

4WD Adventurers Club Child policy

General

The 4WD Adventurers Club considers itself to be a family friendly club. Because the core activities of the club involve adults, the inclusion of children is only a result of their Parents or Guardians attendance at these club events.

In addition, child involvement in activities is not directly influenced by Club Officers as it occurs within the sphere of control of their Parents or Guardians in their vehicle and accommodation.

Child Club Status

Children, that is persons under 18 years of age, are to be considered as Guests. It is the practice of the 4WD Adventurers Club that many of the rights open to Members are **not** available to children, e.g.

- To be listed on Club Records or to be issued Club Nametags (for Privacy Reasons),
- To attend Club Meetings, Trips or Events on their own,
- To vote at General Meetings or Annual General Meetings,
- To occupy a Committee or an Appointed Position or any other Club Officer role,
- To be a Trip Leader or Event Organiser or perform any Assisting role,
- To negotiate Membership,
- To undergo Club formal or informal Driver Training.

Child Supervision

At all Club Events Children must be supervised at all times by a Parent or nominated Guardian. The duty to exercise proper control or supervision over a child (or children) lies with the Parent or Guardian.

Parents and Guardians must also ensure that directions they give their child are lawful and conform with 4WD Codes of Conduct, and the rules and principles of the Club, including that of providing a Safe Environment.

Safe Environment

The Club endeavours to provide a secure and safe environment for Members, Visitors, and Guests. By the very nature of the Club's activities, there is a requirement for a level of judgement by participants.

While the Club supports the rights of the child it is the responsibility of the Parents or Guardians to ensure that a child safe environment is maintained.

Working with Children Checks

As there is no Club demand for Child based activities, the Club has determined that it will not pursue "Working with Children Checks" (or Police Screening) for any of its Committee, Appointed Officers, Training Officers, Trip Leaders, Event Organisers or any other club functionary or members.

As children are expected to be in the care of their Parents or Guardians at all times at Club Events it is they who will provide adequate supervision and protection.

Taking Images Of Children

Club Event participants must obtain permission from a child's Parent or Guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own. Permission must be sought from the Parents or Guardians of the children before using any images. Parents or Guardians must also be informed as to how the image will be used. This includes all forms of Social Media.

Privacy For Children

With the exception of Trip Records for Public Liability Insurance purposes, the Club will not record or otherwise identify a child or publish personal information, such as the names, residential address, email address or telephone number, this includes details about a child's hobbies, interests, school etc.

Driver Training

The club only offers formal and informal Driving Training to adults. Parents or Guardians may provide instruction to appropriately licensed children.

Unattended Children

Should a club member discover an unattended child they should take reasonable steps to care for the child. They should avoid being alone with the child and seek assistance from another club member. If they can't quickly find a parent or guardian they should seek assistance from the trip leader. Regardless of the outcome, the trip leader should be informed as soon as practical.