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MORETON ISLAND

Touring the third-largest sand island in the world.

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MEET THE OWNER

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THE PERFECT DAMPER RECIPE
One of the easiest and tastiest bush meals you'll ever eat.



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E D I T O R I A L

The general rule of thumb is that most people only go camping in the summer months, but is winter camping really that bad? If you ask us, winter is a fantastic time to hitch up the trailer and head off in search of the horizon.

Sure, it's a little colder, but it's nothing that an extra jumper and sitting a little closer to the fire can't fix. On top of that, there are some parts of Australia that provide so much better experiences during the colder months. And let's not forget that destinations that are usually teeming with tourists during the peak season are virtually deserted when the mercury takes a dive. Just look at our Moreton Island adventure on page 10 of this issue – we had the place virtually to ourselves and loved it.

It really doesn't matter when in the year you decide to hit the road. We here at the Traveller's Journal love nothing more than packing up the camper and finding a new adventure. Chances are, you're just like us.

See you out there!



The team at Cub Campers.

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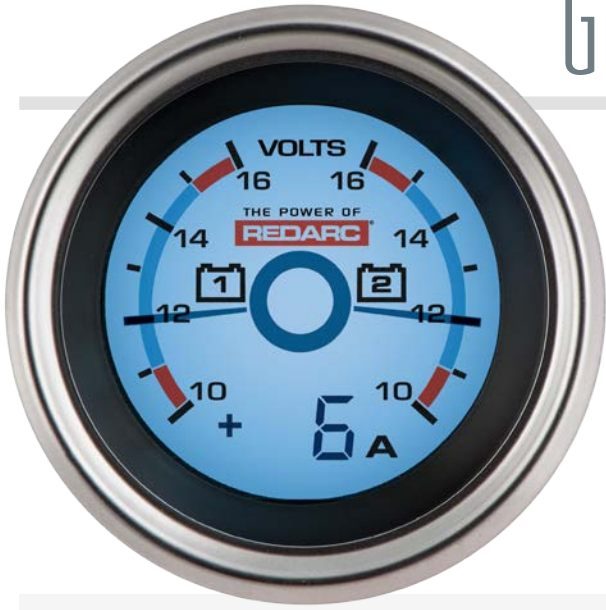
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GEAR



REDARC GAUGES

REDARC has recently launched an all-new series of 52mm LCD/LED gauges, sensors and accessories. Made in Australia, they have the ability to function as two or three gauges in one and can be used to monitor a wide arrange of vehicle parameters. They're even capable of measuring your winch and fridge temperature. If you're looking to keep track of your vehicle, these are the gauges you need. It's worth a look.

With prices ranging from \$169.95 to \$406.85, for more information jump onto <http://www.redarc.com.au/products/category/monitoring-gauges>



SAX 3SDS LEAF SPRINGS

Leaf springs have been around since the earth was still considered to be flat, and are still prevalent on many tow vehicles. SAX have introduced a leaf pack that can handle the pressure both when you're towing and have the camper unhitched. Sax claim their 3SDS leaf springs are vastly improved over standard leaf springs fitted to your tow vehicle. This has plenty to do with the additional equaliser spring that sits on top of the leaf pack, which helps to distribute weight when loaded up rather than having to rely on a super thick leaf spring or pack with a high spring rate that will ride horribly with an empty load.

Price varies on application, so to find out more information regarding fitment to your vehicle, head to <http://www.saxsuspension.com>

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PIVOTEL SPOT GEN 3

The ability to get out into remote areas is one of the great aspects to owning a camper trailer, but how do you stay in-touch with loved ones and let them know you are okay? The SPOT Gen 3 Satellite GPS Messenger uses 100% satellite technology to send your GPS position back home. Compact in size, battery operated and ready to roll with an included USB cable, carry strap, batteries and carabineer for easy transport. The benefit of this unit is the fact you can send a check-in message letting people know you are okay at the end of each day. However if things become serious there is also an SOS, Help or Custom Message function to assist rescuers in finding your location.

SPOT Gen 3 is priced from \$199.

