



# Anglesea SLSC Policy Document

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## TITLE: Operation of 4WD Vehicle

### PURPOSE

To ensure Lifeguards, Patrol Captains and patrol members are aware of the use and safe operation of the 4WD vehicle.

### OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

#### Control:

During patrol hours the operation of the 4WD Patrol Vehicle comes under the control of the Patrol Captain. The Patrol Captain will nominate one person per patrol to be the designated driver. The designated driver must hold a license (provisional or open) suitable for that vehicle. It is preferable that the designated driver have an open licence

#### Passengers:

The vehicle shall carry only passengers who are logged on to the current patrol and who are at a minimum a qualified Radio Operator.

#### Responsibility:

The Patrol Captain is at all times responsible for the correct use and supervision of the 4WD Patrol Vehicle. Should the vehicle suffer damage, or cause damage to other property, whilst being operated outside this policy or normal traffic laws the driver may become liable to cover costs of repair.

#### Driving Speeds:

Crowded areas: **Max. Speed 5km/h**

- Hazard Lights must be on
- Driving to be as close to waters edge as possible
- Under no circumstances should the vehicle be driven in the water.

Uncrowded areas: **Max. Speed 20km/h**

- Hazard Lights must be on

Rescues: Speed limits as above must be observed  
Hazard Lights must be on

Public Roads: All normal traffic laws must be observed

**Seat belts must be worn at all times.**



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## Access and Egress to beach:

- a) Access and egress to beaches will be by suitably safe and adequately constructed tracks. Where ever possible the track should be checked for pedestrians and the passengers so positioned so as to warn pedestrians of the vehicles movements.
- b) The main beach boat ramp should form the main access route to and from the beach patrol area.
- c) The vehicle is not to be driven on any sand dunes or other protected areas.

## Positioning and Minimum Equipment:

During Patrol the 4WD is to be equipped as below and parked outside the first aid room facing toward the ramp to facilitate easy departure if called out to a remote rescue. Under NO circumstances is the vehicle to be parked on the beach during either patrols or lifeguard duty.

The 4WD Patrol Vehicle must remain equipped with the following:

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| a) Surf Rescue Board | e) Oxygen and Defibrillator Kit |
| b) Spinal Board      | f) Handheld Radio               |
| c) Rescue Tube       | g) Map of local area            |
| d) First Aid kit     |                                 |

## Patient Transport:

Although the 4WD may allow for safe transportation of patients, it should be remembered that it is not the vehicle's primary intended purpose. Use of an 4WD to transport a patient from the beach to the First Aid Room must be determined by a paramedic and/or the Patrol Captain to be safe and the most appropriate method for transportation. Patients can only be transported in the 4WD if they are seated in an appropriate seat wearing a seatbelt (patients are not to be transported in the 4WD tray).

## Preparation and Storage:

Prior to patrol the Patrol Captain should check:

- a. All minimum equipment is on board and serviceable.
- b. Oil, fuel and water levels are satisfactory.
- c. All lights are operating.
- d. Any mechanical defects are identified and reported to the Gear Steward.

Upon completion of patrol the vehicle should be:

- a) Thoroughly rinsed down including under the floor pan and wheel guards.
- b) All sand and rubbish removed from inside the vehicle.
- c) Equipment removed from vehicle and appropriately packed away in the gear shed/first aid room.



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- d) Fuel checked for immediate re-use in case of call out.
- e) Identify any maintenance or repair of the vehicle and notify the Gear Steward.

## **4WD Usage outside of Patrol Hours:**

Members using the 4WD outside of patrol hours must adhere to the same driving, preparation and storage requirements as patrol captains.

- a. Club members utilising the 4WD must write their name, contact number and time the vehicle was signed out on the logbook when using the 4WD.