

CLUB BYLAWS & RULES FOR TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

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1. CLUB ACTIVITIES

For the purposes of these by-laws & rules, only those activities that have been approved by the Directors or at a General Meeting & noted in the minutes shall be recognised as official Club activities. Any activity not so approved shall be considered as a member's private activity & shall only be discussed at General Meetings during general business, if time permits.

2. REGULATIONS

All members & visitors shall at all times abide by the Club Constitution, these by-laws, rules & regulations laid down by Government Authorities & owners/lessees of private property.

3. CLUB IDENTIFICATION

All club identification shall be removed from vehicles prior to sale or upon expiration of membership.

4. RADIOS

Members using CB, UHF & HF radios shall use them at all times in accordance with State &/or Federal Government rules & regulations governing the use of radios.

4.1. All members shall install a UHF radio for all club trips within 6 months of joining the club.

5. VEHICLE INSURANCE

All participants in Club activities are required to have in force, and will have in force for the duration of the club's financial year, a current policy of Comprehensive or 3rd Party Insurance applicable to the vehicle they are driving.

6. CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES

6.1. Direction of Organisers

All members & visitors participating in a club activity at all times shall abide by the directions of the activity organizer or trip leader in respect to;

- a. Compliance with Club by-laws & rules
- b. Safety of all other members
- c. Fire precautions & restrictions
- d. Care & respect of private property
- e. The rights of other people

6.2. Trip Leaders

On trips, the Trip Leader has absolute authority over the whole trip & they must ensure that members & visitors are aware of all relevant Club by-laws & rules & have adequate recovery equipment.

6.3. Assistant Trip Leader

Trip Leaders at their discretion may appoint separate trip leaders to lead separate convoys.

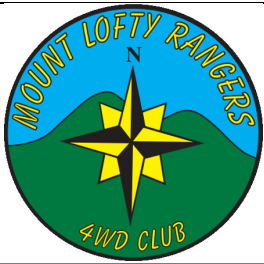
6.4. Contravention of Club by-laws & Rules

A member contravening Club by-laws or rules may be asked by the trip leader to leave the activity or trip & the incident reported to the Committee. Disregard of club by-laws & rules should be reported to the Committee members by the club members. All members must inform the Trip Leaders of their intention to go on a club trip.

6.5. National Parks & Forest Areas

All members & visitors are responsible for knowing & observing Park, Woods and Forest regulations whilst traveling in these areas, or in other areas controlled by Government Authorities.

6.6. Children



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Adults must be responsible at all times for the behaviour of the children in their charge.

6.7. Prospective Members

Prospective members & visitors are allowed on Club activities at the discretion of the activity organiser but not to the exclusion of club members.

6.8. Non-Financial Members

Persons previously on the club committee but who are currently not financial, or other persons, who are not financial, are not allowed to take part in club activities with out prior Committee approval.

6.9. Numbers of vehicles

The number of vehicles on a Club activity shall be determined by the trip leader but also may be subject to requirements of outside authorities. As a general rule the number of vehicles in a convoy shall not exceed 15 as the sight & inconvenience to other members of the public must be considered.

6.10. Dogs

On trips where dogs are permitted, they must be kept under control at all times, preferably on a lead.

6.11. Motorcycles

Motorcycles are not permitted on Club trips except with the express permission of the trip leader.

6.12. Firearms

Guns & rifles must not be visible inside vehicles & should only be removed in cases of emergency, or with the express permission of the trip leader.

6.13. Intoxicating Liquor

Excessive consumption of intoxicating liquor on club activities is discouraged.

6.14. Off Tracks

Vehicles are to stay on existing roads & tracks except in areas where permission has been granted to move away from existing vehicle corridors.

6.15. Flora & Fauna

Live branches are not to be broken from trees or shrubs. No member shall use a tree as an anchor for winching without providing adequate protection around the tree from slings or cables. Trip members must not disturb birds, animals & their habitat.

6.16. Gates

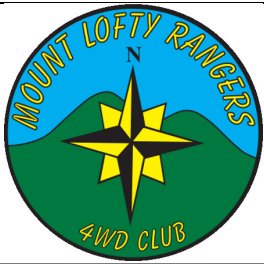
All gates must be left as they were found.

6.17. Camping

Campsites must not be within 500m of any artificial constructed watering points. Campsite adjacent to large natural watering points must be sited so that stock & wildlife are not prevented from gaining access to water. Campsite must be at least 1km away from any station homestead, shearing shed, outstation or other improvement unless prior approval of the land manager. Previous campsites should be used wherever possible. Care must be taken to minimize damage to vegetation etc at campsites & making of unnecessary vehicle tracks is to be avoided.

6.18. Water

Minimal water only is to be taken from any watering point. Members are not to swim or bathe in tanks or dams without permission from the land manager. If water is required for washing it is to be bucketed out. Soaps & detergents etc are not to be introduced into tanks, dams, rivers or natural watering points.



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6.19. Litter

No litter or rubbish is to be thrown from vehicles. At all stops, members shall ensure that no rubbish is left at the site. All non-burnable rubbish is to be carried out and disposed of in approved receptacles or areas. Burnable rubbish may be burnt at campsites provided all other members are considered, correct precautions are taken and there are no fire bans in place. Non-combustibles are to be removed from ashes.

