



## eNews Direct To Members

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### The latest news from Four Wheel Drive Victoria

**October 2021**

#### **Regional Reps Meeting October 2021**

At the start of the month a meeting was held with all Regional Reps and was also attended by Gail Wright, Program and Relationship Manager, and Kylie Trott, Executive Director Operations, from Parks Victoria also Richard Wadsworth, Statewide Recreation and Tourism Coordinator, from DELWP and Michael Brown from Aurecon Australia. The meeting was a great success with updates from around the state shared by our Regional Reps and information on projects from both Parks Victoria and DELWP shared amongst the group.

An important update given from Parks Victoria was the current state of the Wombat State Forest which has an enormous number of trees down and still considered a safety hazard to have volunteers working and assisting the cleanup. Photos of the damage caused by the storm can be seen in the article linked below. Due to the large amount of damage and risk of further trees falling as well as hangars in tree the clean up is a slow process and Four Wheel Drive Victoria will update our clubs when the situation improves.



#### **Four Wheel Drive Victoria AGM 2021**

Four Wheel Drive Victoria is pleased to announce that the AGM for 2021 will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. Club Executives and Delegates will receive the Notice of Meeting next week with further details.

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

Due to the everchanging situation with Covid-19 unfortunately the National 4x4 Show which was slated to be run in November this year after being postponed previously will be cancelled for 2021. The show will run again in August 2022.



### **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.

It is also recommended to like, comment and share all our posts as doing so will help Four Wheel Drive Victoria have a greater exposure on these sites to those who do not currently follow these social media channels.

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)

### **Four Wheel Drive Lifeblood Challenge**

We'd like to give a huge vote of thanks to all those who have joined the Four Wheel Drive Victoria Blood Challenge. We've had a fantastic response with 68 donations as of 13<sup>th</sup> of October. There are continuing donors who have been donating for years, lapsed donors returning, and new donors all join in. And we want to welcome so many more.

It is so easy. Register and book an appointment to donate. Also sign up to *Team Four Wheel Drive Victoria* and note your club for the Challenge at the same time. Every time you donate, your donation will be added to the tally of either your club or Four Wheel Drive Victoria.

It's an hour out of your day to make such a huge difference in the lives of other people. And it's good for you. You get a free mini health check-up, it is good for your body, you feel good for helping others, and you get some pretty good munchies afterwards.

And for this Challenge, we have some very good tokens of thanks to hand out at the end. And a huge vote of thanks for the generosity of our sponsors who have provided these. And we continue to add to these.

Please get involved. Four wheel drivers are renowned for rolling up their sleeves and getting stuck in when help is needed. This is an on-going need that has such an incredible impact on the whole community. There is no substitute, no alternative, no replacement. Donors are life.

Stay tuned for an update on the tallies coming soon.

Thank you one and all.

Dave Roberts

Four Wheel Drive Victoria Board, Toyota 4WD Club of Victoria

### **Traditional Owner Four Wheel Drive Training**

Throughout lockdown Four Wheel Drive Victoria has been able to get a permit to travel to regional Victoria and undertake training for the GLaWAC Gunaikurnai Traditional Owners. This training is one of many steps to further build and strengthen ties between Traditional Owners around the state and Four Wheel Drive Victoria.

The poster features the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood logo in the top right corner. The main title is 'How many lives have we saved?' in large, bold, dark red font. Below this, it states 'Together, we've given life 40 times since 1 July 2021.' with the number '40' in a large, bold, dark red font. Further down, it says 'We're on our way to giving 50 times by the end of the year.' with the number '50' in a large, bold, dark red font. A small illustration of a person in a maroon shirt and white pants is shown from the side, holding a large white blood bag with a red square on it. At the bottom, it says 'Join your Four Wheel Drive Victoria Lifeblood Team and donate to help us reach this milestone.' and 'But the year isn't over yet. Call 13 14 95 or visit [donateblood.com.au/lifeblood-teams](https://donateblood.com.au/lifeblood-teams) to be part of the team.'

**Volunteer Hours**

Has your club been involved with assistance in the Gippsland area to help cleanup after the recent storm and wind event? Please record and send through your volunteer hours to Four Wheel Drive Victoria so we can record them. Feel free to include a write up of your club's undertakings with high res photos and we can share the story and promote your club at the same time through our various media outlets. Thank you to the clubs who have lent a hand so far. Your efforts are no doubt greatly appreciated.

If you need a copy of the Volunteer Data Sheet or to send one in please email [projects@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:projects@fwdvictoria.org.au)

**Closed Facebook Group**

Just a reminder that we have a great Members only Facebook Group.

To keep up with what your Association, Clubs and Members are up to just find us on Facebook and submit your request. Make sure you answer the questions and you will be easily accepted.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/193808978161976/?ref=bookmarks>

**Update on "Bushwalkers and 4wders Collaborate"**

Please note the event from the article "Bushwalkers and 4wders Collaborate" that was posted in the September edition of Trackwatch has been postponed due to Covid-19 and will now run from Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 until Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2022

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