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Australia is a land of incredible extremes and diversity, and one place that sums this up so well is Fraser Island. It's the largest sand island in the world. It has some incredible spots like Eli Creek, Lake McKenzie and Sandy Cape to be proud of. Sure, it's an off-road destination ... but it's very easily accessible with only a few things to consider.

Importantly, Fraser Island is perfect for the camper trailer, provided it's a quality off-road model. Pack some extra gear, air down your tyres, and you're laughing. You're accessing one of the greatest places Australia has to offer.



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Priced from \$695 per light. For more information, go to www.ultra-vision.com.au

G E A R



CUB SIDE OPENING CANVAS

Camping on those warm summer days makes you want every little bit of breeze you can conjure up, and this option from Cub would have to be one of the best things getting around. It adds a zip along the bottom of your wall (on the kitchen side), so you can open it right up. Magic!

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HAPPY CAMPER GOURMET

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SERIOUS HEAVYWEIGHTS:

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENT WEIGHTS
YOU NEED TO KNOW IN YOUR SETUP.

It can sometimes feel like a bit of a minefield, but it is also incredibly important. All of the elements of our trailers and tow vehicles are built to certain standards, and it's important to stick to these limits. There is a lot of force and moving parts, and it simply isn't safe to push the machinery over the edge.

If you stick to the limits, at the end of the day your camper and tow rig will perform better, be cheaper to run, and be more reliable.

Another thing to consider about this subject is insurance: If you're found out to be exceeding these numbers, you are in trouble ... and you could end up footing a big unexpected bill.

GVM

GVM means gross vehicle mass; this is the highest amount your vehicle can legally weigh. This is very important, on a lot of points. Your vehicle has been designed to work within certain parameters in terms of suspension, chassis, driveline and overall dynamics. In other words, overdo this at your own peril.

ATM

This one stands for Aggregate Trailer Mass, which is pretty much a GVM for your trailer. And likewise, the same rules apply. Going over this without addressing the issues that come with it is risky, to say the least; and we don't advise doing it one bit. ATM is typically listed on that drawbar plate, so keep an eye out for it there.

GCM

This one is a combination setup, which is defined by the manufacturer. It's the combined weights of your vehicle and trailer, but you have to be smart – because you can't overdo your GCM, even if you're still within your GVM and ATM ranges separately. This is quite often listed on the vehicle's placard.



TBM

This one is tow ball mass. The weight of the trailer is transferred to the ground via two points: The wheels and the tow ball. When your trailer isn't hooked up, this obviously is transmitted through the jockey wheel. When it's hooked up, it's transferred through your vehicle and needs to be handled by the rear suspension. Therefore, it comes with a limit.

It's also important to note here that the way you load your trailer affects the real-world tow ball mass. For example, fill up your drawbar box with heavy stuff, and you'll feel how much heavier it is to pick up. Think of your trailer as a pendulum, and you'll get the idea.



AXLE LOADING

This one isn't as important as the others but it's something you should still note, especially on a camper trailer. Axles (and for that matter, the wheels that are mounted onto them) are rated with, effectively, safe working limits. Overloading your trailer or vehicle beyond these limits could cause a premature failure of the axle or some of its components.



TYRE RATING

One thing that not many people look into, but should be aware of, is their tyre loading. There are codes on the sidewalls of your tyres that tell you about their load and speed ratings. If you need more weight capabilities, look for a tyre with a Light Truck (LT) construction. ■



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FRASER ISLAND

Australia's premiere coastal camping destination is 100% camper trailer friendly.







BOWARRADY CREEK, WEST COAST

The east coast of Fraser Island is now a highway, with thousands of vehicles venturing up and down the beach every single day. And that traffic leads to crowded camps and a distinct lack of serenity. Add to that the battering onshore winds, and it's not exactly picture perfect. By contrast, the west coast is protected by the entire island

– so your chances of a wind-affected camp are minimised.

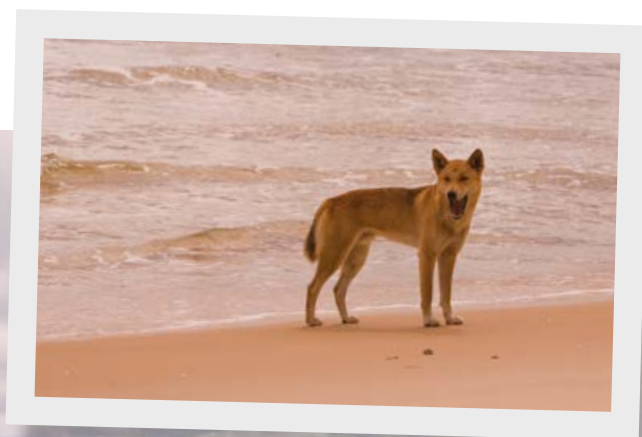
Add to that the slightly tea-stained fresh water of Bowarrady Creek literally snaking around your campsite, and you've got yourself a beautiful freshwater bath. Perfect for a kiddy paddle pool, and a great way to wash off the salt. And right out front in the bay, you're pretty much guaranteed a view of humpback whales as they rest and play on their way south.

