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Kym McGregor - Ballina Beach Weekend

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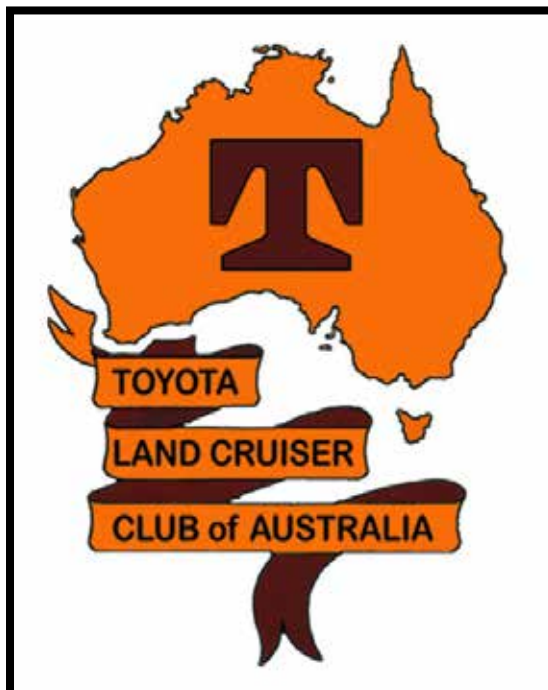
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Courtesy of Kym McGregor Ballina Beach Weekend



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Hi All,

Firstly, I would like to welcome all of our new committee members.

Kim Althaus - Secretary

Brad Davis - Treasurer

Tanya Mason - Marketing

Scott Handley - Membership

Patrick Hickey - Education

I hope you are all looking forward to your new roles and the challenges that go along with them.

We will hold our first Management Meeting the week before the Mag is printed so I will have more of an update for you all about our plans for 2016-2017 in the next edition. Some of the ideas being put forward at the moment are sounding very encouraging.

The last couple of months have seen more activity down at Brooklyn with the addition of a storage shed. It is a 3mtr x 3.6mtr site shed that was generously donated by none other than our wonderful Activities Co-ordinator Donna Lewis. The club paid to have it relocated to Brooklyn at a cost of \$670. The shed will be use to hold items that are used for events like the Funkhana, Orienteering and Driver Training. These items are currently being stored at out storage shed in Springwood.

We are also in the process of constructing the test track to be used at Driver Training. This will be a scaled down version of the one at The Springs 4x4 Park. Thanks to Martin Brown for donating his time and use of his excavator and Carl Page for the design works. This project will come in at around the \$300 mark and will be an invaluable training tool. (Hope to have photo's for the next mag.)

See you on the tracks



Courtesy of Paul Kranen Moreton Island  
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That time certainly went fast! There have been a lot of trips run in the last couple of months and some great stories have come in. I hope you all enjoy reading what has been going on, it was certainly fun putting this magazine edition together. We have seen another 4WD QLD Corroboree pass us by, and what an event it was!! Congratulations to the Brisbane 4WD Club for putting on such a great show. It was fantastic to be able to participate in this years event and every single person is planning on going again next year. So book the long weekend in October out next year for the 2017 4WD QLD Corroboree because it will certainly be one of the number one trips for the year.

Last magazine I left you in a bit of suspense about what had been keeping Jesse and I so busy. The end of August saw the settlement of our new property go through without a hitch. We are now the proud owners of land at Ringwood (Northern side of the Gatton Bypass). We look forward to clearing some tracks through Ruthervale, 600 acres of crazy hilly tree filled fun and opening it up to fellow club members. It's perfect for a day trip or weekend (or weeks!). It is definitely going to be keeping us occupied, but what could be better than carving out tracks and exploring! Keep us in mind next winter if you need wood for your heater - we have plenty!



## About TLCC QLD

A club where 4WD enthusiasts and their families can enjoy, share and participate in a range of organised 4WD club activities including trips away, camping, social and 4WD driver training activities. Toyota Landcruiser Club QLD is a non-profit organisation committed to the conservation and protection of our natural environment and promoting safe and enjoyable 4WD experiences for owners of ALL 4WD makes and models, including 'soft roaders'.

The club publishes our bi-monthly magazine distributed to over 400 active club members and is packed with 4WD news, club information and handy 4WD tips.

TLCC QLD is managed by a committee of elected club members with diverse backgrounds and professional experiences. Also a founding member of Four-Wheel Drive QLD.

We hold New Members days and we have a number of instructors who check over your vehicle and provide valuable information about how to drive off road in a convoy safely. We talk about safety equipment such as snatch straps, tree protectors, portable air compressors and first aid kits. We then are required to run you through a reverse hill stall procedure and make sure you are confident with applying this procedure.

Whether you are brand new to 4wding or have had years experience in off road vehicles, this is a mandatory part of our testing for the club and is required before you proceed on any of our 4wding trips with the TLCC QLD (Inc).

We take your safety seriously and provide you with the necessary information and skills to tackle any of the areas above, at the TLCC you can feel confident knowing that you are using these skills and knowledge provided to make sure each trip you go on is as safe and enjoyable as the one before.

Like any club, we have monthly meetings to discuss upcoming trips, past trips and any other information pertinent to the clubs general day to day business. We are steered by a committee that is elected each year by our members who run these meetings on the last Monday of each Month at the Mt Coot-Tha Botanical Gardens Auditorium at 7pm.

We also have a bi-monthly magazine called '4 Wheel Cruisin'' which keeps you up to date with any club information and upcoming events, whilst also keeping you informed of what trips have been recently completed with in depth trip reports. Our generous sponsors who advertise in our magazine also offer specials to club members from time to time.

Courtesy Tracy Norris: Frolicking Fun at Ruthervale



## November 2016

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>New Members Day</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Tour de Blackbutt</b> 11th - 13th Benarkin State Forrest
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Sand Driving Course</b> 12th - 13th Noosa North Shore
<b>Friday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>TLCC QLD Christmas Party</b> 25th - 27th Bestbrook
<b>Monday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>General Meeting</b> Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens



**2016 Christmas Party**  
**25th - 27th November 2016**  
**Save the date now for the Family Christmas Camping Weekend at Bestbrook**

## December 2016

<b>Friday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>General Meeting</b> Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Bribie Island Day Trip</b> Relaxing day at Bribie
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Christmas at Roberts Ranges</b> 23rd Dec 2016 - 1st Jan 2017 Formerly Southern Downs

## January 2017

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Glasshouse Mountains</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Bribie Island Camping</b> 27th -29th Bribie Island
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>General Meeting</b> Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens



**2016 Awards Weekend**  
**25th & 26th February 2016**

## February 2017

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Driver Training Theory Night 1</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Driver Training Workshop Night</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>New Members Day</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Driver Training Theory Night 2</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Activities Meeting</b> Norman Hotel Woolloongabba
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Driver Training Weekend 1</b> 11th - 12th Brooklyn Property
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Driver Training Weekend 2</b> 18th - 19th Brooklyn Property
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2016 Awards Weekend</b> 25th - 26th Location TBC
<b>Monday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>General Meeting</b> Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens

If you would like to run a trip and want some help or ideas, please contact the Activities Coordinator. Contact details can be found inside the front cover of the magazine or in the 'Activities Report.'



**ARB Jindalee Open Day**  
**27th May 2017**

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## Activities Report

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  - Weekdays
  - Weekends
- Long distance
  - Weeks or even months
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- Enjoy your adventures with like minded friends
- Strike up fantastic new friendships



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- Fishing
- Camping
- Social Events
- Scenic Drives
- Bush Tracks
- Mountain Retreats
- National Parks
- 4x4 Parks
- Desert
- Snow

#### Not sure how to start?

- Have your idea – your destination
- Do a little research
- Ask for assistance
- We can circulate to members to seek interest to assist with running trips i.e. Tail End Charlie (TEC) or even a Trip Leader if you're more interested in being TEC first up.

#### Get planning today!!

- Join in!
- It's enjoyable
- Rewarding
- Easy
- Dust Free (at the front)
- And most of all it's FUN!!

**Donna Lewis**

Activities Coordinator

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# Marketing | Membership | Secretaries Reports

## Marketing

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## Secretaries Report

September saw the Annual General Meeting held at Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens following the General Meeting. We said goodbye to several Committee Members who have put in a tremendous effort in recent years. Thank you to Julie Bowdery for four years on the committee, your work over this time was phenomenal and we appreciate your effort! Thank you to Ross Smith, Peter Constant and Sue Winship for three solid years as Secretary, Membership Co-ordinator and Treasurer respectively. The number of minutes typed, new members introduced and numbers crunched in this time is huge! Your efforts are very much appreciated and you will be missed. Thank you also goes to Jim Birch who filled the Education role organising many a course to further club members education and safety.

As we say goodbye to these members of the Management Committee we welcome several new faces to the fold. Welcome to Tanya Mason - Marketing, Scott Handley - Membership Co-ordinator, Brad Davis - Treasurer, Patrick Hickey - Education and myself as Secretary.

As a team we will continue to build the club and the next 12 months will certainly prove to be an interesting time!

**Kim Althaus** - [secretary@tlccqld.com.au](mailto:secretary@tlccqld.com.au)

## Membership

What a year this is shaping up to be for the club. We now have a total of 257 active members including financial, life and honorary. Amongst these members we have 203 Toyota's!

