



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

September 2023

Four Wheel Drive Victoria Annual General Meeting – Save the Date

This is notice for the Four Wheel Drive Victoria Annual General Meeting. To be held on the 20th 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.



First Aid Course

We have a one day first aid course coming up in October with online learning prior to the day. An email was sent to all club executives to share with club members, so we trust you have heard about it already.

Date: Saturday 14th October, 2023

Location: St Simons Primary School Hall, 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville

Time: 9:00am for 9:30am start

Cost:

HLTAID011 – Apply first aid (including CPR) = \$125.00

HLTAID009 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) = \$60.00

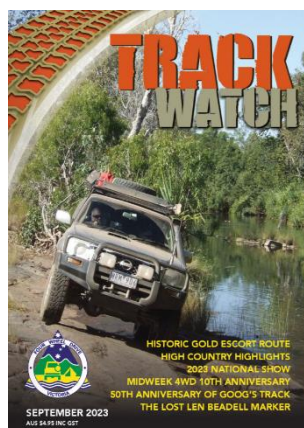
Places are limited so if you would like to do either course, please contact the office as soon as possible to avoid missing out.



Four Wheel Drive Victoria's New Mailing Address

As of the 11th of August, the Mitcham Post Office has ceased trading ending its tenancy it has held on Whitehorse Rd since June 1st 1884. Due to this, Four Wheel Drive Victoria no longer has a PO Box at this location.

Please send all mail for Four Wheel Drive Victoria to 6/27 Thornton Cres, Mitcham 3132.



Trackwatch Mailing Address

September issues of Trackwatch have been arriving 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 so you can be taken of the Trackwatch mail list.

Lifeblood

Leading by example – Dave Roberts, Toyota 4WD Club of Victoria.

The Four Wheel Drive Victoria Blood Drive kicks off on October 1st and will run until 31st December and our Team Champion Dave is motivating us through an amazing milestone.

Taking his 4WD out and visiting Australia's donor centres is one of Dave's joys. So, to celebrate his 750th donation, Dave took a trip down to the Geelong Donor centre. "Reaching 750 donations is a proud achievement and I have no intention of stopping," Dave said.

"I hope that my achievement encourages and challenges others to roll up their sleeves. Every donation is special and has real life-changing impacts. Go on, give it a go."

The 2023 Blood Drive's focus is working together to achieve something bigger than ourselves.

Collectively, we are aiming to donate 50 donations throughout the drive. To get involved, login or register at www.lifeblood.com.au, join the 'Four Wheel Drive Victoria' Lifeblood Team by updating your preferences online, and book in a donation at your closest donor centre. Every drop counts.



Dave Roberts, Toyota Club of Victoria, 750 Donations



2023 Seasonal Closures

The DEECA and Parks Victoria seasonal closure are still in effect for 2023. Seasonal Closures will run until the 2/11/23 for most tracks. Some tracks will have an extended closure period. Please have a good look over this list when preparing and planning for a trip and find alternate routes if you intend to drive any of these tracks. Seasonal Closures are implemented to help protect the environment where extra help is required to look after the tracks in the wetter months.

DEECA Seasonal Closures: www.ffm.vic.gov.au/closures-of-parks-and-forests

Parks Vic Seasonal Closures: www.parks.vic.gov.au/seasonal-road-closures

The Great Outdoor and 4X4

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 25th to the 26th 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!

Showbag Packing Day 2023

A big thank you to the Midweek 4WD Club and their members for helping Four Wheel Drive Victoria pack showbags to be used over the next year. Roughly 1000 showbags were packed ready to be used for 4WD shows, driver training and other community engagement events. Without the help of Midweek 4WD Club for this it would be a job that would take all week, instead with their help it took only 3 hours. A terrific effort!



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

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 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!

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 27th 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 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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