

# Caravan Ownership Checklist

32 checks across 6 stages — from first research to selling your van. Tick them off as you go.

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## Stage 1: Research

Is this even for me?

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- ☐ Do I have a vehicle that can tow?

Check with Tow Calculator: [caravancompare.com.au/tools/tow-calculator](https://caravancompare.com.au/tools/tow-calculator)

- ☐ What's my realistic budget?

Use Finance Calculator: [caravancompare.com.au/tools/finance-calculator](https://caravancompare.com.au/tools/finance-calculator)

- ☐ On-road, semi off-road, or full off-road?

Take the Quiz: [caravancompare.com.au/quiz](https://caravancompare.com.au/quiz)

- ☐ Have I rented a caravan to try it?

Rent Before You Buy Guide: [caravancompare.com.au/guides/rent-before-buy](https://caravancompare.com.au/guides/rent-before-buy)

- ☐ Do I understand GVM, GCM, ATM?

Compliance Plate Guide: [caravancompare.com.au/guides/compliance-plate](https://caravancompare.com.au/guides/compliance-plate)

- ☐ Have I compared warranties?

Warranty Comparison: [caravancompare.com.au/guides/warranty-comparison](https://caravancompare.com.au/guides/warranty-comparison)

## Stage 2: Shopping

Ready to compare specific models

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- ☐ Have I shortlisted 3-5 models?

Browse Caravans: [caravancompare.com.au/browse](https://caravancompare.com.au/browse)

- ☐ Have I sorted finance before visiting a dealer? (buying on finance = walk in with pre-approval, not hope)

Why Finance Comes First: [caravancompare.com.au/guides/caravan-finance-pre-approval](https://caravancompare.com.au/guides/caravan-finance-pre-approval)

- ☐ Have I requested quotes from dealers?

- ☐ Have I inspected in person?

- ☐ Do I understand the warranty terms?

Warranty Guide: [caravancompare.com.au/guides/warranty-comparison](https://caravancompare.com.au/guides/warranty-comparison)

- ☐ Have I negotiated price / inclusions?

## Stage 3: Buying

Ready to sign

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- ☐ Have I read the sales contract carefully?

- ☐ Is delivery timeline confirmed?

- ☐ Have I arranged caravan insurance?

- ☐ Is my tow vehicle ready? (towbar, brake controller)  
Essential Accessories: [caravancompare.com.au/guides/essential-accessories](https://caravancompare.com.au/guides/essential-accessories)
- ☐ Am I registered for roadside assist?

## Stage 4: New Owner

Keys in hand, now what?

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- ☐ Did I do a Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI)?  
PDI Checklist: [caravancompare.com.au/guides/pdi-checklist](https://caravancompare.com.au/guides/pdi-checklist)
- ☐ Have I done my first test trip?
- ☐ Have I joined owner communities / forums?
- ☐ Do I know how to operate all systems? (12V, water, gas)
- ☐ Have I booked my first service?

## Stage 5: Ongoing Ownership

Keep it running, keep improving

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- ☐ Regular maintenance on schedule
- ☐ Annual bearing/brake service completed
- ☐ Upgrades completed (solar, lithium, etc.)
- ☐ Insurance renewed annually
- ☐ Registration renewed

## Stage 6: Selling / Upgrading

Time to move on

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- ☐ Do I know my caravan's market value?
- ☐ Have I gathered service history?
- ☐ Is the van in sale-ready condition?
- ☐ Where should I list it?
- ☐ Ready to buy my next van?  
Start Fresh with the Quiz: [caravancompare.com.au/quiz](https://caravancompare.com.au/quiz)