



Roadrunner Car Club Inc.
Social Run - Convoy Protocol
TO ENJOY YOUR DRIVE PLEASE OBSERVE THE
FOLLOWING

1. Social Runs start early for a reason- so that we can enjoy the roads with less traffic and more safety for all. Please display courtesy to ALL other road users.

2. Please drive with your headlights on low beam. Other non-club traffic will recognise you as part of a group and may wave you through (please wave a thanks)

3. At traffic lights line up in TWO lanes and accelerate away to allow as many cars behind you to get through the lights.

4. On two lane roads, please use BOTH lanes to reduce the length of your group. Please do this without impeding other road users.

5. Use your indicators in plenty of time to alert other members of the convoy.

6. Your group leader is experienced and knows the route. Their role is to maintain a constant pace for the group that is suited to the road conditions. Your group leader will NOT drive too fast and will be in phone contact with the last car (the tail gunner) in your group constantly.

7. Each driver should endeavour to keep the same constant speed as the leader so that the group does not constantly suffer the “rubber band” effect- This is caused when following cars do not maintain the same constant average speed of the leader. In a short time span and distance this may force cars at the back to increase speed in order to keep up. It has been proven that smaller groups that slow/stop briefly & intermittently (at junctions) reduce this effect and allow a better, safer and more enjoyable drive for all participants.

8. **If you are uncomfortable with the speed in your group, then proceed at your own pace.** In this case, please allow the cars behind you to pass you (wave them passed) in order to re-connect with the leader. You can be certain that your group leader will stop intermittently in a safe location to re-bunch your group. Remember: YOU are responsible for the how you drive your car and the consequences of your decisions. The club facilitates an enjoyable drive event- please drive per the conditions.

9. **VERY IMPORTANT-** When making any turns DO NOT LEAVE THE INTERSECTION until the vehicle behind you indicates they are making the turn too. This is good convoy manners. Your efforts to maintain visual contact with the vehicle front and behind will ensure no one gets lost.
FAILURE TO DO THIS IS THE NUMBER ONE REASON CONVOYS GET LOST

10. If somebody pulls over or there is an incident. DO NOT pull over to assist (UNLESS IT IS SERIOUS), please use a mobile phone to contact the group leader. The Tail gunner in each group will assist any breakdowns. Your role is to continue on to re-connect with your group leader who will stop in a safe location whilst the situation is handled by the tail gunner who is experienced and prepared.

11. If you any comments with any aspects of the event then tell your group leader or event organiser, but please do it in a positive way. We are all trying to make SRs better with each one we do.

12. Finally, RELAX and enjoy the day with your passengers, your car and your club mates.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO KNOW WHEN CHECKING IN ON THE DAY

1. RCC requires ALL participants (members & guests) check in with the drive coordinator immediately upon arrival at the start location.
2. The RCC requires all GUESTS or non- members (drivers & passengers) to follow club protocols.

GROUP ROLES

Your Group Leader (GL) has either driven the route on a “recce run” or is an experienced leader who has been well briefed on the route.

A reliable person will be tasked to be LAST car in the group- the “tail gunner” (TG). The TG will be given a radio or the GL’s telephone number allowing the group leader to know what is happening at the back of THEIR group.

The GL will set the pace of the group by communicating by radio or phone with their TG.

The event organiser will endeavour to allocate the cars into groups of similar performing vehicles, to prevent frustration between the drivers who enjoy differing driving experiences.

The Group leaders will take responsibility for THEIR group’s enjoyment of the event and address any issues within the group.

BREAKDOWN & INCIDENT PROTOCOL

If a car breaks down (or has an incident) in a group, the Tail gunner will stop and telephone the Group Leader immediately. NOTE: We do NOT want 3-4 cars stopping to help, unless serious. This creates a potential safety issue on the road. Let the Tail Gunner handle the situation

When notified, the group leader will pull their group over in a safe location and wait a MAXIMUM of 15 minutes for the breakdown to get mobile again.

After 15 minutes (if the car is not running) the Tail Gunner will inform the Leader and the group will continue on.

At this point the Tail Gunner will ensure that the "breakdown" knows:

1. Where they are
2. Has a phone to contact RACQ or other help
3. Has water whilst they wait for assistance.

The Tail Gunner will then resume the run and catch up (best as they can) with their group at the next stop.

All participants are requested to make a reasonable effort to drive a reliable and roadworthy car and also should have membership of a breakdown service company.

The day before the event please ensure you:

1. have a full tank of fuel
2. check your tyres
3. engine fluids
4. Loaded a bottle of drinking water.

**THANK YOU BEING PART OF ANOTHER RCC SOCIAL RUN
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK AT THE PRE-RUN BRIEFING.**