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Where the rubber
meets the road

+ THE BEST OF THE
Blue Mountains



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In a warm Australian summer, what's often at the top of our list is slipping away from the big Sydney heatsink and escaping westward. We travel up the mountains... where the air is cooler and cleaner, breaking our shackles of sweat and heat.

That's the beauty of hitting the road in this great country, really. We have so many different and beautiful experiences available and ripe for exploration. In this Issue, we're taking a closer look at some of our favourite haunts in the Blue Mountains – awesome spots that will inspire you to get out there as well! We also talk tyres... something that is often on our trailers (and tow rigs, for that matter).



See you on the road,

The team at Cub Campers.

Show Calendar

THE CUB CALENDAR

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

21st APR - 23rd APR

**South QLD Caravan, Camping,
Boating & Fishing Expo**

Nambour, QLD

25th APR - 30th APR

**NSW Caravan, Camping,
RV & Holiday Supershow**

Rosehill, NSW

12th MAY - 14th MAY

**Albury Wodonga
Caravan, Camping, 4WD,
Fishing and Boat Show**

Albury Showground, Albury, NSW

12th MAY - 14th MAY

**Cairns Home Show, Caravan,
Camping & Boating Expo**

Cairns Showgrounds, Cairns, QLD

19th MAY - 21st MAY

**Mackay Home Show,
Caravan & Camping Expo**

Mackay Showgrounds, Mackay, QLD

26th MAY - 28th MAY

**Hunter Valley
Caravan, Camping,
4WD, Fish & Boat Show**

Maitland Showground, Maitland, NSW

7th JUN - 12th JUN

**QLD Caravan, Camping
& Touring Holiday Show**

RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane, QLD

14th JUL - 15th JUL

**Mudgee Small
Farm Field Days**

*Australian Rural Education
Centre, Mudgee, NSW*

4th AUG - 6th AUG

**Queensland Outdoor
Adventure & Motoring
Expo Toowoomba**

Toowoomba Showgrounds, Qld

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GARDENS OF STONE

NATIONAL PARK

G E A R



OZPIG BIG BOAR KETTLE

The Ozpig Big Boar kettle holds four litres of liquid; the base is made from 3.4mm of encapsulated aluminium, and it's stainless steel everywhere else. There is a built-in handle, and a whistle in the spout for safety. The Big Boar kettle is dishwasher-safe for easy clean-up, and it's suitable for gas, electric, induction and ceramic cooktops too. If you give your billy a solid workout on the road, this one might be tough enough to last a lifetime.

Expect to pay around \$65. For more information, go to www.ozpig.com.au

ROLA TITAN FLAT RACK

A flat rack is often all you need on your tow rig for that extra bit of storage space. Big, bulky items can be slotted onto the rack, freeing up plenty of storage space elsewhere. The good thing about this rack is that you can modulate it with accessories like side rails, light bar and awning brackets, jerry can and gas bottle holders; and you can slot tie-down points anywhere along the racks.

Pricing depends on the application.
For more info, go to www.titantray.com.au



GEAR



DANCHE NERO BAG

Having a tough, waterproof PVC bag comes in real handy when storage space starts to become competitive. We have found these bags to perform well on the roof of a car, or on top of a hard-floor camper trailer. The material is up to the job of keeping the wet and dust on the outside, and the zippers and Velcro are all pretty heavy-duty.

Price: \$109. For more information, go to www.darche.com.au

CUB EXPLORER

Thought an Australian-made, off-road hard-floor camper trailer was too expensive? Think again. Cub has released its cheapest model to date – coming in at only \$19,990. It's built to Cub's typical ruggedly high standards, with a tough chassis, a 12-volt battery system, fridge box, portable stove, deluxe awning and leaf-spring off-road suspension.

The Cub Explorer starts at \$19,990. For more information, call Cub on 1300 CAMPING (1300 226 746)



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Round & **BLACK**

Why your camper needs quality tyres.





TYRE QUALITY

Maybe we're biased, but we think a quality camper trailer deserves quality rubber on the wheels as well.