A big welcome is extended to our new members:

- \* Matthew Weekes, Jen Beveridge and Lachlan.
- \* Li Chan
- \* Asanka Karunaratne
- \* Alex & Nicole Burke and Ashton
- \* Jason & Carolyn Thomas and Aiden, Keira and Lara
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- \* Mark Brown
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## Education

### New Members Day

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You will also receive information about the club, how we operate and how you can participate in our activities.

Whether you are brand new to 4WDing or have had years' experience in off road vehicles, this is a mandatory part of our testing for the club and is required before you proceed on any of our 4WDing trips with the Toyota LandCruiser Club of Qld (Inc).

New Members Days are normally run on a Sunday from 8am to 3pm.

Upcoming dates are:

**6 November 2016**

**5 February 2017**

**8 & 9 April 2017 (Weekend to cater for 4x4  
Show new members)**

**23 April 2017**

**28 May 2017**

**18 June 2017**

**2 July 2017**

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The upcoming course dates are:

#### **February 2017**

Theory Night 1—1 February 2017

Theory Night 2—2 February 2017

Workshop Night —8 February 2017

Weekend 1—11-12 February 2017

Weekend 2— 18-19 February 2017

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### Other Education Courses

The TLCC QLD offers a range of educational courses that could assist you when fourwheel driving, camping and in general day to day life of maintaining and caring for a vehicle.

On **October 29 2016** a chainsaw course will be run. This course will cover theoretical and practical elements on the correct use and maintenance of chainsaws. This course is highly recommended, more so if you plan on attending track clearing days/weekends to help property owners who support the club.

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## Driver Training Co-Ordinator

### ***A word from Bruce & Di Watson***

Hi to all. I just wanted to bring you up to date where Di and I are at the moment.

As many of you realize we have both retired and now live at Bargara. We bought an investment property there 13 years ago and moved in last year. After 12 years of rentals there was a lot of work to do inside and outside. This has kept us busy and fit and we have loved doing it.

I have been involved in driver training as an instructor since 1994 and took over the role of co-ordinator about 2006. I have enjoyed the experiences and friendships built up through these times.

Since retiring and moving to Bargara I believe the time has come to hand over the role of co-ordinator. Our plans are to travel and we can't get to the meetings anymore. As a result I don't believe I will always be around to give the commitment needed to run this valuable training course for the club.

Last year Kym McGregor at her own expense and time has completed the training course needed to fill the role of the co-ordinator position and has agreed to take over the role.

I think this is absolutely fantastic as Kym is so dedicated and thorough in all that she does. Since Kym and Mitch have been involved with driver training Kym has introduced some ideas and techniques that have proven to be very successful and fun. I know Kym is ready and looking forward to taking on this new role and I am sure she will excel at it.

At the moment we are so fortunate in the club to have a committed and dedicated core group of volunteer instructors who give up their time and money to run the course. Without these guys there would be no course.

I feel confident and peaceful that now is the time to stand aside and let the "younger" generation take the course forward to the next level. Change is a part of life and this applies to our course as well.

I still intend to be fully involved in the course as an instructor and assessor when it is possible to get to the courses. We both look forward to the courses and trips just to catch up again with all our friends.

I have to say in my role as co-ordinator during the years, the backing, support and help I had from my fellow instructors was absolutely fantastic. They were always there to help, give advice and make suggestions to improve the course.

I won't name names as there are so many but guys and gals I would like to sincerely thank you for your support and friendship over the years.

I would also like to make the comment that the magazine is important for us members who live remotely. We both grab it when it comes and read it through.

Thank you Kim (editor) for taking on this role and making it happen.

Hope to catch up with you all again sometime soon.

Bruce and Di Watson.

***Thank you for your time  
and commitment over the  
years Bruce & Di!  
- The TLCC QLD Members***



## Environment & Organisations

Well a huge thanks needs to go the Brisbane 4WD Club for an absolutely fantastic Corroboree weekend this year. Only the second Corroboree I've ever been on but an excellent weekend of great friendship, laughter and great 4WDing through the interesting and challenging area of the Glasshouse Mountains region. This event is a yearly event hosted by one of the great clubs affiliated with the 4WD QLD Association. This year the event was hosted by Brisbane 4WD Club up at Woodford, with the base camp at the showgrounds. Most of the driving took place in the most challenging area's of the Glasshouse Mountains region.

So what is 4WD QLD? This is an association that was started over 30 years ago by the members of local 4WD clubs as the face and voice for all clubs so they can unite as one with the big picture and issues that we all face with this great activity, we call 4WDing. So what have they been up too? Well this year has seen many changes with modernisation of the organisation in most areas just like our club has, with it's new business plan. There is a new website ([www.4wdqld.com.au](http://www.4wdqld.com.au)), Facebook account, branding materials and a facelift with it's advertising. The website has a comprehensive amount of information from all areas within the community for you to read and be informed by from parks and wildlife through to up and coming events that are affiliated with the association. One of the big changes that the association has been able to secure, is access to the Glasshouse Mountains area with HQ Plantations and they are also in talks with parks and wildlife for possible yearly passes for the association members.

### *So what's up and coming in 2017.*

Well we have the Fraser Island Clean Up in May held over the weekend of 5th to 8th. The 2017 Corroboree on the October long weekend 29th September to 2nd October hosted by the Mitsubishi club. Details for these great events will be up on the website very shortly.

A new activity that is hosted by the JeepFreakz QLD that I would like to introduce to everyone, is Clean up Australia in the Glasshouse Mountains so keep an eye and ear out for the details to follow.

4WD QLD has updated their car sticker and I would encourage all members to display to help promote this fine organisation and would finally like to announce the 4WD QLD raffle with the first prize being a Jet Ski.

**Josh East** - [clubliaison@tlccqld.com.au](mailto:clubliaison@tlccqld.com.au)



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# Merchandise Report

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We have a great range of styles and colours of shirts that can be ordered at any Monthly club TLCC QLD Meeting. Shown are some of the many choices available.



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#### Maria Pejich

Merchandising Coordinator

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Chambray Shirt

## Trip Rating Guidelines

### TLCC QLD Trip Rating Guidelines

Trip leaders are responsible for allocating a trip rating to any trip they run. This helps members make decisions about which trips they want, or are able to attend. The rating given to a trip takes into consideration the terrain, driver capabilities and vehicle capabilities.

The criteria for determining a rating are:

#### **Scenic**

- Need for 4WD not anticipated

#### **Social**

- Fun and socialising, can be light 4WDing

#### **Easy**

- Recoveries not anticipated
- Minimal use of low range

#### **Moderate**

- Some recoveries are anticipated
- Low range will be needed throughout much of the day
- High clearance vehicle is essential

#### **Hard**

- Recoveries are highly likely
- Extensive low range terrain will be covered
- High clearance vehicle is essential
- Tyres with good tread recommended
- Traction aids recommended
- Drivers should have a high level of experience

#### **Pioneering**

- Anything can happen

Weather, especially rain, can dramatically change the rating of a trip.

### 4WD QLD RATING - EASY

#### *Overview*

All-wheel drive and high range. Novice Drivers.

#### *Expected Terrain & Track Conditions*

Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients.

#### *Vehicle Suitability*

All-wheel drive and high range 4WD. Can be low clearance with single range and road tyres.

#### *Recovery Equipment*

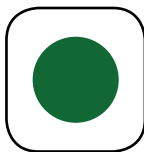
As per club standards.

#### *Driver Training Experience*

Suitable for novice drivers.

#### *Weather*

May be more difficult in wet conditions.



### 4WD QLD RATING - MEDIUM

#### *Overview*

Mainly high range 4WD but low range required. Some 4WD experience or training required.

#### *Expected Terrain & Track Conditions*

Tracks with some steep and/or rocky, slippery, sandy sections. May have shallow water crossings.

#### *Vehicle Suitability*

Suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres.

#### *Recovery Equipment*

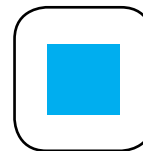
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#### *Driver Training Experience*

Recommended that drivers have experience or 4WD training. Recommended to be done in groups of vehicles.

#### *Weather*

Will be more difficult in wet conditions.



### 4WD QLD RATING - DIFFICULT

#### *Overview*

Significant low range 4WD with standard 4WD ground clearance. Should have 4WD driver training.

#### *Expected Terrain & Track Conditions*

Tracks with frequent steep and/or rocky, slippery, sandy track sections. Possible water crossings.

#### *Vehicle Suitability*

Suitable for medium to high clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain tyres.

#### *Recovery Equipment*

As per club standards.

#### *Driver Training Experience*

Recommended for drivers with reasonable experience or 4WD training. To be done in groups of vehicles.

#### *Weather*

Will be more difficult in wet conditions.







## A Very Bestbrook Christmas



Save the date now for the Family Christmas Camping Weekend

**Friday 25th - Sunday 27th November 2016**

**Where:** Bestbrook Mountain Resort (Cunningham Highway, Maryvale, approx. 1.5 hrs SW of Brisbane)

### What's On

\*Wagon rides \*Whip Cracking \*Boomerang throwing

\*Damper, billy tea and butter churning demonstration and tasting

\*Kids jumping castle and playground \*Swimming pool \*Bushwalking opportunities

4.30pm Saturday – happy hour and Santa visit (gifts for all children aged 15 years and younger)

6.15pm - Christmas dinner Saturday night at the on-site restaurant

Campfire Time – gather around the communal campfire back at camp for relaxation and chatter following dinner

**Costs:** As a way of saying 'thank you' to YOU, the Club members, TLCC QLD is this year paying the costs of the children's meals (aged 15 or younger) and the Santa present.