To find out more info or to order yours directly, go to <http://www.pivotel.com.au>

CUB CAMPERS BOAT LOADER

When you're travelling along the coast or any of this country's numerous inland waterways having a tinny along for the trip can turn a great trip into a lifetime adventure. Cub's boat loader means that you no longer have to leave your tinny behind which will give you the best chance of getting on to the big ones, or simply for putting along the river or bay.

With gas-strut helpers, it's easier than ever to load and unload your boat, and can be comfortably achieved with just one person. Contact Cub Campers today for more information.

The price varies on application, so get in touch with Cub Campers today or visit their website: <http://www.cubcampers.com.au>

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

WE SHOW YOU HOW TO MAKE YOUR TRAILER LAST A LIFETIME



As with anything to do with camping or touring, trailers require maintenance if you want them to last. The good news is that it's not difficult at all to keep your camper looking brand new, it just needs a little effort before and after your trips.

In this article, we'll take a look at some of the common maintenance items that should be on your 'to-do' list before you head out on your next big adventure.

Make sure your camper is completely dry before folding it back up after seasoning.



Once you've returned from a trip, roll up the flaps and air her out to ensure everything's as dry as can be.




CARING FOR YOUR CANVAS

There's no doubt that the Aussie made Dynaproofed canvas is the way to go on camper trailers, however all canvas will need seasoning before you take them out on that first trip. This is actually an easy, if important, process. Simply unfold your trailer in the front yard and go over the seams with some sealing compound (a bit more modern than the old beeswax method). Then give it a good soaking with the garden hose before letting it dry in the sun. Repeat the hose-down-and-dry process four times and your canvas will be ready for anything.

Once you've returned home from your trip, fold it out again and open the flaps to air it out. Make sure the canvas is completely dry before folding the

trailer away again. If it is dirty, make sure to not wash it with detergents as they can remove the Dynaproofing compound, use warm water and a soft cloth and let it dry completely. If you do inadvertently remove the Dynaproofing, you can buy it from the manufacturer and re-apply it to bring your canvas back to new.




Climb underneath and inspect the suspension bushes and shock absorbers for damage, particularly if you've driving over heavily corrugated roads.

WELL GREASED


While getting out to remote locations with your camper is one of the most rewarding aspects of owning one; dirt, dust, corrugations, mud and water can all wreak havoc on the moving parts of your trailer and if left unattended they may seize up over time. However with fifteen minutes of pre and post-trip maintenance you can ensure your trailer will operate faultlessly for decades.

Start at the front and grease the hitch, then work your way down to the back giving all struts and hinges a liberal dose of spray-lubricant. Climb underneath and inspect the suspension bushes with a pry bar and run your eye over the shock absorbers to make sure they weren't damaged on your last trip. Finally, pop the caps off the wheel bearings and repack them with grease. If they're looking even a little worn replace them and it's never a bad idea to grab a spare bearing or two while you're at the shop.



Pop the centre cap off the wheels and re-grease or renew the bearings before and after big trips. Having a spare set of bearings on board is never a bad idea either.

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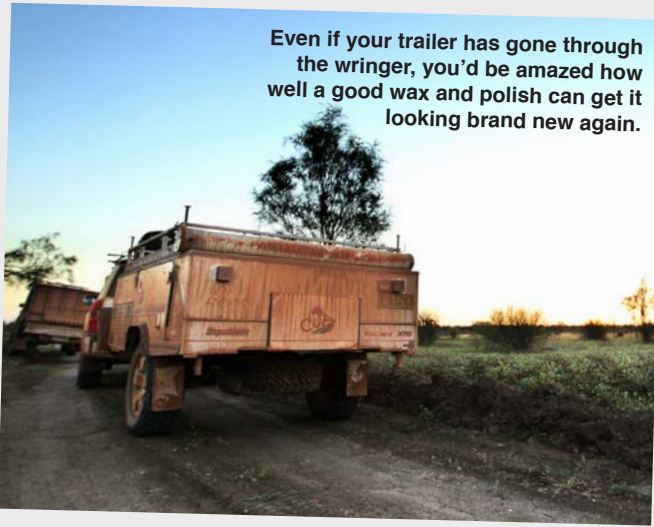


Give the hitch stabilisers and support struts the once over with lubricants to keep them smooth and reliable.