Just because it's a trailer doesn't mean you can skimp on the tyres. Poor quality tyres will exhibit inferior performance, durability and lifespans – regardless of where they are used. We recommend quality tyres from reputable brands, especially if you're going off-road.

TREAD PATTERN

For off-road work, you don't need to go out and buy yourself some Simex Jungle Trekkers; but some quality all-terrain tyres are important.

Likewise with the overall quality of the tyres, your trailer tyres should mimic what you expect out of your tow rig. Get an all-terrain tyre for your trailer to handle off-road work, or opt for a chunky mud-terrain if you want to tackle some seriously rough ground. Off-road, highway-terrain tyres don't grip as well. They can quickly clog up into round, brown slicks of mud.



TYRE CONDITION

The gold standard in trailer tyres is matching the stud pattern, wheels and tyres to your tow rig.

The general condition of a tyre will often be the main indicator of how it's going to perform. Have a close look at the tyre and tread blocks, looking for obvious signs of a hard life. Cracking, chipping or unsightly bulging are a cause for concern; as well as uneven tread wear. If you've got any of this, you'd best think about organising some fresh rubber before that big trip. Don't forget the spare, either!

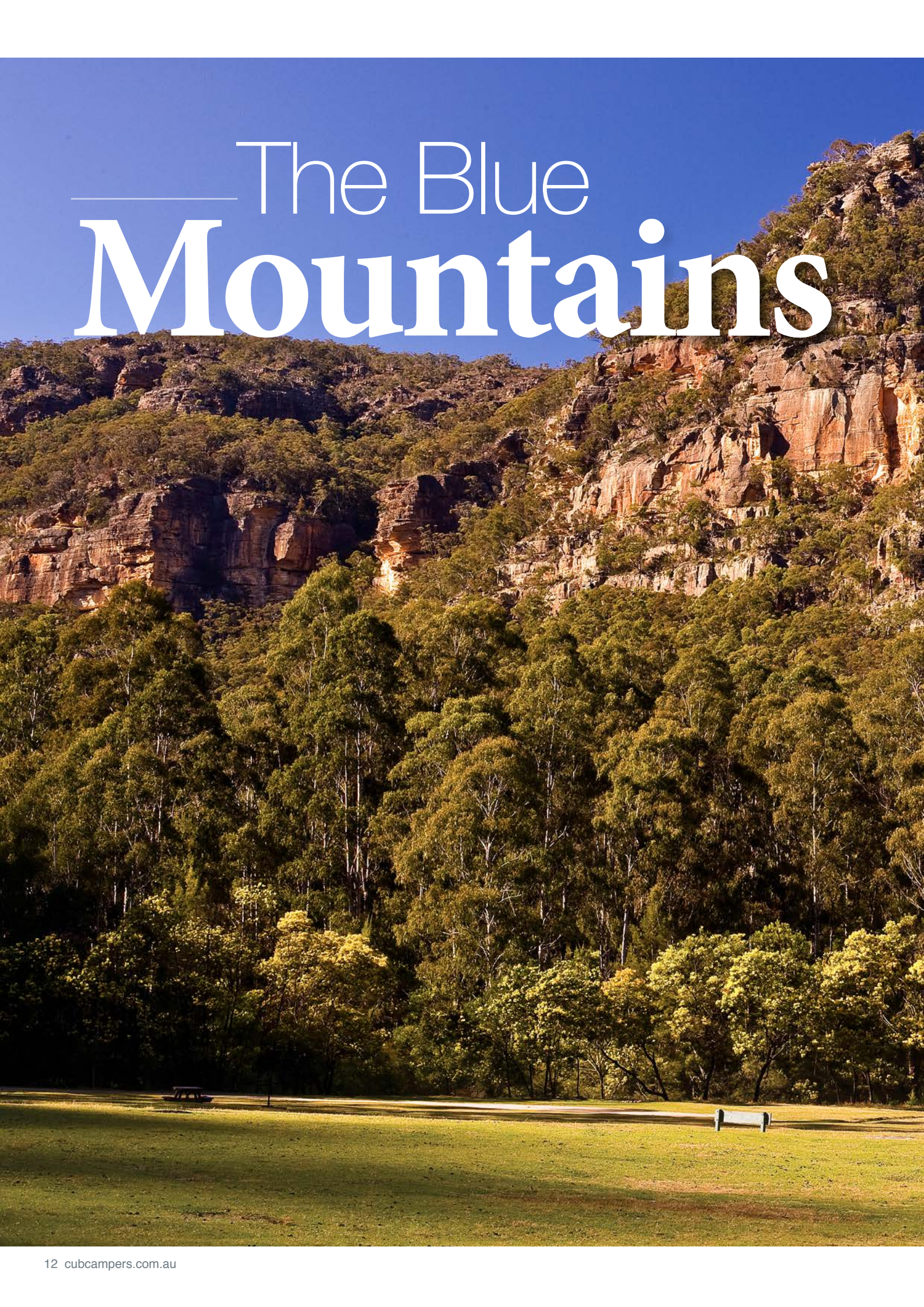




TYRE AGE

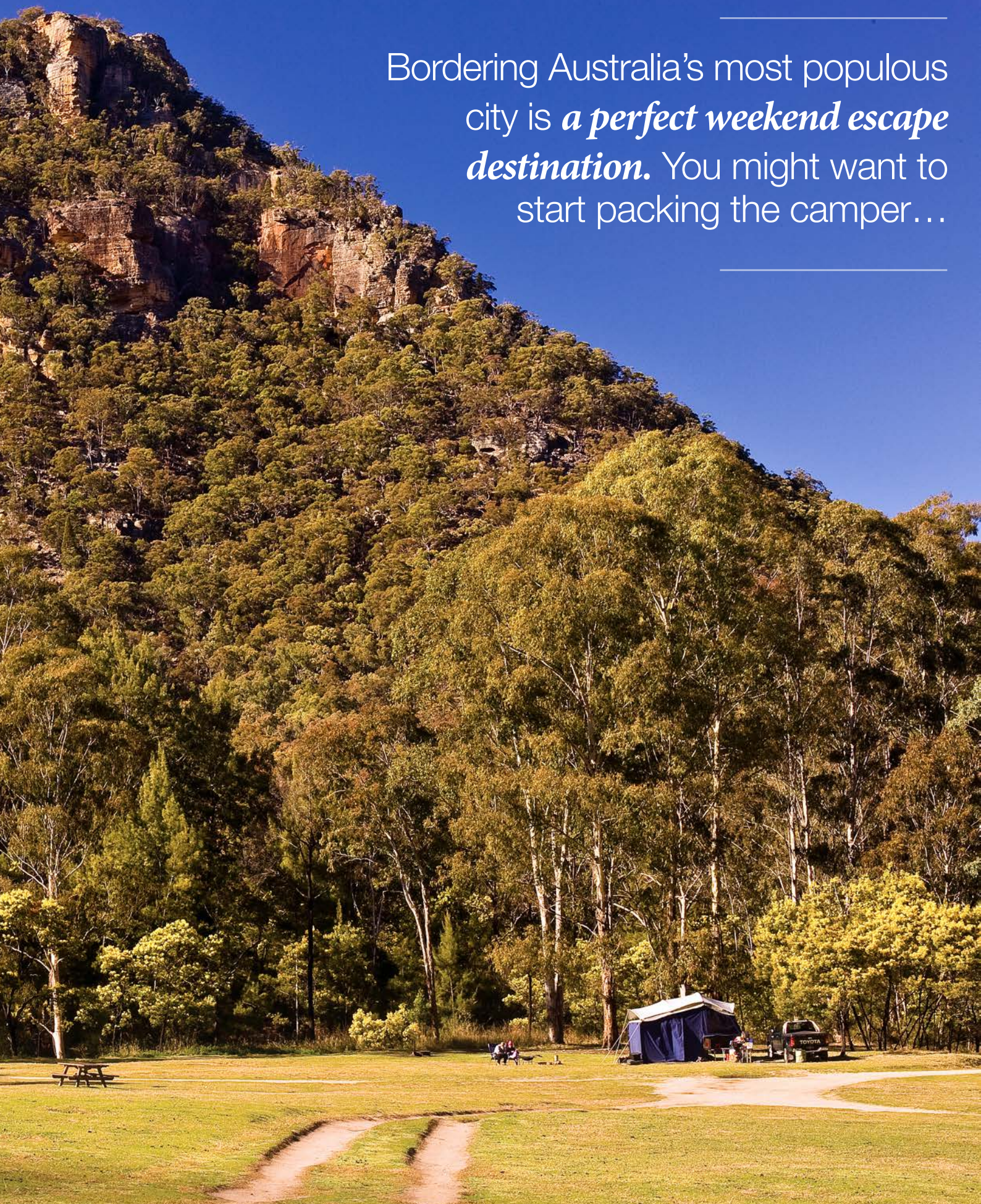
Rubber is a natural compound that doesn't take to long life very well. The rule of thumb for tyre age is six years; at this point, the performance and durability of a tyre gets noticeably worse. Rubber gets brittle and oxidises, going 'off' at a molecular level. There is a four-digit numerical code on the side of your tyre, which can be deciphered to indicate the date of the tyre's manufacture. ■





