan. The reduction in distribution of Track Watch as a printed and posted magazine is something we could have done better. The magazine is our flagship publication and one that many of our members contribute towards significantly. Whilst the magazine has been in circulation in print/hardcopy form for a long time, I don't believe the transition to a fully digital version will happen for some time. Going forward we plan to review the sponsorship and advertising opportunities for the magazine so that we can continue to provide it in both hardcopy and digital formats.

I'd like to thank my fellow board members for all the great work we have achieved thus far. In particular I would like to acknowledge Robyn and Gareth for their efforts and many extra hours of working with me in development of new board protocols and policies.

Looking ahead, the whilst the Board is considering changes to the association rules we have circulated these out to the AGM for clubs' consideration, and we won't rush the process so that everyone has an opportunity to be heard.

Within the proposed rule changes, we will need to develop a clear set of purposes for our association moving on from the first 50 years. As a Board We have not prescribed to our members what these purposes should be. We want the membership to engage in the process so that the formulation of our purposes fits the 21st Century organisation and provides us with the direction for the next 50 years.

The new building in Rowville and joint venture between LROCV and FWDV in what will become the new office for 4WD Vic and clubrooms for LROCV has progressed from purchasing the building to a final design and lodgement of planning permit application with Kox Council. This will provide us with a base that no longer requires us to pay rent and gives us an asset that will appreciate with time making our financial situation stronger over time.

In the meantime, as you can see from the financial reports we have immediately challenges that are being addressed however the RTO report shows a promising up take since we appointed Daniel as a dedicated RTO manager. There are many competing 4WD driver training enterprisers, but the future is promising with Daniel Whitby's enthusiasm for the FWDV RTO to be the leader in this field. That is evident in not only the amount of course being conducted but also increase in participation from land managers agencies he has managed to obtain.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simon van den Berg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Simon van den Berg
President Four Wheel Drive Victoria.

CEO's Report

In late 2024 Four Wheel Drive Victoria consulted with members to commence planning for a new three-year strategic plan for 2025-2027.

From the responses for input, 74% were affiliated members, 20% were the general 4WD community/public, 3% were industry businesses/companies, 1% were the tourism sector, 1% were partners of FWDV, and 1% were other.

From the feedback on all the objectives, the following came in as the top four priorities in order.

- 1) Track and network accessibility for 4WDing
- 2) Relationships and partnerships with agency bodies
- 3) Increase/maintain volunteering opportunities for clubs/members and the 4WD community
- 4) Provide enhanced support for clubs, training, safety, and education

FWDV strengthened its partnership with Parks Victoria, DEECA, and other agency bodies. Including regular meetings with the Minister, advisors, and collaboration with the Great Outdoors Taskforce, too. Two Regional Reps meetings were also held, a Grampians meeting in November and a May meeting in the Otways area. The association also forms part of the Mt Strling Stakeholder Consultative Committee, attending the quarterly meetings for the past 12 months.

Even though there was no government funding for FY25, the association secured this late for FY26 and will continue to plan a strategy for long-term multi-year funding and projects to support this revenue stream.

The board continues to do an outstanding job with collaboration on governance, compliance, and policies, and we appreciate the support of having the board on one page with staff. Their dedication and commitment are truly appreciated.

The training and RTO for Four Wheel Drive Victoria continues to grow and innovate with Daniel Whitby and his leadership in this space, including development, compliance, and revenue.

Jo Somerfield is heading up the office and administration. Jo is the first point of contact for clubs and members on the other end of the line, while providing support to the training arm of the association.

Both the Victorian 4WD Show on Sunday 16 February and the National 4x4 Outdoors Show in August, were a success with a record attendance. Well done to the Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria on delivering the Victorian Show for the community. Several clubs had an exhibitor site at both events to promote their membership, trips, and provide advice to the community.

CEO's Report continued...

Fantastic to see clubs and members continue to volunteer their time in the community, whether it be the hut rebuilding, track clearing, donating to Lifeblood, or the working bees at Wildlife Shelters. Over 15,000 hours were logged last year from a range of activities. The volunteering space is an important part of being connected to clubs, and the work continues to support the case for continued access to the outdoors and tracks.

The relationship we have with traditional land owners and land managers was a continued focus for sustainability, with regular meetings and updates provided on what FWDV and clubs do in the outdoors and environment.

FWDV rolled out Revolutionise Sport, the online cloud-based management platform, which also include the new 'find a club' feature. We also moved to online and digital sign-up/payment memberships via the Revolutionise Sport platform for Associate Membership types, with a 15% increase in these memberships since online memberships.

FWDV partnered with various industry companies, enabling affiliated members to receive discounts on products, and will continue to build the association brand and raise awareness for FWDV through various partnerships.

Digital engagement on our platforms is at an all-time high, with our insights, including reach, post views, interactions, and our followers.

