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DATE & TIME

7.30pm the last Monday of each month except for long weekends when it will be held on the Tuesday following the Monday.

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Annual Membership \$125.00
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Tim Sinden - Glasshouse Mountains Trip

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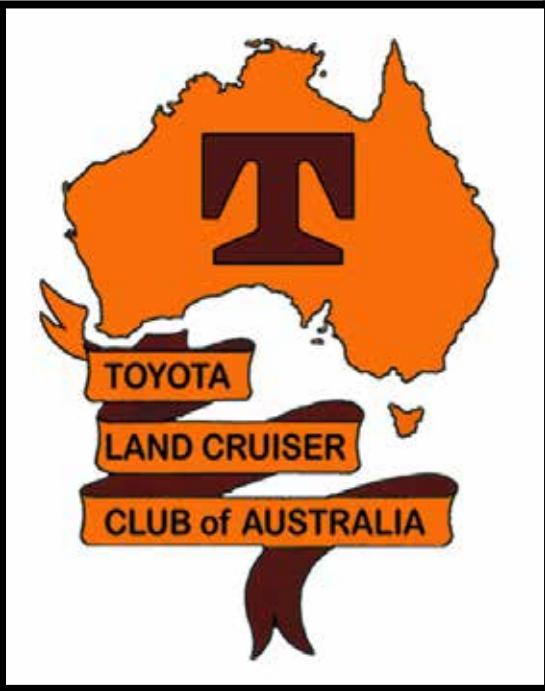
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2017 started big, and it's only getting bigger!

We have held the first new members day at Ruthervale and it was a fantastic day - even if it was a bit warm! By the time this magazine goes to print the latest Driver Training Course will have been held at Brooklyn, with a few stories to come out of it I'm sure! The 2016 Awards weekend will have also past by the time we all get to read this. I'm sure it was a fantastic weekend and night.

Following the Activities Meeting held In mid February there are some fantastic trips and social activities coming up throughout the year. If you can't make it to the meetings to hear about the new trips on offer, keep an eye on the website.

Coming up in March we have the annual National 4x4 Show. This show brings in a large number of new members for our club and we once again are hosting a stand. We need your help to staff it throughout the weekend, so if you can spare an hour or two, please get in contact with either Glen Battese or David Pejich (contact details can be found inside the cover of the magazine) with your preferred date and time. Many hands make light work so the more volunteers we have, the more spread out the work load will be. You will still get to see the show while you're there - so don't worry about that!



2017 4x4 Outdoors Show
31st March - 2nd April

It's on again! Come along and help out on the TLCC stall for part of a day - it will get you free entry into the show!! It'll be another great opportunity to grow our club.

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 Pat Hickey Weekend of Brooklyn hut construction and track clearing



Club Calendar

March 2017

Friday	3	Straddie Beach Weekend 3rd-5th Stradbroke Island
Saturday	18	Mt Mee Exploration
Saturday	25	Outback Odyssey 25th March - 30th April
Monday	27	General Meeting Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
Friday	31	National 4x4 Show 31st March - 2nd April

April 2017

Saturday	1	Mountains Ranges 1st-16th Canberra
Sunday	9	New Members Day - 1
Tuesday	18	High Country/Snowy Mountains 18th April - 12th May
Sunday	23	New Members Day - 2
Monday	24	General Meeting Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
Friday	28	Granite Hills Run 28th April - 1st May
Friday	28	Walcha's National Parks 28th April - 1st May

May 2017

Friday	5	Fraser Island Cleanup 5th - 8th
Friday	19	Janowen Hills 19th - 21st
Wednesday	24	Driver Training Theory Night 1
Thursday	25	Driver Training Workshop Night
Saturday	27	ARB Open Day
Sunday	28	New Members Day
Monday	29	General Meeting Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
Wednesday	31	Driver Training Theory Night 2
Saturday	11	Driver Training Weekend 1 11th - 12th Brooklyn Property

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'.



National 4x4 Show
21st March - 2nd April 2017



2017 Fraser Island Cleanup
5th - 8th May 2017



ARB Jindalee Open Day
27th May 2017

ONLINE BOOKING?

- 1 Go to www.tlccqld.com.au
- 2 Sign in to Members Zone
- 3 Select 'Trip Listing'
- 4 Select the trip you wish to book
- 5 Complete the booking form at the bottom of the page

Activities Report

Interested in running a trip?

Don't wait - see me today!!

It's Easy!

- A little pre-departure required
- Paperwork now a minimum
- Day Trips
 - Weekdays
 - Weekends
- Long distance
 - Weeks or even months
- Whatever takes your fancy - is good for the club!
- Enjoy your adventures with like minded friends
- Strike up fantastic new friendships



Go places you enjoy!

- Fishing
- Camping
- Social Events
- Science 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 Reports

Marketing

The TLCC QLD works hard every year to work with local businesses. Several choose to advertise in our magazine and you will find their ads throughout this edition of 4 Wheel Cruisin'.

The following businesses will offer club members a discount upon presentation of your current membership card.

Please remember to support our advertisers.

If you know of any other businesses who offer discounts or you think would like to advertise in our magazine please let the marketing officer know.

Tanya Mason - marketing@tlccqld.com.au



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An advertisement for Caravan Refrigeration Service. At the top, the business name is inside a speech bubble. Below it, the text says 'Specialising in the repair and sale of caravan refrigerators & air conditioners and portable refrigerators'. There are logos for Dometic, Engel, WARECO, and National Luma. The contact information is: Phone (07) 3425 2420, Mobile 0407 670 534. It also states 'Specialists in Lifestyle Refrigeration' and 'Ask us about mobile service facility'. The address is 4/128 South Pine Road, Brendale Qld 4500, with hours Monday/Tuesday 8.00am – 4.00pm, otherwise by appointment. The website is www.caravanrefrigerationservice.com.au and the email is caravanrefrigeration@westnet.com.au. There is also an ARC logo with RTA: AU01578.

Membership

Well 2017 has certainly started off well for the club with a number of people joining over the Christmas/New Year period.

A big welcome is extended to our new members:

- * Garry Zuvich
- * Chris Allen-Sympson
- * Geoff Barker
- * Fabian Lyons
- * Neil Lawley
- * Cristo Gonzalez
- * Gregory Jukes
- * Luke Kowald
- * David Quinn
- * Todd Kranen
- * Jonathen Hawkins
- * Tony Garbett

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Education

New Members Day

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 are then required to run you through a reverse hill stall procedure and make sure you are confident with applying this procedure.

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:

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

23 April 2017

28 May 2017

18 June 2017

2 July 2017

For more information contact:

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Driver Training

Our Basic 4WD Training course SISODRV302A Drive and Recover a 4WD is nationally recognised within the Australian Qualification Framework under an agreement with the RTO of Four Wheel Drive Queensland Training. It is conducted over 2 evenings plus a workshop night and 2 full weekends. Where possible the training is conducted with a one on one trainer ratio in your own vehicle. All aspects of 4WD driving are covered, including vehicle preparation, safety, recovery, driving techniques over various terrains as well as environmental factors.



