

# Trip Ratings

*An important note to all club members and trip participants is that it is mandatory that all vehicles participating in Club trips are equipped with front and rear rated recovery points and they carry their own rated recovery equipment.*

## Driver training experience/requirement

**Easy** – Suitable for novice driver. Driver requires no experience of four wheel driving.

**Moderate** – Recommended that the driver has a basic understanding of how to drive a four wheel drive with some experience in recovery.

**Hard** – Recommended that the driver has confidence in handling a four wheel drive in varying track conditions with good recovery skills.

**Very Hard** - Driver requires a good understanding of how to handle a four wheel drive in varying track and weather conditions with training experience to suit the trip terrain and a good skill base in recovery skills.

**Extreme** – Driver requires extensive experience and/or advanced training in handling a four wheel drive in many varying extreme track and weather conditions with extensive experience in recovery skills to suit all types of terrain.

## Trip and terrain rating

- **Easy** – Standard four wheel drive without modification with road tyres travelling on bitumen and good unsealed tracks with minimal four wheel driving required.
- **Moderate** – Standard four wheel drive without modification using predominantly high range with standard tyres. Basic rated recovery gear should be carried. Low range may be required with some minor recovery required at times.
- ◆ **Hard** – Standard four wheel drive without modification using mostly high range but with some low range required, All Terrain tyres, good quality basic rated recovery equipment to be carried.
- ◆◆ **Very Hard** – Lifted suspension required for mostly low range driving with good condition all terrain or mud tyres, must be well equipped for recoveries, likely that some winching and/or snatching could be experienced.
- ✗ **Extreme** – High clearance lifted and or highly modified suspension required for low range driving with good condition all terrain or mud tyres. Steep or rutted terrain will be encountered that may be affected by weather conditions. Vehicles must be fully equipped for recoveries with winching or snatching equipment available.

### NB:

*In addition to all the above ratings, Trip Leaders must pay particular regard to the consequences of bad weather. If track conditions are likely to be adversely affected on any trip or if significant water crossings could or will be encountered, advice will need to be given in the trip description so that trip participants can be suitably prepared.*