



WANNEROO WANDERERS 4WD CLUB



CONVOY PROCEDURE

1. Fuel tanks must be filled prior to start of trip.
2. Before moving off from a designated departure point the trip leader will appoint a tail-end charlie.
3. At **All** turn-offs, vehicles shall wait until the following vehicle is aware of the former's intention. Periodical checks for the following vehicle must be made as per convoy procedure.
4. Persons leaving the club convoy **MUST** notify the trip leader and if possible give details of their intentions.
5. No vehicle in the convoy is to pass the lead vehicle.
6. When travelling in convoy on the open road, the distance between vehicles shall not be less than 6 vehicle lengths, and keep the vehicle behind in sight at reasonable intervals.
7. At nature stops the rule to be followed is ladies to the left - gents to the right.
8. In recovery procedures to avoid injury to personnel the drivers of the vehicles involved shall ensure that the immediate area is cleared.
9. All persons travelling in convoy must be inside a vehicle

CODE OF ETHICS

1. Obey restriction on use of public lands. Respect national parks and other conservation areas, (i.e. Calm, Water Authority, Fire Authorities).
2. Obtain permission before driving on private land. Leave livestock alone and gates as found.
3. Keep to existing tracks where possible.
4. There shall be no deliberate destruction of trees, shrubs or wildlife. Respect our wildlife, stop, look and observe but never chase animals.
5. Use a well worn campsite to minimise impact on the environment.
6. No firearms to be displayed or used in campsite or prohibited areas.
7. No unofficial competition or displays of "4WDing" shall take place during trips without permission of the trip leader.
8. At club functions members shall obey verbal instructions and visual signs erected by the organisers.
9. Drive very slowly within camp area.
10. When answering the calls of nature, members are asked to take the shovel and bury the result at all times, Ladies are respectfully requested to dispose of their paper hygienically. (i.e. rubbish container or campfire).
11. Keep the environment clean. Be prepared to carry out all the rubbish you take into unserviced areas.
12. All members are requested to comply with the above codes.

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WANNEROO WANDERERS 4 Wheel Drive Club

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Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month (except in January when it is held on the second Wednesday, and the AGM in September which is a dinner function). Meetings are held at Warradale Hall in Lansdale - 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start.

Please forward all Magazine Articles to: kbatten@bigpond.net.au

ABOUT THE CLUB



WANNEROO WANDERERS 4WD CLUB INC



The Wanneroo Wanderers 4WD club is an enthusiastic group of people who have banded together to enjoy 4WD trips and excursions while conserving the natural bush ecology.

Club membership comprises families and individuals of all ages. The range of club activities caters for the novice as well as the experienced drivers. Activities include social functions, day drives, weekend and extended trips both on and off road at various times during the year.

Club members use a range of camping options from tents, troopies, camper trailers and caravans. The club has no preference to the make of 4WD vehicle owned. Personal and vehicle safety during club events is of the utmost importance. Where possible proposed trips are thoroughly planned and surveyed in advance.

The club is an affiliated member of the WA 4WD association and we support the aim to promote 4WD vehicle owners as responsible, community spirited people concerned with conservation and the environment.

The club Meets at the Warradale Community Centre, Warradale Terrace, Lansdale on the first Wednesday of each month except for January when it is held on the 2nd Wednesday commencing at 7:45pm.

Visitors are always welcome to attend meetings and club events. Prospective members are encouraged to attend two club meetings and two club activities before applying for membership.



If you wish to obtain further information about the club, please feel free to contact us at

Wanneroo Wanderers 4WD Club Inc.