The upcoming course dates are:

May/June 2017

Theory Night 1—24 May 2017

Workshop Night —25 May 2017

Theory Night 2—31 May 2017

Weekend 1—3-4 June 2017

Weekend 2— 10-11 June 2017

For more information contact:

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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.

The types of courses offered include Chainsaw courses, First Aid Courses, and anything else that is thought of or suggested throughout the year. If you have a suggestion for a course please let Pat know and he will investigate it.

For more information contact:

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Merchandise Report

Toyota LandCruiser Club (QLD) Clothing Store

Looking for a great shirt to wear to your next 'Friendship-Fun-and-Four-Wheeling' trip?

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.



WHAT CAN I CHOOSE?

POLO SHIRTS - We have a number of different styles of Cool-Weave Polo shirts in short or long sleeve styles, or a more formal Chambray style button shirt.

- Men's sizes up to 5XL
- Women's sizes up to 24
- Children's sizes

Cost:

Adults - \$31.00 Short Sleeve
~ \$38.00 Long Sleeve

Children's - \$25 Short Sleeve
\$30.00 Long Sleeve



LONG SLEEVE FULL OR HALF

ZIP FLEECE JACKETS - Cost \$53.00.

If we don't have just what you're after, you are welcome to bring in your own shirt or fleece for embroidery with the club logo - (\$10.00).

Can't remember your name tag? You can have your name embroidered on your club shirt or your own shirt for \$6.60.

DON'T FORGET YOUR CAR

TLCC QLD club stickers or Toyota LandCruiser Club Australia stickers - \$2.50.

Toyota LandCruiser Club Australia Metal Car Badges - \$30.00.



HOW DO I ORDER?

The TLCC QLD Merchandising Stand is at the front of every club meeting. Come up and see the catalogue's or bring in your own shirts.

Payment by Cash, Credit card or EFTPOS at the meeting for delivery the next month. If you can't make the next meeting I can arrange postage (at extra cost).

Maria Pejich

Merchandising Coordinator

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Chambray Shirt



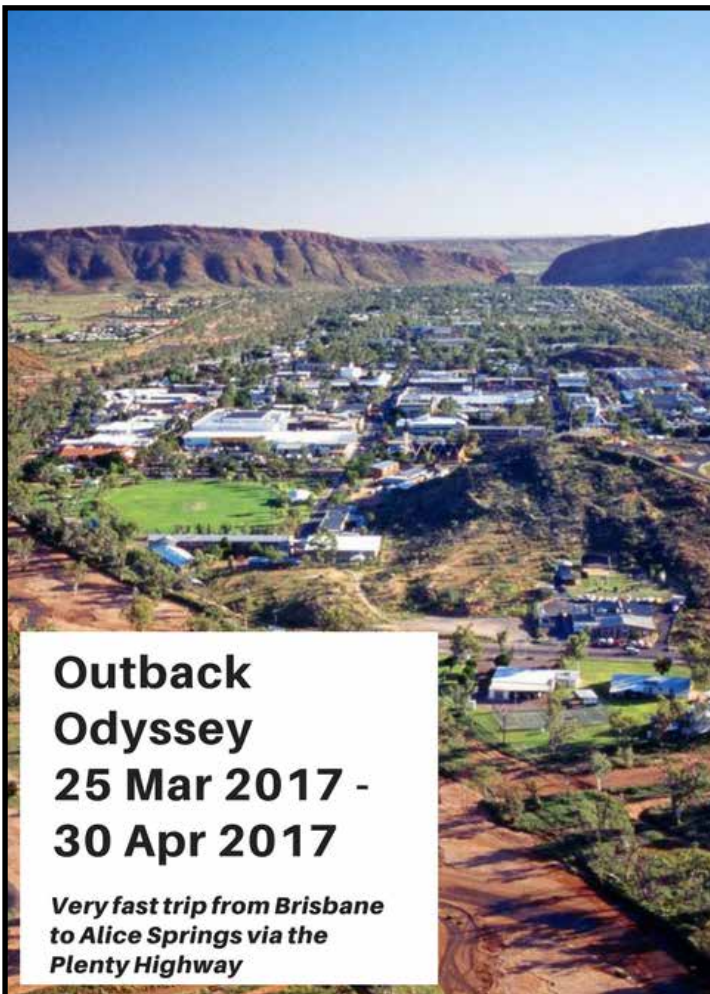
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ARB Jindalee is planning an Open Day for Saturday 27th May 2017.

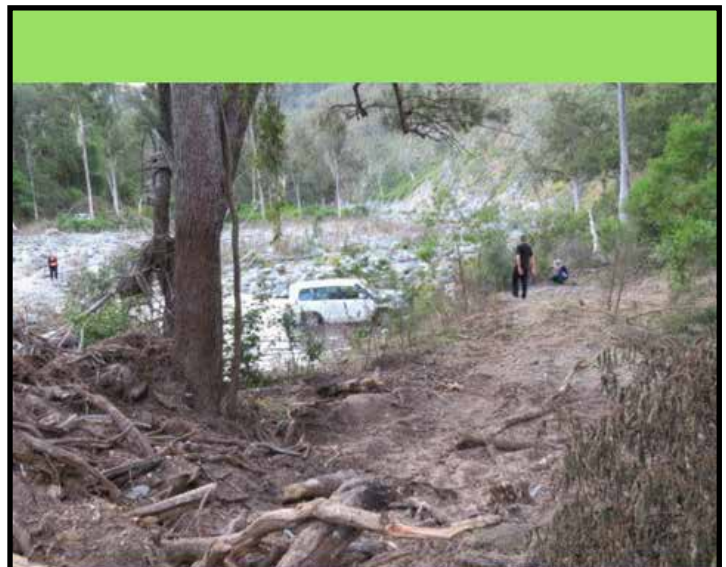
They would like to invite you to please save the date for this event as your participation would be greatly valued in making their Open Day a success.

More detailed information about the day will be provided early in the new year.



**Outback
Odyssey
25 Mar 2017 -
30 Apr 2017**

*Very fast trip from Brisbane
to Alice Springs via the
Plenty Highway*



**Granite Hills Run
28 Apr 2017 -
1 May 2017**

*Camping at Applethorpe and
exploring the surrounding
area*

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.

Recovery gear should be carried by each person attending a trip. At a minimum this includes a snatch strap suitable for the vehicle and a rated bow shackle or two. Other items that may be beneficial are tree trunk protectors, snatch blocks, recovery tracks and long handled shovels.

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

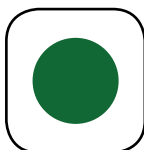
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Driver Training Experience

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

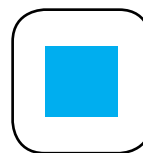
As per club standards.

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 - BLACK DIAMOND

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

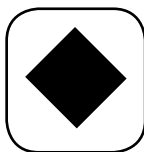
As per club standards.

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.



