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## ABOUT US

Thank you for choosing Club 4x4 to help protect your vehicle. We are committed to providing customised insurance products that suit the needs of a 4x4 enthusiast. This product has been designed specifically for 4x4 drivers to provide peace of mind on your adventures and everyday driving, with market leading coverage inclusions and options.

### About Club 4x4

Club 4x4 Pty Ltd (ABN 41 606 776 274 AR 1235616) (Club 4x4) is an authorised representative of The Hollard Insurance Company Pty Ltd (ABN 78 090 584 473 AFSL 241436) (Hollard), authorised to promote, deal in and provide general advice on general insurance products. Club 4x4 has agreed to the use of its name for this insurance product, who act on behalf of Hollard and not on your behalf.

Club 4x4 is not authorised to provide any personal advice to you about whether the insurance is right for your needs.

### About Hollard

Club 4x4 Comprehensive Motor Insurance is underwritten by Hollard who is authorised under the Insurance Act 1973 (Cth) to conduct insurance business in Australia. That Act establishes a system of financial supervision of general insurers in Australia. As an authorised insurer, Hollard is regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority.

Hollard is also regulated under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and it holds an Australian Financial Services Licence (AFS Licence) issued pursuant to that Act. As a holder of an AFS Licence, (AFSL 241436) Hollard is also regulated by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

To contact Hollard, write to Locked Bag 2010, St. Leonards NSW 1590.

### About AI

AI Insurance Holdings Pty Limited (ABN 78 135 243 364) (AI) is a holder of an AFS Licence (AFSL 379465) and is authorised to deal in and provide general advice on general insurance products.

AI has a binding authority from Hollard to arrange, issue, vary, cancel and administer general insurance policies and handle or settle claims on Hollard's behalf. This means AI acts as if it were Hollard provided it acts within the binder. In doing so, AI acts on behalf of Hollard and not on your behalf.



AI is not authorised to provide any personal advice to you about whether the insurance is right for your needs.

**About this Product Disclosure Statement (PDS):**

This PDS:

- tells you about Club 4x4’s Comprehensive Motor Insurance policy to help you decide if the cover is right for you and whether to use the financial services we provide; and
- contains information about the remuneration received by Club 4x4 and other entities involved in the distribution of the insurance, the services Club 4x4 offers and how any complaint you have is dealt with.

This document was prepared on 1 October 2015 and is authorised for issue by Hollard. Any advice provided in this document is general only, does not take into account your individual circumstances and may not be right for you.

You should carefully read this document, and any other documentation we send you to determine if this insurance is appropriate for you. Keep them in a safe place for future reference.

Once you have purchased this insurance, then:

- this document;
- the Certificate of Insurance (which sets out details special to you); and
- any other document which we tell you forms part of the terms and conditions of your insurance, will form the contract between you and us (the policy).

By contracting with us for your policy you confirm and warrant that you have read and agreed (or will read before the end of the cooling-off period) the policy documents provided to you.

If any information on your Certificate of Insurance is incorrect or incomplete, please contact us immediately.

If you have any questions regarding the policy or you have not received any document that forms part of the policy, please contact us immediately (contact details are provided on the back cover).

**WHAT WE COVER**

We will cover the following, subject to the terms and conditions (including any exclusions and other limitations) of the policy during the period of insurance:

Insured events	How your claim is settled
Loss (of) or damage to your vehicle as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a collision;</li> <li>• an accident;</li> <li>• fire;</li> <li>• theft;</li> <li>• malicious damage or vandalism;</li> <li>• wind, storm, lightning, hail, earthquake, tsunami, flood or any other natural weather event.</li> </ul>	Once we have decided to accept the claim we may at our discretion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repair your vehicle. If we choose to repair your vehicle, we reserve the right to arrange for repairs to be carried out by a repairer of our choice if we deem that your repairer's quote is not competitive or we do not believe that they can satisfactorily repair your vehicle. We do not guarantee repairs that have been undertaken by a repairer whom we have not approved;</li> <li>• settle your claim by paying for the reasonable cost of repairs;</li> <li>• pay to you an amount equal to the reasonable cost of repairs; or</li> <li>• pay to you the value of your vehicle as specified on your Certificate of Insurance;</li> <li>• choose to declare your vehicle a total loss and cash settle you for the insured value;</li> <li>• authorise the use of any combination of original manufacturer, used or replacement parts in the repair of your vehicle, depending on the make, model, age and condition of your vehicle. Where parts are not available in Australia and require importation, we will pay for the cost of surface freight only. Where parts are unavailable and the repair cannot be completed, we will pay you the listed price of the part or parts in question, as at the date of settlement;</li> </ul>

Insured events	How your claim is settled
<p>Loss (of) or damage to your vehicle as a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a collision;</li> <li>• an accident;</li> <li>• fire;</li> <li>• theft;</li> <li>• malicious damage or vandalism;</li> <li>• wind, storm, lightning, hail, earthquake, tsunami, flood or any other natural weather event <i>cont'd</i>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• require you to contribute towards the cost of repairing or replacing tyres, engines, accessories, paintwork, bodywork, radiators, batteries or interior trims that have been affected by wear and tear or rust and corrosion. The amount you are required to contribute will be determined by the amount of wear and tear or rust and corrosion that is evident when the incident occurs.</li> </ul> <p>Where the claim relates to your vehicle's windscreen, sunroof or window glass, we will decide whether to repair or replace the windscreen, sunroof or window glass or pay you the repair or replacement cost.</p> <p>If your vehicle is stolen and it is not recovered within 21 days from the time that you reported its theft to us, and we accept your claim, then we will declare your vehicle a total loss and settle the claim accordingly (see "Making a claim").</p> <p>If we determine that your vehicle is a total loss we will deduct any outstanding balance of the annual premium payable in relation to the period of insurance if you had been paying your premium by periodic instalments as well as the unexpired portion of your:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– vehicle's registration; and</li> <li>– compulsory third party insurance;</li> </ul> <p>from your claim settlement.</p> <p>We may at our option, pay from any claim settlement any sum owed to a financier or legal owner of the vehicle.</p>