SANDY CAPE

The appeal up here is the sheer 'wilderness' feel. The sand blows are constantly changing, but they are always an amazing spectacle. The secret of Sandy Cape is spreading – but there are usually enough campsites to go around. Yet I can't see this place ever getting too overrun ... because there are a few obstacles in the way. First, there's Ngkala Rocks, which presents a rocky (though very driveable) obstacle. Then there's the Ngkala Rocks bypass – a steep and powdery bypass that can only be driven with low tyre pressures and the right gear selection. With the right precautions,

it can be driven with a trailer (as I did); but that didn't stop us seeing a couple of single vehicles getting bogged on the very same track.

The campsites are mostly tucked behind trees, and many have clear ocean views. Lying in the camper and listening to the water lap gently at the shore is heaven indeed. Not to mention watching the sun dropping seemingly into the ocean from this vantage point. The campsites up here are protected from the wind by the hook-shaped point of the island, and the beach is protected from the oceanic swell by the massive sandbar that is Sandy Cape.



VALLEY OF THE GIANTS

It's hard to believe, but Fraser Island was still being logged into the 1980s. This is a really special sub-tropical rainforest, and it's 'off the beaten track' so its hidden position makes it an even better location to visit. No crowds, few well-trodden paths; just you, your 4X4 and Mother Nature at her very best.



LAKE BIRRABEEN

Lake Birrabeen is a seriously beautiful perched lake – with the same white sand as Lake McKenzie and precious few crowds. Unless you get there first thing in the morning or late in the afternoon, you're unlikely to have it to yourself ... but it never suffers from the big crowds that Lake McKenzie attracts. Incidentally, you're not allowed to camp at either Lake McKenzie or Lake Birrabeen – they're simply not set up for it. Your closest campsite is Central Station, which even features coin-operated hot showers. ■



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HERE'S WHAT THEY WOULD SAY...

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FRASER'S WHALES

Hervey Bay, off the west coast of Fraser Island, is a place where the whales come to play, mate and rest. Think of it as Club Med for humpbacks. And why not? The waters are warm and protected with plenty of food.

After a 45-minute transport stage north on the big and stable catamaran, we spied our first humpbacks – a pair of feisty juveniles. And that was the start of a deluge – the longer we circled, the more we saw. Massive breaches, tail

slaps, and puffs of blowholes which were so close that everyone on the outer decks got a good salty spray.

While I was blown away by the sheer number of sightings and the close proximity of the whales, the ship's captain assured me that it can even get better than this. Sometimes, the whales will stay with a parked boat for hours ... eyeballing passengers, even rubbing their barnacles off on the hull. Now that's something I have to see. I'll be doing another trip like this for sure. ■



ESSENTIALS FOR YOUR NEXT BEACH TRIP



RUST PREVENTION

Whatever brand or ingredients you might like, a good liberal spray of this stuff is always a good idea. Concentrate on your exposed metal parts – especially stuff that hasn't got a good coating of zinc (galvanised) or paint for protection.

We like Inox and Lanotec, which goes for roughly \$10 per can at your local auto store.



SHADECLOTH ON THE GROUND

Camping on the sand is brilliant, but nobody wants to bring it into bed with them because they love it so much. Being regimental with cleaning your feet or footwear before retiring for the evening is essential; but throwing down some shade cloth in your living area can go a long way towards improving your living conditions.

You can pay around \$150 for a quality groundmat, or just buy a length of shade cloth for a bit cheaper.



SUN PROTECTION

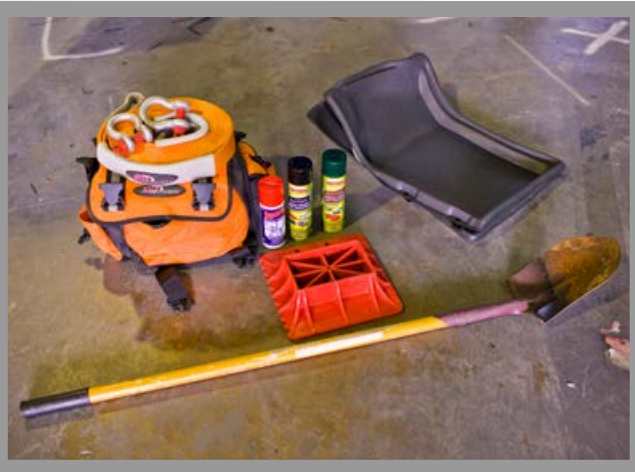
This one's pretty obvious, really. Vehicle mounted awnings are great, and a quality camper trailer will have a good amount of shade built into it. Consider options like extra canvas cover or tropical roofs, if you're going to spend a lot of time camping in the sun.