Dinner - \$38/adult (kids are paid for by Club)

Camping (per night)- \$40 for first 2 people, plus \$14 per child (aged 3-15) or \$16 per extra adult (15% discount on camping if staying 2 or more nights)

### **Activity Coordinators**

Kerri Hruza and Linda Phan.

Please contact Kerri on 0427 821 970 or [kerri.hruza@powerup.com.au](mailto:kerri.hruza@powerup.com.au) if you have any enquiries at this stage.





## Mon Repos Turtle Watching 11-13 Nov 2016

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## Sand Driving Course 12-13 Nov 2016

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make sand driving easier and  
safer.*



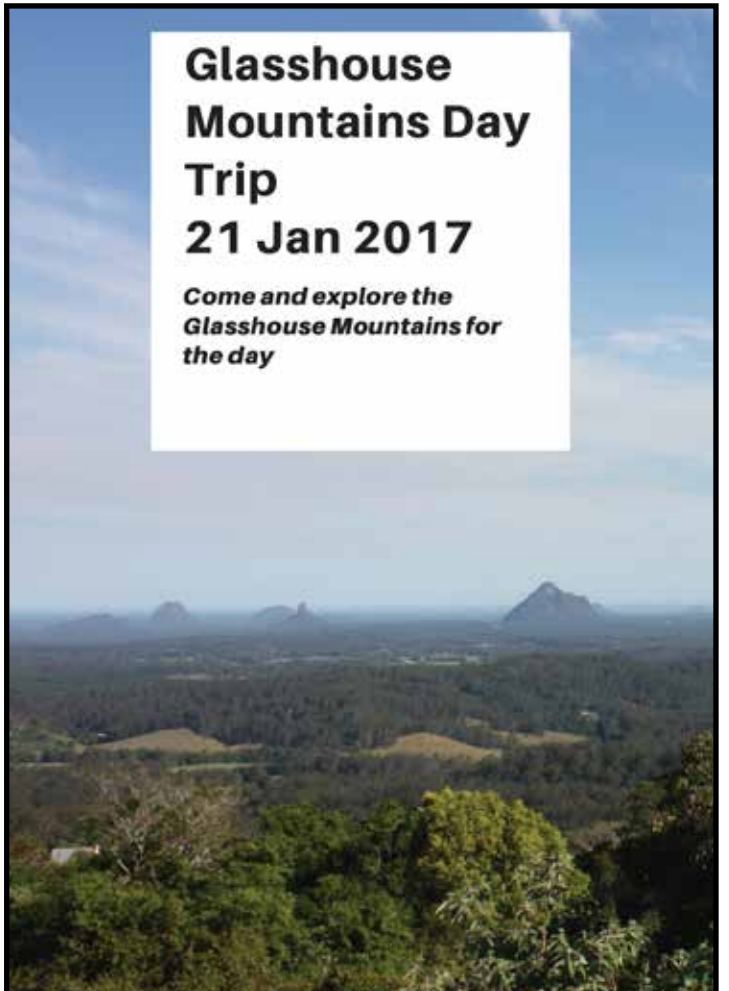
## Fraser Island Clean Up 5-8 May 2017

*Fraser Island Cleanup is an  
annual event hosted by 4WD  
QLD. Volunteers band  
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## Glasshouse Mountains Day Trip 21 Jan 2017

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## TOYOTA HILUX AND TONKA TRUCKS - DOUBLE THE TOUGHNESS

Toyota's "unbreakable" HiLux has joined forces with the tough TONKA brand to provide a rugged and powerful pace car for the 2016-17 speedway season.

A special-purpose Toyota HiLux SR5 double cab wrapped in distinctive TONKA livery is making its debut tomorrow (October 1) at a popular dirt track racing venue in Sydney's west.



The tie-up is significant as both companies will celebrate milestones in 2017 - 80 years since the foundation of Toyota Motor Corporation and the 70th anniversary of TONKA.

Taking its position in front of the grid at the Valvoline Raceway in Granville, the top-of-the-line HiLux turbo-diesel 4x4 pace car is even tougher than normal with the addition of a range of Toyota Genuine accessories.

The rugged good looks of the five-seat HiLux SR5, including its standard sports bar, are enhanced by mean-looking black 18-inch alloy wheels, a premium steel bull bar, convenient side steps and a protective tub liner.

Toyota Australia's Executive Director Sales and Marketing Tony Cramb said the tie-up between HiLux and TONKA brings together two brands that are bywords for "tough".

"Toyota is Australia's leading automotive brand, and HiLux has been the best-selling workhorse for more than 18 years

- in fact, HiLux is Australia's best-selling vehicle bar none in 2016," Mr Cramb said.

"This is a natural fit for our brand - TONKA with its enviable reputation for rugged trucks and HiLux, which has been a feature of Australia's worksites, rural roads and the outback for the past 45 years," he said.

TONKA spokesman George Khoury said the company's renowned toys shared a focus with Toyota HiLux on quality, durability and reliability.

"The TONKA brand represents family fun, adventure, innovation and leadership - all of which are traits we have in common with Toyota and HiLux," said Mr Khoury, who is Asia-Pacific Director of Sales and Marketing for TONKA's manufacturer, Funrise.

Valvoline Raceway managing director Steven Green said the rugged TONKA-liveried Toyota HiLux was an ideal pace car because sprint car drivers are the toughest on the planet.

"The three companies are linked by a passion for families and their kids - Valvoline Raceway with our sprint car events, TONKA with its tradition of quality toys and the Toyota HiLux SR5 with its go-anywhere ability and upscale interior," Mr Green said.



# Toyota Fortuner & Ford Everest Receive Full Summit Treatment



Since the release of ARB's flagship Summit protection range, ARB engineers have been working tirelessly to deliver applications that suit most popular 4wd vehicles. ARB is pleased to announce the release of the Summit bar, side rails and steps for the Toyota Fortuner and the Ford Everest.

## Toyota Fortuner:

The most recent addition to Toyota's 4x4 line up, is the Fortuner five door wagon. Built around the platform of Australia's longest standing dual cab ute, the HiLux, the Fortuner is fast becoming a family favourite. Given the genuine off road capability of this 4x4 wagon, ARB is proud to release the Summit range of protection equipment including the Toyota Fortuner Summit Bar, Side Rails and Steps, giving families improved safety for their upcoming adventures.

## Toyota Fortuner Summit Bar

Whilst visually similar to the HiLux, there are a number of key differences, including the Fortuner's greater front overhang, that required a separate bar development program.

The front buffer section is common across the Summit range of frontal protection. A shorter top section of the buffer has been developed to ensure that the front overhang of the bar is kept to a minimum yet still retains sufficient space for winch access and mounting of driving lights. Bar uprights, press formed cover straps, wings and pans are all unique to the Fortuner.

Due to a largely retained chassis design, the previously developed ARB Recovery Points and Under Vehicle Protection products are shared across both HiLux and Fortuner models.

## ARB's Summit Bar features:

- Superbly engineered air bag compatible mounting system
- Maintains vehicle front parking sensors where fitted
- 'Multi-fold' design for increased outer panel strength
- Split pan design improves air flow to vehicle radiator
- 60.3mm outer frames and centre cross bar

- Hi-Lift jack points located beneath each buffer for optimum strength
- Suitable for Warn, Magnum, Bushranger and Smittybilt low mount electric winches up to 10,000lb
- Aesthetically discreet mounting of the winch control box in the press formed top pan with easy access for the remote controller
- Aluminium (powder coated black) cover panel for non winch applications provides a clean look
- Split pan grille with access door for winch clutch handle engagement/disengagement
- Pre-drilled and treated mounting points for ARB Intensity driving lights and a range of Bushranger and IPF lights
- Provision for optional ARB fog lights and covers
- Includes ARB LED Indicator and clearance light
- Two aerial brackets located on the top of the centre tube
- Zinc rich primer for additional corrosion resistance
- Finished in satin black powder coat with the option to colour code to vehicle colour

## ARB's Summit Side Rails and Steps features:

- Durable 60.3mm tubed steel construction for maximum protection.
- Anodised step extrusion featuring anti slip ridges for additional grip
- Steel tubing is finished in satin black powder coat with the option to colour code to vehicle colour
- Fitted with corrosion resistant fasteners

ARB's Summit Bull bar and Summit side rails and steps application range is continually growing to suit a wide range of popular 4WD vehicles. For more information about the ARB Summit protection range, and the current application list, visit: [www.arb.com.au/summit](http://www.arb.com.au/summit)





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## Kenilworth Peach Trees

**13th August 2016**

**Article by Paul Lee | Photos by Scott Handley**

**WOW WOW WOW!!!**

This was by far the best weekend trip I have done. Ian Mac did an awesome job of organizing and leading this great trip. We had everything in this trip to make it such a success. Good leadership, friendly people, good times chatting and telling lies around the camp fire, a variety of driving conditions and fantastic views of the country.

A lot of places I have visited have only a few good four wheel drive spots distributed over the whole track where one can put vehicle and driver to the test. This trip had many hard and tricky spots to be enjoyed. The challenges seemed to keep

coming all day. All tricky/sticky sections were safe but some were quite the challenge. One in particular almost had two of us on our sides. That horrible "cross slope" feeling is not a good feeling!

The weekend saw most of us on site and set up on Friday night, one vehicle arrived at 8.00am Saturday morning in plenty of time for the briefing.

