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**MOTOR TRAIL
PARTICIPANTS
CHECKLISTS**

**CAPE YORK
SAFARI YEAR
VERSION 5**

Some words from the Motor Trail Director

No one knows your vehicle better than you or your trusted service mechanic. Now is the time to have your life line to the Cape confirmed. Get your vehicle fully serviced and checked over from top to bottom.

Regardless of the age of your vehicle, you need to have it in 100% shape to handle the conditions whether you are doing the Telegraph Line or the Development Road. Corrugations on these roads can be bad to horrific at the best of times so your tyres and shocks need to be near new.

Remain constantly aware of the dusty conditions in regard to oncoming traffic as well as vehicles behind you.

Keep in mind that your actions may reflect on others. Any vehicle that cannot continue will be a costly burden to its owner and will create difficulty for others if people need to be relocated to other vehicles and arrangements made to collect valuables.

One of the most important and compulsory items is your UHF radio which must be on channel during the event AT ALL TIMES. At no time should this radio be turned off or the volume set at a level you or your navigator are unable to hear discussions and/or messages taking place. If you wish to chat to another entrant DO NOT change the channel. If you need to chat because you have a friend in another vehicle then install a second UHF or use a hand held UHF on a channel that is free from our group as safety is paramount to survive the Cape.

If you feel the need to do some chit chat then DO NOT use the selected Tag Along Channel as it is very dangerous for others if they miss important announcements and is not allowed.

If you have any problems with your radio or antenna, contact Comms as we carry spares and are always looking for a donation.

For trouble free motoring, drive to the conditions and understand the ability of both your vehicle and yourself. Never let your ambition get mixed up with your ability.



4 X 4 HIRE



OFF ROAD EQUIPMENT



MEDIA SUPPORT



H.F. COMMUNICATIONS



4X4 DRIVER



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Long term planning - GENERAL

1/ Ensure your vehicle is 100% roadworthy. <i>Pay particular attention to Wheel Bearings and Suspension Components.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2/ Plan for a full service and inspection in Early June. <i>There will be limited opportunities to do this on the Trail.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3/ Vehicles 10 yrs or older, replace belts and hoses and carry old ones as spares <i>Easier than trying to find spares on the Trail.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4/ Arrange to service your Air-conditioning <i>It is hot, dry and dusty on the road to the top.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5/ Arrange a second mounted spare tyre of roadworthy condition <i>Make sure you have suitable wheel nuts for this wheel</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6/ Lightweight roof racks WILL NOT make it there and back <i>Consider what is going on the roof if you have a lightweight rack</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7/ Will your fuel capacity allow you to do 350 km in hard going conditions? <i>Extra fuel must be carried in approved containers.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8/ Ensure your jack, jacking plate & wheel brace suit your vehicle & height <i>A suspension lift kit can make standard jacks inoperable.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/ Ensure your vehicle has recovery points both front & rear. See TJM. <i>Do not confuse tie down points with recovery points</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10/ UHF radio with quality spring base steel antenna fitted <i>Handhelds and stainless steel antennas are not suitable</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11/ Fire extinguisher 1kg capacity fitted and serviceable <i>Must have been inspected and certified within the last 12 months</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12/ Good tyres -All Terrain or Mud Terrain and preferably LT (Light Truck) <i>It is always better to replace tyres before an event rather than during</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13/ A well stocked and easily accesable First Aid Kid. <i>Check the use by dates on all items and replace as necessary</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14/ A long handled shovel is just sooo useful. <i>Also much easier to use than a folding variety.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15/ General spares including fuses, wire, belts hoses, cloth tape etc <i>You may never use them but then again, you might.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16/ Suspension components - replace anything worn out <i>Easier to do before the event than during.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17/ Navigators ! A GPS with mileage read out for the passenger to navigate from. <i>Allows for easy navigation from your daily J4K trip sheets (Speedo is difficult to see from passengers side)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18/ If you plan to do the entire OTL you will need a snorkel <i>OTL - Overland Telegraph Line</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19/ Rear dust light so everyone can see you (Amber or Red) <i>So important for the safety of yourself, your passengers, the public and other competitors.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20/ Hand held UHF radio as a spare or for chatting <i>To talk to other entrants without EVER moving your fixed radio off the Motor Trail channel.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21/ Rear dust lamp can be yellow strobe or rotating light	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Recovery Gear

1/ Dynamic Recovery Strap (rated snatch strap) <i>Must be rated at NOT more than 3 times your vehicle weight. (bigger is not better)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2/ Equaliser Strap <i>Used to share recovery load over two points on the chassis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3/ Rated Bow Shackles (the rating is cast into the shackle) <i>For attaching Recovery or Equalising Strap to the vehicle</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4/ Dynamic Recovery Strap Extension Strap <i>A 20 metre extension strap is a useful addition (never join snatch straps)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5/ Recovery Blanket to protect vehicles and bystanders if points fail <i>This should not be your recovery strap bag unless specifically designed as a blanket</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6/ Billet Hitch <i>This is the best means of using a Class 4 Towbar for recovery</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7/ A good quality air compressor <i>A good air compressor WILL NOT have a cigarette lighter connection</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8/ A good quality tyre gauge. <i>If you drop your tyre pressures, then you need to put them back up correctly to remain safe.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Packing List

