

Autumn Report – Leading Senior Constable Kenneth Dwight
Reference Woods Point and Surrounds

Hello all

Summer is at an end even though it still feels the same. A warning to all track users in the Woods Point area of operation. DELWP Forest Management Officers will be beginning large scale burn offs in and around the Woods point area soon; maps are available at the Woods point Shop and Police Station.

The tracks concerned are Brewery Creek and from Clarke Spur. Brewery Creek track is closed to all traffic vehicular and foot and parts of Clarke Spur Track as well. Nothing has been started as of date but it will be in the near future.

The second main burn will be Knickers Track east and will include parts of Kenny's Lane and Track; Deer love Track starting from the Mansfield Woods Point Road. The DELWP Control Point will be at the Scott Reserve so camping may be disrupted at this site for a while.

Meanwhile truck traffic from the A1 Gold Mine is still a major risk for drivers along the Mansfield Woods Point Road during week days, a UHF Radio tuned to channel 40 is an essential communications and safety device when traveling this road during the week. For the most part the truck drivers are vigilant in their use of the radio to warn of their presence and motorists should take heed of their broadcasts.

Only one bush fire to report of so far this season hopefully we will get through safely, I have had to charge only a couple of campers with leaving their camps fires alight so far this year so please remember that it is still an offence to do this all year round and outside of seasonal fire restrictions.

The camping amenities here in the mountains and along the river are free and looked after by the DELWP Officers; please respect the reserves and their efforts to maintain them. I have charged one camper with Disorderly Conduct this season for his behaviour spoken to several others regarding playing loud music to the annoyance of other campers.

Motor bike riders sadly always seem to feature in the Woods Point and Jamieson areas as our most prevalent motor vehicle crashes. One rider last long weekend came off on Mt. Terrible and injured himself severely. In my opinion he was riding a very large and inappropriate machine on the very steep rocky terrain up there and it was inevitable that he would come to grief. He was on his own and lucky to get phone signal out to get help, he was badly injured and was flown out by Helicopter after several hours. Please be mindful of your own and the capabilities of your machine to ride in this country. Be safe.

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If you get into trouble use Channel 7, 8 or 5 (40 for trucks) on your UHF Radio or 000 from the phone, someone will hear you.
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