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EDITORIAL

With a large contingent of members either being overseas or interstate, the last 3 months have been a bit quiet and the AGM was put back a month. Hence the committee is still listed as current but with the AGM due on the 12th October the listing in this magazine will change

Kym Batten

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**SOMETIMES
I PRETEND TO BE
NORMAL.
BUT IT GETS BORING...
SO I GO BACK TO BEING ME.**

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TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

East of Armadale Day Run

Trip Leader: Kym Batten

Date: 18th September 2016

6 vehicles met at the Warwick Shopping centre for a day run to the Days out of Perth trek called East of Armadale. Participants were Kym & Glenda (+ Charlie Brown), Bob & Leslie Armstrong, Steve Bly, Shane & Cheryl Deville and Family. Michelle Piper, Graham Islatt & Family, Simon Dash & Family.

We took a leisurely drive down the Freeway to Armadale road stopping at a Caltex Servo for a pit stop before connecting to the Albany highway. Travelled about 36K to the Sullivan Rock Car Park for Morning tea.



After morning tea, we headed further south to Wearne road heading into wandoo forest. Some distance down Wearne road, we turned off down a fence line track. Some nice displays of Blue Leschenaultias and carpets of everlastings around rock



formations.

After leaving the fence line track, we headed east before turning onto another fence line track. We came across one area which was extremely boggy, but we were able to negotiate our way around it and through some beautiful wooded country before stopping for lunch.





After lunch we headed off and eventually turned off into Thomson road. Sections along this road are proposed for closure as a conservation area. A beautiful area and well worth seeing, but I can see no reason for track closure. Following Thomson road, we came across some mildly steep rocky climbs, fields of egg & Bacon bushes (contains 1080) and an echidna feasting on some ants.



After spending some time watching the echidna, we headed off following the summer route, but at one point we took a wrong turn and ended up on a more major road before reaching the Brookton Highway.



We followed the Brookton Highway to Christmas tree well. Where Simon and family left us. The rest of us turned right in the hope of accessing variously mapped tracks back into the top of the Darling scarp. Unfortunately, every track we looked had and dieback warning signs and no entry even though the gates were open. We carried on until we hit the York road. By this time the weather was about to set in and as we headed into Mundaring Shane & Cheryl were having problems with their car stalling.

Graham & Michelle stopped in Mundaring with Shane & Cheryl to check the air cleaner while the rest of us carried on home.

A good relaxed day and by some Facebook posts, it was enjoyed by all

Wheatbelt Wanderings

Trip Leader: Tony Downe
Date: September 23 -25 2016

After spending the night at Lake Yealering, Dave, Sue, Jenny, Tony, Morgan and Zeb arrived at Pumphrey's Bridge on Thursday 27/9 at midday to find only one caravan at the bridge but parked in the exact spot that Tony had planned for the club.

As the rain began to fall Dave suggested we head over to the oval nearby and shelter in the pavilion until we worked out where to set up camp.

"Warby's Pavilion" overlooking the oval turned out to be ideal in the conditions with a place to shelter between showers and a still smouldering fire in a drum immediately in front of the building which we stoked up for the night with wood gathered from the bush around the oval.

Alison and Alan were the first to arrive on Friday in the sparkling new Manta Ray on its first outing followed by Kym and Glenda towing their temporary accommodation (tent until the new caravan arrives) in a box trailer. Bob and Leslie and Steve and Kerry arrived a little later to complete the compliment for the day.

Chainsaw came off the top of Al's rig and with the abundance of firewood in the area Kym's trailer was soon filled and offloaded near the fire in front of the pavilion.



After an early evening meal and leaving Dave and Sue to keep the fire roaring on what was shaping up to be a cold evening ten of us in two cars headed off to Barna Mia in the Dryandra Woodland to view the animals at night.

Barna Mia turned out to be a great experience with Bilby's, many other small mammals and a cheeky possum coming to feed at our feet on the DEPAW rangers titbit's in the red torchlight. Highly recommended.



Bilby

The **rabbit-eared bandicoot** or **bilby** (*Macrotis lagotis*) is a gentle animal with soft, blue-grey fur, long ears and a decorative black and white tail. The female bilby has a rear-opening pouch.

It spends daylight hours in a deep burrow and emerges after dusk to feed on insects, grubs, seeds, fungi and bulbs.