### Additional benefits

If we accept a claim for loss (of) or damage to your vehicle, we will also provide the following additional benefits subject to the other terms and conditions (including any exclusions and other limitations) of the policy:

Additional benefits	How your claim is settled
Towing and storage costs as a result of loss or damage	<p>If your vehicle cannot be driven as a result of loss or damage sustained and we accept your claim for that loss or damage, we will cover the reasonable cost of towing your vehicle to the nearest repairer or safe place. We will also cover the reasonable cost of storing your vehicle, however, you must notify us immediately if your vehicle is being stored. We may reduce the amount we pay under this benefit if we consider that you were able to inform us that your vehicle has been stored, but you failed and/or neglected to do so.</p>
Vehicle hire cover as a result of theft	<p>If your vehicle has been stolen and your claim has been accepted, we will assist you in hiring a similar vehicle for up to 21 days. The maximum amount we will pay under this benefit is \$180 per day.</p> <p>You are required to enter into a contract with a licenced vehicle hire company and pay for it yourself. We will not pay you for any costs that we have not agreed to prior to you entering into the contract with the vehicle hire company. Other rental conditions may apply including a daily kilometres allowance, limitations on authorised drivers, pick-up location and return of the vehicle to a specific pick-up location. You need to make sure you adhere to these conditions as we will not be responsible for your failure to do so.</p>

Additional benefits	How your claim is settled
Vehicle hire cover as a result of theft <i>cont'd.</i>	<p>We will not pay for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any costs for damage or applicable excesses that you may be liable for under your vehicle hire contract;</li> <li>insurance, fuel, running costs or any additional costs of the hire vehicle;</li> <li>loss, damage or legal liability arising from usage of the hire vehicle;</li> <li>hire vehicle costs incurred as a result of unreasonable delay by you.</li> </ul> <p>This benefit ceases on the earliest of when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>we have settled your claim; or</li> <li>we have paid the maximum benefit for vehicle hire cover.</li> </ul>
Modifications and accessories (where applicable)	We will pay the reasonable costs incurred by you to repair or replace modifications and/or accessories lost or damaged as a result of an insured event, up to the amount stipulated on the Certificate of Insurance.
New vehicle replacement - within 24 months	If you are the first registered owner of the vehicle and it is declared a total loss within 24 months of the original registration in your name and the loss is as a result of an event covered under your comprehensive cover, we will replace your vehicle with a new one of the same make, model and specification if available locally. In addition, we will pay all on road costs including registration and compulsory third party insurance.
Substitute vehicle - TPPD cover	In the event your vehicle cannot be driven because your vehicle is being repaired following an insured event and you are involved in an accident while using an uninsured registered substitute vehicle which you have legal use of, we will provide cover for Third Party Property Damage in relation to the use of the substitute vehicle.

Additional benefits	How your claim is settled
Substitute vehicle - TPPD cover <i>cont'd.</i>	This benefit does not apply where the substitute vehicle is the subject of a hire agreement or is owned by you. There is no cover under this benefit for the substitute vehicle.
Transit cover	We will pay for loss or damage to your vehicle occurring while it is being transported - including loading and unloading, by road, rail, ship or air - between any places in Australia. We will also pay your contributions to any general average and shipping charges where maritime conditions apply. We will pay up to the limit shown on your comprehensive Certificate of Insurance.
Personal effects cover	We will pay up to \$500 for loss or damage to personal effects which were in your vehicle at the time of the loss or damage.
Emergency travel & accommodation costs	<p>If, as a result of a covered claim, your vehicle cannot be driven and you are more than 250 kilometres from your home, we will pay up to \$500 in total for necessary and reasonable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>travel costs to return you and your family who were in your vehicle to your home;</li> <li>emergency accommodation for you and your family members who were in your vehicle.</li> </ul>
Baby capsule and child vehicle seat	We will cover you for loss or damage of up to a maximum of \$500 (per insured event) for a baby capsule or child seat fitted to your vehicle at the time of an insured event.
Essential repairs	We will pay up to \$1,000 for essential repairs to restore your vehicle, following a covered claim, to a roadworthy and safe condition so that you may drive to your intended destination.
Faultless excess	<p>You will not have to pay an excess in relation to an insured event if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>you or the driver of your vehicle was not at fault and we agree that another party was at fault; and</li> </ul>

Additional benefits	How your claim is settled
Faultless excess <i>cont'd.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>you can provide the name, vehicle registration number, phone number and residential address of the person(s) we agree is at fault.</li> </ul>
Trailer cover	We will pay up to \$1000 for loss or damage to a trailer whilst attached to your vehicle at the time of loss or damage to your vehicle. This benefit does not cover property being carried in or on the trailer.

The following additional benefits apply regardless of whether or not we accept a claim for loss (of) or damage to your vehicle, subject to the other terms and conditions (including any exclusions and other limitations) of the policy:

Additional benefits	How your claim is settled
Off-road recovery costs	<p>If your vehicle suffers a mechanical failure, becomes stuck or cannot be driven and you require assistance from a third party to transport, tow or recover your vehicle while driving off-road, we will reimburse you the costs incurred to transport, tow or recover the vehicle to the nearest gazetted road.</p> <p>An excess of \$200 will be applied to any payment we make which, under this additional benefit, is limited to one (1) claim per policy period, up to a maximum of \$1,500.</p>
Locks and keys	<p>If your vehicle keys are stolen during the period of Insurance, we will pay the cost of replacing the keys and/or recoding your vehicle locks. This benefit is only payable if the theft of the keys has been reported to the police and the keys were not stolen by a family member, invitee or person who normally resides with you. We will pay up to \$1,000 for any one claim.</p> <p>This benefit is subject to an excess of \$200.</p>