The association will continue to discover ways to innovate, grow, change, and build on our agency and industry partnerships with a focus on the sustainability of the track access network. The next 12 months are looking healthy for FWDV.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CRyan'.

Craig Ryan
CEO

RTO, Operations and Compliance Report

With my first year now in the role as RTO, Operations and Compliance Manager, I am pleased to present this year's report outlining our achievements, challenges, and direction. Our Registered Training Organisation continues to play a vital role in promoting safe, responsible, and environmentally conscious four-wheel driving across Victoria. Through accredited and non-accredited training, community engagement, and collaboration with key stakeholders, we have strengthened our position as the leader in 4WD and chainsaw training in Victoria.

Training Delivery and Impact

Over the past 12 months, our team has delivered 56 courses, reaching 541 participants from a diverse range of backgrounds, including club members, members of the public, and government agency personnel (a record high for both numbers). Please see the table below for a breakdown of these courses.

We've seen a notable increase in demand for training in remote and regional areas, reflecting both the popularity of off-road travel and the growing awareness of safety and compliance requirements.

Courses Offered	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
Public Proficiency	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
Public Accredited	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4
Corporate Proficiency	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	5
Corporate Accredited	2	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	0	2	7	26
Chainsaw	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	8
Totals:	4	4	5	6	6	1	2	3	5	4	7	8	56

RTO, Operations and Compliance Report continued..

Curriculum Development and Innovation

This year, we undertook a comprehensive review of our training materials to ensure alignment with current industry standards and learner needs, as well as to prepare for the new RTO Standards 2025. Key developments included:

- Preparation for the new RTO Standards 2025
- Redevelopment of the RTO Advisory Committee, allowing us to meet requirements within our committees to ensure a high level of training material.
- Shift to a new Student Management System (aXcelerate) to allow us to meet standards around digital requirements and record keeping. This will also set us up for the creation of digital learning tools

Trainer Development and Compliance

Our trainer network remains the backbone of our RTO. Some highlights around our trainer network are below.

- We ran another trainer update day with great attendance rates, as we move towards updating our learning materials, many more are on the planning board for 25/26 FY.
- More availability than ever before, as our training opportunities continue to grow, there is more work for our trainers than ever before. A thank you to those who keep putting up their hand to take on the work.
- Mentoring and onboarding of new trainers, expanding our capacity to meet growing demand. We signed off another four trainers in the last year.

We are proud to report that our RTO continues to monitor and work to maintain compliance throughout the year, with positive feedback from learners and course coordinators.

Stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships

Collaboration continues to be a cornerstone of our success. This year, we strengthened partnerships with:

- Parks Victoria and DEECA, aligning training with land access and conservation priorities. Ensuring we continue to train those who share public land with us and educate them to look after it.
- Local government and emergency services, supporting preparedness and response capabilities in remote areas. With many courses this year, not just for the CFA but also local councils getting ready for the fire season, it shows FWDV is at the forefront of emergency preparedness.
- Four Wheel Drive clubs across Victoria, ensuring training is accessible and relevant to members. With constant courses available to new and experienced members within their own club, helping to keep everybody in our community safe on tracks.

We also participated in Club Come and Try Days and 4WD Shows, promoting the importance of training and responsible off-road behaviour.

RTO, Operations and Compliance Report continued..

Looking Ahead

As we move into the next year, our strategic priorities include:

- Expanding training delivery into underserved regions and communities. We are looking into running more regional courses to assist clubs in these regions.
- Looking into new courses, we are aiming to expand from just 4WD and chainsaw training
- Enhancing learner support systems, including e-learning / digital resources and post-training follow-up for retraining opportunities.
- A higher level of club involvement. We will be contacting clubs with Driver Training Units in the coming months to work alongside our clubs as we move in a forward direction for training, utilising new technologies and opportunities.

We remain committed to innovation, excellence, and community service in all aspects of our training operations.

Acknowledgements

A big thank you to our dedicated trainers, club volunteers, Jo's hard work in the office, and land managers who continue to give us an area to train, regardless of where we are in the state. Together, we are building a culture of responsible four-wheel driving that benefits individuals, communities, and the environment.

Thank you

Daniel Whitby



Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Statements for Four Wheel Drive Victoria for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The Financial Statements have been prepared and audited by Knox Taxation and Business Advisory.

The Association delivered a deficit of \$54,828.00 for the year but remains Solvent. If we consider, our surplus of \$29,000, which was reported from last year. We have only dipped into our reserves approximately \$25,000.

The negative result for the year is due to having two CEO wages onboarding Craig, our new CEO, and the Departure of Wayne. The Loss of government funding has shown its importance to our organization, and if we had the funding in 2025, we would have recorded a surplus of more than \$30,000.