Boodie

The **burrowing bettong** or **boodie** (*Bettongia lesueur*) is a social, vocal marsupial that lives in communal burrows. Once a common mammal in semi-arid parts of Australia, the boodie is now extinct on the mainland but survives on a few offshore islands off the coast of Western Australia and in predator-proof enclosures such as Barroo.



Woylie

The **brush-tailed bettong** or **woylie** (*Bettongia penicillata*) feeds on underground fungi and also eats tubers, seeds and insects. It builds a nest of woven grass and bark in a scrape beneath low, thick vegetation. The woylie is listed as endangered and has a very high risk of extinction in the wild.

Quenda

The **southern-brown bandicoot** or **quenda** (*Isodon obesulus*) digs in topsoil for insects and spiders, tubers and fungi, leaving conical pits in the soil. They shelter in a nest of vegetation beneath dense cover and the female quenda has a rear-opening pouch. The quenda occurs in coastal heath, forest and scrub areas of the south-west of Western Australia.



Mala

The **rufous hare-wallaby** or **mala** (*Lagorchestes hirsutus*) is a small, delicate marsupial with light-fawn coloured fur. When disturbed, it springs from its shelter and quickly bounds away in a zigzag motion. The mala is a herbivore. By the early 1990s the last two wild populations had become extinct on the mainland. This species now survives on some offshore islands off the coast of Western Australia and in predator-proof enclosures such as Barroo.

Marl

The **western barred bandicoot** or **marl** (*Petameles bougainville*) makes a nest of bark, sticks and other litter material in a shallow depression within a dense thicket of bush. The female marl has a rear-opening pouch and can have litters of two to three young. Extinction occurred on the mainland in the 1950s. The species continues to survive on offshore islands off the coast of Western Australia and in predator-proof enclosures such as Barroo.



Brrrr, back to camp at about 9.00pm to gather around the warm fire that our two custodians had kept going nicely for us with the temperature falling into minus that night.





In the Morning Kym and Glenda were up early to thaw out and remove the ice that had formed on their tent.

Bacon and eggs for breakfast, a delicious damper from Leslie for morning tea before Shane, Cheryl, Ryan and Kevin arrived and set up their camper.

After lunch we took a run into Narrogin to stock up on fuel and supplies and have a look around town with Jenny and Glenda finding a great bakery to buy pastries and goodies for afternoon tea.



On the way back to camp via Popanyinning we stopped at Yornaning Dam for a look and discovered a great campsite to consider for future trips. Arrived back to find Mark had arrived with a new upstairs addition to his Troopie to try out for the first time.

A roaring fire, happy hour, evening steaks and more delicious dampers with a virgin creation by Cheryl in the new camp oven which was one of the best first efforts the club has seen. Tasty contributions also from Glenda and Jenny which all left Judge Dave in such a quandary that he had to reserve his judgment until the AGM.

Sunday morning, we headed off for a day run through the wheat belt taking in Lake Yealering for lunch and an ice cream at the shop, then





onto Wickepin to view a yard full of old tractors and Albert Facey's old homestead.

Kym managed to locate some relatives on the memorial wall.



finishing up with Lake Toolibin where we temporarily misplaced Sue.

Sue found on the way back to car park.





we passed a Troopie with a trailer that had a wheel off and a lady further up the road appearing to be taking pictures which we later found out was in fact an attempt to gain a phone signal. Fortunately, Steve in his wisdom understood what was going on and suggested we turn back and see if we could help.

Turned out that the spare wheel for the trailer (which was carrying ducks and geese from Kalgoorlie for resettlement in Jarrahdale) had a padlock through one of the stud holes on the rim and the key could not be found. With a small hacksaw, two hammers and a jemmy bar we managed to saw through the stud hole and extract the padlock so the Troopie, trailer (and birds) and grateful occupants could be on their way.

