



## When did you last have your float serviced?

Many horse people would be surprised at how often horse floats are completely forgotten about when it comes to servicing.

Floats are one of those easily forgotten but vital pieces of equipment. At the end of the day they are fairly low tech. They don't have a motor or gearbox and have little to no electronics. They are essentially a box on wheels that is towed behind your car. Albeit a box that comes in a vast array of sizes, configurations and budgets.

Most people regularly service the vehicles used to tow floats, so why it is the staff at [Roswal Trailers](#) don't see many floats coming in for routine servicing?

We tend to get panicked calls from people stuck on the side of the road (often in the middle of no where) with wheels coming completely off (hubs included) due to wheel bearing failure. Or float sides all but completely falling off due to rivet corrosion, axles half hanging off due to loose or snapped u-bolts loose, brakes that have stopped functioning due to wearing through to metal or even worse a horse that has gone through a rotten floor! The above mentioned problems are by no means related to any one particular brand or age of float. They are simply conditions related to a lack of correct servicing!

## How often should you service your float?

It all depends on:

- the distances your float travels
- the weather or environmental conditions it is used in
- how the float is stored when not in use
- how often the float is serviced

**Roswal Trailers** recommends that floats are serviced every 12 months or 5000 kms. The first service should be conducted after travelling 1000kms.

During a professional float service and inspection all of the above problems would be discovered and repaired before becoming a problem.

## Special Queensland Horse Council (QHC) members offer

**Roswal Trailers** is offering QHC members a 10% discount off the cost of a float service (this does not include parts).