The Board is appreciative of the State Governments contributions in the past and a great relationship continues to exist between the State and Four Wheel Drive Victoria. I am pleased to announce The State Government has committed to providing funding in FY26.

We saw a very strong result from the delivery of quality training with income of \$360,095. Our best year yet delivering a 18% growth on last year's result.

Membership revenue remained similar on prior year result.

Net Assets Decrease to be \$1,049,191 compared to \$1,104,018 in 2024. The cash balance is still healthy \$674,001.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria holds adequate reserves to continue to operate for a considerable period. The board continues its focussed on developing its non-government revenue streams to move towards self-sufficiency.

The Board will continue to act in the best interests of the association to minimise costs whenever possible over the next year. I look forward to continuing in my role as treasurer if re-elected.

Evan Wellard

Treasurer

Diane Hodgson

Finance Manager



Key Achievements

- Release of the new FWDV strategic plan 2025-2027
- Roll out of the cloud-based platform Revolutionise Sport at the association and club level
- Upgrade of a new 'Club Finder' feature
- RTO growth and also the introduction of aXcelerate
- Events and Activations

New Strategic Plan 2025-2027 roll out



Strategy on a page

January 2025 – December 2027



Vision
Our guiding aspiration

To create and maintain a vibrant, professional and representative peak body of 4WD clubs to serve the needs of club members and all 4WDers in the State of Victoria including their recreational activities under the mantra of "Driving in a Sustainable Environment".

Mission
The role of FWDV

To preserve and extend access to recreational 4WDing

Measures of success
Metrics that will tell us if we are on track

Number of clubs

Reduction in track closures

Participation in Volunteering

Education and Safety

Satisfaction with FWDV

Strategic objectives
Where we will focus our efforts through to 2027

1) Track and network accessibility for 4WDing

2) Relationships and partnerships with agencies

3) Increase/maintain volunteering opportunities for clubs/members and the 4WD community

4) Provide enhanced support for clubs, training, safety and education

Priority initiatives
Specific things to be delivered in the 2025-2027 period

- Outcomes and advocating for track access for 4WDing
- Relationships with other member states and Governments
- Collaboration with other user groups

- Broaden and deepen partnerships with agencies and other interest groups
- Community and industry partnerships
- Brand Ambassador/s

- Expand and grow volunteering opportunities
- Volunteering governance and reporting

- Provide enhanced development opportunities for non-accredited courses
- Video and digital content for education and safety
- Redevlop the FWDV website and grow the affiliated clubs
- Promotion at Events and Activations

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Roll out of the new 'club finder' feature.

Club Finder

Location* Distance (km)*

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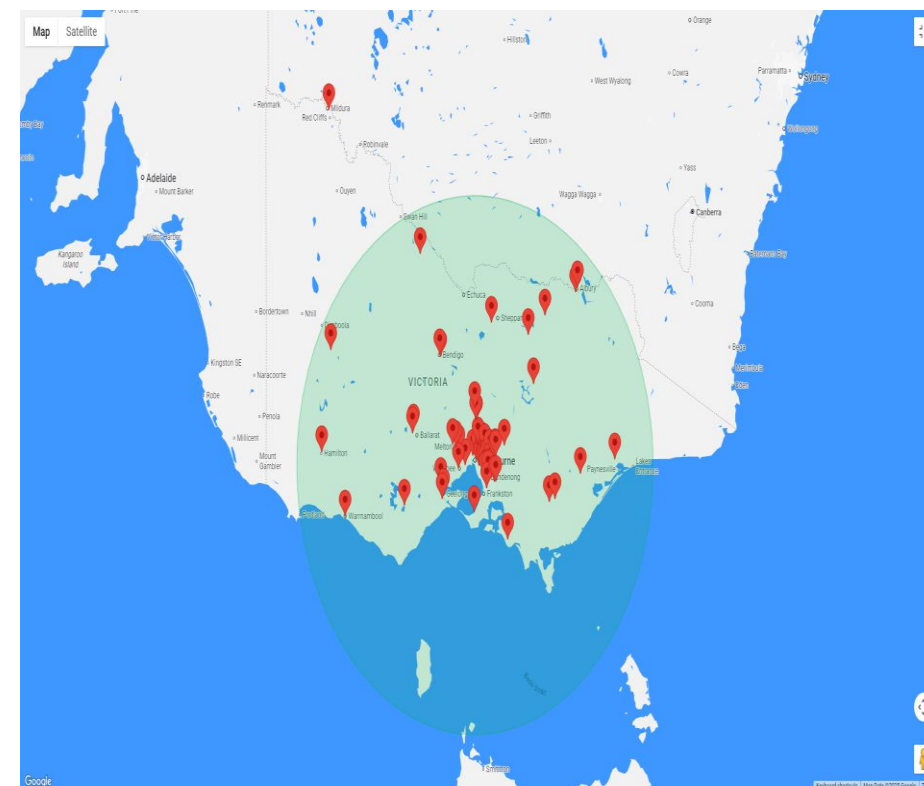
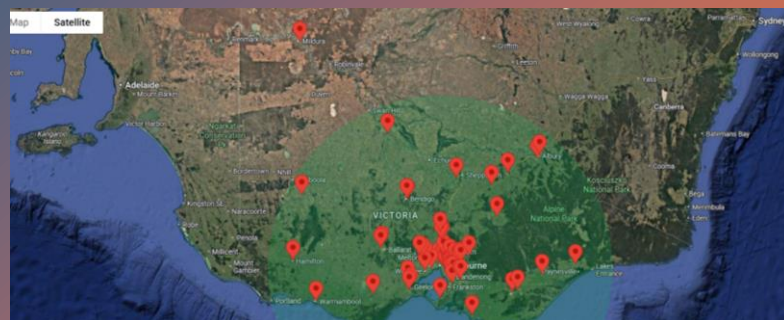
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Benefits of joining Four Wheel Drive Victoria and clubs

