



LATEST NEWS FROM  
FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VICTORIA

October 2018

## What's Been Happening?

### **VEAC Report**

Please send us your club submissions with your concerns regarding the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC) Central West Investigation Draft Proposals Paper so we can send our formal submission on the clubs behalf. As the peak body for your clubs we will be highlighting any concerns the clubs may have with this VEAC proposal and we want to ensure all of your concerns are communicated effectively in our submission.

VEAC has extended the submission deadline for its Central West Investigation Draft Proposals Paper from 31 October to Monday 10 December this year, giving members of the public more time to provide a written submission. We need your submission now so we can complete our submission in time.

Please send your submission in to [office@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:office@fwdvictoria.org.au)

### **Regional Achievement Recognition**

Four Wheel Drive Victoria has been short listed as a Finalist in the 2018 Regional Achievement & Community Awards. The final winner will be announced at a Gala Presentation Dinner at The Atrium, Flemington – The Event Centre on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

We have been nominated for the parks Victoria Environmental Sustainability Award for our “Clean Up The Bush” project at Smythesdale earlier this year, There are ten separate categories in the awards and we are one of three finalists in our category.

This project is one of the many that FWDV affiliated clubs and members have been involved over the last year, We have sweated and toiled to achieve over 16,000 volunteer hours of community work on projects such as Camp Host, Track Clearing, High Country Huts maintenance and restoration, rubbish clean ups, bushfire relief work and much more.





### **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, businesses, Government agencies and politicians so it is a great way to show your club to the world.

Please email your articles and photos to [office@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:office@fwdvictoria.org.au)

### **MVO Track Access**

Some time ago Four Wheel Drive Victoria and its affiliated clubs were granted access to 381 Management Vehicle Only (MVO) tracks. These (MVO) tracks are permanently closed to the public and many have not been driven for a long time.

This means that affiliated Clubs and Trip Leaders can access these tracks and plan trips that include them. There is a process to be followed to obtain access approval and details are obtainable from Four Wheel Drive Victoria.

Once access has been granted from Parks Victoria and FWDV, you are entitled to enjoy a unique 4WD trip in the bush, as only FWDV affiliated club members are allowed access to MVO tracks.

Trip Leaders and clubs are encouraged to research which tracks are available and plan club trips accessing these MVO tracks as historically not many clubs have taken up the opportunity. The expectation from Parks Victoria is that clubs create a report on the condition of the tracks and terrain. Further information follow link below

[https://www.4wdvictoria.org.au/.../documents/forms/MVO\\_Packag...](https://www.4wdvictoria.org.au/.../documents/forms/MVO_Packag...)

### **Track Access**

Did you know that if a track has **not** been driven for 2 years that it can be closed permanently!

As part of our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DELWP and Parks Victoria we are always kept involved in any concerns with track usage, damage or safety but if a track falls into disrepair due to lack of use they can close it. So please make sure that tracks are driven and kept usable into the future even if they are not so challenging we need to ensure access is open.

If you have a concern about a track such as a large tree blockage, condition or safety of a track please contact us at the office with exact location details and a photo would be great too..





### **Camp Host Program**

The 4WD Camp Host Program was developed by the Four Wheel Drive Advisory Committee, comprised of members of Four Wheel Drive Victoria, Parks Victoria and the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning.

Camp Host supports the principle that 4WD Clubs are a lot better at educating and policing not only their own members, but the general public also pursuing their recreation. This is provided in a non-confrontational manner, thus increasing the effect it has on individuals who are more open to learning about reducing their impact on the environment. The 4WD Camp Host program places volunteers from 4WD clubs at selected camp sites in parks across Victoria to provide visitors with local information on four wheel driving as well as park based information.

Some 35 sites are available for clubs to be part of the camp host program. Visitors to a Camp Host site are given information regarding environmental awareness and education which they can take away with them and utilise on future trips.

One of the roles of a Camp Host Volunteer is to conduct visitor surveys, from which Four Wheel Drive Victoria produce a detailed report for the Alpine Advisory Committee, Parks Victoria, DELWP and Government about the outcomes.

If your club is interested in being a Camp Host please contact:

Wayne Hevey – Chief Executive Officer

on (03) 9874 7222 or email [ceo@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:ceo@fwdvictoria.org.au)

### **Four Wheel Drive Victoria Annual General Meeting Soon**

Club members are reminded that Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November is the date for the Annual General Meeting and all club members as well as delegates are welcome to attend. The Secretary will be issuing all relevant information and documents soon. Any club member is eligible to be a board member.

### **Track Clearing**

In the couple of weekends leading up to Cup Weekend many of our clubs get involved with track clearing projects with Parks Victoria and DELWP rangers to ensure that the tracks we want to drive are open and cleared. We work with the local ranger who directs us to the tracks in need of work, these are often seasonally closed tracks that have been effected over winter. If your club would like to get involved in these projects please get in contact with the office.





## Social Media

### LIKE US!

We are using social media to communicate more effectively to both our clubs and the broader community and we encourage you to visit our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. It would be great to see our posts shared and liked by you all. We can also share your clubs posts and information also, so please send through any information about your club events and activities so we can post accordingly.

We also need some quality photos of recent club activities and trips especially of convoys and responsible four wheeling that feature some of the newer model vehicles. If you are happy to share your rig or club photos please send them through to [projects@fwdvictoria.org.au](mailto:projects@fwdvictoria.org.au)

If you think we are doing a great job we would also love to see you post a 5 star review on Facebook or Google

## Training Courses

Did you know that Four Wheel Drive Victoria is a registered training organization (RTO 21605 ) and has accredited training programs that are suitable for public, Government and corporate requirements. We specialize in developing and delivering customized training courses to suit your individual needs. We pride ourselves in being flexible, while working closely with our clients to ensure that individual participants gain the maximum learning and benefit from their course.

- Customized training courses
- Subject specific training such as OH&S, recovery and terrain
- Industry qualified trainers
- Designed to suit your requirements
- Onsite facilitation if required
- A wide range of training programs are available

With the current OH&S policies out there our accredited courses are a perfect solution to meet those requirements. If you or anyone you know could be interested in our RTO accredited courses please spread the word.

We still continue to run our Proficiency courses for the public and club members. So if your club does not run driver training courses you can save with your club member discount. These courses are non-accredited and are suitable for novice and experienced drivers. You can check out the course schedule and more information at [www.4wdvictoria.org.au](http://www.4wdvictoria.org.au).