SPORT-BELLA

Long days at the beach require BYO shelter, to ensure you enjoy yourself and not get burnt to a crisp. This unit gives you great shade, and packs down to roughly the size of a big umbrella. It gives you a great sanctuary from the sun and wind, and you can open a window for a bit of a breeze, and peg it down to ensure it doesn't move onto better (or worse) things.

Prices start from \$120. For more information, go to www.sportbrellashop.com.au



OFF-ROAD STUFF

Let's face it, some of the best camping spots are beyond the reaches of bitumen. With a little bit of gear and preparation, you can tow your trailer to pretty much any of them. Always pack a recovery kit, and don't forget the ubiquitous long-handled shovel. Also, you should always have an air compressor and an accurate tyre gauge.



Meet the Makers

THE PEOPLE BEHIND CUB CAMPERS, AND THEIR STORIES.

Name: Sam Fiorelli

Department: Steel

How long have you been working at Cub for? I started working at Cub over 15 years ago, on 15th September, 2001.

What does your job entail? At the moment I'm in the steel cutting section, cutting all kinds of things. I've also worked in the welding section.

What are the most important things about your job? I am responsible for

cutting/preparing the materials for the production line.

Where are you from? Italy.

If you aren't from Australia, how long have you been in the country for? 50 years.

Do you have a family? Yes, I am married with 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

What do you like about working at Cub? I like the job. Cub is a good company. I enjoy working here.

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Five tips to cook a better steak

USE THIS NEW TECHNIQUE FOR GREAT RESULTS.



Ensure the steak is dry: A wet steak inhibits the Maillard reaction from occurring, robbing you of precious flavour. Before the steak goes on, give it a rub with some olive oil.

Ensure the steak is at room temperature: A steak straight out of the fridge will knock the heat out of the pan, resulting in less colour and flavour. Three hours out of the fridge is a good timespan to aim for.

Cook over a high heat: You want to cook the steak fast and hard.

More heat means the exterior of the steak will brown more readily, thus becoming more flavoursome.

Turn it a lot: If you're happy to man the barbie for the duration, turn your steak every 30 seconds until it's done. If it's done with a high enough heat, the results will speak for themselves.

Let it rest: It will look terrific, sure. But don't tuck in just yet. Wrap your steak in Alfoil and give it a few minutes to itself. Aim for 10 to 15 minutes before mastication. ■

Show Calendar

THE CUB CALENDAR

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

16th – 18th SEP

**Orana Caravan,
Camping, 4WD, Fishing
& Boat Show Dubbo**

*Dubbo Showground, Wingewarra Street,
Dubbo NSW*

16th – 18th SEP

Echuca Great Out Door Expo

Echuca Racecourse, Echuca VIC

20th – 22nd SEP

Henty Machinery Field Days

Cookardinia Road, Henty NSW

23rd – 25th SEP

**Central Coast 4WD, Caravan,
Camping & Boat Show**

*Mingara Recreation Club,
Tumbi Umbi NSW*

6th – 9th OCT

Melbourne Leisurefest

Sandown Racecourse, Melbourne VIC

14th – 16th OCT

Sydney 4WD & Adventure Show

Sydney Dragway, Eastern Creek NSW

21st – 23rd OCT

**Sunshine Coast Home Show,
Caravan, Camping & Boating**

Stockland Park, Kawana QLD

21st – 23rd OCT

Canberra Home & Leisure Show

*Exhibition Park Flemington Rd &
Northbourne Ave, Mitchell ACT*

21st – 23rd OCT

Adelaide 4WD & Adventure Show

Adelaide Showground, Wayville SA

27th – 30th OCT

**Pre-Christmas Caravan
& Camping Sale**

Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills QLD

4th – 6th NOV

**South Coast Caravan,
Camping & Holiday Show**

McKay Park, Batemans Bay NSW

11th – 13th NOV

Gippsland Great Outdoor Expo

Sale Racecourse, Maffra Road, Sale VIC

11th – 13th NOV

Perth 4WD & Adventure Show

McCallum Park, South Perth WA

18th – 20th NOV

Bendigo Leisurefest

Bendigo Racecourse, Bendigo VIC

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