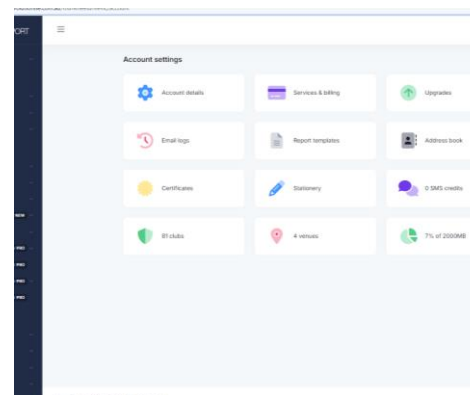
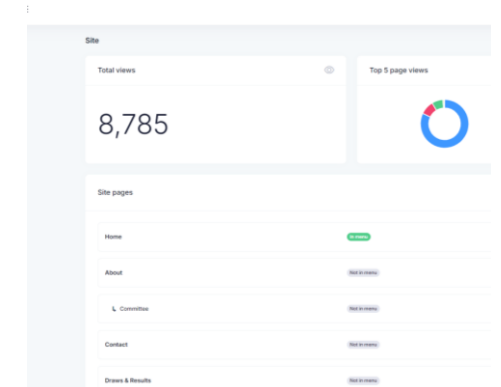
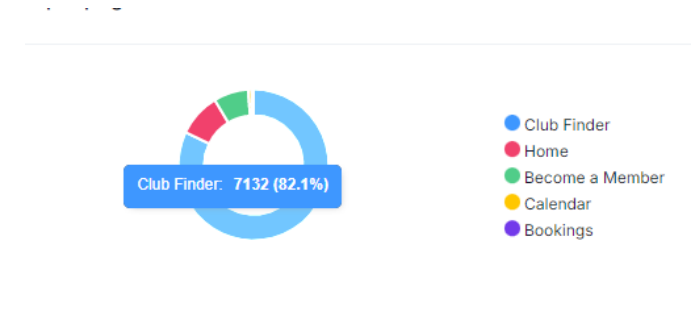
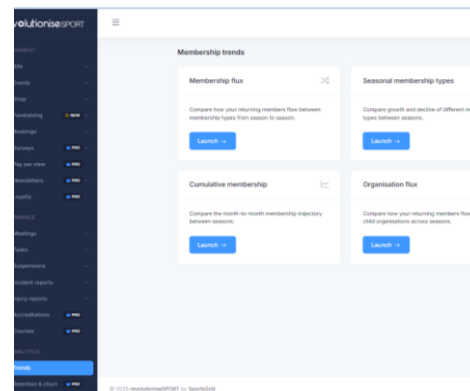
- Discounted rates on FWDV nationally accredited and proficiency courses (NTC 2020)
- Four Wheel Drive Victoria staff support and HQ office
- Exclusive access to discounted rates on industry partner products and merchandise
- Club Trips, social events, and an inclusive and supportive member network
- Free club member rates and tickets to the National 4x4 Outdoors Show
- FWDV advocating track network access to Government, Parks Victoria, SERCA, and other agency partners
- Access to industry and club management platforms such as NextKnowledge Sport and other IT systems
- Volunteer opportunities such as Track Clearing Days, Clean up the Bush events, Bushfire/Post Recovery assistance, fire or building projects, Camp Hosting and more
- Access to the Mount Stuenkel centre system
- Opportunities for guests or friends for spend driving at Otway Bay Coastal Park
- Victorian 4WD Centre access and usage later to be completed in 2020
- Four Wheel Drive Victoria Training Facility at Training State Forest (operational for clubs in 2020)
- Management vehicle only 4WD track access
- Support network of over 400 affiliate clubs and trail members

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- Roll out of the cloud-based platform 'Revolutionise Sport' at the association and club level.