KEEPING IT 'AS-NEW'

It's also a good idea before and after each trip to check the condition of your tyres and make sure they're running at the desired pressure. Bald rubber and uneven pressure is nobody's idea of an easy tow.

Even if your trailer has gone through the wringer, you'd be amazed how well a good wax and polish can get it looking brand new again.



Give both the tow vehicle and trailer a good thorough wash once you're back home.



If your previous trip involved a lot of corrugations or heavily rutted tracks, it's probably worthwhile running a spanner and screwdriver over all of the fasteners and, if needed, tensioning up the handbrake cable too.

Give your trailer's painted surfaces a good wash and wax as part of your post-trip maintenance regime. I remember returning from a trip down the Canning Stock Route a couple of years ago – the track was incredibly overgrown and my poor Cub Supamatic had been dragged through the worst of it and the paintwork was looking like it had been given the once over with a wire brush. After a good wash, the paint was given the cut and polish treatment and to my disbelief it looked brand new again. Just goes to show – when you buy a quality trailer even the paint is better! ■

Exposure to salt spray can be unavoidable sometimes so make sure you wash all surfaces well after a beach trip.

Discovering Moreton

WE FIND PARADISE ON THE WORLD'S
THIRD-LARGEST SAND ISLAND





When it comes to pristine coastal touring destinations Moreton Island is a beach lover's paradise, only 45 minutes by ferry ride from the city of Brisbane.

The island is popular with fishermen and families alike, with no shortage of things to see and do in one of the most idyllic settings in the country. It's accessible all year round however the best times to go to avoid the crowds are mid-week and in the off-season (winter). Ferries run twice a day so it's easy to get there and permits are available via www.derm.qld.gov.au or over the phone on 13 74 68.

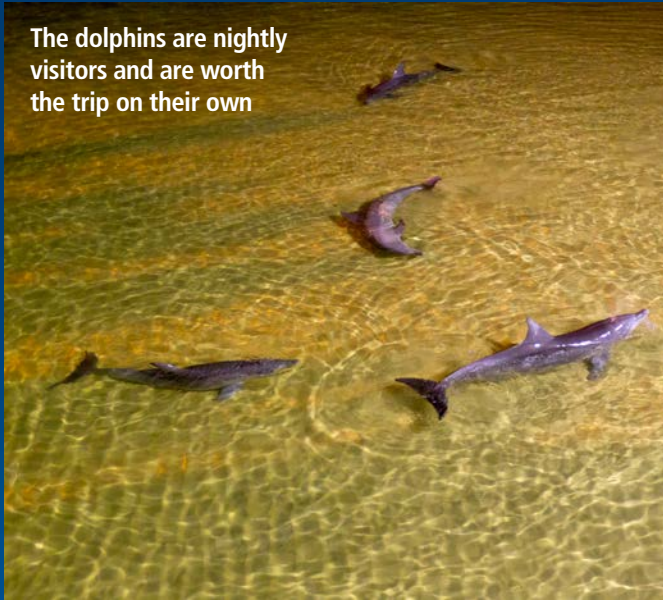
As you'd expect from the world's third-largest sand island there is no shortage of beautiful beaches to drive, however it's worth noting that this is strictly for 4x4s with high and low-range, particularly in the summer months when the sand can get soft and powdery.

We disembarked the MiCat ferry at Bulwer and scooted up the beach before ducking inland towards North Point. From here on it felt as though we'd left time behind and could really start to enjoy the temperate waters, picture-perfect campsites and beaut fishing on offer.



The Wrecks is a great place to spend a few hours in or on the water

The dolphins are nightly visitors and are worth the trip on their own



There are plenty of snakes on the inland tracks, so a sturdy pair of walking boots when you're exploring are well advised

