



Adelaide Jeep Club Trip Briefing

1. GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION

Destination:	Darling River Run	Dates: Sat 30 th Sept – Tues 10 th Oct, 2017
Trip Leader:	John Cullen	Trip Rating (see attached): C
Trip Summary:	<p>The Darling River Run is an iconic trip that follows the Darling River from Wentworth, VIC and travels up to Bourke, NSW.</p> <p>We will be travelling on a mixture of bitumen and dirt roads, staying at a mixture of caravan parks and Station Stays including the famous Trilby Station.</p> <p>We will also be visiting Kinchega National Park at Menindee, an option to do Mungo National Park, visit the Back O' Bourke Centre, and have the option to travel on the paddle steamer P.S Jandra.</p> <p>If you would like the itinerary you can e-mail me at: johncullen@cullenre.com.au</p>	

2. TERRAIN AND DRIVER / VEHICLE COMPETENCY RATING

The type(s) and associated difficulty of terrain and track features likely to be encountered on the trip include:	Easy to Moderate	Difficult to Advanced	Extreme
Winding bush tracks	X		
Sand driving			
Outback dirt / gravel road driving	X	X (if wet)	
Mud driving			
Rocky terrain / boulders			
Hill descents or ascents			
Water crossings			
Deep ruts or other clearance requirements			

Note: X indicates obstacle must be completed, O indicates hazard may be bypassed and is not necessary to complete trip.

Is the trip likely to optionally involve or demand any of the following?	Yes / No	Detail
Remote area travel, including:		Plenty of fuel available along the route Supplies can be bought along the way Optus sucks, Telstra are probably ok
- Long distance between fuel stops (add detail)	No	
- Limited water availability	No	
- Travel outside mobile phone coverage	Yes	
Is the trip suitable for the following?	Yes / No	Detail
On-road trailers, camper trailers and caravans	Yes	A fair bit of dirt road travel
Off-road trailers, camper trailers and caravans	Yes	

3. REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED VEHICLE PREPARATION AND EQUIPMENT

In addition to the Club's Standard Minimum Equipment requirements (see attachment), each vehicle should / must carry or be equipped with:	Recommended	Mandatory
Long Handled Shovel	X	
Sand Flag	-	
Water Blind	-	
Second Spare Tyre	-	
Air Compressor		X

4. CLOSING DATE / MAXIMUM NUMBERS

This trip is limited to the following number of vehicles	-
Applications to join the trip will close strictly on the following date:	September Club Meeting



Adelaide Jeep Club Trip Rating Guide and Standard Minimum Vehicle Equipment Requirement

TRIP RATING GUIDE*		
RATING	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
E Grade	EASY 1 — 3	Road and track conditions not likely to impede vehicle progress and able to be negotiated by a standard 4WD equipped with Highway Tyres and an inexperienced driver. Minimal High Range 4WD expected. Low Range 4WD not likely to be needed.
D Grade	MODERATE 3 — 5	Road and track conditions requiring frequent use of High Range 4WD and occasional to regular use of Low Range 4WD but suitable for standard Jeep vehicles and drivers with limited 4WD experience or training.
C Grade	DIFFICULT 5 — 7	More demanding driving conditions that can be negotiated by standard Jeep 4WD vehicles but requiring experienced and well trained drivers. Advanced driving techniques may be required and vehicle recovery may be necessary. All Terrain tyres are recommended to avoid tyre damage. Special requirements may be specified by the Trip Leader.
B Grade	ADVANCED 7 — 9	Traction and control difficulties likely to be encountered requiring a modified and suitably equipped vehicle – minimum requirement All Terrain tyres, higher ground clearance / suspension lift and a very experienced or well trained driver. Vehicle recovery is very likely. Other special requirements may be specified by the Trip Leader.
A Grade	EXTREME 10	As for B Grade, except that potentially hazardous track conditions may be encountered and vehicle damage is a possibility. Vehicles must have high ground clearance and minimum 31" Mud Terrain type tyres and have self recovery (diff lock/s and/or winch) or other requirements may be specified by the Trip Leader. Drivers must be very experienced or well trained.

* Adapted from Melbourne Jeep Owners Club, with permission.

STANDARD MINIMUM* VEHICLE EQUIPMENT		
EACH VEHICLE IS REQUIRED TO CARRY THE FOLLOWING FOR ALL CLUB TRIPS	Recommended	Mandatory
UHF Radio		X
Rated front and rear Recovery Points		X
Snatch Strap		X
Load-sharing Bridle (if appropriate)	X	
Rated Shackles (unless hooks front and rear)		X
Spare Tyre		X
First Aid Kit		X
Fire Extinguisher		X

* Note: Additional Equipment may be specified by the Trip Leader.