The Blue Mountains

Bordering Australia's most populous city is *a perfect weekend escape destination*. You might want to start packing the camper...





Only around one hour west of the Greater Sydney metropolis, there are huge parts of the Blue Mountains that are perfect for a bushy weekend getaway. And what's more, the area's also perfect for camper trailer touring – with lots of dirt roads and rough tracks to choose from. If you're looking for something tame or a really tough challenge, this part of the world has it all.



ZIG ZAG

It's not exactly a secret, this one – but it's worth noting that the area colloquially known as Zig Zag (on the Newnes Plateau) does have more to it than meets the eye. And it keeps a few secrets up its sleeve.

The area is mostly State Forest, and

it's quite popular with recreational 4WDers and our two-wheeled brethren. The reason is obvious: There's a multitude of tracks, ranging from mediocre to mental, all connected by a well-maintained network of graded roads.

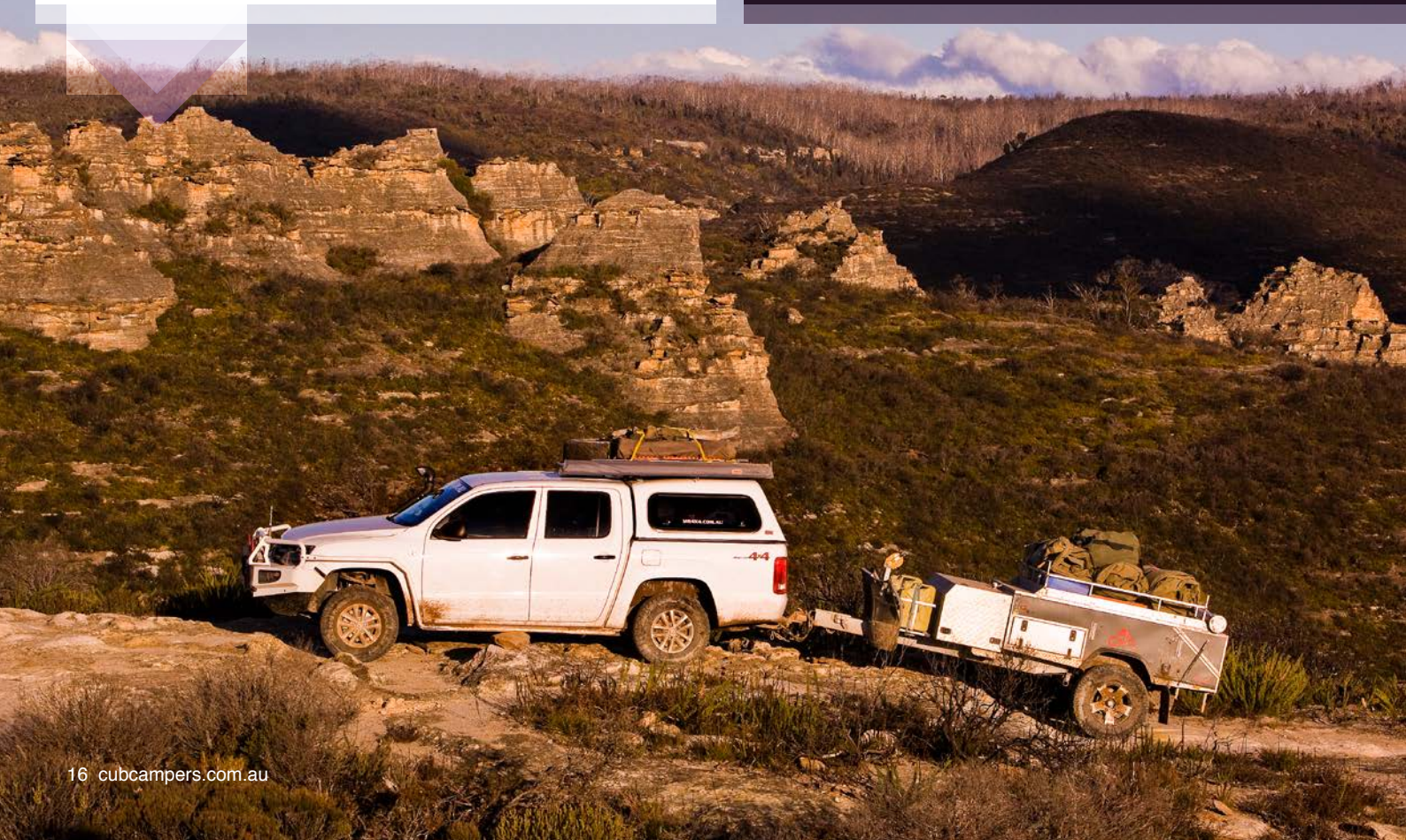
THE LOST CITY

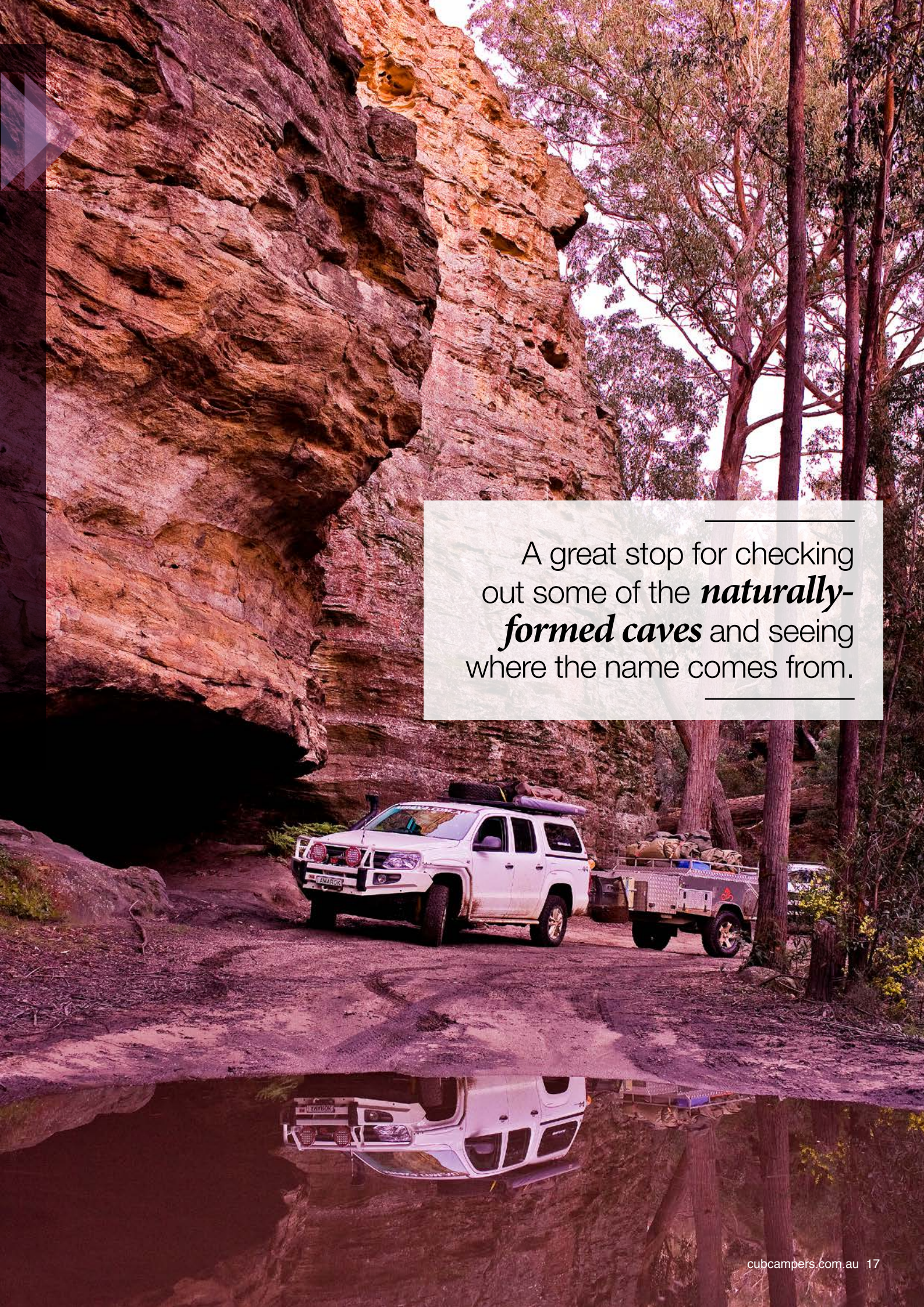
A bit of challenging 4WDing, with a reward of an awesome view at the end... a journey out to The Lost City has all of the right ingredients. There's a selection of rough, rutted impasses to consider; but if you're not feeling it, there is often a chicken track to go around. Whatever you do, persist. The Lost City is a spot worth getting to.

The view itself is not of a 'lost city' or a ghost town, so to speak; but something (I think) more impressive: Millions of years of slow erosion has slowly torn away the softer sandstone that dominates the area, leaving these strange structures of ironstone with odd, circular and spiralling shapes. Look over it, and think... what you're standing on was once an ocean bed, which has since disappeared and eroded over millions and millions of years.

BLACK FELLOW'S HAND TRAIL

A track that connects up Glow Worm Tunnel Road (which is also well worth visiting) with the Wolgan Valley towards the west, Black Fellow's Hand Trail is an overall quite easy (but often quite impressive) track through some great sandstone escarpment country. Towards the western end of the track there is a sharp turn through a big rock cutting, which is a great stop for checking out some of the naturally-formed caves and seeing where the name comes from. Follow a walking track on foot, and you'll see some hand motifs on the cave walls. They are worth a closer look. Sure, there are better ones around – but these are still very impressive. Seeing the physical evidence of those tens of thousands of years of Indigenous occupation of this country always has a big impact.