4WD QLD RATING - VERY DIFFICULT DOUBLE BLACK DIAMOND

Overview

Low range 4WD with high ground clearance. Experienced drivers.

Expected Terrain & Track Conditions

Tracks with frequent steep and/or rocky, slippery, sandy track sections. May have difficult river crossings.

Vehicle Suitability

Suitable for high clearance vehicles with dual range tyres suitable for the terrain. Mud terrain tyres.

Recovery Equipment

Winch/recovery equipment required.

Driver Training Experience

Drivers with extensive experience and advanced training should only attempt as there are several technical challenges. Recommended to be done in groups of four or more vehicles.

Weather

Will be more difficult in wet conditions.



Guest Speaker

At the final TLCC QLD General Meeting in 2016 we had Brad McCarthy of MAXTRAX as our guest speaker. It was a very informative and great story of the MAXTRAX journey so far and we can not thank him enough for coming along.

We thoroughly enjoyed the talk and the opportunity to view the beast of a vehicle he drives - the 6x6 Toyota LandCruiser pictured below.

On the night Brad McCarthy donated a pair of MAXTRAX to the club as a raffle prize that was won by Stuart Trout.

We would like to say once again, a very big thank you to Brad McCarthy of MAXTRAX for coming along to the TLCC QLD meeting and for donation of the MAXTRAX to our club.

Cheers Brad and we wish you a successful 2017!



Community Partnership Program

Every year, many Toyota LandCruiser Club QLD members purchase a new or used car. By purchasing your next vehicle through a Motorama dealership, using the official Toyota LandCruiser Club QLD community partnership voucher, you can earn the Toyota Land Cruiser Club QLD \$300 on completion of your sale.

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Motorama Ford 3426 7499

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TOYOTA HILUX BECOMES THE TRUCK OF DREAMS

Toyota is set to build a dream toy for grown-ups: a life-size Tonka truck based on Australia's best-selling ute, the "unbreakable" Toyota HiLux.

The Tonka-inspired Toyota HiLux monster truck - the brainchild of Toyota Australia's in-house designers - will soon become reality as a one-off, fully driveable concept car.

This trusted workhorse will be elevated to great heights by all-new underpinnings including custom suspension and massive wheels and tyres, transforming an already hugely capable off-roader into a prodigious rock climber.

Conceived as the ultimate off-road adventurer, the HiLux Tonka project illustrates the ongoing capabilities - and passion - of Toyota Australia's product design team.

The eye-popping concept is based on the most popular HiLux variant - the 4x4 HiLux SR5 double cab and its powerful, top-spec 2.8-litre turbo-diesel engine.

But that's about where the similarities end. Almost every exterior HiLux surface will be beefed up as part of the Tonka metamorphosis.

The brawny HiLux body will be augmented with aggressive new bumpers, grille, tailgate, wheel-arches and door mouldings among other new components that reinforce its image as a tough-as-nails vehicle designed for off-road fun.

Of course, the attention-grabbing concept will be instantly recognisable to kids of all ages, thanks to in-your-face black-and-yellow Tonka livery.

Toyota Australia's product design chief Nicolas Hogios said combining the tough and enduring DNA of the HiLux and Tonka brands was a natural fit.

"We expect the extreme style and capability of our re-imagined HiLux will capture the imagination of kids and adults alike," Mr Hogios said.

"HiLux is such a great canvas, and we really pushed the envelope by marrying our number-one seller with the Tonka brand," he said.

"The end result is so exciting because the HiLux Tonka really delivers the dream of every Australian kid who ever wanted

such a truck," he said.

The release of the concept sketch closely follows confirmation that in 2016 HiLux, sold here for 45 years, became the first ute to top the national sales ladder for a calendar year. It has been Australia's best-selling 4x4 for the past 12 years in a row.

Toyota Australia's designers are part of a product planning and development division that is responsible for ensuring the company's vehicles are desirable for local customers and suitable for the tough Australian environment.

Last year Toyota and Tonka joined forces in Australia with a special-purpose HiLux SR5 double cab, which assumed duty as a pace car for the 2016-17 Sydney Speedway season.

The expanded tie-up is significant as both brands celebrate milestones this year - 80 years since the foundation of Toyota Motor Corporation and the 70th anniversary of Tonka.

Toyota expects to reveal the fully driveable concept within months.



ARB Sport Lid Tango For HiLux 2015+



Providing secure storage space and protection from the elements, as well as incorporating a clever new hinge system that allows the fitment of OE sports bars, the Tango Sport Lid for the Toyota HiLux 2015 + attaches to the Tango Mount Rails to provide an integrated system.

If the confines of the ute tub itself aren't sufficient for storing all of your gear, the new Tango Sport Lid also incorporates top mounted aluminium T-channels, which will accept a range of Thule and Rhino roof bars and accessories, including cargo trays, bike racks, shovel holders and the like. A total of 75kg can be added to the top of the Sport Lid, with a maximum of 20kg recommended should you plan on lifting the lid with the top mounted cargo in place.

Importantly, for larger loads, the Tango Sport Lid has been designed with an attachment system that requires very little time and effort to remove, making runs to the tip on the weekend or helping a mate move house, an easy proposition.

Other clever features include central locking via the vehicle key fob, a soft touch electronic unlatching mechanism, LED interior lighting and emergency override of the locking mechanism, should the vehicle battery run flat or should someone get trapped inside.



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Bribie Island Day Trip

11th December 2017

Article and Photos by Rod & Susan Crothers

The relaxing Day at Bribie saw 7 vehicles turn up. We were the last to arrive at the meeting place, as we had never been to Bribie before, we had no idea where the Beach entrance was, and hence we were nominated to write the article.



With a quick tyre air down, meet and greet plus run down of the day's plans, we headed down onto the beach, where we had the 1st tow of the day coming onto the soft sand, with Julie's quick response to towing the Suzuki out of the high sand ruts saw us on the move really quickly again.

We headed up the beach to the 2nd lagoon. Stuart was quick to secure our spot to the far right and with 3 of the vehicles manoeuvring into position we had the perfect shade set up that fitted us all in comfortably.

Ryan and Bryce were the first into the water having a ball with digging in the sand and playing in the water, followed by Julie, then it was a free for all when Julie brought out the TLLC oversized cricket bat and big balls, everybody had a hit with the big bat. With Julie's sneaky tactics she even got our daughter Sasha into the water (Thanks). Lots of fun was had in and out of the water by all.



With lunch out of the way and a bit of a chat it was time to get packed and organised to continue on up the beach.

Here is where we said farewell to John, with the rest of the convoy on the move it was not long before we came across a 4WD and camper-trailer that had got stuck trying to enter the camping ground across the soft sand. Again the crew of TLCC was quick to respond, but this turned into a real performance, so Scott took the lead, getting himself in front of the 4WD with the big V8 and towed him easily out of his



predicament, but unbeknown to us or Scott the guy had unhitched his camper-trailer as this stayed behind still stuck in the sand, so with the rescued 4WD safely out of the way, the task began to move the camper trail with a lot of manual pushing, pulling and digging from us all we got the trailer into a position that allowed Scott to hitch it on and away he went again.



