

Self-drive Information

Travel Route

- Self-drivers will make their own way from our early morning rendezvous at Handasyde's Café to our first stop at Wellstead townsite on the South Coast Highway (93 km total);
- From Handasyde's Café turn right onto Chester Pass Road and travel 5.9 km to Bakers Junction – turn right at the Roadhouse onto South Coast Highway (signposted to Jerramungup/Ravensthorpe);
- Drive 87 km and turn right into Wellstead townsite and park in the truck/caravan parking bay near the toilets (look for Gondwana Link crew); note there are various turns from the highway into Wellstead – if possible, take the next right after the Sandalwood Rd turn-off, which is Baxter Rd;
- From Wellstead we will travel as a convoy, with the bus in the lead, for the 21 km drive to the left turn off the South Coast Highway and onto the bitumen Borden Bremer Bay Road at Boxwood Hill (it's on the left as soon as you have climbed out of the Pallinup Valley).

Navigation Aids

- Paper copies of location maps will be provided at our Handasyde's Café rendezvous
- During the tour, Gondwana Link will share Google map pins to mark key locations (relevant to self-drivers with Telstra phone service)
- We'll mark the entrance to the properties with a colourful flag
- The team members with particularly good knowledge of the Fitz-Stirling area are:
 - Keith Bradby, Gondwana Link CEO & Tour Leader, mobile: 0427 085 008
 - Alex Hams, Healthy Landscape Manager, Bush Heritage, mobile: 0427 084 079
- **Tour properties** – locations as well as map coordinates (latitude and longitude) for entrances to the properties are set out below (coordinates can be entered into the search box of navigation aids like Google Maps):
 - **Chingarrup Sanctuary:** 643 Boxwood Hill-Ongerup Rd (6.43 km north from the Borden-Bremer Bay Rd intersection)
Coordinates: -34.30427, 118.73115
 - **Nowanup:** 284 Normans Rd, Gairdner (**Long way** 40 km: from Chingarrup Sanctuary turn right and drive back to Borden-Bremer Bay Rd intersection, right turn onto Borden-Bremer Bay Rd, right turn onto Monjebup Rd, right turn onto Boxwood Hill-Ongerup Rd, left turn onto Normans Rd.
Short way 11.66 km: *if creek crossing is repaired* - from Chingarrup Sanctuary turn left onto Boxwood Hill-Ongerup Rd, right turn onto Normans Rd). Our itinerary assumes the creek crossing will not be repaired.
Coordinates: -34.21723, 118.70673
 - **Monjebup North:** Near corner of Boxwood Hill-Ongerup Rd and Monjebup Rd intersection (7.90 km: from Nowanup, turn left onto Normans Rd, then right turn onto Boxwood Hill-Ongerup Rd)
Coordinates: -34.21016, 118.64434

Convoy Etiquette and Safety

Lead Vehicle

- The lead vehicle will be the tour bus. It is a small bus, licensed to travel at **100 km per hour** — this will be the convoy's maximum speed.

Tail End Charlie (last vehicle in the convoy)

- This vehicle will be responsible for shutting gates and serves as the main communicator with the lead vehicle in case of an incident.

Marking Corners

Once we are in the Fitz-Stirling area (after the above turn at Boxwood Hill onto the Borden-Bremer Bay Rd), all drivers need to 'mark the corners' at intersections:

- Wait for the vehicle behind you to be in the line of sight and able to see which way you turn
- The Lead Vehicle will reduce speed until Tail End Charlie makes contact stating they have made the turn
- This will allow the convoy to regroup after any long sections of road.

Leave space between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you

- On the roads, maintain a minimum distance of three (3) full lengths of the vehicle you're travelling in
- Be sure to leave enough space for other road users to safely overtake your vehicle, especially when we are on the South Coast Highway

Gravel roads - back off a little more to ensure further space between vehicles

- Keep your vision clear of dust

Please follow these parking instructions to enable quick departures from our tour locations:

- Wellstead: park as a convoy in the long truck/caravan parking bay
- Chingarrup: park as a convoy on the north side of the shed accommodation
- Nowanup toilet stop (before the Nowanup lunch stop) and Nowanup Meeting Place: park as a convoy
- Monjebup North: park as a convoy
- Boxwood Hill Roadhouse: park as a convoy

Convoy Team	Convoy Position
Keith Bradby , CEO, Tour Leader: 0427 085 008	Lead Vehicle - passenger bus
Evelyn Lee Collin , Event Co-ordinator & emergency driver : 0428 373 850 Carol Duncan , staff member: 0437 352 834	Middle of convoy
Alex Hams , Bush Heritage, Healthy Landscape Manager: 0427 084 079 Nicola Thomas , volunteer & First Aid responder : 0422 949 503	Tail End Charlie
Margaret Robertson , staff member: 0427 520 196 Nicole Hodgson , volunteer: 0438 750 751	Advance party to set up morning tea and lunch. Will travel separately to the convoy.

Dieback hygiene requirements

We will visit properties that are dieback free. The introduced pathogen *Phytophthora* dieback is a microscopic and soil-borne organism that has devastating consequences for susceptible plants, including proteaceous species such as banksias. We all need to be especially careful and respectful about starting the tour with good dieback hygiene.

For self-drive vehicles to join this tour, owners must clean the outside of their vehicle and especially the underneath of the vehicle, including wheel arches and below, BEFORE arriving at the morning rendezvous location at Handasyde's Café.

All tour guests must wear footwear that is clean of dirt/mud/gravel/soil, including shoe/boot treads. We will check footwear and self-drive vehicles at Handasyde's Café.

We are hoping for dry weather as this makes dieback control much easier. If we have wet conditions, or dirt/mud has accumulated on vehicles during the drive, we will need to take extra precautions at the entrance to some of the properties. This is likely to include parking the self-drive vehicles at the property entrance and reducing the dieback risk by using the bus to transport guests onto the property in a couple of trips. We will spray 70% methylated spirits to the underside of the bus and footwear. Please be accepting of these requirements to help keep these precious environments dieback free.