

Community Safety Message

Travelling in the Outback

Driving on the highways and roads of Outback Australia can pose hazards and conditions you may never have encountered before. This could make the trip unique and memorable but to Stay On Track Outback when driving pay special attention to the following:

- **Drive to road conditions** – conditions and quality can change quickly with hazards like soft edges, road works, water over roads, smoke hazards and surfaces changing from bitumen to gravel and narrowing from dual lane to single lane roads.
- **Take care when towing** – towing a camper trailer, caravan or boat on outback roads can be challenging, particularly with varying road conditions and when passing or attempting to overtake heavy vehicles.
- **Watch out for wildlife and livestock on the road** – wildlife and livestock often cross or feed near the edge of outback roads. Plan your trip to avoid driving at night or at dusk or dawn.
- **Share the road safely with heavy vehicles** – when a road train is coming towards you on a single lane road, avoid stone damage to your windscreen by slowing down and moving over to the left, or pulling over and stopping to give the road train the room it needs. When a wide load is coming towards you, slow down and find a safe spot to move off the road and stop to allow the load safely past.
- **Remember the 'Fatal Five'** – speed, alcohol and drugs, fatigue, not wearing a seatbelt, and driver distraction and inattention remain the biggest risk factors for most road crashes.



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