Finally on the move, because of time used on the camper-trailer recovery it was agreed that we would not be able to do the planned stops, so we travelled back up the inland track, this was fun with the soft sand and deep sand ruts having a bit of a play, unfortunately it was not too good for the Suzuki because of low ground clearance, but as you can see by the photo she was in excellent spirits and did a great job on everything else.

A good day and trip was had by all and a big thankyou to Stuart for organising the trip and being trip leader and to Scott for being tail end charlie.



Track Clearing Ruthervale

17th December 2017

Article and Photos by Kym McGregor



Clean up for New Members Day at Ruthervale

At our initial look at Kim and Jesse's place a few weeks earlier, we (Jesse) found a spot for the hill stall for NMD. At the original trip, Kim put a piece of pink tape around a tree to mark where the hill stall track was to be cleared.

Saturday morning 17/12, we met at the Blacksoil BP for the track making exercise. There were 4 cars: Kim and Jesse, The Winships, the Gillies and the McGregors.

The road into the front entrance had been washed out a little more than last trip so needed low range to get to the gate. We checked out the camp ground, camp fire area and a very large tree had fallen and blocked the main entrance. It was too large to move so we decided the other entrance would suffice.

From there we back tracked to the front entrance and along the main track past the dam to the hill stall position. There were some small trees across the track which were cleared.

On arrival at the hill stall marker, it was discovered that the piece of pink ribbon that Kim had wrapped around the marker tree had been the last straw and the iron bark was down right across the hill where we wanted to make the track.

It took 2 chainsaws and lots of sweat in the 30+ degree heat to clear the debris from the tree. The cars were hooked to the pieces of tree as they were cut and pulled with drag chains out of the way.

Rocks that could have been sump destroyers were levered with crow bars and chopped with a mattock into submission. The entry track to the hill was cleared with a brush cutter and then the 2 hill stall tracks were ready to be driven. Each car checked the quality of the drive (some of us several times) and the new hill stall tracks were declared fit for New Members!

The work finished just after lunch as the mercury topped 35 degrees.

Thank- you Kim and Jesse for allowing us access to your place. This will make New Members Day a lot easier to manage being much closer to Brisbane than Brooklyn for a day trip. Thank-you also to the Winships and the Gillies' for their time and effort, muscles and sweat to make the day a success.



Roberts Ranges

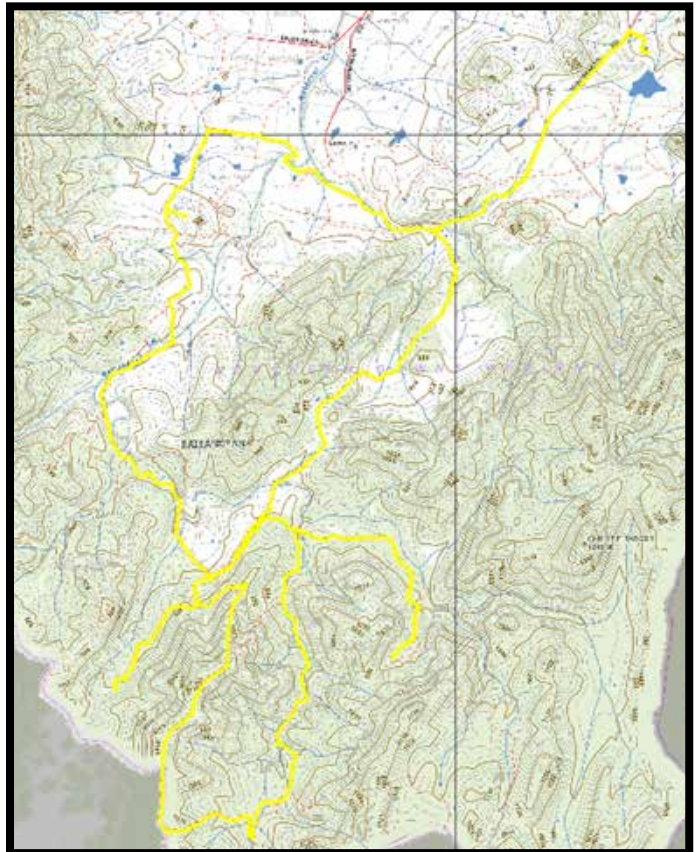
26th December 2016 - 1st January 2017

Article & Photos by Mark & Sue Winship

We were unable to get down to Roberts Ranges until the 29 December due to a funeral we had to attend. We would like to thank Nev May and everyone else for taking over until we arrived. On the 30th we went out on the property with Col. He had had a bulldozer in over winter and he wanted to check the tracks and he showed us a couple of other places where we could camp. There is a map (see adjacent) that Mark tracked with Oziexplorer and anyone who wants the track is welcome to ask us for it.



had a communal meal for New Year's Eve. A big thank you to everyone for their contributions as it was a great evening. We all disappeared to bed early due to the heat and surfeit of bugs.



Col was very impressed as we had 11 vehicles in the convoy which was really great for establishing the tracks. Fran and Enzo Santin joined us, as well as Jason and Ro who have a house in Stanthorpe. Col is happy for TLCC people to camp on his property at any time, as long as he knows you are coming – it would probably best to go through Donna Lewis or us (Paul Kranen and Scott Handley are also going to be running trips to Roberts Ranges). We had a great afternoon swimming in the dam with many crazy inflatables – a swan, pizza slice, watermelon, lolly and a pink flamingo!



On the 31st we went exploring into Girraween National Park to find the 'round house'. We did eventually manage to find it after a call to Enzo! On walking up to the house, I managed to fall up hill and did quite a bit of damage to my shin. This entailed a visit to Stanthorpe's Emergency Department in case a cut needed stitches. No stitches needed but now have a totally psychedelic leg, but all is well. In the evening we



Glasshouse Mountains Day Trip

21st January 2017

Article by Chris & Kirsten Gillies

Photos by Tim Sinden

The morning started out being another typical hot & steamy summers day. We all met up on the BP, Morayfield to start an exciting 4wd adventure.

Kirsten and I were 2nd in line and due to my parking issues, had to get pulled out of the mud twice (by a Nissan!!). These were the only recoveries for the day and both before lunch. The kids thought this was soooo neat! The tracks were at



times tight and wheel placement was critical with spotting being done by the driver trainers on the trip.

We stopped for lunch at the lookout, where the Stephanie & Jade found insects to annoy (which sadly couldn't come home even after much pleading) and we made it back on the road just prior to the weather rolling in. At one stage we had to climb a hill which had so much water running down it, that it looked like Niagara Falls.

The homeward journey got interesting on the freshly graded clay road which just added to a very fun filled day with lots of laughs had on the way.

Five vehicles met together for tea at the Woodford Pub (the



meals were huge & nice).

