



Media Release

Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards 2019

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Every year hundreds of outstanding nominations are received for the Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards. People, organisations and businesses doing incredible work in regional Victoria and its communities are recognised through these awards.

There are nine categories in which semi-finalists and then finalists are selected. Four finalists compete for an award in each of the nine categories. The finalists from each category then compete for the overall finalist award.

The announcement of the semi-finalists and finalists this year was at the 2019 Regional Achievement and Community Awards Gala Presentation Dinner, held at Flemington Racecourse in the Atrium. It was a delightful evening of recognition.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria has been a category finalist for the Environmental and Sustainability Award in 2017, 2018 and 2019. This category is sponsored by Parks Victoria. It was with great anticipation we awaited the expert panel of judges' decision to discover that out of the four finalists in this category in 2019, Four Wheel Drive Victoria was the winner. A key contribution towards winning this award was the 15,000 volunteer hours recorded for 2018 or \$500,000 worth of in-kind hours. The effort put in by Geoff Kenafacke of the Mid Week 4WD Club to document these hours, from all clubs, is an outstanding contribution. Our thanks to you Geoff! Other initiatives include Camp Host, major "Clean up the Bush" projects, track clearing, hut restoration and educating the public about "driving in a sustainable environment" at four wheel drive shows. Our partnership with Parks Victoria is one Four Wheel Drive Victoria wants to sustain as we work together to care for our environment.

The Environmental and Sustainability Award won by Four Wheel Drive Victoria belongs to all our regional clubs, our metropolitan clubs, our professional staff and to each of us who are a part of Four Wheel Drive Victoria. The contribution of each person who is part of our organisation is recognised through this award. It could not be clearer that Parks Victoria is pleased to have the support of dedicated volunteers who commit their time to helping sustain the environment.



Our grateful thanks go to the Award Partners - Bank of Melbourne, Prime 7, Weekly Times and the Victoria Racing club.

We sincerely thank Parks Victoria for its sponsorship of our award category. Our commitment is to continue our work with Parks Victoria, doing those things we do well together.

Operating from a staffed office in Mitcham, we represent over 90 four wheel drive club in Victoria.

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