



## eNews Direct To Members

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### The latest news from Four Wheel Drive Victoria

**December 2022**

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

The Four Wheel Drive Victoria AGM was held last Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 at the Manningham Hotel. 70 people from 26 clubs were in attendance both in person and on Zoom. There was a presentation from Paul Davenport from Affinity Insurance about a new motor vehicle insurance product for Four Wheel Drive Victoria members. There was also a presentation by Victoria Frost from Red Cross Lifeblood Australia, presenting tokens of thanks to participants and clubs who achieved milestones during the challenge.

The Four Wheel Drive Victoria board now stands as follows.

President: Eric Bishop  
Vice President: Fred de Gooyer  
Secretary: Kane Harnden  
Treasurer: Albert Giorgini  
Board Member: Gordon Porter  
Board Member: Dave van Zanten  
Board Member: Dave Roberts

#### **Four Wheel Drive Victoria Red Cross Lifeblood Challenge**

A big thanks to Victoria Frost from Red Cross Lifeblood for attending last weeks AGM and giving some excellent information about blood donation and the need for it as well as helping to congratulate recipients with tokens of thanks. Four Wheel Drive Victoria would like to thank SatPhone Shop, The 4WD Shed, Tacmed, ARB and Designer First Aid Solution for the donations towards the challenge.

The recipients of the tokens of thanks in the Red Cross Lifeblood Challenge were as follows:

Most Overall Donations by an individual: Peter Harbridge (Pajero 4WD Club of Victoria)  
Most Overall Donations by a club: Pajero 4WD Club of Victoria  
2<sup>nd</sup> Most Overall Donations by a club: Overlanders 4x4 Club  
3<sup>rd</sup> Most Overall Donations by a club: Toyota 4WD Club of Victoria  
Most Donations by a New Donor: Alison McLaughlin (Mansfield Alpine 4WD Club)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Most Donations by a New Donor: Callum Young (Overlanders 4x4 Club)  
Most Donations by a Regional Club: Bendigo Four Wheel Drive Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Most Donations by a Regional Club: Ballarat District 4WD Club  
Most Donations Per Capita Within Their Club: Overlanders 4x4 Club

Keep your eye out in the new year for the next Lifeblood Challenge!

### **Four Wheel Drive Victoria Christmas Office Closure**

Please note that the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office in Mitcham will be closed and unstaffed over the Christmas and New Year period. The office will close on the 23<sup>th</sup> of December and reopen on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023.

### **Flood Conditions**

Please exercise caution around the state as flood conditions start to ease. Take care on tracks and do not drive through flood waters.

To keep up to date with current conditions and park/track closures please check the following resources.

To check which tracks have extended closure periods please visit the **Parks Victoria** website via this link for Parks Victoria managed regions: <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/.../flood-and-storm-affected-parks>

To check which tracks have extended closure periods please visit the **DELWP** website via this link for DELWP managed regions: <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/.../closures-of-parks-and-forests>

### **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



*Image 1 LROC volunteers cleaning up Howitt Hut*

### **Victorian 4WD Show**

The Victorian 4WD Show is officially back for 2023! It will be held on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Lardner Park. It is the longest running 4WD show in Australia and makes for a great day for all who attend. Bookings for clubs and exhibitors will be open shortly, please contact Chris Camier, Victorian 4WD Show Organiser, [vic4wdshow@gmail.com](mailto:vic4wdshow@gmail.com)



### **DELWP Volunteer Surveys**

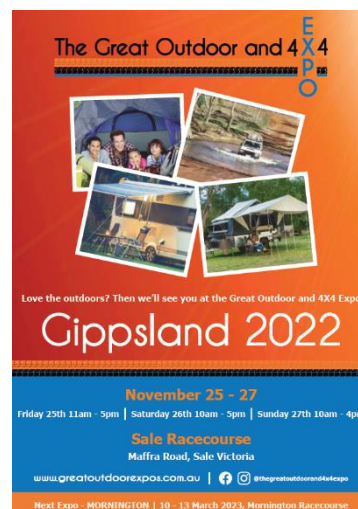
Part of Four Wheel Drive Victoria's KPI's with our Land Managers consist of assisting with volunteer surveying. There are numerous sites across Victoria that have been selected with high visitation rates expected. DELWP staff will be on site throughout the process to assist with the surveys. Club executives please check your emails for more information regarding these surveys and please let the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office know if anyone in your club is available across what date and site.



### **Gippsland Great Outdoors Show**

The Shepparton Great Outdoors Expo has come and gone. From all reports a great time was had and the Goulburn Valley 4WD Club had an excellent event from a club perspective! Flying the banner for Four Wheel Drive Victoria and also their own club it was a weekend of fun, mates and prospective members.

The next Great Outdoors Expo is the Gippsland Show. Held at the Sale Racecourse, Maffra Rd, Sale over the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of November. It will make for a great weekend away to get down and check out the show.



### **Australia Day Camp Host Opportunities**



Image 2 Previous Peninsula 4x4 Camp Host

The new year is not far away which brings with it the next opportunity for a camp host. The Australia Day weekend provides an excellent opportunity for your club to host a camp host! Acting as a point of contact in a campground for Parks Victoria and DELWP, as well as a helpful guide for those new to the area, a camp host allows your club the great opportunity to showcase its community values in assisting others and even works a great promotional tool for your club in attracting new members.

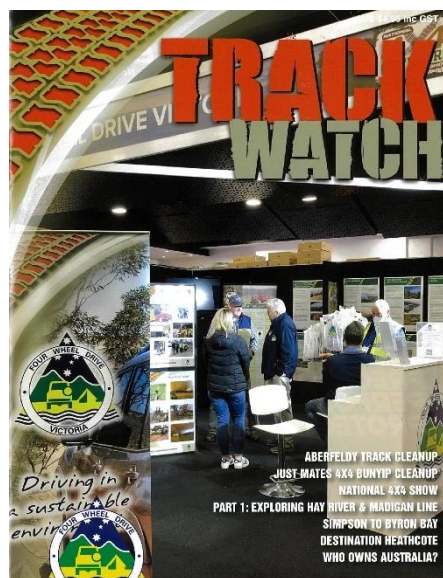
If your club has an area in mind that they would like to hold a camp host please let the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office know [projects@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:projects@fwdvictoria.org.au), alternatively a camp site can also be recommended to your club.

### **Trackwatch**

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)



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