Special thanks to Stuart (trip leader), Josh & Tanya for making



this an well organised and awesome trip which I'm sure will



be remembered for a long time by all participants.
The Gillies Family

Bundaberg Turtles

11th - 14th November 2016

Article by Julie Bowdery

Photos by

Trip Attendance – tick Camping Grounds – tick

Plenty of rain – absolute tick

Winds – with the rain – tick – bonus points!

Turtles – tick tick tick Relaxing weekend – tick

We headed up in the morning of the 11th November 2016 – a good idea given the usual traffic conditions on the roads heading North for a beautiful weekend away. We were staying at the Bargara Caravan Park with the ocean and swimming beach straight across the road from us and plenty of room for finding a camp set up.

Now, given my recent need for R & R, I opted for a powered site so that I could keep the fridge going whilst we enjoyed the location – the plan being for not much driving and I had not yet had my solar panel mounted on the roof of the Prado ... hence the need for power. So... the park managers were kind enough to let us go and find a camping area which was close to power and so that we could have shade and non-powered camping available as well. We thought we had chosen a good spot.... Walking distance to the showers and toilets, a hop and skip to the beach, off the main tracks of the caravan park.... What could go wrong??!!!

Friday night great! Drinks and nibbles and a communal dinner was on the cards and we were settling in for a great weekend!

Saturday saw us heading out for a drive to the beach – some great scenery throughout the National Park nearby. We learnt a little more about how to gently tighten tyre stems when using tyre deflators..... they can come away from the rim if overtightened!!! Hence one of us had some helpful assistance from the Toyota LandCruiser Club Roadside Assistance Crew to change a tyre on a 200 series!!! I do have photos but they are on my mobile phone so not able to be published!! Lucky for you know who!

After the drive along the beach and inland tracks we opted to turn in to head into Bundaberg for a few tourist spots.... Bundaberg Rum Distillery was high on the cards given my love for the relaxation effects of this amber, liquid gold elixir!! We also visited one of the many specialty beer 'café's in Bundaberg and tried a sampling of different locally made beers and ciders and may have restocked a little here as well! Then off to the Bundaberg Brewed Drinks to pick up some of the famous non alcoholic beverages ... their spiced Christmas special was really nice too.

Back at the camp ground – our member numbers increased as we had planned to visit the turtles on Saturday night. Unfortunately, the weather had a big change for us – bringing in winds and rain.... And rain.... Heavy rain.... Kind of like that Forrest Gump movie.... Rain that went sideways, driving rain, rain that splashed back up from the ground and then it stopped! But not before we had some laughs and a bit of fun with the drainage in the caravan park!!

Now you would think that powered sites would have fall away

from the site to create some safety for camping sites using power! My site (yes...chosen by me!!) was very special!! Not only did it have river front views during heavy rains.... It was also in the lagoon of storm waters gathering during and following the storm!!

I can't remember what time it was - I was sitting holding my Black Wolf canvas tent up a little higher as the power cord access point was low and would have had water coming into the tent – so I was sitting holding the tent with a light in the background showing the amount of water UNDER my tent and lapping at my feet – the rain was torrential and there was no point trying to shift a tent in such heavy rains – so here I sat looking at the tent and assessing the speed at which the water level was increasing! I figured, at the time, I had 2 inches of safety before the tent flooded – keeping in mind it is pouring rain and windy and I'm secure under my tent canopy!! My bedding was ok – stretcher was holding everything up – I loaded the stretcher with my belongings in case the worse did happen! I couldn't step into the tent as the floor was a waterbed – under the tent!! You can only laugh! I must commend Black Wolf on their tent structure – it held up with only slow leakage from the seams – given the amount of rainfall and the prevailing conditions – I probably had about 500mls of water in the tent in the end – well done Black Wolf!.... Just next time... please put the cord access point a little higher!! Within 5 minutes of sitting there calculating my 'flooding time' – that 2 inches disappeared – luckily around the same time as the rain eased right back..... so I sat and monitored and assisted to prevent the INSIDE of the tent from flooding. Underneath it - it was awash! WaterbedsRus!!

There were some photos taken – the water level was clearly evident on the tyres of my Prado – over half way up the tyres! My black wolf chair carried the water tide mark as well as other items I had outside the tent!! It was quite comical!

But... as with everything..... by morning, the water had subsided, my tent was intact and the day was rearing up to be a hot one so..... began the tent move and flood recovery before things got on the nose!

Given that we could not go to see the turtles that night due to the rain – we changed to Sunday night viewing. This was great – so worth the trip to view the turtles! The nocturnal employees of QPWS operate the Turtle viewing – as the majority of turtles will only come up when they feel safe at night to nest and leave under the cover of darkness. There were a few groups out and we got to watch the turtles lay their 'clutch.' It's amazing that no matter how many times you have watched this – the information that QPWS provide ...there is always something more that you learn about the turtle habitat – well worth the visit and the stay at Bagara!

We also had some club members call in on the Friday night to visit – Karen and Mal Flint and Bruce and Di Watson – it was great to see our intrepid travellers as they live up the coast and we don't always get to visit!!

We had a great extended weekend away – bike riding, swimming, walking, turtles, relaxing, 4WDing on the beach.... what more could a gal want!!! ... Well... maybe I'll take a higher vantage point for a camp site next time!!

Sand Driving Course

21st - 22nd January 2017

Article by Nathan Kotzur

Photos by Kym McGregor

We attended the course at Noosa north shore / Teewah beach. We all camped at Noosa North Shore Caravan Park. That first night was stinking hot. Kym and Mitch did the sensible thing and turned up in the evening when things had cooled down a bit. Most of the people on the course had driven on sand before but wanted to refresh their knowledge and learn new skills. All were keen to relate experiences and swap war stories about previous sand driving trips.

The key lessons were:

Tyre pressures - Always deflate tyres to increase the tyre's footprint. Increasing the footprint reduces the loading on the sand at any one point and the vehicle does not sink so far into the sand. Research a safe minimum tyre pressure for your vehicle taking into account tyre manufacturer's recommendations.

Recovery equipment - The shovel is your best friend. If you get bogged in the sand it is because some part of your vehicle is embedded in the sand. It's then necessary to clear the sand away from vehicle's body before it is possible to drive out or to perform any other recovery safely.

Then on to the more fun stuff - hitting the beach. Some found the experience a bit daunting. Sand driving is very different to on road and other off-road driving. Kym and Mitch set up a slalom course in soft sand. We all went through the flags with full tyre pressure and then with deflated tyres. In spite of the instructors' wishes, no one got bogged. Just for a challenge I decided to take the line that no one had taken before and so it was not compacted by the other vehicles. My vehicle was struggling a little on one uphill turn. Mitch shouted out to turn harder downhill to gain a little more momentum. My vehicle slid a little bit sideways downhill and I hit one of the flags. I suspect that Mitch gave this advice primarily because I was driving a Nissan and if there was one vehicle that was going to hit a flag it was to be me.