Back to camp, more wood collected, fire built up for happy hour, another pleasant social evening in great company, a good night's sleep and off home the next day.





WANGARA

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WELSHPOOL

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FUNNIES

RETIRED HUSBAND

After retiring, George's wife insisted that he accompany her on her trips to TESCO. (a British Supermarket Chain) Unfortunately, like most men, George found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, his wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday his wife received the following letter from the local TESCO:

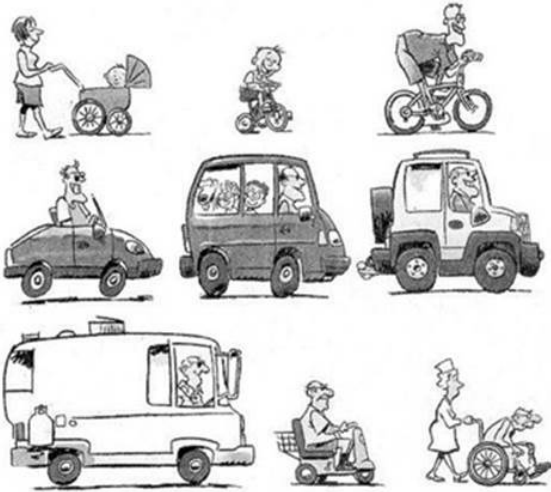
Dear Mrs. Harris,

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store.

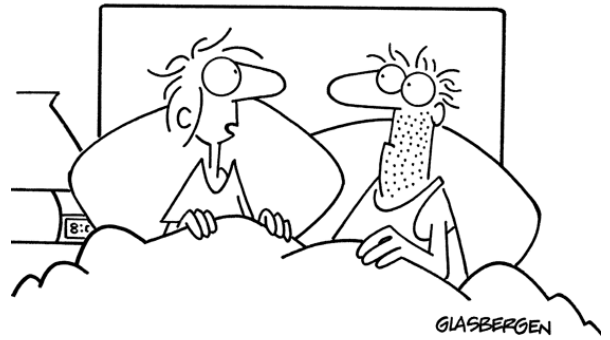
We cannot tolerate this behaviour and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Harris, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

- (1.) January 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.*
 - (2.) February 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.*
 - (3.) February 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.*
 - (4.) February 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away'.*
This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money. We don't have a Code 3.
 - (5.) March 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layby*
 - (6.) March 14: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.*
 - (7.) March 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.*
 - (8.) March 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.*
 - (9.) April 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.*
 - (10.) April 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.*
 - (11.) April 23: Darted around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.*
 - (12.) May 6: In the auto department, he practiced his 'Madonna look' using different sizes of funnels.*
 - (13.) (13...) May 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'*
 - (14.) May 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a foetal position and screamed 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'*
 - (15.) June 5: Took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked where is the fitting room?*
- And last, but not least:*
- (16.) June 14: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, and then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.*

The Wheels of Life



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"I was going to wake up early to go jogging,
but my toes voted against me 10 to 1."

Wedding ceremony

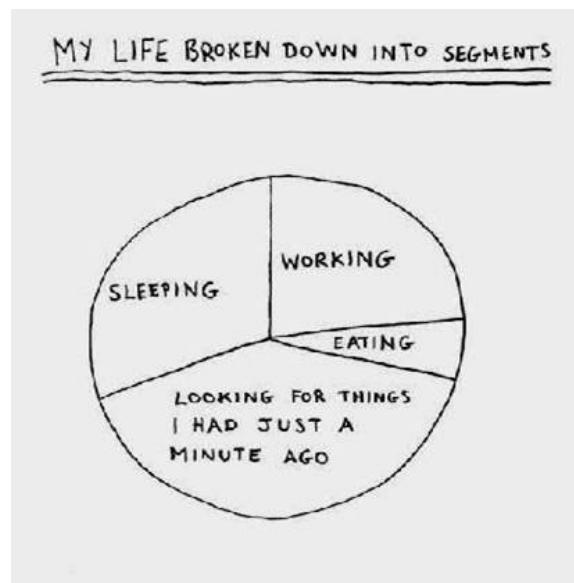
At a wedding ceremony the pastor asked 'if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom, or forever hold their peace'.