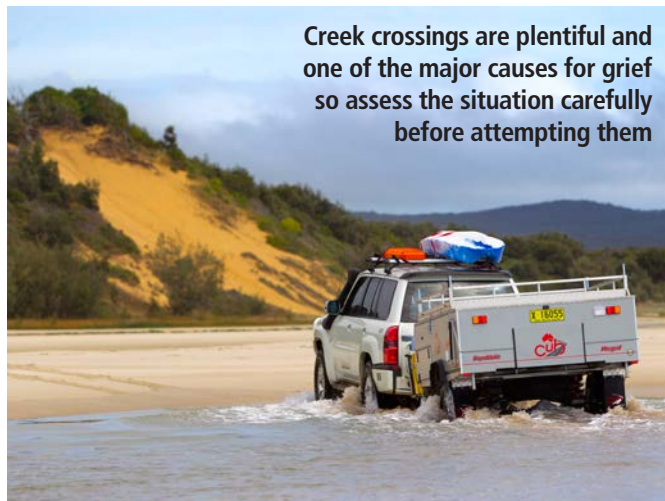
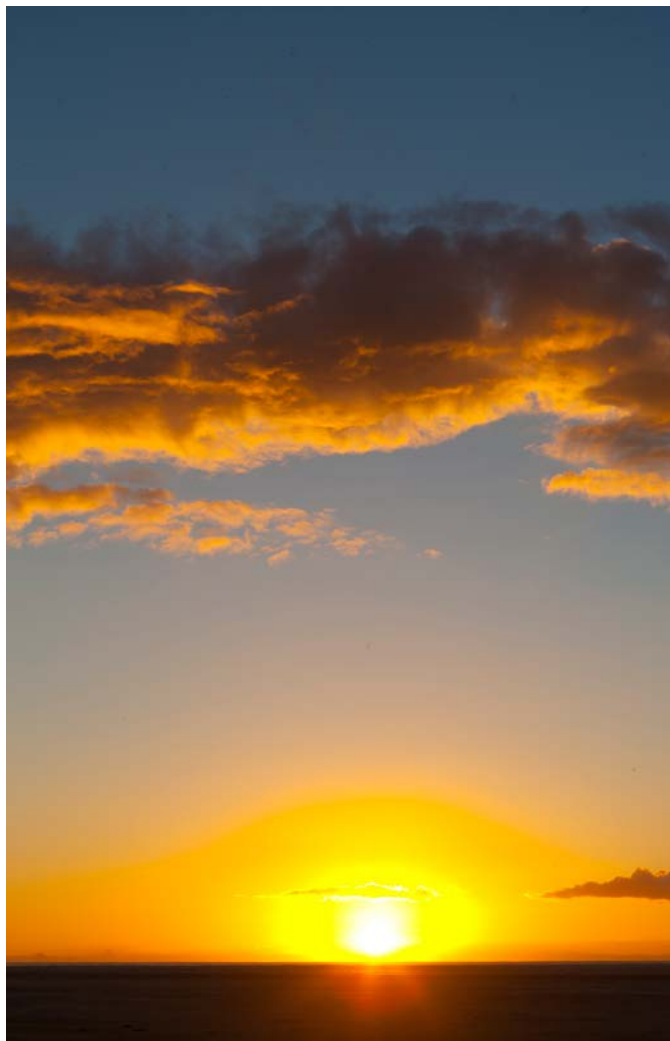