Additional benefits	How your claim is settled
Australia wide personal effects cover	<p>We will pay up to \$2,000 for accidental loss or damage to personal effects belonging to you anywhere in Australia. This additional benefit applies to personal items that are meant to be carried, worn or used whilst touring in your vehicle. An excess of \$500 will be applied to any payment we make which under this additional benefit is limited to two (2) claims per policy period and up to a maximum of \$1,000 per Individual item.</p> <p><b>Personal effects exclusions</b> You are not covered for:</p> <p>Loss or damage caused by or arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any process of cleaning, repairing, altering, restoring or renovating;</li> <li>overwinding, electrical or mechanical breakdown, failure or derangement;</li> <li>scratching or denting, if that is the only damage sustained.</li> </ul> <p>Loss or damage to or of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any sporting equipment (including bicycles) whilst in use;</li> <li>watercraft greater than 3 metres in length;</li> <li>motorised vehicles or watercraft;</li> <li>jewellery;</li> <li>mobile (cell) phones, laptop or tablet computers, portable gaming equipment;</li> <li>photographic equipment whilst in use in water;</li> <li>items for sale, on display, exhibition or on consignment;</li> <li>goods or items used for the provision of business services;</li> <li>cash, cheques, credit or debit cards or negotiable documents;</li> <li>stamp or coin collections;</li> <li>artificial limbs, wigs, dentures or dental appliances, hearing aids.</li> </ul>



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### Optional extras

The optional extras listed below are only applicable if they are shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

Optional extras	How your claim is settled
Additional vehicle hire cover	<p>If your vehicle cannot be driven due to damage arising from an insured event, and your claim has been accepted, we will assist you in hiring a similar vehicle for up to 14 days. The maximum amount we will pay under this benefit will be shown on your Certificate of Insurance.</p> <p>The same conditions apply as those stipulated in the 'Vehicle hire as a result of theft' section on page 5.</p>
Excess-free windscreen or window glass cover	<p>If your claim is only for windscreen or window glass breakage, we will pay the cost of replacing or repairing the windscreen or window glass of your vehicle if it is damaged arising from an insured event. No excess will be applied to any payment we make which, under this Optional extra, is limited to a maximum of one (1) claim per policy period and \$1000 per event.</p> <p>This Optional extra does not apply to sunroof glass and is not applicable where you have a covered claim which includes damage to your vehicle in addition to the windscreen or window glass breakage.</p>
Additional Off-road recovery costs	<p>This optional extra extends the cover provided under the Additional benefit 'Off-road recovery costs' and may only be selected when first purchasing the policy or upon renewal. The increased limit that you have selected will be shown on your Certificate of Insurance.</p>



Optional extras	How your claim is settled
Additional Australia wide personal effects cover	<p>This optional extra extends the cover provided under the Additional benefit 'Australia wide personal effects cover'. The increased limit that you have selected will be shown on your Certificate of Insurance.</p> <p>Any individual items valued over \$1,000 must be specified and will be shown on your Certificate of Insurance in order to be covered.</p> <p>The excess and exclusions outlined under the additional benefit 'Australia wide personal effects cover' will apply.</p>
Roadside assistance on a sealed road	<p>This service is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, courtesy of our arrangement with Australia Wide Assist (AWA). This optional extra is only applicable to roadside assistance on a sealed road.</p> <p>Benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flat battery: AWA will come out to you and jumpstart your vehicle to get you on your way again.</li> <li>• Flat Tyre: AWA will fit your roadworthy spare wheel.</li> <li>• Locked/lost keys: AWA will contribute up to \$77 for the cost of unlocking your vehicle.</li> <li>• Out of fuel: AWA will collect fuel on your behalf and deliver it to you. (Up to 5 litres supplied at driver's cost)</li> <li>• Towing: If your vehicle is unable to be quickly mechanically repaired or safely driven due to mechanical failure, the vehicle and the driver (in need) will be transported to a nominated service centre.</li> </ul>

Optional extras	How your claim is settled
Roadside assistance on a sealed road <i>cont'd.</i>	<p>In a situation where the breakdown occurs on a trip or holiday, your vehicle will be transported to the nearest service centre or mechanical repair facility. In an after hour situation, arrangements can be made to store the vehicle and transport when the service centre or repair facility is open.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towing Range: AWA will provide a 50KM free of charge service for roadside response and breakdown towing on a national basis, with all excess km's charged at the recommended industry rates.</li> </ul>

**What is specifically excluded from the above Insured events, Additional benefits and Optional Extras?**

We will not cover anything specified in the "What we do not cover" section or which is otherwise excluded by the policy terms and conditions (to the extent permitted by law).

### Legal liability cover

We will cover the following, subject to the other terms and conditions (including any exclusions and other limitations) of the policy during the period of insurance:

What do we cover?	How your claim is settled
Your legal liability to pay compensation for loss (of) or damage to another person's property which occurred during the period of insurance as a result of an accident involving your vehicle	The most we will pay under this benefit for any one accident is the legal liability limit as stated on the Certificate of Insurance.
The legal costs you have to pay in relation to a claim for your legal liability for which cover is provided under this benefit	<p>Provided you contact us before incurring any legal costs or seeking any legal advice in relation to a claim for your legal liability and we agree to pay such costs, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• act, or arrange representation, for you or any other person covered under the policy;</li> <li>• attempt to resolve the claim if we consider that you or the person we cover under the policy is at fault for the loss or damage;</li> <li>• defend the claim in a court or tribunal if we consider that you or the person we cover under the policy is not at fault for the loss or damage.</li> </ul> <p>We will decide whether to defend or resolve the claim and, if we resolve the claim, how much we pay to resolve the claim.</p>

What do we cover?	How your claim is settled
The legal costs you have to pay in relation to a claim for your legal liability for which cover is provided under this benefit <i>cont'd.</i>	We may pay to you the Legal Liability Limit as stated on the Certificate of Insurance or any lesser amount for which the claim/s can be settled and then relinquish the conduct of any defence settlement or proceedings to you. On making such payment to you we will discharge all our obligations to you in terms of the legal liability cover afforded under the policy and you will have no further claim against us in respect of the relevant claim under this section of cover.

