



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Tourists Bogged On Arltunga Road

A Parks and Wildlife ranger has urged tourists to drive safely on remote Territory roads after a German couple bogged their 4WD in central Australia recently.

Arltunga Historical Reserve ranger in charge Tony Magor said the couple tried to drive around a pool of water in the middle of the road 110kms east of Alice Springs which only made things worse for the tourists.

“The couple had recently spent some time in the Top End and said crocodiles were still fresh in the back of their mind,” Mr Magor said.

“So they thought they would avoid the water by driving around it and that is how they got bogged.

“The road was softer and the water was deeper along the sides and the 4WD Hilux Camper looked close to tipping when I came along a short while later.

“We tried a few different things to get the vehicle out but what worked in the end was digging the low side under the back bumper to allow a rock and hi-lift jack to be put under the bumper and jack the vehicle up.

“This allowed the back wheels and axle to lift high out of the mud.

“Rocks were placed under the back wheels and some rocks were placed near the front driver wheel as it was too hard to find a lifting point at the front side of the car, seeing the body was not that strong.

“After two attempted snatch strap pulls of the vehicle it came free and was driven to the middle of the road which was the hardest part of the surface.”

Mr Magor said even though this incident was rare it was still important for tourists to know how to avoid and get out of trouble when various situations presented.

“Tourists can simply ask locals or local information centres on what to expect on certain roads and what they should do to limit the need for being rescued,” Mr Magor said.

“Simply walking through the water to check the road conditions with their feet would have prevented this situation.

“At least no one was hurt in this situation and the couple was able to drive away with a valuable experience behind them.”

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