It was also good to have younger members taking on the role of trip leader. Ian is more than capable and proved to be a good thinker and organizer in my opinion. I will gladly go on future trips with him. As for the location, if you haven't been to the Peachtrees/Kenilworth area you must put it at the top of your list. *Good job Ian!*





# Ballina Beach Weekend

**19th to 21st August 2016**

**Article by Tanya Mason**

**Photos by Scott Handley and Kym McGregor**

**Video by Tanya Mason**

The Ballina Beach week-end was relaxing, weather was perfect and an amazing turnout by Club Members which consisted of 20 vehicles. There was a mix of accommodation with 14 vehicles in the campground and 6 vehicles taking up the cabin option (me included....strange when you are asked whether you want your bed made or whether you are happy to do it yourself – thinking maybe I missed something when I was told linen is an extra charge!). I drove the long way to South Ballina, got lost again due to not reading any instructions provided by Glen Battese our trip leader, to later find out the barge is about 40km shorter. I arrived at the Ballina Beach Village at around 8pm to find the café was shut and the nearest Dan Murphys meant a barge trip back to Ballina. So club members, always read instructions! That is my learning from Ballina because I was hungry and thirsty until the most awesome Club out detoured for me on Saturday. Thanks all.



Friday nights are always fun with club members enjoying a few beers and wines around the 3 camp pits provided for our use. It is my understanding Peter Constant was so distracted

by the fun and laughter on Friday evening that he was poking himself in each eye to work out whether his contact lenses were in or out...ouch!

On Saturday the convoy of 20 vehicles explored the South Ballina Beach and got some amazing photos. The convoy split after lunch with a group remaining up the northern end of the beach for fishing time, noting no one caught any fish, and the remainder of the convoy explored the beach through to Evans Head. What a lovely drive, we visited Coffee Rocks where Carl and his Patrol showed us how to drive the rocks under the careful guidance of Mitch. The convoy continued up to the Evans Head lookout which was spectacular and a great photo opportunity. A few lucky members even saw a whale or two. There were no major vehicle issues only one precautionary tyre change on Donna's 200 series.



Sunday morning was relaxing with half the group heading off home and the remainder joining Glen on a coast drive back via Lennox Heads and Byron Bay. Well the barge trip took over an hour and we caused traffic chaos due to the large number of vehicles in the convoy. For those of us whom have not visited the region for 15 to 20 years what an eye opener. How much have these places changed, it was absolutely amazing. Byron Bay traffic was a challenge for the large number of vehicles and it was soon evident we had some very hungry 4WDers. Glen found a lovely café for us all, to which there was total excitement until we read the menu – goats milk lattes, and weird stuff I have never heard







of – us campers don't do that kind of strange weird stuff – all we wanted was a normal burger so the good old BP service centre at Tweed met our needs perfectly and it was time for goodbyes until next time.

Thanks Glen for a very relaxing weekend and for allocating me the Trip Report as punishment for the convoy having to stop so I could make some very important purchases. I still believe 20 4WDs going through a drive thru would have been a great photo!



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# First Aid Course

20th August 2016

Article by Diane Arnot

This fantastic course was held, once again, in Springwood, the same venue as last year.

Having completed the full First Aid course last year I only needed to do the CPR section of the course again this year. A First Aid qualification lasts for 3 years whereas CPR needs to be renewed annually.

The course was, once again, very well run, organised and interesting. There were only 3 TLCC Students, the rest were a mix of Child Care Professionals, Tradies and other members of the public doing the course for work or their own personal reasons. Because of this mix of people, input was quite varied and interesting.

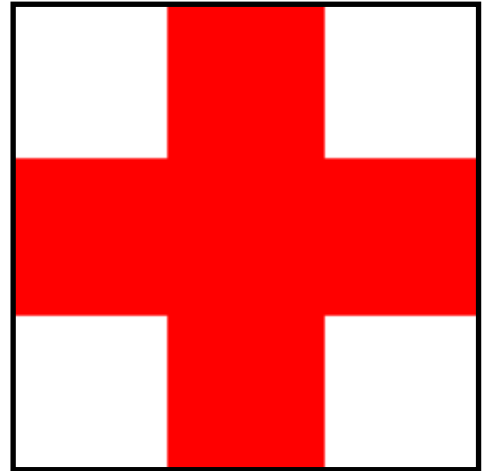
The Trainers were fabulous and they kept the lesson varied and interesting. One of the Trainers was a heart attack survivor – how much more experience do you want when learning CPR!

I would really recommend taking this course, you never know when you will need your new found skills and knowledge. Did you know that a Defibrillator does not restart your heart, it stops your heart and allows it to find it's natural rhythm? I can safely use a Defibrillator machine and maybe one day, can save a life.

I learned when I can, legally, issue help and when I cannot. I learned to carry out a primary survey and I learned that I am the most important person in an emergency situation because I am the only one who can help at that point in time and I can be someone else's heart and I can breathe for someone else. I learned how to stop someone from choking and I learned how to recognise a stroke and a heart attack. I also learned that anyone, anywhere, at any time may need my help and, having done the course and passed, I am qualified to provide the First Aid that may be needed to save someone's life.

I also greatly appreciate that there are people out there that are willing to part with the knowledge and experiences that they have had in order to teach others how to cope with emergencies, and for this I say – Great course, thank you for sharing your knowledge and experiences with us and for teaching us.

Thank you, also, to Jim Birch for arranging for this to be on the Agenda once again.



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# Go Karting

**28th August 2016**

**Article by Glen Battese**

**Photos by Pat Hickey**

This is one of the trips that I enjoy running and now attending. This particular social even was held on a Sunday afternoon and everyone met at Slideways Go Karting in Brisbane. In all there were around 10 club members attending and the usual trash talk started as soon as we hit the car park!

I soon learned that being the Reigning Champ meant that from day dot there was a target on my back. The day was made up of 3 x 10min sessions. The first was Practice which gave everyone the opportunity to get the feel for the slippery conditions. For those that had not been there before they quickly learnt that there was a very different driving technique for the indoor carts.

The second session was all about qualifying. The time that you set down in this session would set where you started the race.

Finally, there was the race I started from pole position and had a magic run lapping everyone except Sophie and Reece the two youngsters. I finished the day on top once again but the drive of the day has to go to Sophie. She spent the majority of the afternoon towards the back end of the field but when it counted she clawed her way up into second.

What can I say. Like father like daughter!





# Annual Trivia Night

9th September 2016

Article by Kim Althaus

Photos by Kym McGregor

The annual Trivia Night kicked off with a bang on a drizzly Friday night. Four teams gathered at the 4WD QLD Hall to have fun, show their smarts and help raise funds for our designated Bunyip Fund charity - LifeFlight. Amidst the bribery, many bright sparks were found in the room with strengths shining through between rounds of 'What Year?', 'Who am I?', 'Name That Tune' and 'Where in the World?' - just to name a few. Team names on the night were 'The Orphans II', 'The Department of Leftovers', 'Cheap Tuesday' and 'Andrew & Liz'.

Our reigning champions, The Orphans II, once again took out the night smashing the 'Where in the World' round of questions gaining 19 points when the average was 6.5!

The Wooden Spoon prize went to Andrew & Liz, who managed a very respectable score against teams of seven people.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped out. A massive thanks to the very skillful Quizmaster, Mitch McGregor, who entertained everyone whilst keeping the night on track.

In all we raised \$286 for LifeFlight whilst having many a laugh and celebrating Mitch's birthday!





# Winching Course



**11th September 2016**

**Article by Cath D'Arcy**

**Photos by Sue Winship**

My husband Tony and I went along to do the winching course instructed by the very experienced and knowledgeable Peter Kitchin from Redlands 4WD, [www.redlands4wd.com.au](http://www.redlands4wd.com.au).

I have to admit at the start some of the first session of the theory was going over my head with the mechanics of the winch! There were a lot of questions asked and Peter was fantastic and answered them all and I did pick up a lot of understanding of the workings of the winch and the maintenance which I had known nothing about previously. The demonstrations were impressive, snapping ropes and the effects of dampeners and the old school winch was amazing (until someone, I won't mention any names, broke a pin). Then it was off for a play on the tracks on the Wightman property for some, while anyone who wanted the ever patient Peter to have a look at their winch etc lined up and picked his brain for advice. Thank you to Tanya Mason for getting stuck so I could whip my winch out for a real life retrieval!

Thank you to TLCC for running another fantastic training session. Thank you also to Peter Kitchin for sharing your fantastic knowledge and special thanks to Ian and Sue Wightman for the use of your beautiful property.



# Bribie Island Day Drive

**24th September 2016**

**Article by Tanya Mason**

The convoy of 8 day trippers met at Bribie Island beach entrance at 8.30am which was enough time for a meet and greet, air down and to wait for trip leader David Pejich (aka Supercharger Dave). Yes Dave was late! The day started off with light rain but by 9am the sun came out and we were treated to a perfect Queensland day. The group was Stuart Trout and co., Disco Dave and Diane Arnot, Steven Allen, Greg Hoyes, Tim Sinden, Col and Wendy Honey, Supercharger Dave and Maria Pejich and myself Tanya Mason.

We headed off onto the beach for a leisurely drive guided by Supercharger Dave, stopping at Waterhole #1 for morning tea, an opportunity for a coffee or for some a swim in the ocean. After morning tea we drove up the beach through soft sand and stopped for photos along the way. Lunch spot was at Waterhole #2 where awnings were erected for protection from the sun. Another opportunity for a swim in the ocean, walk on the beach and a chat with fellow 4WDers.