Taking a sand boarding tour is well worth it



The bird life on Moreton is spectacular, as this sea eagle demonstrates



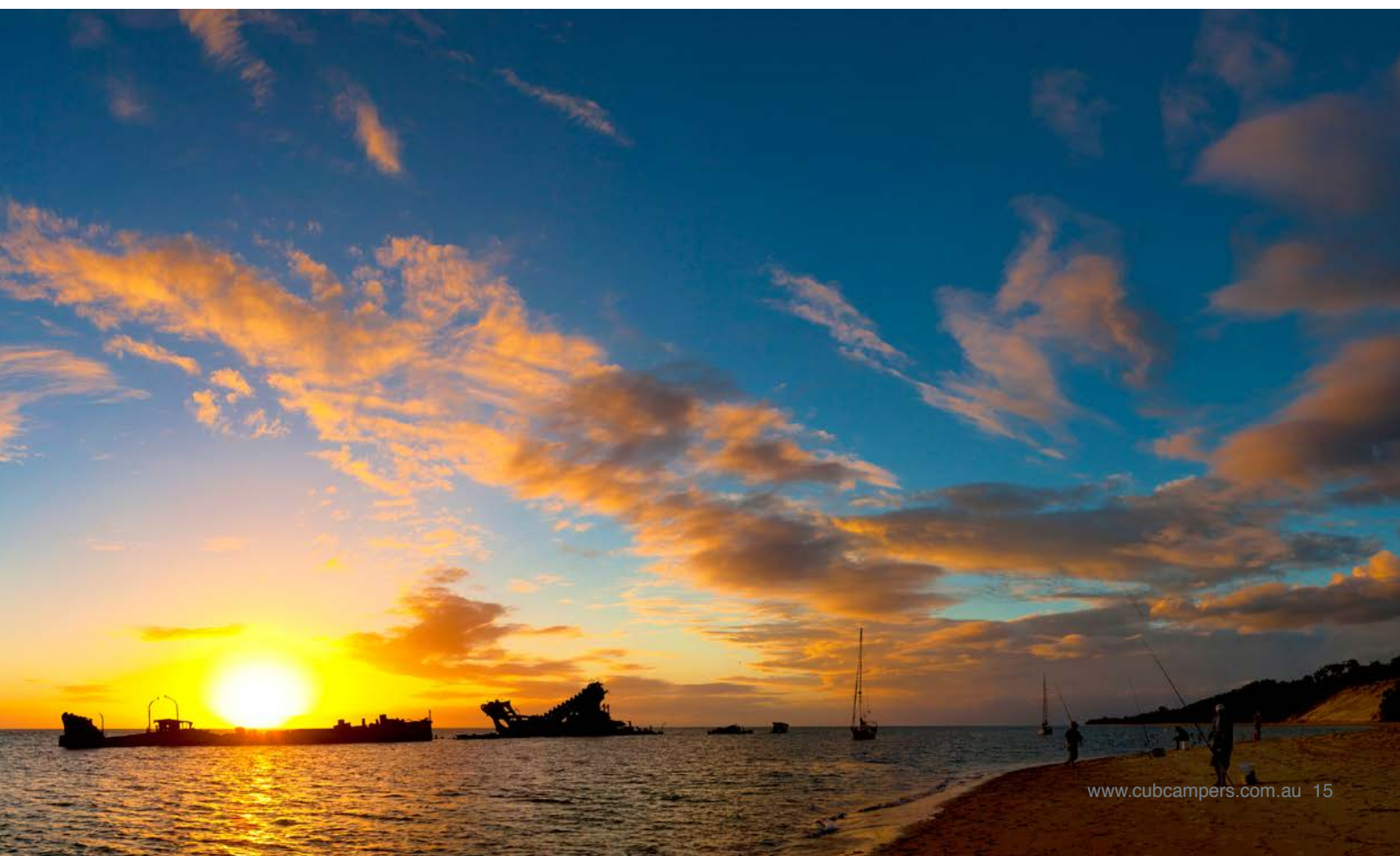


While North Point is one of the most scenic places in the world with its creek-carved swathes of sand spread out before you, it is also sheltered by the Cape Moreton headland, so the water is also inviting. Although be fair warned – the locals told us that the beautiful waters in the area are also appreciated by plenty of “shedolphins”, or as most people call them: sharks.

Up at the Cape Moreton Lighthouse you’re rewarded with 360° views that stretch as far back to the west as the Glasshouse Mountains and Stradbroke Island to the south. Turn your eyes eastward and you may be lucky enough to spot turtles and whales as they move along within the clear ocean currents.

One of the real highlights of the northern section of the island is Blue Lagoon. With a nice campsite tucked behind the dunes, it’s a fine place to set up camp. It reputedly sports some of the clearest water on the east coast, and rivals Fraser Island’s Lake Mackenzie in terms of clarity.

Getting across Moreton Island is a cinch. At its broadest point, it is just 13km wide and the well-named Middle Road drops you out just north of The Wrecks – a collection of deliberately sunken ships that provide a haven for sea life, boats and divers. It’s an amazing spot, and a great place for a swim and a photo – just keep in mind the tidal currents can be strong so all care should be taken.



Make sure you stop by the Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort. We're not suggesting you stay anywhere other than your trailer – our Cub Supamatic Regal was more than comfortable enough. But we still wanted to call in for a very good reason, and that's the feeding of the dolphins that come in every evening. It's a great experience to get into the water with these bottle-nosed beauties, and the entire family had a blast ... although I'm still not sure what they liked the most, the dolphins or the toboggan rides out in The Desert.