The moment of utter silence was broken by a young beautiful woman carrying a child. She stood up and started wa

Everything quickly turned to chaos. The bride threw the bouquet and burst out crying. Then slowly groom's mother giving each other looks and wondering how best to help save the situation.

The pastor asked the woman, "Can you tell us, why you came forward? What do you have to say?"
There was absolute silence in the church.

The woman replied, "We can't hear at the back."



Tech Tips

Weight issues.

Having just recently placed my old Billabong caravan over a weigh bridge and discovered that the van was not only over weight, but it could never comply with the vin plate. As it was an old van it was next to impossible to do a GVM upgrade.

Hence a new van was purchased. Even during this process, it ceases to amaze me that caravan manufacturers add extra water tanks, dual batteries etc., and still maintain the old rule of thumb weight carrying capacities of 300KG for Single Axle vans or 400 KG for Dual Axle vans.

In my case, the base van had a 300KG payload capacity and it had two 95Litre water tanks, two 9KG gas bottles and two 100A batteries. Filling the water tanks and the gas bottles would have left me with a payload of around 90KG. I am not sure if the tare weight of the van includes or excludes the batteries. It certainly does not leave you with much to play with. Therefore, an axle upgrade was done to increase the payload to 500KG.

Then there is the issue with two vehicles. (Not in my case). People are buying dual cab utes with supposed tow ratings of 3500KG. This is simply a con. I recommend that you read articles in RV Daily magazine or Unsealed 4x4, both of which are available for free subscription on line and for which some of this information was extracted.

An example in RV Daily issue 1 is with the Ford Ranger. A similar article appears in Unsealed 4x4 issue 23 using the Navara as an example.

Published GVM	3200KG
GCM	6000KG
Max Trailer Weight	3500KG
GCM is now	2500KG (6000-3500) – Maximum vehicle can weigh
GCM-Kerb Weight	229KG (GCM-Kerb weight)

This is the maximum the Ranger can now carry and we have not added fuel, after market accessories or the ball weight of the Van which for a 3500KG van would typically be 350KG (10% of van weight)

CARAVAN RATINGS & MASSES

THE VEHICLE IS FITTED WITH EVERYTHING THAT WAS STATED ON THE PURCHASE CONTRACT.

THE VEHICLE IS EMPTY. THE GAS CYLINDER(S) AND THE WATER TANKS(S) MUST BE EMPTY.

HITCHED

THE READING MUST NOT EXCEED THE GTM RATING

VAN LOADED



WEIGHBRIDGE

HITCHED

LEGAL LOAD-CARRYING CAPACITY = ATM RATING - TARE MASS



WEIGHBRIDGE

UNHITCHED

THE READING MUST NOT EXCEED THE ATM RATING

VAN LOADED



WEIGHBRIDGE

UNHITCHED

THE BALL-LOADING IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO



WEIGHBRIDGE

UNHITCHED

READING IS THE TARE MASS

VAN EMPTY



WEIGHBRIDGE

HITCHED

THE COMBINED READINGS MUST NOT EXCEED THE GCM RATING OF THE TOW-VEHICLE

VAN LOADED



WEIGHBRIDGE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**WANNEROO
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Wanneroo Wanderers 4WD Club - 2016

