



# Four Wheel Drive Victoria Rural Response Group

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## RURAL RESPONSE GROUP

The Rural Response Group was formed to assist rural land owners and managers with property recovery work following natural disasters.



*Installing new fencing out of Licola*

Members in a clubs affiliated with Four Wheel Drive Victoria come from all walks of life, and a wide variety of technical skill can be called on for recovery work to be tackled with skill and work safe principles well at hand.

Their services are usually provided in



*Removing fire damaged materials*

the form of working bees held during weekends, working under the direction and supervision of the landowner/property manager.

Typically the working bees would be on Saturday from 9am till late afternoon, then Sunday till early afternoon.

Most members would travel to the area on Friday evening or early Saturday, and return home late Sunday.

All members are experienced campers and would bring all their camping equipment, food and water. They would camp in a local campground, or could camp on the property.



*Rebuilding fire damaged fencing near The Grampians*

All members are covered by their respective Club's insurance policy.

All services are provided voluntarily; no compensation is expected or required from the landowner. The member's rewards come from helping rural communities in their time of need.

The Clubs do not provide materials for re-construction works. It is important that the landowner has all required materials available, and any specialised equipment that may be required on hand.

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## Typical Services Members can Provide:

- **Cleaning up properties after fires and floods**
- **Removal of debris**
- **Cleaning**
- **Construction of temporary and permanent fences**
- **Construction of temporary containment fences**
- **Assistance with live and dead stock**
- **Minor building works**
- **Transportation of stock feed and materials**
- **Track clearing**
- **Dam clearing**
- **Any other labour oriented tasks required as part of property recovery**



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SUSTAINABLE  
ENVIRONMENT**

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Drive Victoria**

Four Wheel Drive Victoria ensures the association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs is at the fore front of various programs to assist rural towns and farmers who have had their lives effected by Bush Fires. Activities in the past have included a mass rally through the High Country Towns to boost the local communities financially and also direct hands on assistance to farmers, clearing burnt buildings, and removal and repair of damaged fencing. Major works can be coordinated through the association to ensure a call for volunteers will get the members together and active. Watch out for updates on the Four Wheel Drive Victoria web site.

www.fwdvictoria.org.au

## Four Wheel Drive Victoria

Four Wheel Drive Victoria was formed in 1975 . Over the last 34 years the association has championed many causes to help integrate its purpose with the environment and local communities.

## RURAL RESPONSE GROUP STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- To provide assistance to Victorian rural families and communities in the aftermath of events that cause loss and suffering such as bush fires, floods and other disasters.
- To assist those rural communities in the days, weeks and months after the events by means of working bees to rehabilitate farms, rebuild physical assets, Club trips to support the communities, and personal contact and assistance by Club members.
- To maintain a relationship with existing state disaster organizations, municipal Emergency Recovery Managers, and other rural support groups to enable those organizations to contact us when our services are needed.
- To cooperate with, and participate with, all Four Wheel Drive Victoria clubs in similar rural response projects.
- To lead 4WDV clubs in the area of rural response.
- To liaise with other 4WDV affiliated clubs that undertake similar rural response activities, and to undertake joint activities.
- To gather goodwill for our association by our deeds and generosity.
- To publicize our activities to help improve the image of 4WD clubs.



*Rural recovery volunteers in Licola after the 2006 / 2007 fires*