Since no one managed to get bogged on the slalom, we were then to deliberately bog a vehicle to practice recovery. Mitch valiantly attempted to get a 200 series bogged but failed when it automatically kicked in 4WD whenever the wheels started spinning. I then volunteered to get my vehicle bogged. I had the advantage of being able to permanently engage 2WD. Plus, I thought it would be slightly more entertaining for other participants to be able to tell everyone about this useless Nissan that was the only vehicle to get bogged. I made sure that I put on a display of sand flying off the wheels as the rear diff hit the sand. Several volunteers helped clear the underneath of the vehicle of sand with the sand driver's best friend, the long-handled shovel. Kym and I then performed a snatch recovery with Mitch in control.

We then set off on a half-hour drive to Red Canyon and made a stop for lunch. Some took a stroll to the top of the walking path to enjoy the view. All drove back to camp and had a break before meeting at the resorts hotel for dinner. We arrived back in camp to be greeted by very heavy rain that cleared after an hour or so.

Most of the participants took a leisurely Sunday drive up the beach to Rainbow Beach. My family and I did not go on this drive as we were keen to get back home for the kids' first day of school on Monday. Perhaps others can fill in any excitement on the drive north which of course I imagine to be an idyllic and enjoyable trip for all.





Safely Joining Snatch Straps

How to join recovery straps.....

ALWAYS USE SNATCH STRAPS WITH EXTREME CAUTION AND ENSURE THAT ONLOOKERS ARE WELL OUT OF THE DANGER ZONE.

Many different methods are used to join recovery straps, i.e snatch straps, winch extension straps and tree protectors. These methods have ranged from "downright lethal", through "very dangerous" to "acceptable" and "best".

Snatch straps can be **dangerous** if they break during a recovery operation and if more than one is needed and they are joined incorrectly, and they break, or the joint fails then they can be **LETHAL**.

Remember, in all cases where a snatch-strap is used, place a damper on the strap(s) midway between the two vehicles to dampen the strap should it break etc.

The "Do's" and "Dont's" of Joining Recovery Straps.

DANGER !!!

In this **INCORRECT** method, the end of one strap is inserted through the eye of the other strap and a stick inserted through the eye of the first strap.

The problem here is if the stick or strap breaks, there is nothing left to join the straps and they will fly back with tremendous force cutting through anything in their way. Being inside the vehicle will not guarantee your safety.

This method may be quick but is extremely **DANGEROUS**.



DO NOT USE THIS METHOD

DO NOT USE A SHACKLE TO JOIN STRAPS:

DANGER !!!

In this **INCORRECT** method the snatch straps are joined with a shackle.

If the strap breaks then the unbroken strap, and shackle, will fly back toward the vehicle with enough force to cut down anything in its way, including the human body. Being inside the vehicle will not guarantee your safety.

This method may be quick but is extremely **DANGEROUS**.



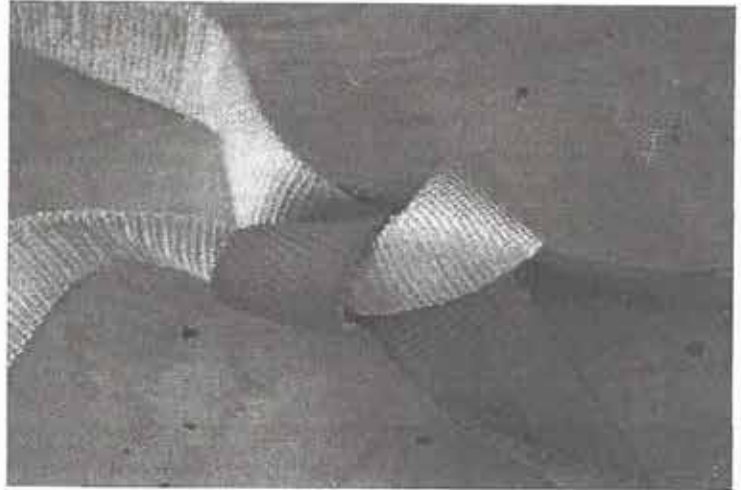
DO NOT USE THIS METHOD

NO !!!

In this **INCORRECT** method the straps are tied together.

If the knot happens to stay tied, then the joint will become incredibly tight and will be almost impossible to untie.

In the more likely event of the knot slipping then the straps will fly apart with great force and anything in their way will be cut down, including the human body. Being inside the vehicle may not guarantee your safety.



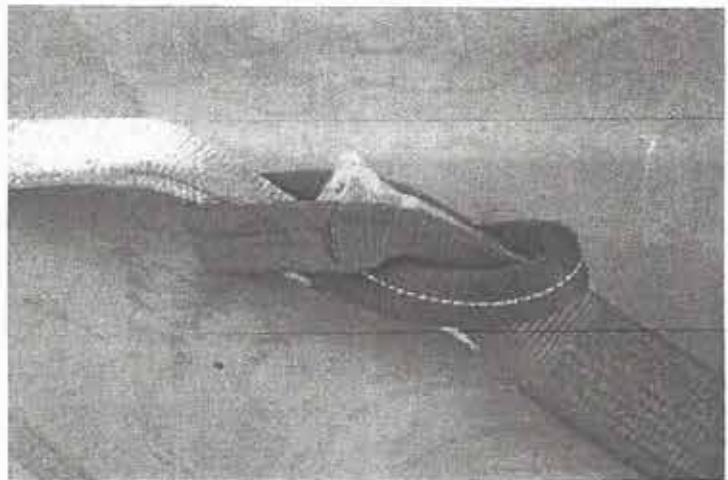
DO NOT USE THIS METHOD

MUCH BETTER!!!

This is an acceptable method of joining straps, but is not recommended because the joint will become incredibly tight under use and will be almost impossible to undo.

In this method, the end of one strap is passed through the eye of the other strap and then the other end of the second strap is passed through the eye of the first strap and pulled all the way through to form a strong joint.

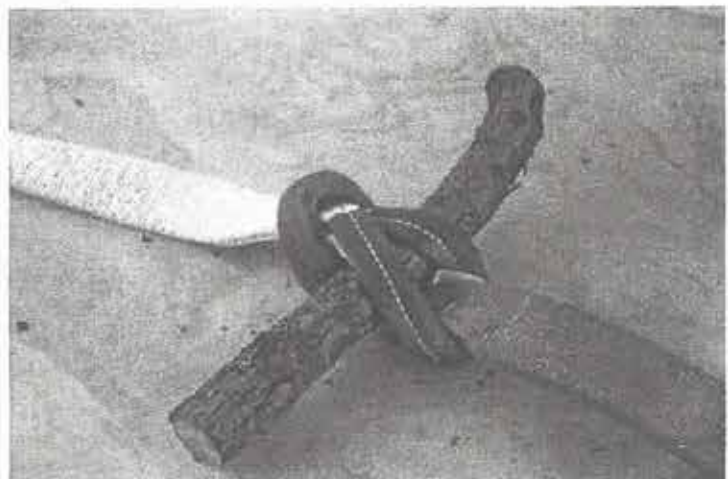
This method is acceptable as it will produce a strong joint, but will be extremely difficult to undo after use.