Trip and Social Events - Fridge Flyer

Date	Event	Leader	Social/Trip	Van Friendly	Dog Friendly
7:45 First Wednesday of each Month	Club Meeting 2016. 13/1, 3/2, 6/4, 4/5, 1/6, 6/7, 3/8, 7/9, 5/10, 2/11, 7/12	Warradale Community Centre, Southmead Dve Lansdale			
7-8/5/2016	Hillside- Hot & Spicy	Dave & Penny Clarke	Social	Yes	Yes
6-25/6/2016	Laverton to Sandy Blight	Steve Morris	Extended Trip	No	Yes
9/7/2016	Bonfire Night	Ron & Angela Francis	Social	Yes	Yes
20-21/8/2016	Wildflower run – Camel Soak			Yes	
2/9/2016	AGM	Moved to October			
24-26/9/2016	Wheatbelt Wandering	Tony Downe	Trip/Social	Yes	Yes
12/10/2016	AGM		Social		
29-30/10/2016	Lake Indoon/Pinnacles				
11-13/11/2016	Perth 4WD Show				
26/11/2016	Golf Comp	Steve Morris	Social		

CLUB EQUIPMENT LIST

		MEMBERS NAME	DATE REQUIRED	DATE RETURNED	PASSED ON TO
UHF CB RADIO					
GAZEBO X 2					
CLUB BANNER					
LONG HANDLE SHOVEL					
SHORT HANDLE SHOVEL					
CHAINSAW					
CHRISTMAS TREE					
EVENTS	AVAILABLE FOR FREE USE BY ALL MEMBERS ON CLUB				

NOTE: THIS LIST IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

BIRTHDAYS



Date	Name	Date	Name	Date	Name
January		February		March	
7th	Bob Heasman	14th	Ray Willis	2nd	Dave Melbourne
11th	Marian Granland	18th	Judy Anderson	6th	Jenny Downe
22nd	Paul DiGiorgio			12th	Steve Waterman
28th	Marlyn Corderoy			14th	Angela Francis
				20th	Archie Lind
				30th	Mirella DiGiorgio
April		May		June	
11th	Keith Granland			3 rd	Stephen Lynch
12th	Ron Francis			4 th	Tony Downe
18th	Jan Setlak			5 th	Chris Scarce
20th	Joe Arrigo			21st	John Lyford
26th	Alan Clark				
July		August		September	
6th	Glenda Batten	21st	Lyn Willis	1 st	Linda Zeffert
9th	John Setlak	26th	Sue Melbourne	1 st	Kym Batten
24th	Ray Zaetskey			5 th	Steve Morris
				5 th	Ray Scarce
				19 th	Carol Clark
				20 th	Audrey Heasman
				21 st	Phil Anderson
October		November		December	
1st	Dave Clark	5th	Elisa Arrigo	7th	Sue Morris
4th	Karen Lind			19th	Gabbie Zaretsky
6th	Kerri Waterman			24th	John Corderoy
7th	Penny Clark				
27th	Mark Bolton				



EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ON VEHICLES ATTENDING TRIPS

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

SUITABLE TOW POINTS FRONT AND REAR OF VEHICLE

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

- 'D' SHACKLES (Minimum Specification: BODY 13mm PIN 16mm)
- TOW ROPE AND OR CHAIN
- SNATCH STRAP
- SHOVEL
- SPARE TYRE (Same as other 4 tyres on vehicle)
- TYRE INFLATER AND TYRE PRESSURE GAUGE
- BASIC TOOL KIT TO SUIT VEHICLE
- JACK, JACK HANDLE, JACKING PLATE
- WHEEL BRACE
- 10BE FIRE EXTINGUISHER
 - (BFE Type fitted to vehicle within easy access to driver)
 - FIRST AID KIT
 - SPARE RADIATOR HOSES AND FAN BELTS
 - JUMPER LEADS
 - WATER (Enough to REFILL cooling system)



ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

SUBJECT TO NATURE AND DURATION OF TRIP

OIL, SPARK PLUGS, POINTS, CONDENSER AND COIL

- FUEL FILTER
- TYRE REPAIR KIT
- HIGH LIFT JACK
- RADIATOR BLIND
- AXE OR BUSH SAW

THE ABOVE MANDATORY EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE SAFETY OF VISITORS AND MEMBERS, SHOULD RECOVERY OF A VEHICLE BE NECESSARY.