1/ First Aid Kit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2/ Recovery Kit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3/ Spares Kit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4/ Camping Kit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5/ Personal Clothing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6/ Any required medications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7/ Emergency / medical forms for all crew. <i>Hand to COMMS at the Meet 'n Greet</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8/ Giveaways and treats for school visits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/ Insect repellent, stingose, sunscreen, hat, soap and towel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10/ Ten litres of fresh drinking water (More if you have children)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11/ Cash to pay for fuel where fuel/credit /debit cards ARE NOT accepted.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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12/ Sturdy footwear (not thongs)

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13/ Camera with spare batteries and a spare memory card

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Camping Checklist

1/ Tent, swag, rooftop, whatever
Not a good idea to sleep on the ground due to creatures that live at that level

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2/ Mattress or stretcher - whatever makes you comfortable
If it is an inflatable mattress make sure you pack the bung.

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3/ Pillows and linen or a sleeping bag each
You can never be too comfortable.

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4/ A torch, lantern or both
Help to find your way around in the dark. Most tents don't have ensuites.

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5/ Credit/debit card & cash for accom. Some cards are not accepted up there
Soooo important.

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6/ Plates, cups, bowls, cutlery and a water container for each person
All handy items if you want to eat or drink.

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7/ Small folding table and folding chairs
Not needed if you are happy to pull up a stump.

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8/ Stubby cooler, plastic wine glass, tea/coffee mug, bib for messy ones
Handy when you need a drink.

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9/ Hammer, pegs, ground sheet, rope, shade net or tarp & toilet paper.
Not all that essential until you need some.

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Special Notes

- * *Please keep in mind we are not a fully serviced mobile tour. We are a 'charity Tag-Along on wheels'.*
- * *You will be expected to be self sufficient with your personal items , hygiene, camping and the time frame set for your meals.*
- * *Please read the restrictions on alcohol quantities allowed in designated indigenous communities north of the Jardine River and Lockhart area. Large fines apply for rule breakers. Details will be emailed to you.*
- * ***You WILL need sleeping facilities (bedding and a tent) for a minimum of three nights on this trip.***
- * *Please ensure you manage your hygiene by washing hands regularly and only drinking bottled water to ensure you have a pleasant trip.*
- * *Just4kids do take medical personnel on the trip. Do not hesitate to contact Peter in COMMS Alpha for any issues. All contact will be in strict confidence.*
- * *Please ensure you pack your 'Sense of Humour', 'Ability to get along with Others' & your 'Lack of Concern about Time' before departing on this trip and you will have a great time.*



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You Want to Bring a What?

- * Do you really, really, really need to tow a trailer??
- * Really??
- * Trailers are notorious for breaking their springs, stub axles and the rear windows of the tow vehicle. To protect your rear 4X4/car window from stones bouncing back from the trailer you need to place mesh facing down on the front of the trailer and also put corflute over the rear window on the outside.
- * You must get your trailer fully serviced. Check rubbers in shackles, springs and the tow hitch.
- * If you intend to do the Overland Telegraph Line (OTL) with a trailer, it will need to have an offroad hitch to prevent the trailer seperating from the ball coupling.
- * In being prepared, all Entrants towing a trailer are asked to carry / do the following. These items will be required to pass scrutineering prior to the event.

1/ At least one spare spring to suitably match the trailer.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2/ At least one spare set of 'U' bolts and nuts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3/ At least one spare stub axle to match the trailer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4/ At least one spare set of wheel bearings to suit the trailer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5/ One spare set of wheel nuts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6/ Offroad hitch - (Treg, Hyland, Al-ko) if doing the OTL.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What you need to know about your trailer before you leave.

- * Check your trailer's manufacture plate and do the homework now, in case you need to replace something.
- * Record all the information and put it in a place where you can find it easily.
- * Obtain model number, spring size, wheel and stud size, axle size, rim size and offset if the rims are such.
- * Find out the suppliers of parts for your trailer from Cairns, Townsville and Mareeba on the Tableland as there is a good Cape freighting service out of Mareeba to Weipa and Seisia.
- * You must have a dust light on your trailer that is switchable from the driving position and must not be white. A rotating amber light is acceptable. A trailer light does not exempt the vehicle from having a dust light.
- * The J4K number must be displayed on the rear of the trailer so rear oncoming vehicles can easily see the entry number. This number must be kept clean and visible.
- * The road to the Cape is littered with broken trailers & camper trailers. If you want to take your trailer home with you then read the above again and get started on your preparation but please treat it seriously.