6.20. Historical Sites

All sites of historical significance are to be left undisturbed & artefacts are not to be removed off site.

6.21. Toilets

When using bush toilets ensure an adequate, deep hole is dug and covered properly before leaving the campsite. Do not allow paper & tissue to blow around the area.

6.22. Mobile Generators.

The use of generators must be kept to a minimum and not used after 8.00pm or before 7.00am without the permission from everyone within the vicinity. At all times other travellers must be considered when using generators. Members must ensure as far as possible that generators are permitted in NPWS areas prior to departures or obtain permission from rangers at the site.

6.23. Fires

Fire bans must be complied with at all times. Normally one campfire should be adequate and the trip leader is responsible for its location. The trip leader may approve other small cooking fires. At sites where adequate supply of dead wood on the ground is not available (especially National Parks etc) or during potential fire danger period's members are encouraged to use gas or other means for cooking. All fires must be extinguished before the site is vacated, ashes disposed of, and where practical, no signs of the fire should be left at the site

6.24. Spares

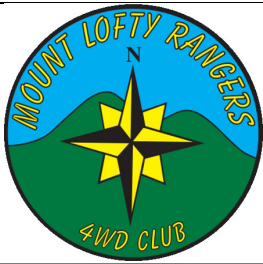
Vehicles must carry enough spare to be reasonably self-sufficient in the event of breakdown. Spares for similar type vehicles can be shared amongst those on the trip. The specific spares would depend on the type of trip & location and agreement between participants.

6.25. Grievances

Any grievance arising from any club activity must be made as soon as possible (preferably in writing) to the organisers of that activity or Directors so that any problems can be resolved promptly.

6.26. Convoy Procedure

- a. *Regulations* – All drivers shall observe all regulations at all times.
- b. *Departure Warning* – The trip leader shall give a 5-minute warning before departing.
- c. *Briefing* – Prior to departure each day all drivers are to assemble a central point for the trip leader's briefing on the next stage of the trip.
- d. *Travel* – All members of the convoy are to follow the trip leader & not stray from route
- e. *Track Widening* – Drivers are not to widen existing tracks by driving around obstacles such as broken branches, large holes, rocks etc but should endeavour to do minor track maintenance to allow vehicles to remain on the track, i.e. remove branches, fill holes etc
- f. *Convoys* – Vehicles should stay in convoy position unless a change is authorised
- g. *Distances* – members should keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front, particularly in hilly country or if brakes are wet after a water crossing. On main roads leave adequate space between vehicles to enable other vehicles to overtake safely.
- h. *Driver Responsibility* – Each driver is responsible for the vehicle behind. Keep the following vehicle in contact at all times. In conditions where visibility is poor switch on lights & check regularly that following vehicle is in sight. Contact by radio if possible.



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- i. *Acknowledging Turns* – Wait at every turn with indicators flashing until the following driver acknowledges with their indicators flashing.
- j. *Separated Convoy* – If the convoy becomes separated & an intersection is reached where there is no other vehicle, stop and wait for instruction from the trip leader.
- k. *Leaving Convoy* – If members wish to leave a convoy for any reason they must inform the trip leaders by radio or at stops. If on the move, drop back & advise your intentions to the last vehicle who will advise the trip leader as soon as possible.
- l. *Breakdown of Vehicles* – If a vehicle breaks down or becomes immobile for any reason, all vehicles must stop with the affected vehicle until it is again mobile or the trip leader has checked that the vehicle is safe to be left for adequate assistance. Arrangements are to be made to renew contact as soon as possible.
- m. *Stopping Convoy* – if members wish the vehicle in front to stop, call on radio if available, attract drivers attention by flashing lights on and off or stop. Care must be taken when flashing lights at night to avoid causing a hazard to oncoming vehicles.
- n. *Negotiating Hazards* – At any creek crossing, steep hill, sand hill or other hazardous terrain all those not involved are to stand well clear of the activity. The trip leader, or delegate, will have complete control over activities. Vehicles are to be moved well clear of the hazard to allow sufficient room for following vehicles.
- o. *Recovery Operations* – During recovery operations members should give what assistance possible but not get in the way. Stand well clear of vehicles, snatch straps and winching cables. Obey instructions of trip leader.
- p. *Vehicle Damage* – Any damage caused to a members vehicle is the member's own responsibility. Members should not be afraid to stop to remove obstacles to avoid this
- q. *Stopping Areas* – Campsites or rest areas should be chosen where practical so that all members of the trip can be accommodated comfortably in the one area. Care must be exercised so that damage to stopping areas is minimised.
- r. *Starting Times* – Times for daily departures are agreed to prior to departure or at daily briefing
- s. *Lunch Stops* – Meal breaks should be about an hour unless otherwise agreed beforehand. Time starts from the arrival of the last vehicle at the site.
- t. *Stops* – Convoys should stop for a short period every 2 hrs to allow participants to rest.
- u. *End of day's Travel* – Where possible the day's travel should end with sufficient daylight available to allow campsites to be established unless otherwise agreed beforehand.
- v. *Convoy Speed* – The maximum traveling speed for any club trip shall be determined by the road conditions, all state regulations and not faster than the slowest vehicle in the convoy. The trip leader prior to departure particularly for bitumen road travel should advise the ideal traveling speed.