The whales turned on the most amazing show I have ever experienced approximately 100 metres off shore. The show went on throughout the afternoon, and you certainly could not have paid for a better experience. The whales jumped out of the water, played with each other and really gave us something to remember for many years to come. What an experience!

After lunch continuing north along the beach the TLCC was greeted by a twin cab and camper trailer firmly stuck in the soft sand and with the tide on the way in there was an urgency to assist. So we all put our digging, Trax and sand

recovery learnings into practice and thanks to Supercharger Dave successfully recovered the vehicle and camper trailer which got a thumbs up from the large number of bystanders. The convoy continued up the beach and stopped at the war remains for some exploring and the opportunity to take some amazing photos.

Continuing on the inland road the sand was soft and gave us all a good day of sand driving. Afternoon tea was in a day area on the west side of the island whereby we played bocce for an hour and it is noted that the women definitely won hands down. A little bit of gender rivalry provided for a very relaxed afternoon. The end of the day trip was at the air up area whereby most of the convoy said their goodbyes. Supercharger Dave and Maria, Disco Dave and Diane and myself headed off to the Bribie hotel for a quick meal and a cold beer. That was after Supercharger Dave drove down the bitumen with his tailgate open and diff lock engaged. Oops!

Another great day trip, thanks for the fun and laughter throughout the day LandCruiser Club style!





# New Members Day

**25th September 2016**

**Article & Photos by Meghan Scrivens**

Whilst the sky loomed over us heavily and threatened to put a 'damper' on the day, 11 trainee members with varying four wheel driving experience, gathered at Urbenville Forest Park early on the 25th of September eager to commence their relationship and journey with TLCCQ. Following our introduction into the club and a tutorial on convoy procedure, we headed off in convoy to Brooklyn.

Here we met the sprightly land owner, Terry who shared some words of wisdom on safe driving. We acquired knowledge on snatch recovery and appropriate recovery gear. We each had an opportunity to review the vehicles, learn where the recovery points were and how these should be utilised appropriately in the event of incident requiring a vehicle to be recovered.

Opportunity was created to practice the principles of four wheel driving and appreciate the setting to which Brooklyn is nestled amongst.

On behalf of the members who attended the September New Members Day, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to Mr and Mrs McGregor and other trainers who provided their time and imparted their wisdom upon us. Thanks is extended to the those who attended the day in support of their partner/parent, they made our day brighter and without them we would have had more gates to open and close!





# Moreton Island

23rd September to 3rd October 2016

Article by Donna & Peter Lewis

Photos by Paul Kranen

As usual everyone was super excited on the barge over to Moreton and in keeping with tradition we started with breakfast on board, of course Glen had his pie.



found their way to freedom.

Young Tom (7) and Veane (9) were the glamour campers with dad, John, taking the drive each morning to Bulwar for a really hot shower that wasn't limited by the amount of water you could carry! Well done John, I think secretly some of us were wishing we were with you.

Hats off though to Jacinta and Sophie, when Mother Nature dealt us the cruel hand of turning the winds on it was Sophie and Jacinta's Black Wolf Tent that blocked some of the blow



Getting off the barge we headed to the best camp site on the west coast. We didn't think we would be lucky enough to score it but lady luck was on our side that day, so seven of us took up residence for our 10 day stay.

This camp site is right on the beach overlooking the bay, everyone was oblivious to what Mother Nature had in store for us in the days ahead.



from the rest of us. Up to 65 knot gusts at times. The girls, hardened campers that they are, went about their business of movie watching in their tent without batting an eye brow, while the rest of us were up tying down whatever we could.



Set up day started with everyone being very relaxed bopping up and down in the still waters and a having cool ale.

The kids found star fish to nurture, but the prize for most loved pets goes to Jade and Stephanie, they collected, a giant grass hopper, caterpillar, sand crab, pippies and the starfish. Their days were filled with searching for a new pet to love and adore. Tears were bound to be had, when some

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Every day was a new adventure with seeing loads of whales, which I'm sure one of the others will give you details on, we saw dolphins, turtles, (no fish!), ate oysters and swam in the fresh water lagoons, we helped fellow travellers from their misfortunes until finally everyone had to head home.

What a great holiday it was!

Thanks again to the Battese Family, it's always fantastic.



# 2016 4WD QLD Corroboree

**30th September to 3rd October 2016**

**Article by David Pejich**

**Photos by Di Arnot & Paul Kranen**

The 2016 Corroboree snuck up on the TLCC QLD club very quickly this year – It only seemed like it was only last month that we had the presentation at our General Meeting by the Brisbane 4WD Club. This year the Brisbane 4WD Club in association with 4WD QLD were the gracious hosts of the 36th Annual 4WD Qld Corroboree at the Woodford Showgrounds. This will be the culmination of around 18 months of hard effort by the Brisbane 4WD Club to put on an event that embraces the core values of their club "Family Friendly Fun". For 4WD QLD this event represents a significant milestone of the 40th year of representing the interests of Queensland 4WD clubs at the annual gathering of 4WD clubs.



LandCruiser burbling in to be in their presence, well would you believe that may have been coincidental with other proceedings – nah they just loved LandCruiser's!!! I was greeted by the lovely women from the club (Kim, Tanya and Julie) to lend me a hand with registration, booking trips for the next few days and directing me to the TLCC campsite where they reserved a spot for me to set up the trusty Tvan (reality was they knew if I was left to my own devices that I could end up anywhere as mud maps and direction of travel signs are not my forte). David and Diane Arnot had a wonderful outlook across to the Bundaberg 4WD drive club until I set up stumps right in front of their annexe. When David and Diane came back from Trivia and Games – the first comment from David was "Oh Look – someone was very nice in setting up our very own personal toilet en-suite for us". That set the tone of the rest of the weekend – great fun for everyone!



This would be my first corroboree that I have attended since joining the TLCC QLD club so I did not really know what to expect – I have heard some good stories from folks about past events so I thought I had better attend this one now. There is just one word that can describe what I encountered upon entering the gates of the Woodford Showground – "Massive". I did not think in my wildest expectations of how big this event was and how many fellow 4WDers were there from so many locations so far away.



Friday night "First Night Madness" was in full swing at the arena with Trivia and Games – the noise from the crowd was great. They were all cheering at the shiny 100 series

Paul and Sharyn Kranen had good planning in bringing along a brazier for the compulsory circle your wagons talkfest each night. We had a fairly good cross section of the club attending, Bill and Vicki Fawkes, Greg and Diane Tapper, Philip, Sharon and Josh East, Paul and Sharyn Kranen, Julie Bowdery and friend Chris, Tanya Mason (AKA Tent Master – there is even a video floating around of the 30 plus minutes to put up a 2 minute tent constructed by at least eight people – he he he), Kim Althaus, David and Diane Arnot, Dave Jobling, John and Melanie Proper and family, Dave Jobling and his family, David



# Doin' Time at Woodford



Pejich and a drop in on Saturday night by Jan Scudamore. Even though we had a few attending from TLCC QLD, other 4WD clubs attending from far away outdid our numbers easily.

The next two days were absolutely jam packed full of trips and fun – I could not believe there were 15 lanes allocated for the trip departures with all of them full for morning and afternoon trips from Easy through to Triple Black Diamond runs. It catered for every taste of 4WDing, amazing! Most of the people in our club tried at least one Double Black Diamond run for a bit of excitement and thrills, some for the first time and they absolutely loved it! Go Tanya! (This was by accident though as the trip leader took them on a double black diamond track instead of single black diamond run).

Unfortunately, some of vehicles in the club sustained some minor damage e.g. sidesteps bent, bumper bar scrapes, two beads upset from the rims, and one alternator death from a jaunt in mud (Tow truck required at Kilcoy for a tow home – Julie towed the camper trailer and Dave Jobling's 100 series was on the flat bed for the rest of the trip home). One club member even had his 4WD deemed to be Condemned by other 4WD drive clubs – by the placement of Condemned stickers all over his white Triton GLX (Josh). He is still trying to track down the club who played this practical joke on him – most likely payback for the practical jokes from the last corroboree - bet you it was that devious Nissan 4WD Club we saw lurking in the shadows at night hey Josh.

Needless to say that the tracks were a little more challenging than what we usually encounter on TLCC QLD trips – but gee they were good and the views from some were absolutely spectacular. Check out the TLCC QLD Facebook page to see some of the footage and photos.

The catering done by members of the Brisbane 4WD club was absolutely outstanding and so well planned. It made it a very easy weekend if you opted for the full catering package. On Saturday night we had a band in the arena and Sunday had the huge blow up screen for the Rugby League Grand Final followed by the raffle draws and then a huge the fireworks display finale.

One of the big surprises for the Sunday afternoon was the 4WD wash conducted by the Rural Fire Service and QLD Fire and Emergency Service – mutually beneficial as they raised funds from voluntary donations and we got a reasonably

clean car again.

Monday saw us trying to complete one of the previous days cryptic navigation exercises and had to admit defeat as the instructions were too cryptic, luckily though as rain soon followed which would not have been good if we were up on high slopes on clay tracks in the area. We then set to completing pack-up of camp – clean up our area and off to the Woodford Hotel for a hearty lunch prior to departing for the drive home. Some of us needed a break about halfway home and somehow found the famous Fernvale Bakery - mmmm pies!! What a good way to finish a rainy afternoon drive.

