



Pajero 4WD Club of Victoria Rural Response Group

Pajero 4WD Club of Victoria Inc.

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RURAL RESPONSE GROUP

The Pajero 4WD Drive Club of Victoria, Rural Response Group was formed to assist rural land owners and managers with property recovery work following natural disasters.



*Pajero Club members removing damaged fencing—
Licola*

Members in a club like the Pajero Four Wheel Drive Club 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.



*Members removing fire
damaged materials*

Their services are usually provided in 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.



*Pajero Club members rebuilding fire damaged fencing
near The Grampians*

All members are covered by the 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 Club does 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**



EVERY EVENT
AN
ADVENTURE

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Four Wheel
Drive Victoria

Four Wheel Drive Victoria reports that work is underway to ensure 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

PAJERO 4WD CLUB OF VICTORIA

The Pajero Four Wheel Drive Club was formed in 1984 . Over the last 25 years the club 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, Four Wheel Drive Victoria in similar rural response projects organized by 4WDV.
- To become a leading 4WDV club 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 Club by our deeds and generosity.
- To publicize our activities to help improve the image of 4WD clubs.



Volunteers and Land Owners gather at the Licola CFA Fire Station prior to heading out for a days work