### What is specifically excluded from legal liability cover?

We will not make any payment under this cover for:

- anything specified in the 'What we do not cover' section or otherwise excluded by the policy terms and conditions (to the extent permitted by law);
- damage to property owned by or in the control of you or the driver of your vehicle, or anyone that normally lives with you or the driver of your vehicle;
- damage to property belonging to you, held in trust by you, or in your custody or control or being conveyed by or loaded onto or unloaded from your vehicle;
- costs and expenses incurred after the date on which we have paid or offered to pay either the third party claim or the Legal Liability Limit; or
- any settlement agreed to or made without our consent in writing.

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## WHAT WE DO NOT COVER

The following exclusions apply to all of the covers and benefits provided under the policy, to the extent permitted by law. Other exclusions may apply to the cover provided where specified in this document, your Certificate of Insurance or other documents forming the policy:

### **If your vehicle is not being used legally**

You will not be covered under the policy for any loss, damage or legal liability if at the time of the event giving rise to the loss, damage or legal liability the driver of your vehicle:

- was not correctly licenced or not complying with the conditions of their licence to drive your vehicle;
- was under the influence of any drug or alcohol;
- had a percentage of alcohol in their breath or blood in excess of the lawful blood alcohol level limit in force in the state or territory where your vehicle was being driven;
- refused to take a legal breath and/or blood test for alcohol or any drug;
- did not have your permission to drive your vehicle, unless your vehicle was stolen and its theft is immediately reported to the police, and you provide us with a police incident number;
- was using your vehicle to carry more people than your vehicle is registered to hold;
- was listed on your Certificate of Insurance as being excluded from cover under the policy;
- leaves the scene of an accident without a lawful excuse or without contacting the police when required to do so in the relevant state or territory.

We may, at our discretion, pay a claim where you were not the driver of your vehicle and you can satisfy us that you had no reason to suspect that the driver of your vehicle was driving illegally or that one of the circumstances listed above applies. If we agree to provide cover we will pursue recovery of claim costs from the person who was driving or who was in charge of your vehicle.





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### **If you contributed to the loss or intended the claim to happen**

You will not be covered under the policy for any loss, damage or legal liability if at the time of the event giving rise to the loss, damage or legal liability:

- you, or the person driving or in control of your vehicle, were engaged in an intentional, deliberate, malicious or criminal act;
- you failed to secure your vehicle or left it in an unsafe location and/or position after it was broken into, accidentally damaged or recovered after being stolen;
- you did not go with your vehicle when it was being test driven by a potential buyer;
- your vehicle was being used to carry or store explosives, flammable or combustible substances or liquids illegally;
- your vehicle was legally confiscated or taken to secure a debt;
- you were carrying more passengers or carrying or towing a load greater than your car was designed for, unless you can prove that this did not cause the accident. This includes bent or twisted chassis as a result of overloading your vehicle or towing a load greater than your car was designed for;
- the driver of your vehicle had been given medical advice (prior to the accident) that their driving ability would be impaired by a medical condition, procedure or treatment;
- your vehicle was damaged, unsafe or unroadworthy;
- your vehicle was converted, altered or modified from its manufacturer's specifications and we have not agreed in writing to accept the risk of your vehicle in such modified condition.

### **If you have not complied with the terms and conditions of the policy**

You are not covered for loss, damage or legal liability under the policy if:

- you have not used your vehicle for the purpose which you are insured for as declared by you when applying for this insurance (see business and private use definitions);
- your vehicle was used for hire or to earn reward;
- you have not complied with your Duty of Disclosure;
- your vehicle was used on any sort of racetrack or racecourse for any motor sport including racing, contests, rallies, pacing or speed trials;

- your vehicle is being used for an illegal purpose.

### **For physical deterioration of your vehicle**

You are not covered under the policy for:

- any structural, mechanical, electrical or electronic failure or breakdown;
- any deterioration, wear, tear, rust, corrosion or depreciation;
- the cost of fixing faulty repairs or repairs to old damage;
- damage to tyres by application of brakes or by road punctures, cuts or bursts;
- loss or damage caused by mildew, moth, vermin, insects, domestic pets, any process of dyeing or renovating, the action of light or atmospheric conditions;
- loss or damage to your vehicle caused by:
  - any process or system of cleaning, restoring, modifying or repairing any insured property;
  - poor or faulty design, specification, materials, repairs or workmanship;
  - the use or application of vehicle parts or accessories which do not meet manufacturer's specifications.

### **Other general exclusions**

You are not covered for loss, damage or legal liability:

- caused by the use or accidental addition by any person of incorrect fuel;
- that occurs outside Australia;
- if intentionally, deliberately or maliciously caused by you or a person acting with your express or implied consent;
- arising from the seizure, impounding, sale or destruction of your vehicle by any law enforcement or government agency;
- in the event of the breach of a contract or an obligation under a contract;
- caused by military power, rebellion, revolution, an act of terrorism, war or war-like activities or any looting or rioting following these occurrences;



- caused by any radioactivity, nuclear fuel, waste or other nuclear material, nuclear weapon, detonation or explosion or any looting or rioting following these occurrences;
- caused by any biological, bacterial, viral, germ, chemical or poisonous pollutant or contaminant or any looting or rioting following these occurrences;
- for payment of fines, or punitive, exemplary or aggravated damages awarded against you or the driver of your vehicle; or
- to sign writing, sticker, vinyl wrap or any type of advertising material on your vehicle.

## **MAKING A CLAIM**

### **What to do if you need to make a claim**

- take all reasonable precautions to prevent or reduce loss or damage to your vehicle;
- immediately report the incident or loss to the police where the accident or loss must be reported by law or this policy; and
- report the incident as soon as possible by calling our claims team on **1800 258 249**.