A shift to a new Student Management System (aXcelerate) to allow FWDV to meet standards around digital requirements and record keeping.

Also, a new landing page on the FWDV website for training.

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annual enrolments

1,300+

organisations use
aXcelerate

80,000+

daily logins

99.9%

uptime



Our Courses

Check out the courses we have on offer. Both 4wding and chainsaw courses are our specialty. Offering accredited and non accredited training.

Accredited 4WD Training

- + FWPCOT3325 - Operate a 4WD Vehicle on Unsealed Roads
- + FWPCOT3326 - Recover 4WD Vehicles
- + FWPCOT3329 - Perform Complex Four Wheel Drive Operations

Course Outline

View Upcoming Courses



Accredited Chainsaw Training

- + FWPCOT2254 - Maintain Chainsaws
- + FWPCOT2273 - Trim and Cut Felled Trees
- + FWPCOT3301 - Trim Trees Using a Pole Saw

Course Outline

View Upcoming Courses



Non - Accredited 4WD Training

- + Proficiency 4WD Training

Course Outline

View Upcoming Courses



Over 30

Employed trainers

More than 50

returning corporate clients yearly

99%

of our students recommend us!

80

Over 80 affiliated 4wd clubs

3500

Happy students since 2014



National 4x4 Outdoors Show – 23 to 25 August 2024

Four Wheel Drive Victoria were once again an important part of the National 4x4 Show - Melbourne. Holding a stand to promote our affiliated 4wd clubs, educate the public whilst encouraging training to those are interested and of course be there to answer any other questions that the punters had regarding 4wd in Victoria, our affiliated clubs along with how to join one and how to look after the environment when 4wding. With the stand set up in Hall 3 on Thursday, the team were there early on Friday ready and rearing to go for the 3 days.

FWDV had amazing volunteers from various clubs assisting on the stand along with some of our affiliated clubs having their own stands such as Everest 4wd Club of Victoria, Ineos 4x4 Club Victoria, Nissan Four Wheel Drive Club of Victoria and Toyota Land Cruiser Club of Victoria along with Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria, Wanderin 4 Wheelers and Pajero 4wd Club of Victoria sharing our stand. We also had Ashley Hales from Red Cross Lifeblood join FWDV, who had plenty of signups to donate blood.

The show had something for everyone, obviously loads of stalls which were selling all the accessories you could possibly require through to the ginormous offroad vehicles that looked like they were on steroids. Your camping needs were also covered, with loads of roof top tents through to campers and vans of all shapes and sizes.

Apart from all of the stalls selling their goods, there were driving demos taking place on Mount Maxxis, guest speakers at The Outback Stage, BMX stunt shows and music, wildlife shows and various workshops. A big thank you to Zach Wilson from LROCV who was the host on the Tracks N Trips Stage. Some great talks were held on the stage by some affiliated clubs including the Everest 4WD Club of Victoria, Ineos 4x4 Club Victoria and the Peninsula 4x4 Club.

The judging of the Show N Shine was once again left in FWDV's hands. Saturday's category was Terrific Tourer, both pre and post 2004 with many amazing rigs that would take you off grid for a long time on memorable adventures. Sunday's category was Rough and Tumble with pre and post 2004. These rigs would be able to take you into many fantastic locations away from the crowds. As you can image, the Show n Shine finalists were very enthusiastic about their vehicles and loved showing them off to both the judges and the public. It was exciting to see how many young adults had purchased their vehicles prior to obtaining their licences and had proceeded to work on them themselves often with the assistance of family and friends. It shows how much working on our 4wd vehicles brings people together, having the same interests and being able to help each other and learning lots in the process.