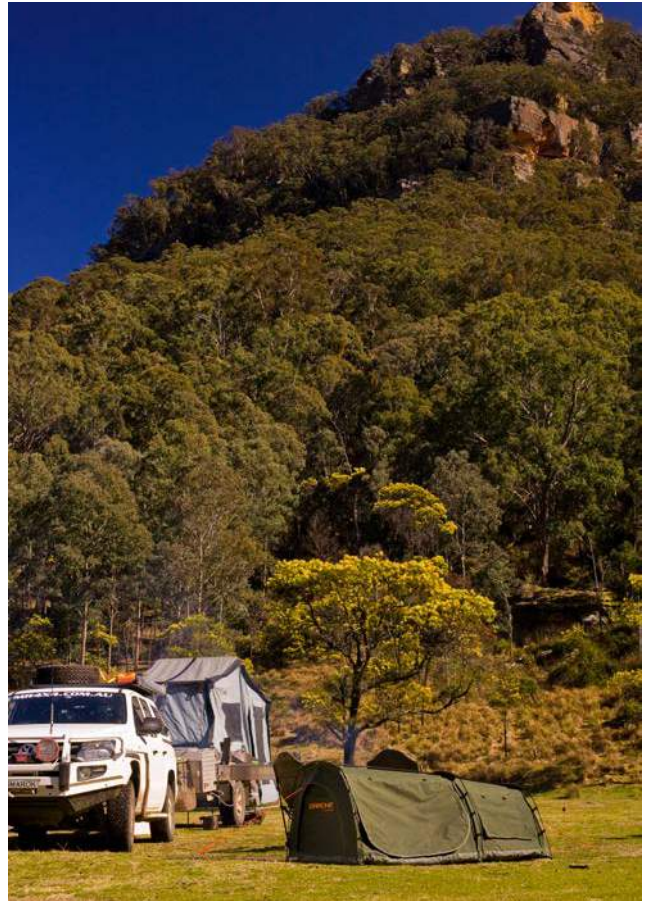
A photograph of a white SUV parked on a dirt road in front of a large, natural rock cave entrance. A truck is parked behind the SUV. The scene is surrounded by tall trees and a rocky cliff face. The image has a purple tint. A text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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NEWNES

Probably the most popular 4X4 campsite out of the Blue Mountains, or even Sydney, is Newnes. It's situated atop the old Newnes township which was once mining shale oil out of the surrounding mountains, nestled in the Wolgan Valley. Stunning escarpments surround your camp spot – which is flat, open and grassy. And you're in a good location for exploring spots like the Glow Worm Tunnel.

There are some great remnants of the old mining days and habitation, as well as many other tracks nearby for exploring. Serious history buffs can book in a tour, but many get satisfaction from walking through the old ruins... a lot of them exhibiting impressive craftsmanship from the builders who were working in the Aussie bush all those years ago. ■





Pressure Perfect

Knowing what pressures you should run in your trailer tyres.

Know your loads

Do you know how much your camper weighs? What about when it's loaded, ready for that big holiday and carting most of your stuff? Add in fuel/water tanks and spare fuel, and what your trailer weighs and what you think it weighs might be two very different things.

How much something weighs will impact how much pressure you should run in your tyres. The heavier it is, the higher the pressures should be set. Know what you're weighing accurately, and adjust your pressures accordingly.

Your first port of call should always be the compliance plate on the trailer, which gives you a starting point on correct pressure. Often, it's somewhere around the 35psi mark. As your trailer gets heavier though, and starts to approach its ATM (aggregate trailer mass), you might benefit from adding another 4psi onto that. Also, don't forget to adjust the pressure of your tow vehicle's rear tyres, to help cope with the ball weight.





Off-road pressures

As soon as the bitumen underneath you disappears, you need to start thinking about adjusting the pressures in your vehicle and trailer. If you started at 34psi, a 6psi drop can yield much better performance from your trailer. Lower pressures make for a smoother ride, better grip, and much less stress on the suspension. Your trailer tyre pressures will often mimic your tow rig pressures, to a degree. Soft sand will call for greatly reduced pressures (to the order of 18psi, as a start). And if you're still struggling a bit and digging in, you can go a bit lower than this as well... with caution.

The 4psi rule

In order to get your tyre pressures bang-on for your load and conditions, follow something called 'the 4psi rule'. In a nutshell, check your tyre pressures when cold, and compare them to when the tyres have warmed up to operating pressures (30 minutes of highway driving should do it). If your pressures have gone up by more than 4psi, your tyres are underinflated. If they went up less than 4psi, your tyres are overinflated. You can use this rule of thumb to get your pressures in the right ballpark – which is a 4psi increase from cold to hot. ■



Warm *WEATHER* Camping

Just because things get a bit warm, that doesn't mean you can't leave the air-con behind and get out into the bush. Here are our four favourite things for warm weather camping.