### **What not to do without our consent**

- admit guilt, liability or blame;
- offer to pay for or negotiate any damages arising from the event;
- approve any repairs or arrange replacements other than emergency repairs up to \$1,000 which are necessary to minimise or prevent further loss and damage.

If you fail to assist us, or do not comply with any of these terms, we may reduce or refuse to pay your claim or be entitled to recover from you any monies paid by us in relation to the claim.

### **We may require you to**

- undergo interviews and appear in court and give evidence under oath;
- arrange for any driver of your vehicle to give us full co-operation in all respects and provide us with the same assistance that you are required to;

- help us manage the claim by answering our questions and/or providing written statements to us under oath;
- allow us to inspect your vehicle or any damaged goods you are claiming for;
- take your vehicle to or allow it to be towed to a place nominated by us;
- allow us to take possession of the damaged property that we have replaced. Such damaged property becomes our legal property;
- immediately send us copies of any communication, demand or claim you may receive arising out of any incident for which cover is provided under the policy;
- provide us with proof of previous motor vehicle insurance;
- provide us with evidence of ownership and value of all property covered under the policy;
- advise us of any person that is charged by the police arising from the incident for which cover is provided under the policy;
- tell us about any other policy of insurance that may be relevant to the claim;
- assist us to negotiate, defend or settle any claim made under the policy and to exercise for our benefit your legal right of recovery against any other party.

If you fail to assist us, or do not comply with any of these terms, we may reduce or refuse to pay your claim or be entitled to recover from you any monies already paid under the claim.

### **Costs of dismantling, diagnosis and reassembly**

If you make a claim, we may require you to authorise the dismantling of your vehicle or to authorise us to dismantle it, so that we can assess your claim and/or decide if it is valid. We may refuse to assess or pay your claim if you do not agree to this.

If we determine that the claimed loss or damage is not covered, you will be responsible for the costs of the above dismantling as well as any costs associated with it (including but not limited to any diagnosis, reassembly, repair, and/or replacement costs).

If we determine that the claimed loss or damage is covered, we will settle your claim in accordance with the terms and conditions of the policy (including the operation of any excess).



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### **What happens if we settle the claim for your vehicle on a total loss basis?**

If we determine that your vehicle is a total loss, we will pay the value as stipulated on the Certificate of Insurance. We will:

- deduct any excess that may be applicable;
- deduct any outstanding monthly premium;
- deduct any unused portion of your registration fee and Compulsory Third Party insurance premium; and
- retain your vehicle (including all insured options and accessories);

then:

- the policy comes to an end; and
- there is no refund of any portion of the premium.

### **Fraudulent and dishonest claims**

If you or any person acting on your behalf submits to us a claim or any information or documentation relating to a claim, which is in any way fraudulent or dishonest, we may refuse to pay the entire claim and cancel the policy as permitted by law.

### **Prevention of loss**

You are legally obliged to take reasonable steps to prevent or reduce the risk or possibility of loss. If you intentionally take any risk that results in a loss being suffered, you may forfeit the right to make a claim under the policy.

### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

All insured amounts shown in the policy are in Australian Dollars and include Goods and Services Tax (GST). When you claim under the policy with us, all amounts we pay will be inclusive of GST, up to the maximum claim amount shown in the policy.

If you are registered for GST purposes, we will reduce any claimed amounts paid to you by the appropriate input tax credit percentage that you have told us you are entitled to claim from the Australian Taxation Office.

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## EXCESSES

When you make a claim, unless we determine that an excess is not applicable, you must pay all the applicable excesses which are set out in your Certificate of Insurance and which specifically relate to the circumstances of your claim. If required by us, you must pay all the applicable excesses before we provide you with any policy benefits.

### Types of excesses which can be applied by us

The types of excesses applicable to the policy and the amount payable are shown on your Certificate of Insurance. Subject to the faultless excess additional benefit and depending on the circumstances in which the insured event occurred, the following excesses may apply:

#### Basic excess

This is the amount you are required to pay for each claim under the policy. Your chosen basic excess will be stated on your Certificate of Insurance.

#### Inexperienced and learner driver excess

This excess applies in addition to all other applicable excesses. This excess will apply if at the time of the event giving rise to the claim your vehicle was driven by a person:

- who is under the age of 25; or
- of any age who has not held an Australian driving licence for more than 2 years; or
- of any age who holds a Learner's licence or permit.

This excess will not apply to claims involving fire, theft and malicious damage, broken windscreen or damage sustained while your car is parked.

#### Unlisted young driver excess

This excess applies in addition to all other applicable excesses. This excess will apply if your vehicle is driven by a person under the age of 25 who was not listed on the Certificate of Insurance at the time of the event giving rise to the claim.

This excess will not apply to claims involving fire, theft and malicious damage, broken windscreen, damage sustained while your car is parked or whilst being driven by a Learner driver.

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### Special excess

A special excess may be applied to your cover. Any such special excess may be based on the type of vehicle insured and the driving records and insurance history of the drivers of your vehicle. If we apply a special excess you will be advised in writing and the excess will be shown on your Certificate of Insurance and it will apply in addition to any other excess applicable to your claim.

## WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

When you buy insurance from us (including on renewal), you have certain responsibilities that you must comply with. We can refuse to pay a claim, reduce the amount we pay or cancel the policy (subject to the operation of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth) (the Act), if you or anyone covered by the policy:

- do not comply with your Duty of Disclosure or make a misrepresentation to us, and/or
- fail to meet your responsibilities under the policy.

If fraud is involved, we can treat the policy as if it had never existed.

This policy and its terms are subject to and can be affected by the operation of the Act and you need to make sure you are aware of your rights under the Act.

### Your duty of disclosure

We rely on the information you provide us with, to decide whether to insure you and the terms on which we will insure you.