NATIONAL 4X4 OUTDOORS SHOW



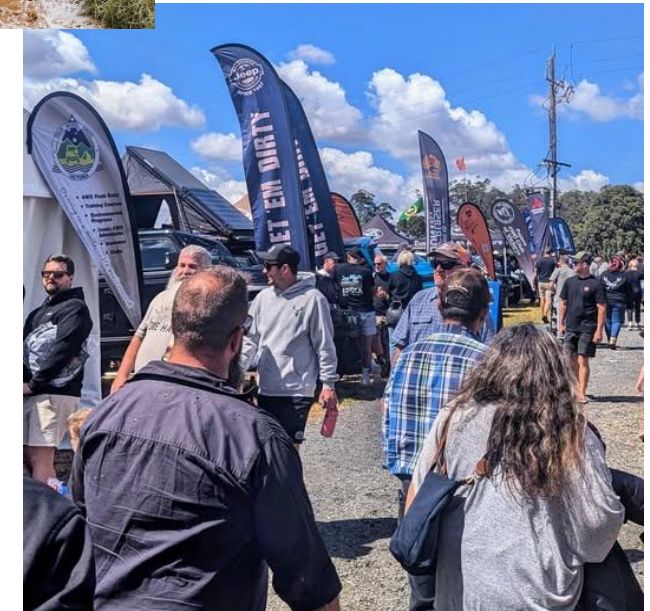
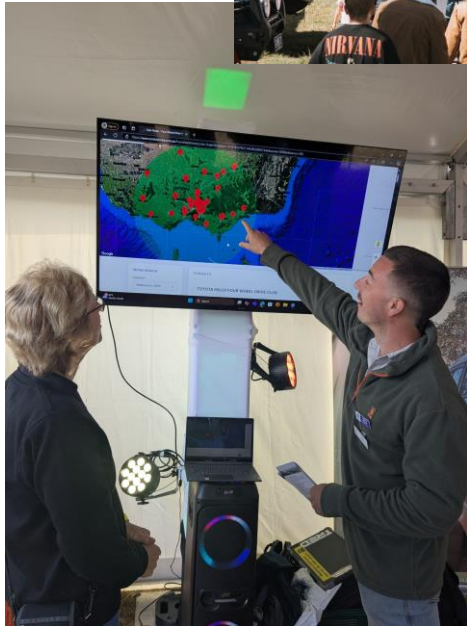


NATIONAL 4x4 OUTDOORS SHOW



Victorian 4WD Show – 16 February 2025

It was a record attendance for the show. The Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria put on a great show once again. FWDV had a new digital presence and exhibit.



Financial Report



Not-For-Profit - Association Report

Four Wheel Drive Victoria
ABN 40 891 301 368
For the year ended 30 June 2025

Prepared by Knox Taxation & Business Advisory



Committee's Report

Four Wheel Drive Victoria
For the year ended 30 June 2025

Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of Four Wheel Drive Victoria for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Committee Member	Position	Date Started
Simon van den Berg	President	Sept 2024
Gordon Porter	Vice President	Sept 2024
Evan Wellard	Treasurer	Jan 2025
Eric Bishop resigned as Secretary Feb 2025	Secretary	Sep 2024
Robyn Burke	Secretary	Feb 2025
Gareth Milloy	Board Member	Sept 2024
Athol Clayton	Board Member	Nov 2023
Eric Bishop	Board Member	Feb 2025
David Van zanten	Board Member	resigned Feb 2025

Meetings of Committee Members

During the financial year, a number of committee meetings were held. Attendances by each of committee member during the year were as follows:

Committee Members Name	Number Eligible to Attend	Number Attended
Simon van den Berg	12	12
Gordon Porter	12	12
Evan Wellard	12	7
Robyn Burke	12	12
Gareth Milloy	12	11
Athol Clayton	12	5
Eric Bishop	12	7

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to provide support to its members on four wheel drive matters and promote four wheel driving in a sustainable environment.

Income and Expenditure Statement

Four Wheel Drive Victoria
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Advertising	21,012	38,514
Chainsaw Courses	30,255	-
Donations	115	1,364
Driver Training Courses	307,224	285,222
Government Program Funding	-	124,873
Membership Fees	222,241	225,266
Membership Insurance & Rebates	-	1,682
Publications	916	1,331
RTO Fees	3,201	4,306
Specialised Courses	19,415	18,835
Total Income	604,379	701,392
Cost of Sales		
Purchases	100,688	92,428
Total Cost of Sales	100,688	92,428
Gross Surplus	503,691	608,964
Other Income		
Employee Contribution	1,130	-
Income (Expenditure) Joint Venture	(1,259)	(1,197)
Interest Income	15,165	44,545
Other Income	16,754	33
Total Other Income	31,790	43,381
Expenditure		
Accounting & Audit Fees	7,010	5,500
Advertising & Promotion	83	1,330
Bank Charges	1,492	1,239
Computer Expenses	471	6,345
Consultancy Fees	98	-
Couriers, Freight, and Postage	1,202	1,367
Depreciation	819	1,112
Donations	50	-
Filing Fees	102	196
Foreign Currency Gains and Losses	-	310
FWDV Expenses	6,764	7,650
General Expenses	361	667
Office Expenses	5,867	6,123
Property Expenses	30,764	29,564
Registrations	-	936
Repairs & Maintenance	449	715

Income and Expenditure Statement

	2025	2024
RTO Expenses	18,226	24,497
Salaries & Associated Expenses		
Provision for AL	(14,664)	(48,706)
Provision for L/S/L	(38,384)	(10,481)
Superannuation Expenses	52,165	49,717
Wages & Salaries	293,675	319,018
Wages & Salaries - RTO	162,525	152,746
Total Salaries & Associated Expenses	455,317	462,294
Staff Amenities	943	2,015
Staff and Board Training	159	1,350
Staff Recruitment	-	25,846
Stripe Fees	139	-
Subscriptions	43,327	32,045
Telephone & Internet	5,354	5,762
Travel and Accommodation	3,485	1,406
Uniforms	2,726	561
Workcover	5,101	3,664
Total Expenditure	590,308	622,493
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	(54,828)	29,852
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit) Before Income Tax	(54,828)	29,852
Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax	(54,828)	29,852