A huge thank you and congratulations on running such a well-coordinated 2016 Corroboree must go to the dedicated hard work completed by the members of the Brisbane 4WD Club and organisers from 4WD Queensland. What a fantastic event! So when you see the Corroboree being advertised by the Mitsubishi Club next year – do yourself a favour and book into it as you will not regret it. We all had a hoot of a time and plan on being there next year. We have to increase our footprint being the largest 4WD club in QLD to match being the biggest group at Corroboree for 2017. Now there is a challenge for TLCC QLD – hope to see you there!





# LandCruiser Mountain Park Reopening & Creek to Coast Shoot

**1st October 2016**

**Article by David Pejich**

**Photos by Rudy Van Kerckhof**

Well it was fantastic to have the opportunity to be invited to LandCruiser Mountain Park for the Official reopening weekend and participate in a Creek to Coast shoot with Roger Vickery and the Creek to Coast team.



Our trip consisted of a convoy from the 4WD Corrobboree site at Woodford (Tanya Mason, Kim Althaus, Josh East, David & Dianne Arnot, David Pejich), and Rudy & Janelle Van Kerckhof, Peter Gates and Tony Shaw who met us at LandCruiser Mountain Park on the day. At the commencement of the trip from Woodford my 100 series was in immaculate form polished up and shiny for the day's events. However due to wanting to make it to LandCruiser Park on time Josh decided that he should lead the way due to my habit of looking for new and exciting ways of getting to places (I wonder why?!). Hence, a bunyip at the next General Meeting for Josh as the pristine, polished and shiny 100 Series was now a massive

dust collector looking like it had been to the desert in a massive dust storm. Exterior Armor All, WD40 and dust stick together like you would not believe – nice one Josh!

We met up with the Creek to Coast Team and Roger Vickery at the Office at LandCruiser Mountain Park just before 9 am where we were kitted up by the Creek to Coast team with the cameras, microphones etc. and we were off into the Park in a convoy.

It was great to see the park reopened up to the public after a short hiatus. LandCruiser park is now more aligned to the family oriented fun weekend camping park with great four wheel driving. Of note was all the effort performed by LandCruiser Park staff with a bit of help from the ARB QLD crew to place back the new signs to all of the tracks throughout the park that were souvenired when it closed last time. At the moment the park property is looking fantastic, green and lush after some recent rains in the area.



We were off to the head of the Brisbane River for the day's filming about a half hours' drive through the park. We had a variety of vehicles in the convoy that represented the diversity within the club and that TLCC QLD will accept any vehicle in the club just as long as they share in our motto of "Friendship, Four Wheelin and Fun." On the day we had a Landrover Discovery, VW Amarok, Mitsubishi Triton, 200 series, 100 series, two Prados, and heavily modified Hilux plus the Motorama Pajero Sport for the Creek to Coast team.

There were a few challenging tracks and a couple creek crossings to make things interesting along the way. Everyone on the trip easily navigated their way through these with a minimum of fuss. The last creek crossing (the Brisbane river) had our attention as the Creek to Coast crew radioed that the water was over the bonnet lapping the windscreen when they crossed. We were up the hill out of immediate view – they wanted to film the convoy crossing the river. When we arrived and crossed it was not that bad probably just over the wheels and lapping the wheel arch panels. Interestingly





though, the design of the new Pajero Sport creates a bow wave that forces the water to the windscreen due to its wedge shape. It did cross without any water ingestion and performed quite well on the tracks considering it only had road tyres and no additional suspension lift.



It was at this creek crossing that the Drone was deployed for filming. I still have vivid memories of Peter Baileys drone getting caught in a gust of wind while filming camp at Brooklyn and being perfectly blown through large gum trees and then descending into the middle of the waterhole of the creek there and hoped the same fate would not be cast onto the drone filming us. After filming everyone crossing the head of the Brisbane River and a couple of shots to at the river's edge, it was time to drop Roger back to cook a multitude of sausages for visitors to LandCruiser Park for Lunch. I could not help notice a very steep descent via another exit to get back over the river and I just had to give it a go. From a distance it did not look that bad but when your wheels drop over the edge it was quite a drop.



As I took Roger back to the LandCruiser Park Office all the rest of the convoy took the same exit and handled it very well with some great footage gained for the shoot. I think you will see Tanya quite excited in doing this by herself when this goes to air! I somehow managed to find my way back to the convoy and this was where the Creek to Coast team left us to return back to the Park Office. At this point we had morning tea and we decided to go on an unplanned adventure drive

through the park. The Creek to Coast crew should have stayed with us as they would have got some fantastic shots as we traversed over some great tracks, had a lot of air under some tyres in some cases and recovered a stranded Navara stuck halfway up a steep slope (look for the video on the TLCC QLD Facebook site) and had some interesting radio discussions on "Where the hell are we on the map" and "How do we get to the Office from here". Another one of David's Mystery drives strikes again!

We eventually found our way back to the LandCruiser Park Main Office, had a fantastic sausage sizzle cooked up by Roger and the team from LandCruiser Mountain Park, did some final shots and said our goodbyes to Roger and the Creek to Coast crew. We all went and had a look at the VIP campsite where Peter and Tony were staying and left them to enjoy the rest of the weekend adventure at LandCruiser Mountain Park. We said goodbye to Rudy and Janelle at Woodford and from there it was back to the fun of the 4WD Corroboree at Woodford.



On arrival back at the Woodford Showgrounds campsite, it did not take long for us to be recognised on Facebook at the 4WD Corroboree as having done the shoot with Creek to Coast on that day – I was gobsmacked that other clubs were stalking our Facebook page that weekend.

Thanks to everyone who came up to LandCruiser Park for the day and I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves – It really was an enjoyable day. One last bunyip before I close – this one goes to Tanya as she blabbed the nickname "Supercharger Dave" to Roger and the Creek to Coast crew almost the instant that we met on the day – for once I was lost for words when one of the first questions Roger asked during the filming was "So why do they call you Supercharger Dave" Good one Tanya! – Like WD40, external Armor All and dust, I don't think that nickname is going to go away anytime soon. All I can say is, you better bring a lot of change for the Bunyip at the next meeting!



# 2016 Dirty Downunder 4x4 Pink Run

15th to 16th October 2016

Photos by Stuart Trout

Fellow club member Stuart Trout participates each year in the Dirty Downunder 4x4 Pink Run. This year saw it bigger better than previous years.

'4x4 Pink Run 2016 was an amazing day with about 450 pink 4x4s and thousands of peeps coming together for a day to remember raising funds for National Breast Cancer Foundation ID# 1251772.'

<http://www.dirtydownunder4x4.com/welcome-to-4x4-pink-run/>

This year the combined efforts have helped raise over \$46,900. What an amazing achievement. Next year lets throw our support behind this great cause, and maybe Stuart will run a trip for the Pink Run.





# LandCruiser's in the Gobi

## Article and Photos by Doug Miller

In April 2015 I went on a tour to Mongolia to join a dinosaur dig under the auspices of the Mongolian Academy of Science. The tour was organised by Australian Geographic with Odyssey Travel taking care of the tourist arrangements. A hardy band of five ventured into the south eastern Gobi Desert for a week of dinosaur fossil hunting. We encountered heat, sand, two sand storms and lots of fossil bones. I enjoyed it so much that I went back this September for a second expedition. In 2015 we went to a district called Baishin Tsav a mainly flat sandy desert region where the tallest plants reached 1 and a half to 2 feet in height. This year we went to Tugruiin Shiree and Alag Teeg west of the city of Dalanzadgad.

In 2015 our transport was 2 battered LandCruiser's. The only problem we encountered was a blown tyre as we set off across the desert in pursuit of a small herd of wild Mongolian asses. Prior to leaving on this expedition I asked Kim if she would be interested in a story for our magazine about LandCruiser's in the Gobi. She said yes so here it is. I hope you enjoy the story and I hope it inspires your sense of adventure because if it does there is an opportunity for you to join future expeditions or to head over there to drive the Gobi yourself. I will tell you more at the end of my article.

Our hardy group of 8 gathered in Ulaanbaatar (UB) hotel on Wednesday, 7 September. Our tour leader was John Pickrell the editor of Australian Geographic. John and I were on the first expedition in 2015 so we had a good idea of what to expect. I had arrived a day earlier which proved to be a good start as my luggage failed to arrive from Beijing as had happened in 2015. A touch of déjà vu perhaps as it did arrive 24 hours later. Three others of our group arrived without their luggage but they only had to wait half a day for it to reach them at the hotel.

On the morning of Thursday, the 7th we met our tour guide Gerel, his off-sider Khulan from Mongolia Quest, our transport, a Lexus 4WD and two LandCruiser's too, ready for the drive to the expedition camp. We were joined by Dr Badmaa from the Academy and prepared to pack our vehicles and depart. The vehicles were spotless, a state that would soon disappear. The first thing I spotted was a sticker on one of the cars that read 'Old Man Emu suspension'. The second thing I saw was



an 'ARB' sticker. The third thing I saw, and this one brought a bigger smile to my face was a sticker that indicated that our drivers were members of the 'Mongolian LandCruiser Club'. A pleasant and unexpected surprise.



As it happened I was wearing a shirt with my TLCC of Qld badge on the shoulder. I told Gerel of the connection. He told the drivers. Broad smiles crossed their faces.