### Your duty of disclosure when you enter into the policy with us for the first time

You will be asked various questions when you first apply for the policy and when you answer you need to:

- give us honest and complete answers;
- tell us everything that you know; and
- tell us everything that a reasonable person in the circumstances could be expected to tell us.

You will need to tell us if your answers change before policy inception.



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### **Your duty of disclosure when you renew, vary, extend, reinstate or replace the policy**

When you renew, vary, extend, reinstate or replace the policy, your duty is to tell us before the renewal, variation, extension, reinstatement or replacement is made, every matter which you know, or a reasonable person in the circumstances could be expected to know, that is relevant to our decision whether to insure you and whether any special conditions need to apply to the policy.

### **What you do not need to tell us**

You do not need to tell us about any matter that:

- diminishes our risk;
- is of common knowledge;
- we know or should know as an insurer; or
- we tell you we do not need to know.

### **What happens if you do not comply with your duty of disclosure?**

If you do not comply with your duty of disclosure or make a misrepresentation to us we may cancel the policy and/or reduce the amount we pay if you make a claim. If fraud is involved, we may treat the policy as if it never existed, and pay nothing.

### **Who do the above obligations apply to?**

The obligations apply to you and everyone that is an insured under the policy. If you provide information for another insured you represent to us you have authority from them to do so and it is as if they provided it to us.

### **Tell us about any changes that may affect your cover or premium**

You need to tell us immediately if any details on your Certificate of Insurance are incorrect or have changed, including if:

- your vehicle has been modified or has had accessories fitted that are not included standard as part of your vehicle;
- you change your address, contact details, the place where you keep your vehicle, the drivers of your vehicle or the way you use your vehicle;

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- anyone who is shown on the Certificate of Insurance has, over the past 5 years, had changes to their:
    - driving record including cancellation, suspension and/or driving conditions imposed on their driver's licence;
    - criminal history.

Changes that you advise us, may affect the premium you need to pay for the remainder of the period of insurance. If a lower premium applies you will be refunded less our reasonable charge for administrative and processing costs where applicable. In situations where an additional premium applies it must be paid by you immediately.

If the change results in you no longer meeting our underwriting criteria, we may decide not to insure your vehicle, cancel your policy or decide not to offer renewal.

### **Tell us about any finance on your vehicle**

If you have borrowed money using your vehicle as security, you must inform us so that we can record the financier's interest on your Certificate of Insurance. This includes circumstances where you lease, or have a hire purchase agreement on your vehicle. During the period of insurance your financier's interests will be covered under the policy as noted on your Certificate of Insurance, however the same policy terms and conditions will also apply to them (where relevant).

### **Tell us if you replace your vehicle**

If you replace your vehicle during the period of insurance, we may continue your cover on your new vehicle, however you must notify us before such cover will take effect. When you tell us that you have replaced your vehicle we may charge you an additional premium, add special terms and conditions or cancel the policy. We will not cover any pre-existing damage on your new vehicle.



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### **The premium you pay**

When you buy this insurance we will tell you the premium you must pay and note it on your Certificate of Insurance.

The premium you pay is based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to):

- the type of vehicle insured, its age and value;
- what your vehicle will be used for;
- the drivers, their driving and claims experience;
- where your vehicle will be parked; and
- your payment method.

You may reduce your premium by increasing your basic excess and taking advantage of our discount structure. You will also pay less if you pay your premium in one annual lump sum amount.

Your premium will also include amounts that take into account our obligation to pay any relevant compulsory government charges, taxes or levies (e.g. Stamp Duty and GST) in relation to your insurance. In cases where we are required to pay an estimated amount (e.g. fire services levy) we may over or under recover in any particular year but we will not adjust your premium because of this. You can ask us for more details if you wish.

### **Ensure your premiums are always paid**

It is your responsibility to ensure your premiums are paid in full either annually or monthly. If we do not receive payment by the due date we may cancel the policy. We will not pay any claims if your premium remains unpaid for at least 14 days or more.

You must be authorised to make payments from the bank account or credit card details you provide to us. You must also ensure that your nominated bank account or credit card has sufficient funds when we collect payments. We will attempt to collect payment on the start date of your period of insurance. If the policy remains unpaid we will attempt to collect payment at regular intervals determined by us. Any fees that your bank may charge you including dishonour fees are your responsibility. We may also charge you an administration fee to cover our costs relating to your failure to pay.

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### **Instalment payments**

You may be eligible to pay your premium in regular monthly instalments by way of direct debit from your bank or credit card account. The total premium we charge is higher when you pay in instalments than when you pay one annual lump sum amount. The nominated bank or credit card account must be able to accept direct debits and you must be an authorised signatory on that account.

You must ensure that you have sufficient funds in the account to meet the debits. All bank charges and dishonour fees are your responsibility. You must notify us immediately if your nominated account or credit card is transferred, closed, payments stopped or if you cancel your direct debit payment plan, and supply us with alternative account details, no less than 7 business days prior to the date of your next debit. If you cancel the debit completely you will need to arrange for another way to pay us your premium to ensure that you remain covered. Please note that as an alternative, payments can only be accepted via either direct debit or another credit card.

If you don't pay a premium instalment by the due date then if:

- the unpaid premium remains in arrears for more than thirty (30) days we may cancel your policy; and
- at least one instalment has remained unpaid for a period of at least fourteen (14) days then we may refuse to pay your claim/s.

If we cancel your policy due to non-payment of an instalment premium you need to be aware that:

- no benefits or entitlements can be paid under your policy;
- you will receive written confirmation that your policy has been cancelled;
- we may refuse to provide cover to you under any policy in the future; and
- any application for general insurance products in the future may be affected because you had a policy cancelled as a result of unpaid premiums.

We will keep all information regarding your nominated bank account or credit card private and confidential at all times. Please refer to our Privacy Policy located on our website ([www.club4x4.com.au](http://www.club4x4.com.au)).

