



EVENT GUIDE

The Variety 4WD Explorer is a 12-14 day adventure taking 4WD vehicles and their drivers off the bitumen and on to challenging, yet fun, dirt roads and tracks. With an emphasis on the road less travelled, 4WD Explorers will navigate a safe, mapped & exciting course – soaking in the scenery, meeting the locals and having plenty of fun.

This Event Guide includes all the information you’ll need to know before you register to participate in the 2017 “Great Southern Land” Variety 4WD Explorer.



VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Low Range

All vehicles must have low range and suitable clearance for off-road driving conditions.

Radios

All vehicles must be fitted with a 40-channel UHF radio for safety and communication between vehicles

Lights

As the 4WD Explorer travels many dirt roads, it is essential that all cars are fitted with the following lights to allow for maximum visibility in off road conditions:

- 1 x High mounted brake light
- 1 x Flashing amber light, mounted high to the rear of the vehicle
- 1 x Rear mounted dust light – a white light mounted high at the rear of the vehicle and facing down

Recovery Gear & Tools

- All vehicles will be required to carry tyre deflators and an air compressor
- All vehicles will be required to carry MaxTrax or an equivalent product
- It is recommended that all vehicles bring a tool kit sufficient to carry out small repairs. Nuts, bolts, screws, spare fuses etc. are also recommended.

Fuel

Although not every day, all vehicles will need enough fuel capacity to travel long-range distances. Exact daily distances will be provided once the event survey is complete. You may carry jerry cans with extra fuel if your tank doesn't meet required capacity however ALL fuel must be carried on the outside of the vehicle. There is to be NO fuel carried inside the cabin of your vehicle.



VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS continued...

Wheels/Tyres

- All vehicles must carry two (2) spare wheels and a tyre repair kit
- All vehicles must carry a jack capable of lifting the fully loaded vehicle. It is also recommended to pack a board to rest the jack on should you find yourself in soft sand/soil.

Towing

- All vehicles must be fitted with front and rear towing hitches
- All vehicles must carry a heavy duty snatch strap
- All vehicles must carry two (2) x 3 tonne bow shackles

Safety & Luggage Storage

It is highly recommended each vehicle is fitted with an SAA approved Cargo Barrier or suitable alternative. You must ensure all luggage is stowed or secured appropriately to ensure it does not move in rough terrain.

First Aid & Fire Safety

- All vehicles must carry 20 litres of drinking water
- All vehicles are required to carry a basic first aid kit
- All vehicles must carry a fire extinguisher

Note: It is not the responsibility of Variety Queensland to ensure the vehicle you're driving is roadworthy, this is the responsibility of each vehicle owner/driver. It is recommended you service your vehicle just prior to the event.



FUNDRAISING, COSTS & ADMINISTRATION

- A \$550 non-refundable 'Application for Entry' Fee is required along with the completed 'Application for Entry' Form (per vehicle)
- Each 4WD vehicle is required to raise a minimum \$5,000 donation/contribution. We encourage every participant to raise as much as they can. The more money raised through the event, the more children we are able to assist!
- A provisions levy (payable per person) will be set closer to the event date and will include most meals, entertainment, merchandise, camping fees, some accommodation and a DVD of the event. This provisions levy is applicable to all event participants. ***Note: Donation monies cannot be used to pay entry fees or provisions levies*
- Where there is some accommodation available, but not enough for the entire group, Variety will make group accommodation 'holds' and will provide participants with the option to book additional accommodation above and beyond what is included in the provisions levy.
- All participants are required to fill in a 'Crew Form' which provides Variety with the necessary personal and medical information to maintain a safe event for all involved. These Crew Forms must be completed prior to the start of the event.



EVENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Entrant Requirements

In the interest of safety, insurance and event management, the requests and directions of all people designated by Variety to be 'Officials' must be observed at all times.

All participants must be eighteen (18) years of age or older and each vehicle must have a minimum of two (2) people and no more than the car legally allows

Litter

Litter is not to be thrown from any vehicle. Carry all litter with you and dispose carefully at the next appropriate spot.

Road Rules

The Variety 4WD Explorer is not exempt from the normal road rules. Infringements of speed and blood alcohol limits can be prosecuted by the police. Event Officials may, at any time, carry out random breath tests and all drivers agree, by entering to take part in the event, to submit to such tests conducted by these Officials.

Firearms

Participants are prohibited from carrying firearms on any Variety event

Fireworks

Fireworks are a hazard to the environment and human safety and are banned from any Variety event. Licensed fireworks displays organised and approved by the Event Director will be the only exception.



EVENT RULES AND REGULATIONS continued...

Flares

Flares are for emergency use only.

Registration & Insurance

All vehicles must have current registration covering the period of the 4WD Explorer and must have, at a minimum, third party property insurance.

Routes & Tampering

The Explorer Route is that set by the Event Director with the approval of road owners and authorities. If these roads are affected by adverse weather conditions, Officials will liaise with local Councils, Station Owners/Managers and any other appropriate bodies to determine an alternative route.

We are the guests of property owners and local communities and care must be taken. Please leave gates as you find them. If you do accidentally cause damage you are asked to report such damage to an Event Official immediately to ensure arrangements can be made to compensate the Landowner for damage.

Participants will never:

- Affix advertising decals or stickers to gates and signs
- Wire shut or padlock boundary and paddock gates
- Smear grease or other substances over gates or accessories
- Tamper with road or event signage
- Tamper with other participants vehicles or personal property

Participants who bring discredit to the 4WD Explorer and/or Variety (by breaking the law or behaving in a dangerous manner) may be asked to withdraw and must do so immediately upon request by the Event Director. This may also result in exclusion from future Variety events.



EVENT OFFICIALS

The Variety 4WD Explorer has a team of Officials who are primarily focused on ensuring everyone gets to the finish line safely and while having a good time. The number of Officials is selected to ensure the safety of all participants. Officials also raise funds, they cheerfully put up with the ramblings of the Event Director and more often than not, work long hours and miss out on a lot of the fun!

The basis of our 'Safety System' is the tracking of event entrants from start to finish each day. Outback Australia can be a harsh and potentially dangerous environment and it is important all entrants are accounted for. Any entrants not accounted for at checkpoints along the way will be notified to the Event Director and action taken to commence searching for you. Please be certain your vehicle is checked in at all the checkpoints throughout the event.

A NORMAL EXPLORER DAY

The 4WD Explorer is, for the most part, a holiday. It is a chance to experience everything the Australian countryside has to offer, whilst giving you the chance to make a difference to the lives of Aussie kids along the way.

The days are designed to make the most of your time and are divided into AM and PM sections. Sightseeing and fun stops are indicated on your daily run sheet as well as interesting facts about the areas we visit.

Evening meals and festivities are a great time to mix with other event participants. You will, without fail, depart the Variety 4WD Explorer with new friendships that will last a lifetime!



HOW DO I SIGN UP?

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the 2017 "Great Southern Land" Variety 4WD Explorer, please contact the Variety Queensland office on 07 3907 9300 or info@varietyqld.org.au

