



Four Wheel Drive Queensland **'The Queensland Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs'**

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Recent 4WD Vehicle Rollovers **(Advisory to 4WD QLD Clubs)**

Over the past few weeks 4WD QLD had become aware of several 4WD vehicle rollovers being reported on social media sites.

Earlier this week I was informed of the death of a member of the public that had occurred over the weekend at Landcruiser Mountain 4WD Park. This has left a wife, young daughter, family and wider community mourning the loss of their loved one, after their vehicle rolled whilst traversing difficult terrain. I offer my sincere condolences to the loved ones left behind grappling with this tragic event.

This is a very sad occurrence that as the president of 4WD QLD, a member of a Queensland 4WD club and as a 4WD owner and driver highlights the possible dangers of our chosen recreation. I urge you all to take some time to think about this when out there four wheel driving to ensure you are taking every possible precaution to reduce the chance of things going wrong.

In the first driver awareness course I attended when joining a 4WD Club they provided all the participants with a basic list of do and don'ts regarding driving and recovery techniques, along with theory regarding vehicle maintenance and driving higher center of gravity of 4WD vehicles if off-road conditions. I think it is important we all regularly review our training notes and complete training courses to improve on our 4WD knowledge and techniques.

4WD QLD is creating a training course to educate members around correct trip risk management procedures to help clubs keep members abreast of current laws and expectations, which ultimately will help make club trips safer. We have also recently rolled out the more advanced 4WD and recovery courses to complement the basic course previously offered as we see this as a very important part of our offer to our member clubs.

If your club does not have an accredited training officer, we have developed a solution so you can also have access to accredited training for your club members. We have widened the scope of our insurance cover to allow for paid trainers.

This now means we can pay an existing 4WD QLD accredited trainer to conduct training courses for clubs who do not have a training officer. The cost of training will be slightly higher to cover the cost of the trainer but this is a small price to pay for access to the training that was previously unavailable to your club. Please contact our training officer (Tony Collins) if your club requires a course to be run.



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Our new web site includes a calendar where all training course dates are posted. It is possible to attend these courses if all the positions are not already filled. Again contact our training officer (Tony Collins) to check availability.

So in a nut shell.....

STOP and THINK about all possible outcome BEFORE attempting any challenge or recovery.

Yours in safe 4WDing,

Shane Rose
President 4WD QLD