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### **Other responsibilities for those covered by the policy**

You or any other person who is covered under the policy must:

- follow all the conditions set out in the policy and Certificate of Insurance;
- take all reasonable precautions to prevent loss, damage or legal liability even after an insured event;
- keep your vehicle, its tools, parts and accessories in good condition (e.g. serviced, free of rust etc.);
- keep proof of ownership and value of insured property (e.g. receipts, invoices, bank statements, contracts of sale and photographs).

### **OTHER THINGS YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US**

#### **How we resolve your complaints**

We welcome every opportunity to resolve any concerns you may have with the products or services provided by us or Club 4x4.

In the first instance you should contact one of our customer service officers. If you are not satisfied with the response received you can request that a manager address your concern. If your concern is still not resolved to your satisfaction please write to our Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) Committee at: Club 4x4, PO Box 550, Kotara, NSW 2289 or you can call the IDR Committee at **1800 258 249**.

Your concern will be investigated by an officer with full authority to deal with the complaint and we will inform you of the outcome within 15 days of receiving your letter.

In the unlikely event that your concerns are not resolved to your satisfaction by the Internal Dispute Resolution Committee, or your complaint has not been resolved within 45 days, you may contact the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) subject to its terms of reference.

FOS can be contacted on:

**Call:** 1300 78 08 08

**Post:** GPO Box 3, Melbourne, Victoria 3001

**Website:** [www.fos.org.au](http://www.fos.org.au)

**Email address:** [info@fos.org.au](mailto:info@fos.org.au)

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A decision of FOS is binding on Club 4x4 and us (whichever is relevant) up to specified jurisdiction limits.

A decision of FOS is not binding on you and you have the right to seek further legal assistance. The FOS service is a service provided to you free of charge.

#### **Financial Claims Scheme**

Hollard is authorised under the Insurance Act 1973 to carry on general insurance business. This Act contains prudential standards and practices to ensure that financial promises made by Hollard are met. Because of this, Hollard is exempted from the requirement to meet the compensation arrangements Australian Financial Services Licensees must have in place to compensate clients for loss or damage suffered because of breaches by Hollard or its representatives.

The protection provided under the Federal Government's Financial Claims Scheme applies to Hollard. If Hollard is unable to meet its financial obligations a person may be entitled to payment under this Scheme. Information about this Scheme can be obtained from the APRA website at [apra.gov.au](http://apra.gov.au) or their hotline on 1300 55 88 49.

#### **General Insurance Code of Practice**

Hollard is a member of the Insurance Council of Australia and also a signatory to the General Insurance Code of Practice. The objectives of the Code are to:

- commit us to high standards of service;
- promote better, more informed relations between us and you;
- maintain and promote trust and confidence in the general insurance industry;
- provide fair and effective mechanisms for the resolution of complaints and disputes between us and you; and
- promote continuous improvement of the general insurance industry through education and training.

You can obtain a copy of the Code from the Insurance Council of Australia website at [www.insurancecouncil.com.au](http://www.insurancecouncil.com.au).

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## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Cooling off period

We want you to be happy with the cover you have chosen, that is why we offer you a 14 day cooling off period.

If you decide that this insurance isn't for you, we allow you to cancel your policy within 14 days of the start or renewal date of your policy and receive a full refund of any premium paid (less any taxes or duties that we cannot recover), as long as you have not made a claim or otherwise exercised a right under the policy.

You must call us during this time for this to be effective otherwise you will not be entitled to a full refund of premium.

Even after this cooling off period ends you still have the right to cancel the policy (see "Cancelling the policy").

### Cancelling the policy

You can cancel your policy at any time by calling us. We will explain the cancellation process to you. If you have paid an annual premium, we will refund any premium which you have paid, less an amount that covers the period for which you were insured. There is no refund if you have been paying by monthly instalments. We may charge you a cancellation fee specified in the Certificate of Insurance which reasonably represents the administrative costs we believe will be incurred by us in processing the cancellation.

We can cancel the policy where permitted by law. For example, if you do not comply with the policy terms and conditions, fail to pay your premium, make a fraudulent claim or if you did not comply with your Duty of Disclosure or misrepresented information when you entered into the policy.

### Premium refunds

We do not refund via cheque. Any refund that may be payable because of policy amendments or cancellation will be made to your nominated bank or credit card account.

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### Renewing the policy

We will send a renewal notice to you at least 14 days before your insurance is due to expire telling you if we will renew and if so on what terms. Where we offer renewal, we will (unless we tell you otherwise) automatically renew your cover on the terms contained in the renewal offer. If you do not wish to renew the policy, please contact us immediately.

You may have to pay an additional premium if you make a claim in the period between the time we made our renewal offer and the expiry of the policy, or if you tell us about changes to the policy details and we advise you that these changes will increase your renewal premium.

Your cooling off period continues to apply on each renewal. Each renewal is a separate contract and not an extension of the prior contract.

### How we protect your privacy

For the purpose of this clause, "we", "us" and "our" means Club 4x4 and Hollard.

We value your privacy. Our Privacy Policy sets out how:

- we protect your personal information;
- you may access your personal information;
- you may correct the personal information held by us;
- you may complain about a breach of the Privacy Principles or registered Privacy Code and how we will deal with such a complaint.

We:

- collect, store and use your personal information to provide you with, and inform you about, insurance and insurance-related services;
- may communicate your personal information to our reinsurers and service providers, such as motor assessors and repairers that assist us in managing your cover and our relationship with you. If we do not collect this information we may not be able to provide you with and inform you about insurance and related insurance services;
- may collect a person's personal information from another person where it is not possible or practicable to collect the personal information directly from that person. If you provide information for another insured you represent to us you have authority from them to do so and it is as if they provided it to us;



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- may from time to time disclose personal information to overseas recipients and where practically possible disclose details of such recipients, at your request.

This will always be done only as permitted by the relevant privacy legislation.