Assets and Liabilities Statement

Four Wheel Drive Victoria

As at 30 June 2025

	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Bank Accounts		
Westpac A/L LSL Cash Reserve	42,766	67,207
Westpac Credit Card - Office Card	-	177
Westpac Deposit	102,563	23,674
Westpac Trading	228,227	167,969
Total Bank Accounts	373,556	259,027
Other Cash Items		
Term Deposit # 0226	-	367,749
Term Deposit 1993	200,000	-
Term Deposit 2005	100,000	-
Cash on Hand	445	445
Total Other Cash Items	300,445	368,194
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	674,001	627,222
Current Tax Assets		
GST Receivable	2,793	5,447
Total Current Tax Assets	2,793	5,447
Trade and Other Receivables		
Legal Fees:	-	1,259
Sundry Debtors - Craig Ryan	1,243	-
Trade Debtors	64,562	20,324
Total Trade and Other Receivables	65,805	21,583
Total Current Assets	742,599	654,251
Non-Current Assets		
Financial Assets		
Investment - Victorian 4WD Centre	618,302	608,520
Total Financial Assets	618,302	608,520
Plant and Equipment and Vehicles		
Computer Equipment	34,290	34,290
Accum Deprec - Computer Equip	(33,530)	(33,155)
Equipment - Bacchus Marsh	9,418	9,418
Accum Deprec - Bacchus Marsh	(9,418)	(9,418)
ETU Gear/Equipment	4,320	4,320
Accum Deprec - ETU Gear/Equipm	(4,232)	(4,188)
General Equipment	14,598	14,598
Accum Deprec - General Equipme	(14,339)	(14,310)
Multi Media Equipment	1,895	1,895

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Assets and Liabilities Statement



	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
Accum Deprec - Multi Media	(1,853)	(1,848)
Office Equipment	52,186	52,186
Accum Deprec Office Equipment	(51,359)	(51,175)
Office Furniture & Fittings	16,559	16,559
Accum Deprec Office Furniture	(14,906)	(14,722)
Show Fixture & Fittings	4,032	4,032
Accum Deprec - Show Fix & Fit	(4,032)	(4,032)
Total Plant and Equipment and Vehicles	3,630	4,449
Intangibles		
Trademarks	1,939	1,939
Total Intangibles	1,939	1,939
Total Non-Current Assets	623,871	614,907
Total Assets	1,366,470	1,269,158
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Bank Overdraft		
Daniel Whitby credit card	474	-
Westpac Credit Card - Craig Ryan	826	-
Westpac Credit Card	-	738
Total Bank Overdraft	1,299	738
Trade and Other Payables		
Deferred Income	282,285	73,504
Trade Creditors	6,619	4,006
Total Trade and Other Payables	288,904	77,510
Provisions		
Provision for A/L	20,607	35,271
Provision for LSL	-	38,384
Superannuation Payable	-	3,196
Total Provisions	20,607	76,851
Current Tax Liabilities		
PAYG Withholding Payable	6,469	10,041
Total Current Tax Liabilities	6,469	10,041
Total Current Liabilities	317,280	165,140
Total Liabilities	317,280	165,140
Net Assets	1,049,191	1,104,018
Member's Funds		
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)	1,049,191	1,104,018
Total Member's Funds	1,049,191	1,104,018

Tax Reconciliation

Four Wheel Drive Victoria
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025
Tax Reconciliation	
Accounting Profit for Period	
Profit for period	(54,828)
Total Accounting Profit for Period	(54,828)
Addbacks	
Expenses relating to Tax Exempt income- Member insurance & Rebates	30,264
Depreciation	819
Entertainment	-
Fines	-
Closing Superannuation	-
Closing Annual Leave	20,607
Closing Long Service Leave	-
Other Addbacks	-
Total Addbacks	51,690
Deductions	
Depreciation	819
Tax Exempt income- Government program funding, Member Fees & Insurance Rebates	222,200
Opening Superannuation Payable	3,196
Opening Annual Leave	35,271
Opening Long Service Leave	38,384
Total Deductions	299,870
Taxable Profit	(303,008)