THIS IS AN ACCEPTABLE METHOD, but the joint will be nearly impossible to undo after use.

A BETTER WAY!!!

This method is similar to the above method except that a strong stick is inserted, as shown, to prevent the straps pulling tight together. After use, the stick can be removed creating enough slack in the joint to allow easy separation.



THIS IS AN ACCEPTABLE METHOD, but the stick will still do damage if one of the straps break.

GETTING BETTER!!!

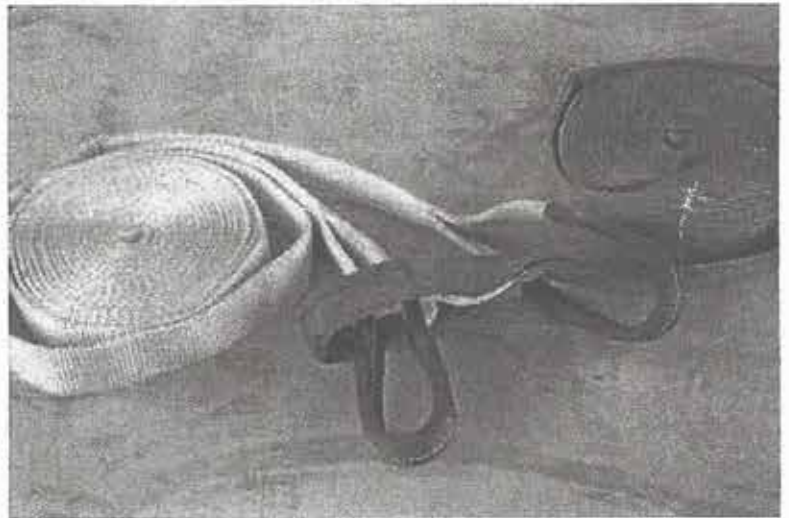
This method is similar to the above method except that a rolled up towel, or similar replaces the stick. After use the towel can be removed creating enough slack in the joint to allow easy separation.



THIS IS THE RECOMMENDED METHOD, as the towel is not likely to cause too much damage if one of the straps break.

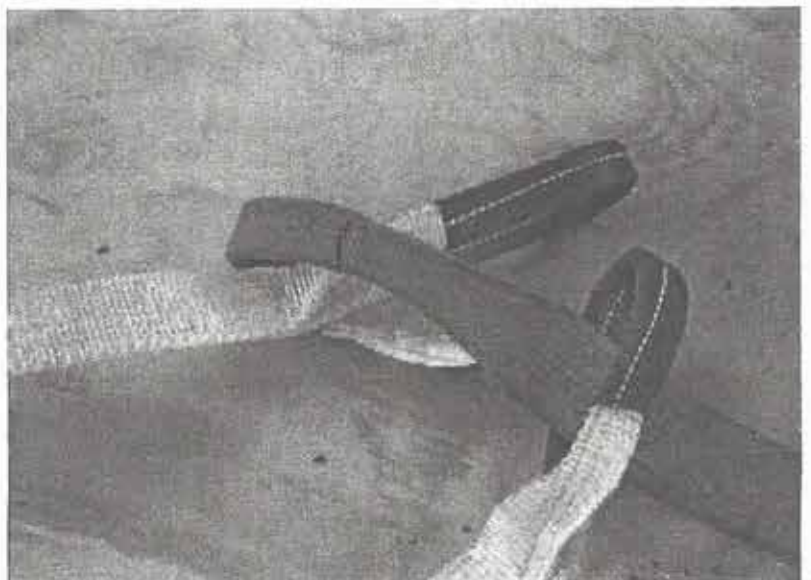
SIMPLE!!!

To facilitate ease and speed of joining straps in the above acceptable methods, fold your straps in half and roll-up with the eyes on the outside. This will present both ends of the straps when you come to join them and avoid the need to fully unravel one of the straps.



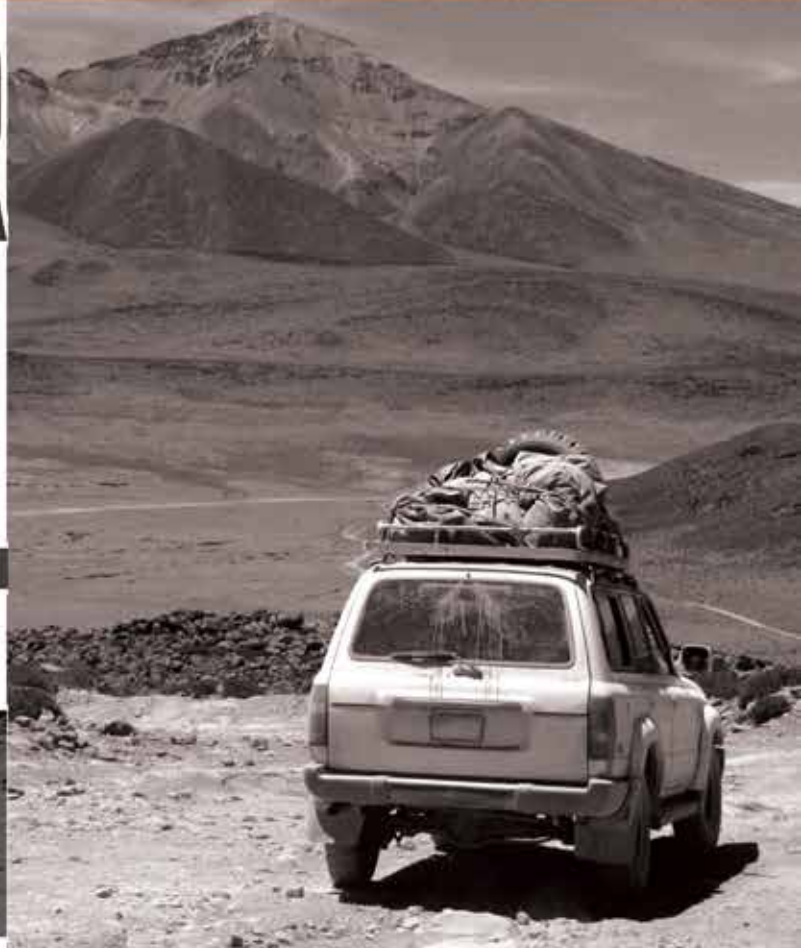
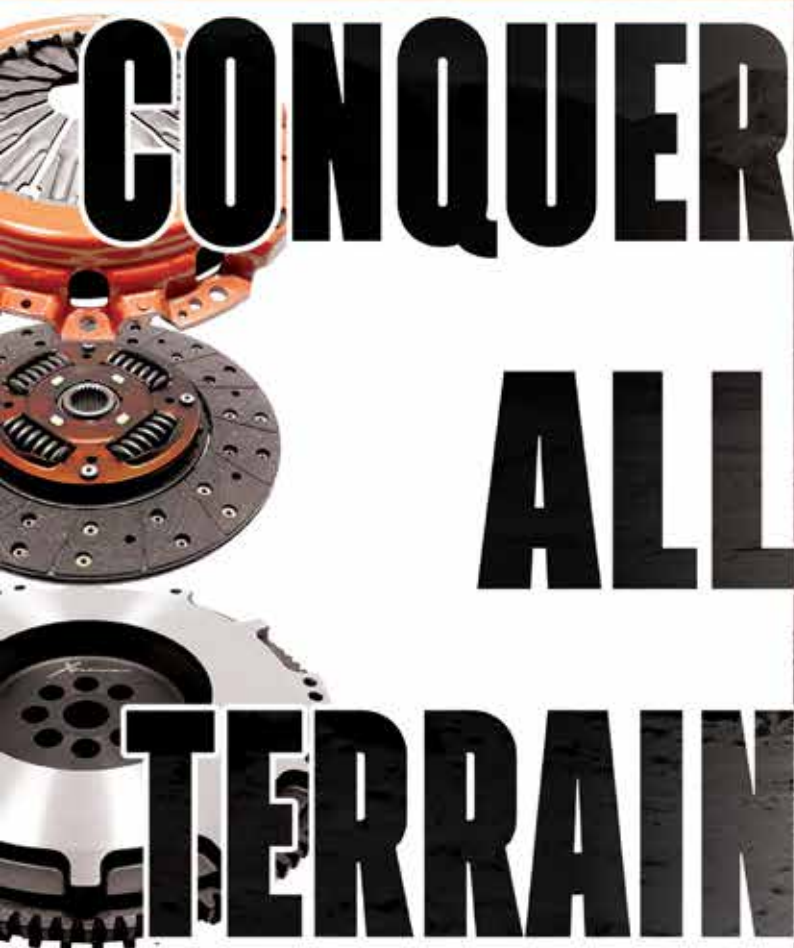
THIS MAKES THE OPERATION QUICK AND SIMPLE.