Day 1 involved a long drive to our camp over 600 kilometres from UB. The highway from UB to Dalanzadgad is a two lane bitumen road so for a good part of the journey, 525 kilometres, it was relatively smooth driving. The second part of the drive from Dalanzadgad to Tugruiin Shiree was on dirt roads directly into the setting sun. The cars moved in convoy order which they maintained for the duration of the trip. The drive took a little over 11 hours with numerous pit stops, gents to the left, ladies to the right and behind any knoll, bank or other protection, lunch stops, snack stops, petrol stops where one could take advantage of the toilet facilities (really just an enclosed pit with 2 boards on which one could stand)... I think you get the picture.



Having reached Dalanzadgad by late afternoon we fuelled up, paid a quick visit to a recently constructed dinosaur park (Dr Badmaa told us that of all the dinosaurs featured in the park only 1 was actually from Mongolia), took another pit stop and then set off for camp, approximately 120 kilometres further on across dirt roads. This drive proved to me that we were in good hands as our drivers, Togtoh in car 1, Hurlee in car 2 and Ganaa in car 3 (the one I was in) delivered us safely to our camp.

Recent rain left our drivers with the added pressure of negotiating many wet patches of terrain along the tracks that constituted the 'roads'. These hazards added to the many dips, cut-outs, ridges, bumps and other obstacles they encountered on the drive. There was no headlong charge over ridges here because there was certain to be a steep drop on the other side. We passed the little town of Bulgan (the home town of our expedition leader Dr Myna who had gone ahead of us to set up camp) and eventually reached the rise across from camp at Tugruiin Shiree. What a welcoming sight it was with our yellow tents up and waiting for our arrival. Our dining room/meeting room ger (it is not a 'yurt', it is a 'ger' – ger means home) which would be the centre of camp life was ready with our first meal, a much need one at that.



# LandCruiser's in the Gobi contd.

After our late supper many of us settled in our tents or looked over our camp site. John and I caught up with Dr Myna who had been on our first expedition in 2015 and was leading this one. Our leader in 2015 Dr Tsogtbaatar was unavailable this year so he designated Myna as the expedition leader and what a leader he turned out to be. I have never met someone like Myna with such a knack for finding fossils. Over the duration of the dig we uncovered 3 protoceratops, a hadrosaur and an ankylosaur as well many other smaller bones that have yet to be fully identified but to me the find of the dig was 45 small fossilised bird eggs.



In 2015 the expedition was in flat open sandy desert terrain. In 2016 we were in hilly terrain working mainly on hillsides and in gullies, cuts and ravines running off the sides of the hills. The cars were used to ferry us to more distant sites but we were able to walk to those nearest to camp. In the vehicles it was slow bumpy driving but they handled as well as one would expect from LandCruiser's. Towards the end of the dig when we were extracting our finds (this process involves pedestaling the fossil before wrapping it in Russian toilet paper – because Russian toilet paper is the toughest, and binding it is hessian caked in plaster or Paris). These plaster jackets are essential to provide stability and protection for the fossils during transportation back to the Academy of Science in UB. Most were in tough to get at positions and far too heavy for us to carry back to camp. Here the LandCruiser's and the skill of our drivers came to the fore. The drivers were able to negotiate the ridges and gullies to allow easy extraction of the plaster jacket.



At the completion of the dig we had a couple of days touring and sight-seeing and to do it in the comfort of a LandCruiser was an added bonus. More traversing of rough roads, gullies, cuts, ridges and dust, lots of dust, dust that hangs in the air as there was little breeze to blow it away. One of the major hazards of driving in the Gobi especially at night

is herds of grazing horses and camels. At night the dust is a particular danger because it tends to hang around a lot more. Consequently there is always a long gap between vehicles, number 1 kicks it up and 2 and 3 have to avoid it. Our convoy would spread out in the hope of driving around the dust. We



had no major incidents although some excitement levels rose as we chased after a fox on the night drive back from the Flaming Cliffs to our luxury ger camp for the night.

The one incident that affected all 3 vehicles happened on our visit to the Hongoryn Els Sand Dunes. This a 120 kilometre



long range of spectacular sand dunes that is a breath-taking site. Yes, sand. I suppose you can guess what happened. All 3 vehicles got bogged. I thought this would be a good opportunity to watch their sand recovery techniques but it was not to be. They eventually extricated themselves but not by the recovery method we use. They had a tow strap but one that did not engender any confidence in me. It looked old and frayed and not up to the task. And so it turned out. It broke and was soon discarded for more tried and true methods of spade and hand and scraps of vegetation (remember, no trees so branches and such are not to be found). Gerel our guide sent us off trekking to the nearby dunes while the drivers set about their task of extricating the vehicles from the grasp of the sand. This they duly achieved and we continued on our afternoon of sight-seeing.

Prior to this incident I had not paid much attention to the vehicles tyres but now I noted that they did not deflate their tyres for the trip across the sand. I believe that the tyre pressure remained the same no matter the surface upon which they were driving. There was no pump in their cars!

Throughout this adventure our drivers, Togtoh, Hurlee and Ganaa were excellent companions and although I spoke no Mongolian and they no English we were able to communicate when talking about our vehicles. They did most of the heavy



# LandCruiser's in the Gobi contd.

lifting around camp and always greeted us with smiles. They did a fantastic job of driving. We all made it safely through our tour thanks in no small part to their efforts and those magnificent LandCruiser's; the only way to travel in the Gobi Desert or anywhere for that matter.

My only disappointment was that I was not able to do some driving. I told Gerel this and he mentioned that Mongolia Quest can arrange fly-drive tours of the Gobi. If anyone is interested in such an experience (do you know anyone who has driven across the Gobi?) they can visit [MongoliaQuest.com](http://MongoliaQuest.com), click on 'custom tailored experience' and start planning their trip. Gerel and his staff speak excellent English and are experts in Mongolia tourism. They can arrange the trip of your life. I will be using their service again as I am planning a return visit in April 2017 mainly to volunteer at the Mongolian Academy of Science preparing fossils but I will be spending 7 to 10 days doing the tourist thing (in the northwest mountains this time). If any club members would like to talk to me about my experiences in Mongolia I would be happy to do so.

If you are interested in joining a dinosaur expedition to Mongolia visit the Australian Geographic website or Odyssey Travel. And if you are thinking of visiting Mongolia just for sight-seeing and driving you can do no better than [MongoliaQuest.com](http://MongoliaQuest.com).



## MALENY - EXHIBITION WEDNESDAY 13th August 86

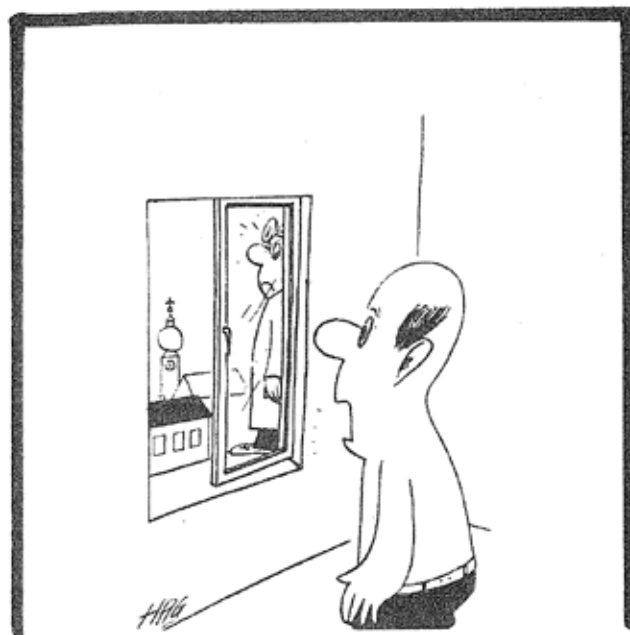
This was my second trip with the club and with the combination of a warm sunny day and the anticipation of enjoying another day of 4WDiving with the club I was up and ready to go bright and early - too early in fact. I had invited a friend along for the day who I promptly dragged out of bed on arriving half an hour earlier than planned.

We all met at Peachester at 9am which by all appearances was still asleep or maybe just hiding from the invasion of 4WDives. After a short wait we were off down the road and onto a track to the private property we were visiting. Now this track had numerous deposits of cow manure on it and no matter how much I swerved I just couldn't miss them. After passing through several gates and past a few onlookers, namely the producers of the aforementioned smelly stuff we came to a fairly steep grassy hill. The hill didn't look like much of a challenge but a couple of vehicles did a bit of wheel spinning before we were all safely at the top.

What a spot to have morning tea, a great view of the Glasshouse Mountains, green grass, rainforest, fresh air, and some more of that smelly stuff. You guessed it, I can't dodge it on foot either. So much for the fresh air. The energetic people followed the track on foot down to a little stream hidden in the rainforest. I heard a suggestion that we might drive down this track. This had me pondering how I was going to do the u-turn at the bottom. I have enough trouble doing them on the city streets. However, after struggling and puffing our way back up to the vehicles we were soon on our way again down the hill, past the bewildered onlookers and thru the gates.

Our drive took us along tracks that seemed to go around and around until I was completely lost. On one rough hill my passenger, who owns a Subaru Four Wheel Drive, made the comment "I can see why there are no Subarus on this trip". Lunch was spent at a clearing in the forest where logging operations were under way. I found lunch time a good opportunity to talk to other drivers and gain a lot of useful hints about the vehicles we drive. After lunch we ventured around some of the logging tracks then headed off to end the day at the picturesque Mary Cairncross Park. A very nice spot to end a very enjoyable day.

