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## Rockhampton 4WD Training - Capability Statement

### Company Overview

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Protect the safety of your employees while reducing vehicle costs and addressing Work Health and Safety obligations. As specialist 4WD driver trainers, we provide your staff with the skills and knowledge to competently operate 4WD vehicles in the field, to avoid dangerous situations and safely recover vehicles if things don't go to plan.

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Rockhampton 4WD Training is a relatively new arrival in Rockhampton, however, Chief Trainer Tony Davys has many years' experience in the 4WD industry, having owned a 4WD hire business in New Zealand for 8 years before becoming a 4WD instructor and tour guide based in NSW in 2015.

We specialise in Corporate and Government 4WD driver training, offering Nationally Accredited, Statement of Attainment competencies. We guarantee that attendees will learn how to effectively operate 4WD vehicles in the field under a range of conditions.

We run training courses at a bush property near Rockhampton, but can also run courses at other locations on request, provided there is access to appropriate terrain. Customers are trained in their own or company vehicles or 4WDs can be hired locally if necessary.

### Our Health and Safety Policy Statement

Rockhampton 4WD Training is committed to upholding safe workplace practices. We believe that the well-being of people employed at work is a priority and must be considered during all work performed. People are our most important asset and work health and safety is everyone's responsibility.



## Customer Service Commitment

Rockhampton 4WD Training is committed to providing a high level of customer service. For us, that means training is all about making sure our customers come away from our courses with the knowledge and confidence to safely operate 4WD vehicles under a range of environmental situations.

## Experience Overview



Between 2014 and 2019, while working for Great Divide Tours 4WD Driver Training in NSW, Tony was involved in training a wide range of Corporate and Government customers including the National Parks and Wildlife Service, NSW State Emergency Service, Australian Defence Force, Australian Federal Police, Snowy Hydro, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Councils, power supply companies, spraying contractors, gas and oil exploration, mineral exploration, archeologists and geologists. More details of notable past projects are on page 4.

Literally hundreds of private recreational 4WD users also came away from training over this time with a huge boost in confidence in the operation of their vehicles.

Tony holds a **Certificate IV in 4WD Training and Assessing** as well as a **Tourism Degree** and a **Masters Degree in Wildlife Management**. He also has

extensive knowledge and experience of practical 4WD use in the field, having lead over 20 tag-along tours into remote and isolated locations all over Australia, with up to 8 customer vehicles for as long as a month per trip.

## Our Business Relationships

Rockhampton Tours and 4WD Training is supported and promoted by **Advance Rockhampton**, the business promotion arm of the Rockhampton Regional Council. We also receive generous support from our sponsors, **Newsome's Tyre and Mechanical**, **Cooper Tyres Australia** and **SupaFit Seat Covers**, with whom we have developed strong working relationships. We provide accredited training through our training partner **IM Training Rockhampton** (RTO 70023).

## Services

- **1 Day 4WDing Skills Course**

*\$495 per person (includes Statement of Attainment)*

Unit of competency: *TLIC2025 Operate 4WD Vehicles*

Additions: Vehicle recovery or Outback dirt road defensive driving

Nationally Recognised Qualification for **Government and Corporate** employees who are required to drive a 4WD vehicle for work purposes. Addresses Work Health and Safety obligations.

Provides a practical understanding of 4WD operation, increases driver confidence and reduces the occurrence of accidents and damage.

Covering a range of topics, this mainly practical course provides attendees with the knowledge and skills to safely drive 4WD vehicles in the field, as well as the option of vehicle recoveries or outback dirt road defensive driving.

- **1 Day Resources and Infrastructure Industry (RII) 4WD Course.**

*\$495 per person (includes Statements of Attainment)*

Units of competency: *RIIVEH201D Operate Light Vehicle*

*RIIVEH305E Operate and maintain a four wheel drive vehicle*

Nationally Recognised Qualification for **Industry and Corporate** employees who are required to drive a 4WD vehicle for work purposes, often **in remote and isolated situations**. While tailored towards the resources sector, this course can also be utilised by a number of other business types as it covers a wide range of skills such as:

Pre-departure checks; minimising environmental impacts; journey management; practical four wheel driving skills; driving in a range of terrain; vehicle recovery techniques; travelling in convoy; and performing maintenance and repairs on vehicles



## **Notable Past Projects**

### **ACT State Emergency Service**

Tony was involved in “training the trainers” on several occasions over his 4 years when he was employed at Great Divide Tours 4WD Training Centre in NSW. Specific duties in this role required Tony to advise on appropriate 4WD and recovery techniques and act as a safety officer while the SES trainers gained their qualification by actually training their staff members.

Below is a testimonial from one of the SES training coordinators.

### **Australian Federal Police**

Tony was involved in Nationally Accredited Statement of Attainment training for the AFP for 4 years during his role as 4WD Instructor in NSW. The staff members trained were not only active members of the Police, but also AFP Police Rescue, DFAT, foreign associates, and disaster relief advisors.

These staff members are often required to travel to the Pacific Islands at short notice in the event of natural disasters to render assistance. Generally operating in less than ideal conditions, they must be able to confidently operate a range of different 4WD types.

### **Australian Defence Force**

Nationally Recognised training was also provided by Tony to the combined members of the Australian Defence Force before their deployment to South Sudan in Africa. Due to the extreme nature of the country, both climatic and the human population, ADF members had to be confident in the operation of 4WDs in all kinds of situations.

From the feedback we received from military staff who went there on deployment, our training proved to be very beneficial, as their location is usually either a dust bowl or a mud hole, depending on the season.

### ***Client Testimonial - Steve Wheatley, ACT State Emergency Service***

To whom it may concern.

My name is Stephen Wheatley. I am a member of the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) Queanbeyan unit, have been for 7 years and was for a period of time a training Co-ordinator within the unit. My role was to provide the required training to enable members of the unit to carry out their duties depending on their qualifications. One of the qualifications required for members was the need to be able to operate safely and correctly a 4WD vehicle. These courses were sometimes held in house with trainers provided by the unit or other units. However, on occasions and to keep up to date with the latest advances in 4WD technologies and techniques, we did source our training from outside 4wd training centres.

The training centre that we used for all our outsourced training was Great Divide Tours and 4WD Training. We selected Great Divide as the staff are extremely knowledgeable in the latest technologies and techniques regarding 4WD training.



We conducted several 4WD courses at Great Divide. One of the main instructors was Tony Davys. I found Tony to be a very good instructor, his knowledge regarding 4WDing, his teaching style and his personality made it a very enjoyable experience. He didn't just pass on his experience and knowledge of 4WD driving techniques but also vehicle preparation, trip planning, breakdown procedures and how to survive if in trouble, vehicle maintenance, plus a host of other important tips and personnel knowledge. It is due to Great Divide and more specifically Tony's knowledge and experience that the unit has very well trained and competent 4WD operators.

I expressed an interest in becoming a 4WD instructor with the SES and as such was given the chance to instruct on a course that was being held at Great Divide's training centre. Tony was extremely helpful by mentoring me while I was instructing on this course. It was with his help that I qualified as a 4WD instructor within the SES.

Tony has now started his on 4WD tour and training company in Rockhampton. As such I would highly recommend his company for any future 4WD theory and practical training and on any trip preparation or tours.

If you have any questions regarding this testimonial please feel free to contact me on 0421783188

Steve Wheatley

## **Insurances Held**

\$20m Public Liability Insurance

\$5m Indemnity Insurance

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**Please contact Tony at Rockhampton 4WD Training to discuss your staff training requirements.**