If you wish to stop receiving information about new insurance products and insurance-related services you can call us or email us at **privacy@club4x4.com.au**. Please note that telephone conversations may be recorded for evidentiary, contractual, training and quality control purposes.

Club 4x4's Privacy Policy is available at **www.club4x4.com.au** or by calling us and Hollard's Privacy Policy is available at **www.hollard.com.au**.

#### **Law and Jurisdiction**

The policy is subject to the laws and jurisdiction of the State or Territory in Australia where it was issued.

#### **Remuneration**

When you purchase this Club 4x4 Comprehensive Motor Insurance policy you pay the premium to Hollard for the product. This amount is agreed with you before the product is purchased.

When you purchase a Club 4x4 policy Hollard receives the premium as the insurer. The amount is agreed before you purchase the policy.

Club 4x4 and AI will both be paid a commission calculated as a percentage of premium. In addition, Club 4x4 and AI will receive a share of underwriting profit (if any). This remuneration covers Club 4x4 costs in promoting and AI's costs in administering the issue of policies and claims.

Club 4x4 and AI employees are paid an agreed salary and may earn performance based bonuses. Club 4x4 and AI employees may also receive non-monetary benefits like paid attendances at business related conferences, study trips, functions or gift vouchers.

If you would like more information about the remuneration that Hollard, Club 4x4 or AI receive, please contact us. The request should be made within a reasonable time after this document is provided to you and before the financial services are provided to you.



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If you would like more information about the remuneration that Hollard, AI, or Club 4x4 or any other person receive, please contact us. This request should be made within a reasonable time after this document is provided to you and before the financial services are provided to you.

### Updating our PDS

We may need to update this PDS from time to time if certain changes occur, where required and permitted by law. We will issue you with a new PDS or a Supplementary PDS or other compliant document to update the relevant information except in limited cases. Where the information is not something that would be materially adverse from the point of view of a reasonable person considering whether to buy this insurance, we may issue you with notice of this information in other forms or keep an internal record of such changes (you can get a paper copy free of charge by calling us).

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## DEFINITIONS

Certain words used in this document have a special meaning. This Definitions section contains such terms. In some cases, certain words may be given a special meaning when used in other documents making up the policy.

Headings are provided for reference only and do not form part of the policy for interpretation purposes.

Term	Means
<b>accessory</b>	An extra item added to your vehicle either by the manufacturer or after it was sold.
<b>accident</b>	An unforeseen, unintended or unexpected event which happens suddenly and arises from a single event.
<b>agreed value</b>	The amount we agree to insure your vehicle for during the period of insurance as listed on your Certificate of Insurance.
<b>business use</b>	Means the vehicle is either registered for business use or is used for income earning purposes as part of a full time, part time or casual business and/or employment.
<b>Certificate of Insurance</b>	The relevant Certificate of Insurance we give you. We give you a Certificate of Insurance when you first buy the policy or whenever any part of the policy is changed or when the policy is renewed.
<b>driver</b>	The person driving, operating (or responsible for) your vehicle.
<b>excess</b>	The amount of money you are required to pay or bear yourself when you make a claim under the policy. All applicable excesses are listed in this document and/or are also shown on your Certificate of Insurance. In the event of a claim you may be required to pay more than one excess.
<b>gazetted road</b>	A gazetted road is a road which has been named and published as a public road by the local council or state government.

Term	Means
<b>insured event or event</b>	An event for which you can make a claim under your policy.
<b>market value</b>	The reasonable market-related value or our assessment of what the general market would pay for your vehicle at the date of its loss or damage. This takes into account the make, model, km's and condition of your vehicle at that time. The market value may be subject to a limit, which if applicable will be shown on your Certificate of Insurance.
<b>modification (s)</b>	All alterations made to your vehicle from the manufacturer's standard specifications which may impact your vehicle's appearance, safety, performance or value. These may be either a manufacturer's option or any aftermarket alteration.
<b>off-road</b>	Off-road means four wheel-driving, trail driving, sand dune driving or some other driving activity of a similar nature that is conducted away from a public, prepared or graded private road.
<b>period of insurance</b>	The period of time that you are covered under the policy (which is shown on your Certificate of Insurance) unless the policy otherwise ends sooner in accordance with the policy or relevant law. If the policy is cancelled, the period of insurance terminates when the cancellation becomes effective.
<b>policy</b>	Your contract of insurance with us comprising of this document, the Certificate of Insurance and any other document we tell you forms part of the terms and conditions of your cover, including any endorsements issued by us.
<b>premium</b>	The amount of money you pay for your insurance including government taxes such as GST, and stamp duty. This will be listed on your Certificate of Insurance (if applicable).

Term	Means
<b>private use</b>	Means social, domestic and pleasure purposes including travelling between home and place of work. It does not include business use.
<b>total loss</b>	Loss where your vehicle has been stolen and not recovered within 21 days from the time you report its theft to us or we decide that it is uneconomical, impractical or unsafe to repair after an accident.
<b>vehicle</b>	The 4 wheeled, motorised vehicle that is described on your Certificate of Insurance and includes the manufacturer's standard options and accessories fitted to it and other modifications and accessories that you have told us about, we have agreed to cover.
<b>we, us, our</b>	Club 4x4 Pty Ltd (ABN 41 606 776 274 AR 1235616), acting as an Authorised Representative of The Hollard Insurance Company Pty Ltd (ABN 78 090 584 473) (AFSL 241 436).
<b>you, your, yourself, insured</b>	The person(s) named on the Certificate of Insurance as the insured or an authorised representative acting on their behalf. If the policy is held in more than one name, any insured can make changes or cancel a policy on behalf of other insured's.

Should you require any additional information you may contact us:

Club 4x4

**Call:** 1800 CLUB 4X4 (258 249)

**Post:** PO Box 550, Kotara NSW 2289

**Website:** [www.club4x4.com.au](http://www.club4x4.com.au)

**Email address:** [contactus@club4x4.com.au](mailto:contactus@club4x4.com.au)