

## Take 5 minutes to check

### Towing – Before you go

- Make sure your trailer is regularly serviced and maintained
- Check brakes as brake cables and linkages could seize
- Check the condition of tyres and tyre pressures regularly
- If you are towing a large high sided trailer or caravan you may require extended door mirrors
- Try to put all heavy items over the axle and make sure they are secured to prevent movement when cornering or braking
- If possible, put heavier items in the car and larger lighter items in the trailer
- Consult your trailer and car handbooks to establish the correct "nose weight" for your trailer. Most cars state 50kgs to 75kgs
- Check the load is secure and can't move. It is always good policy to recheck your load after a few miles to confirm everything is secured properly
- Making sure coupling head is properly locked on to the ball
- Wind the jockey wheel to fully retract it into its outer case, release the clamp lever and raise the whole unit and firmly reclamp
- Attach break away cable/securing chain to the hook on the tow bar, not ball, and connect electrical plugs to car
- Finally, check all lights are working, cables do not drag on the road and the trailer hand brake is off
- Stand back from the vehicle and trailer and check that both are level.