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TARGET AUDIENCE	All persons driving recreational four wheel drive vehicles on unsealed roads and off road situations.
DURATION	7.5 hours
AIM	To improve participant knowledge and skills in operating four wheel drive vehicles in a wide range of situations and conditions to reduce crashes, lower risk, reduce vehicle running costs/damage and be more aware of environmental issues.
CONTENT	<p>Through structured information and practical sessions the following areas will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risks associated with four wheel driving The additional risks associated with operating four wheel drives as compared to passenger cars. Four wheel drive systems (part-time/full-time) Free wheeling hubs Tyres and inflation Seating position and cabin safety Braking distances and techniques When four wheel drive should be employed Transmission wind up Low risk driving techniques Basic principals of “off road” driving Wheel placement Ascending and Descending slopes Water crossings Vehicle recovery Sand driving

LEARNING OUTCOME

-  Develop an awareness of how attitude and risk taking behaviour effect driver safety and the safety of others.
-  Understand the basic types of 4WD systems and the advantages and disadvantages of 4WD vehicles.
-  Understand the methods and practice of recovery techniques.
-  Understand the risks associated with driving 4WD vehicles.
-  Understand the importance of correct tyre pressures and the effect on safety, tyre life and fuel efficiency.
-  Understand the importance of seat belts, along with the securing of loads and the dangers of loose items.
-  Learn about the types and causes of skids and how to prevent rather than control these situations.
-  Develop ways to predict potential hazards, identify risk situations and minimise danger. Understand the importance of drivers keeping their vision up and maintaining “safety cushions”.
-  Learn about the early warning signs of fatigue and how to avoid this serious problem.
-  Through practical driving manoeuvres develop skills and knowledge in operating four wheel drive vehicles in a wide range of off road situations