The Desert is located a short off-road bus ride from the resort, and it's only open to the registered tour vehicles, not us mere mortals. However, not only do you get a waxed-up board and great guides – you also get to use their goggles, saving your eyes from a guaranteed scouring.

Blessed with history and beautiful sites, the Moreton Island experience is something that should be on everyone's to-do list. The sunsets over the bay on the west are superb; the sand drifts up north are brilliant; and the dolphin feeding is a great family experience. ■



We've already done the
Canning
Stock Route,
because we reckon that one day,
you might want to as well.



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Show Calendar

THE CUB CALENDAR

Want to see Cub's range in person? Come and say hello at one of these shows!

18th – 20th SEP

Orana Caravan, Camping, 4WD Fish & Boat Show Dubbo

Dubbo Showground, Wingewarra
Street, Dubbo, NSW

22nd – 24th SEP

Henty Machinery Field Days

Henty Field Days, Henty, NSW

25th – 27th SEP

Seymour Great Outdoor Expo

Kings Park, Seymour, VIC

25th – 27th SEP

Central Coast 4WD, Caravan, Camping & Boat Show

Mingara Recreation Club, Tumby Umbi, NSW

25th – 27th SEP

Nowra Caravan, Camping & Outdoor Living Show

Nowra Shoalhaven Turf Club,
Albatross Road, Mundamia, NSW

11th – 13th SEP

Warrnambool Homexpo Leisure & Lifestyle Roadshow

Warrnambool Racecourse, Warrnambool, VIC

2nd – 4th OCT

The Great Southern Caravan & Camping Show Albany

Centennial Park, Albany, WA

6th – 8th OCT

Elmore Field Days

Elmore Field Days site, Elmore, VIC

8th – 11th OCT

Melbourne Leisurefest

Sandown Racecourse, Melbourne, VIC

16th -18th OCT

Sydney 4WD Adventure Show

Sydney Dragway, Eastern Creek, NSW

16th -18th OCT

Sunshine Coast Home Show, Caravan, Camping, Boating

Stockland Park, Kawana, QLD

17th -18th OCT

Murrumbateman Field Days

Murrumbateman Field Days site
Barton Highway, NSW

22nd – 28th OCT

Australian National Field Days

563 Borenore Road,
Borenore, Orange, NSW

23rd – 25th OCT

Canberra Home, Leisure, Caravan, 4WD, Camping Show

Exhibition Park, Canberra, ACT

23rd – 25th OCT

Bairnsdale Leisurefest Roadshow

Peppercorn Park, Bairnsdale, VIC

23rd – 25th OCT

Toowoomba Camping & Leisure Expo

Toowoomba Showgrounds, Toowoomba Qld

29th OCT – 1st NOV

Pre-Christmas Caravan & Camping Sale

Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills, QLD

6th – 8th NOV

Perth 4WD & Adventure Show

McCallum Park, South Perth, WA



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Meet the owner: **Stephen Mills**

We bought our Cub Space Van five years ago. It is a 2008 Anniversary model that had seen little service when we got it. The wife wanted a caravan and I didn't, so this was our compromise.

In 2010 we did the circumnavigation of Australia starting at Gladstone with some friends and their motorhome we toured Eastern Queensland across to Porcupine Gorge and West till we got to Normanton and Karumba in the Gulf. They left us at the Burke and Wills roadhouse as we headed West to Lawn hill where we met up with some more people we know to do the back road to Kingfisher camp, via Hells Gate to Borroloola. During that section we swam two rivers and changed three tyres. The rest of the trip via Darwin, Tunnel Creek, Derby, Broom, Perth etc. was a breeze and the Cub was great.