As a reminder - the end of one strap is passed through the eye of the other strap and then the other end of the second strap is passed through the eye of the first strap. The second strap can then be pulled all the way through the eye of the first strap to form a strong joint. The use of a rolled up towel, or similar, between the straps will make the joint easier to undo and will cause far less damage than a solid stick if something fails during the recovery operation





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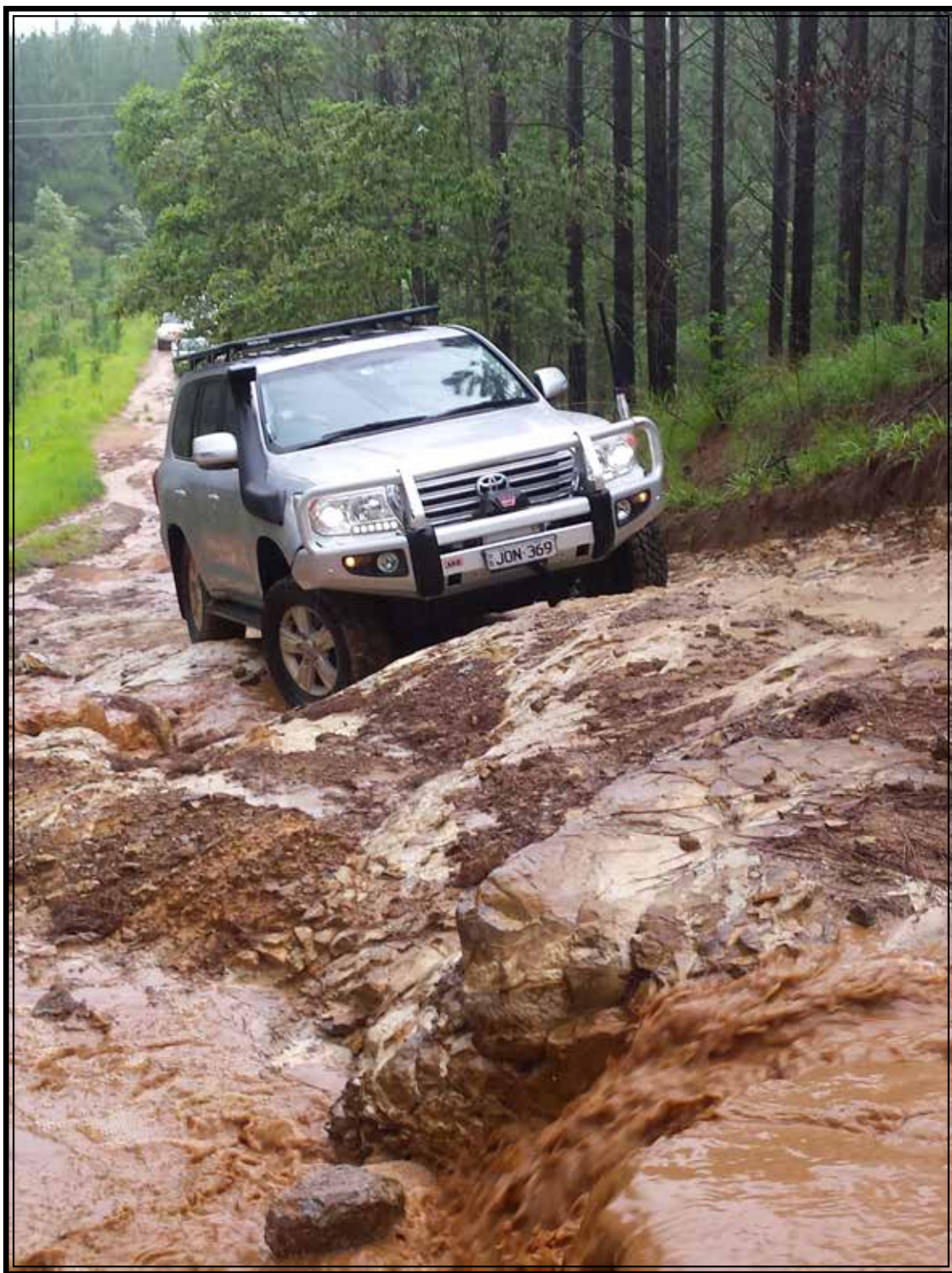


Photo taken by Tim Sinden at the Glasshouse Mountains. January 2017

A lot of teamwork went into this day trip with rainfall changing track conditions quite suddenly. All in all everyone made it through the day in great spirits and fun was had by all who attended!

Congratulations Tim!

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Guide to 4WDing - Ron Moon's
Journey to the Kimberley
Makin' the most of the Fraser Coast
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The Flinders Ranges - Roothy & Milos Southern Adventure
The Hard Road - Cape York
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Touring the Kimberley from Bungles to Broome

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Great Desert Tracks 4 Maps - W.A. & Central Australia
Great Desert Tracks CD with set of 6 Maps
Mount Byron Topographic Map - 9443-41
Outback - New South Wales
Pilbara and Coral Coast
Queensland's Outback
Simpson Desert
Somerset Dam Topographic Map - 9443-44
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