BRUCE URQUHART



Is it something very contagious Doctor..?



This Hilux was spotted on a Semitrailer between Toowoomba and Brisbane by Vicki and Ross Smith some time ago. The Semi-driver didn't know the story about it, but one thing is for sure, he didn't belong to our club.

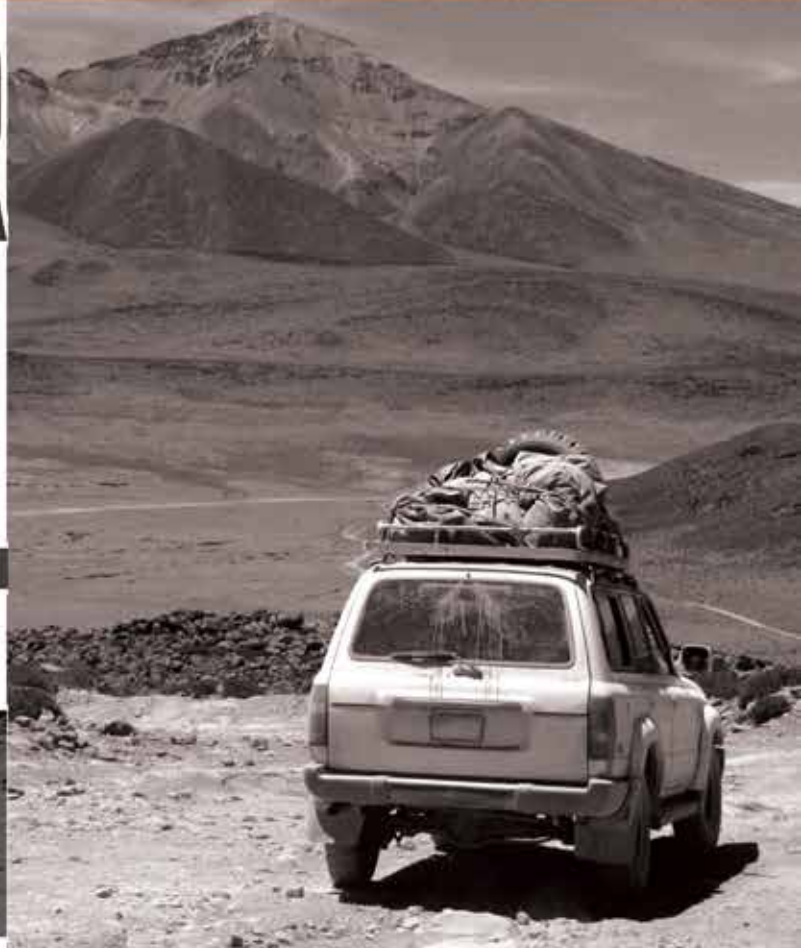
Arn't you glad you go for trips with the T.L.C.Club and not with this fellow.





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Photo taken by Doug Miller in the Gobi Desert.

While recovering their three bogged vehicles the tour guide, Gerel, sent the tour group off trekking the nearby dunes while the drivers set about their task of extricating the vehicles from the grasp of the sand.

*Congratulations  
Doug!*



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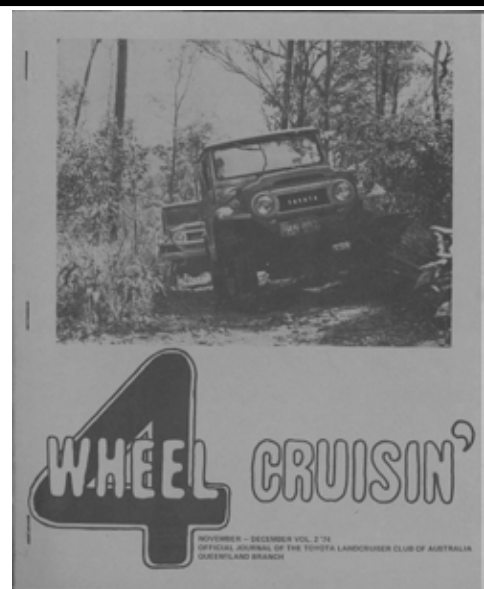
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Landcruiser FJ40 to FJ55  
Landcruiser Fj-RJ All Models Petrol 4&6 Cyl 1969 - 1990  
Landcruiser SJ80, HZJ80, HDJ80 Jan 1990  
Landcruiser 3F Engine FJ62, 70, 73 & 75 Dec 1984  
Landcruiser 3RZ-F, 3RZ-FE Engine RZJ90 RZJ95 Apr 1996  
Landcruiser 1FZ-FE Engine FZJ100  
Landcruiser HJ Series Diesel 1980 - 1990  
Landcruiser FJ Series Petrol 1985 - 1990  
Landcruiser Diesel 1990 - 1994  
Landcruiser Petrol Aug 1992 - Feb 1998  
Prado Petrol 1996 - 2002  
Patrol Diesel 2000 - 2002  
Landcruiser Diesel Mar 1998 - 2001  
Landcruiser Diesel 4&6 Cyl

## **General**

Campfire Cookbook  
4WD Adventures in South East QLD  
Travelling the Outback (Copy 1)  
Canning Stock Route - A Traveller's Guide  
Outback Cooking in the Camp Oven  
Australian Bush Survival Skills  
A Field Guide to Central Australia  
Travelling the Outback (Copy 2)  
Fraser Island & Cooloolool, Bushpeople's Visitor Guide to  
The Canning Stock Route  
Dirty Weekends in South East Queensland  
Cape York a Travellers Guide  
4WD Adventures in Northern NSW  
National Parks of N.S.W.  
Ghost Towns of the High Country  
The Glovebox Cookbook  
Australia's Outback Western Queensland  
The Kimberley an Adventurer's Guide  
Cape York a 4WD Experience  
The Great Top Road  
The Australian 4WD Companion  
The Kimberley - Journey Through an Ancient Land  
Heritage Trails of the Great South East  
Heritage Trails of the Tropical North  
Heritage Trails of the Queensland Outback  
Australia's Top 4WD Getaways  
Dirty Weekends in Central Queensland  
The High Country: 4Wd and Camping Guide  
GPS Vehicle Navigation in Australia  
Off-road Tasmania - 4WD Tracks in Tasmania (Incl Waypoints CD)  
The Best of Outback Tracks  
Pat Callinan's 4X4 Starter Guide  
Len Beadell's Legacy  
Camps 6 Australia Wide  
4WD Days in the Goldfields of W.A.  
Across the Bight & Nullabor  
Explore Australia by 4WD  
Australia's Great Desert Tracks, Atlas and Guide  
Cape York - An Adventurer's Guide

Camp Oven Cooking with Tommo  
Cooking Outdoors with Tommo  
Robert Pepper's 4WD Handbook  
Outback Survival  
Australian Bush Cooking  
Work Completed, Canning  
Hanns Track  
Gunbarrel Highway  
Canning Stock Route  
Golden Quest Discovery Trail Guide Book (incl. 2 trail CDs)  
Australia - The Photographer's Eye  
LandCruising Australia Wide

## **DVD - Some of the selection**

Guide to 4WDDriving - Ron Moon's  
Too Long in the Bush: Len Beadell Looks Back  
The Lure of the Kimberley  
Over the Top - High Country Victory  
Cape York - The Great Adventure  
The Canning Stock Route - Desert Adventure  
The Toyota Landcruiser Legend  
The Gulf Country  
Crossin' the Canning Stock Route  
Practical Guide to Towing  
Tacklin' the Top End  
The Back of Beyond Collection  
Simpson Desert Adventure  
Australia by 4X4 - The Kimberley, Fraser Island  
Australia by 4X4 - Cape York, Coffs Coast  
Australia by 4X4 - Vic High Country, The Gulf Country  
Australia by 4X4 - Canning Stock Route  
Australia by 4X4 - Tasmania  
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Australia by 4X4 - Kakadu, Litchfield  
Australia by 4X4 - Simpson Desert, Qld  
Australia by 4X4 - Blue Mtns, Flinders Ranges  
Australia by 4X4 - Beyond Hotham, Outback NSW  
Australia by 4X4 - Moreton Island, The Kimberley  
Australia by 4X4 - Mid Nth Coast, Cooloolool to Glasshouse Mtns  
Australia by 4X4 - Pilbara to Coral Coast, Limestone Coast  
Oodnadatta Track Favourites  
Pilbara Favourites  
Fraser Island Favourites  
Classic 4X4 Adventure  
Outback N.S.W. Favourites  
Glasshouse Mountains & Fraser Island  
Toyota Land Cruiser 70 Series - 30th Anniversary Comm DVD

## **Maps**

Sunmap Raster - topographic Mosaic  
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Cape York  
Central Australia  
Fraser Island  
Flinders Ranges  
The High Country - Victory  
Outback - New South Wales  
The Kimberley (Featuring the Gibb River Road)  
Pilbara and Coral Coast  
Queensland's Outback  
The Red Centre  
Top End and Gult  
Mount Byron  
Somerset Dam  
Wamuran  
The Canning Stock Route  
Great Desert Tracks  
Cape York  
Simpson Desert  
Fraser Island



A black and white photograph of an older man with a white beard, wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and dark trousers. He is wearing a large, silver, dome-shaped welding mask. He is holding a large, complex metal engine part that is suspended by chains. The background is a workshop with a pegboard wall covered in various tools and equipment.

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