

## VILLAGE PARKING PERMIT GUIDELINES

### 4WD and AWD VEHICLE CRITERIA AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

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#### 1. Purpose

To detail the requirements for a 4WD or AWD vehicle to be eligible to apply for a Mount Buller Village Permit. These specifications have been determined to ensure that the vehicle is capable of being driven in the snow and icy conditions that may exist during the snow season.

#### 2. Policy

The Mount Buller and Mount Stirling Resort Management Board has determined that for a particular vehicle type to be accepted as a 4WD or AWD vehicle permitted to gain entry to the Mount Buller Alpine Village during the declared snow season it must meet particular criteria.

The criteria to be met are:

A passenger vehicle having up to 8 seating positions, including that of the driver and being designed with special features for off-road operation. A vehicle with special features for off-road operation is a vehicle that:

- (a) Has 4 wheel drive(4WD) or all wheel drive (AWD)
- (b) Has the following characteristics calculated when the vehicle is at its “Unladen Mass” on a level surface, with the front wheels parallel to the vehicle’s longitudinal centreline, and the tyres inflated to the “Manufacturer’s recommended pressure:
  - A “Ground Clearance” of **not less than 190 mm.**
  - **A wheel/tyre/wheel arch clearance combination that allows snow chains to be fitted.**

#### 3. Vehicle Safety

When applying for a Village Parking or Access Permit the applicant warrants that:

- ✓ the vehicle will be fitted with appropriate tyres for snow season driving,
- ✓ the vehicle will carry snow chains that are the correct size and capable of being fitted to the vehicle and
- ✓ that any driver of that vehicle has the capability and experience of driving in the hazardous conditions that arise from the presence of snow and ice.

**As a minimum, all terrain tyres and/or tyres bearing the M + S stamp must be used depending on the make and model of vehicle.** We strongly recommend the use of snow tyres that meet the international standard identified by a snowflake-on-a-mountain peak symbol (as shown below). The snowflake-on-the-mountain peak symbol denotes that the tyres are suitable for use in severe snow conditions and have received a severe snow service conditions rating.