Depreciation Schedule

Four Wheel Drive Victoria
For the year ended 30 June 2025

ASSET NUMBER	NAME	COST	DEP START DATE	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	RATE	METHOD	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING ACCUM DEP	CLOSING VALUE
Computer Equipment											
FA-0001	Balance new PC for Accounts	125	30 June 2023	15	-	-	33.00%	DV	5	114	10
FA-0006	Microsoft Surface Pro tablet PC	1,255	30 June 2023	225	-	-	33.00%	DV	74	1,104	151
FA-0007	HP ProBook 450 i5 8GB SSd 15.6in Win10P	1,574	30 June 2023	281	-	-	33.00%	DV	93	1,385	188
FA-0008	Google mobile phone purchase	1,190	30 June 2023	213	-	-	33.00%	DV	70	1,047	143
FA-0022	Computer Equipment	28,784	30 June 2023	280	-	-	33.00%	DV	92	28,596	188
FA-0028	Computer Equipment	1,364	30 June 2023	120	-	-	33.00%	DV	40	1,283	80
Total Computer Equipment		34,290		1,134	-	-			374	33,530	760
Equipment - Bacchus Marsh											
FA-0029	Equipment - Bacchus Marsh	9,418	30 June 2023	-	-	-	10.00%	DV	-	9,418	-
Total Equipment - Bacchus Marsh		9,418		-	-	-			-	9,418	-
ETU Gear/Equipment											
FA-0023	ETU Gear/Equipment	4,320	30 June 2023	131	-	-	33.00%	DV	43	4,232	88
Total ETU Gear/Equipment		4,320		131	-	-			43	4,232	88
General Equipment											
FA-0024	General Equipment	14,598	30 June 2023	288	-	-	10.00%	DV	29	14,339	259
Total General Equipment		14,598		288	-	-			29	14,339	259
Multi Media Equipment											

Depreciation Schedule



ASSET NUMBER	NAME	COST	DEP START DATE	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	RATE	METHOD	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING ACCUM DEP	CLOSING VALUE
FA-0025	Multi Media	1,895	30 June 2023	48	-	-	10.00%	DV	5	1,853	43
Total Multi Media Equipment		1,895		48	-	-			5	1,853	43
Office Equipment											
FA-0015	DD-HP laptop for Micah - RTO	815	30 June 2023	359	-	-	33.00%	DV	119	575	241
FA-0026	Office Equipment	51,371	30 June 2023	652	-	-	10.00%	DV	65	50,784	586
Total Office Equipment		52,186		1,011	-	-			184	51,359	827
Office Furniture & Fittings											
FA-0011	Chair for accounts	335	30 June 2023	253	-	-	10.00%	DV	25	108	228
FA-0013	Desk and return with mobile drawer unit x 3	1,082	30 June 2023	867	-	-	10.00%	DV	87	302	780
FA-0014	Bookcase	91	30 June 2023	73	-	-	10.00%	DV	7	25	66
FA-0027	Office Fixtures & Fittings	15,051	30 June 2023	644	-	-	10.00%	DV	64	14,471	580
Total Office Furniture & Fittings		16,559		1,837	-	-			184	14,906	1,653
Show Fixture & Fittings											
FA-0030	Show Fixture & Fittings	4,032	30 June 2023	-	-	-	10.00%	DV	-	4,032	-
Total Show Fixture & Fittings		4,032		-	-	-			-	4,032	-
Total		137,299		4,449	-	-			819	133,669	3,630



True and Fair Position

Four Wheel Drive Victoria For the year ended 30 June 2025

Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance of the Association

The Board Members of Four Wheel Drive Victoria declare that in the opinion of the board the financial report, certify that –

- a) Presents fairly the financial position of Four Wheel Drive Victoria as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the period ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements comply with accounting policies used to prepare the financial report.
- b) At the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Four Wheel Drive Victoria will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for on behalf of the Board by:

Signed:

Simon van den Berg

President

Dated: 11 / 09 / 2025

Signed:

Evan Wellard

Treasurer

Dated: 11 / 09 / 2025



Auditor's Report

Four Wheel Drive Victoria For the year ended 30 June 2025

Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Association

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Four Wheel Drive Victoria (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2025, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, tax reconciliation report, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Four Wheel Drive Victoria is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects (or gives a true and fair view –refer to the applicable state/territory Act), the financial position of Four Wheel Drive Victoria as at 30 June 2025 and (of) its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Four Wheel Drive Victoria to meet the requirements of the Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Auditor's signature: 
Xiao Hong Zhao Chartered Accountant 437813



Compilation Report

Four Wheel Drive Victoria For the year ended 30 June 2025

Compilation report to Four Wheel Drive Victoria.

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Four Wheel Drive Victoria, which comprise the asset and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2025, income and expenditure statement, the Tax reconciliation report, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

The Responsibility of the Committee Member's

The committee of Four Wheel Drive Victoria are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the partners we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information*.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

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BLACKBURN VIC 3130
Adam Capps
Dated: 01 / 09 / 2025

50th Anniversary 2025



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