Since then we have toured Western Queensland, travelled to Sydney crossed the border ranges via Lions Road as well as many short local trips. In that time I have added hot mains

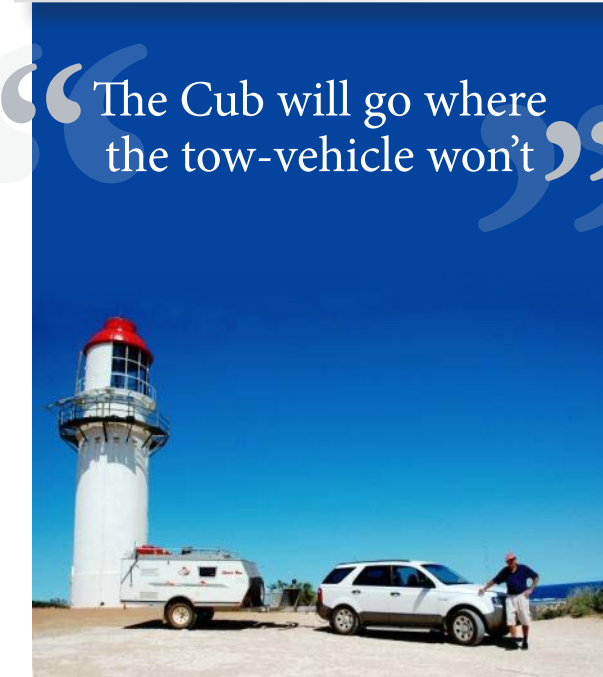
pressure water to the sink and a shower facility, added an extra gas bottle and a larger box on the front and recently changed the fridge for a 110 Waeco compressor fridge instead of the old 3-way we had. I have also added an extra 80L water tank under which gives us 200L of water if we fill everything. Additional LED lights have replaced the outside lights and currently I am exploring heating for inside.

Our association with Cub has been fantastic and I have been so impressed with the product that I founded the Cub Club last year to share the experience of owning Australia's best flip top camper with like minded owners.

In all these trips the towing vehicle has been a 2004 Ford Territory AWD that has been magnificent despite being a little low at times. In fact the Cub will probably go where the car won't. In a few weeks the Cub Club heads off to Cape York and we will be there along with a number of other Cubbers on a tag-a-long tour. ■



“ Our association with Cub has been fantastic! ”



The perfect **DAMPER**

One of the easiest and tastiest bush meals you'll ever eat.

Damper is one of the easiest, tastiest and most versatile meals you can make. By throwing in your choice of sweet or savoury additions you can have a feed that can be eaten for breakfast, lunch or dinner and will be enjoyed by absolutely everyone. Here's how to turn the perfect damper out of your camp oven every time.

METHOD

STEP 1

Grease your camp oven really well with butter and place some coals around the sides and on top (but not underneath to prevent burning) to bring it to a medium heat. In a bowl combine self-raising flour and salt, and make a well in the centre.

When you're cooking something that needs to rise, like our damper, you want to keep the majority of heat at the top of your camp oven which allows you to control the heat and prevents the bottom of the damper from burning. We like to surround our camp oven with roughly a third of your coals while the other two-thirds goes on the lid.

STEP 2

Gradually add the milk until the mixture comes away from the bowl sides and combine the ingredients until it begins to form a soft dough.

STEP 3

The trick here is that you don't actually want to knead it, as that will just push the air out and make the dough dense. Leave it as is and use your hands to slowly form the dough into a nice round damper shape.

STEP 4

Place into the camp oven and sprinkle some flour over the top of the damper, which will give it a nice crusty top. Cook for about 20-25 minutes or until cooked and golden on top.

Serve with lashings of butter and your favourite spread. Delicious! ■



SERVES 4

TIME 20-25 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- › 2 cups self-raising flour
 - › 1 pinch salt
 - › 1 cup milk
 - › Butter
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Meet the Makers

THE PEOPLE BEHIND CUB CAMPERS, AND THEIR STORIES.

Name: Victor Zammit

Department: Service

How long have you been working at Cub for?
15 years.

What does your job entail?
Handyman, preparing new campers for delivery, handovers, service and repairs.

What are the most important things about your job? Going over the trailers and making sure they're safe as

well as instructing customers on the correct use of the trailer.

Where are you from? Malta.

How long have you been in the country for? 50 years.

Do you have a family?
Yes, - 3 sons, 1 daughter, and 3 grandkids.

What do you like about working at Cub? I get to do a bit of everything; there is lots of variety. ■



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