CUB SIDE FOLD CANVAS

Every little bit of breeze is heavenly on those warm afternoons and nights, and nothing captures it better than the Cub side-opening canvas option. Velcro runners are quickly removed, allowing you to roll the wall away completely. It's just the ticket for that warm weather camping...



12V FAN

If the breeze has really dried up, you might be better off trying to make your own. There's a variety of 12V-powered fans available, provided you have enough spare amps to feed them overnight. You can organise hard-mounted ones, or have small pedestal-mounted fans to operate in your camper – just to keep that air flowing. ■

DUAL COMPARTMENT FRIDGE/FREEZER

What's more indulgent than hooking into some ice-creams on a warm evening around the campsite? Not many things that we can think of. Having a freezer compartment in your fridge is right up there in the decadence stakes. Ice in your drinks, ice blocks and frozen desserts really says it all.



WEBER BABY Q

Most campers have slide-out kitchens for awesome outdoor camping cook-ups, but we do have a big soft spot for the Weber Baby Q. It's great for cooking up steaks and snags... and you can also get creative with small roasts and even pizzas with the lid down. And it's also sturdily made to survive a life of bouncing around.

Easy campfire *Boscaiola*

A SIMPLE, SATISFYING RECIPE THAT IS SURE TO HIT *THAT* SPOT.

First things first. Boil a generous amount of liberally salted water, and get your pasta going. We find fresh pasta from the supermarket can save a bit of time, needing much less boiling to get it al-dente. Next the sauce: Sweat your onions properly, in a good amount of oil. Don't let the onions brown from too much heat; let them cook softly for at least ten minutes until they turn glassy and aromatic.

Add your garlic and give this a few minutes, stirring a little. Next, it's time for the bacon – throw it in and cook

it to your liking (some like it really crispy, others not so much). Your mushrooms come next, and then the cream. The trick is to go easy on the cream. Cream is tasty, but also good at dulling off flavours. You need just enough for a nice texture... but don't go crazy with a full tub! If you've only got sour cream, this will work as well.

Give the sauce a few minutes to thicken slightly; then toss your cooked pasta through it. Finish the dish off with lashings of Parmesan cheese and a final garnish of basil. ■

Choosing Parmesan

When it comes to Parmesan cheese, spending a bit more does make a difference. Although it's cheaper and easier to use, anything that's already grated is generally lower quality. Grated products often have more preservatives and flour added too.

Opt for a Grana Padano at least, which is made in only a handful of Italian towns. Or for the very best look for Parmigiano Reggiano which is often aged for at least 12 months. It has a terrifically mellow, piquant flavour; and it's a great source of 'umami' flavour.



SERVES 3-4

INGREDIENTS

- › 400g pasta (Fettuccini or Pappardelle is good)
 - › Olive oil
 - › 1 medium brown onion, diced
 - › 2 cloves (or 1 heaped teaspoon) minced garlic
 - › 4 rashers streaky bacon, roughly chopped
 - › 2 cups mushrooms, roughly chopped
 - › 1 cup cream
 - › Parmesan cheese
 - › Salt and pepper, to taste
 - › Basil, to garnish
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Meet the Owner

THE WELL-TRAVELLED BUTLER FAMILY, AND THEIR CUB.

Firstly I'd like to introduce our family the Butlers: Darren (44), Tanya (45), Macey (11) and Kade (8). There is also Jack (22) who doesn't travel with us often.

We live in Langwarrin Victoria, I am a self employed Roof Plumber and Tanya is a full time mum. What we like about travelling is we all learn lots about our country and amazing scenery & meeting new people with

the same passion.

Our Cub camper is a 2015 Spacevan LE (the 2017 equivalent is the Longreach) which we purchased brand new in Dec 2015. We like it because it's a very easy set up being a hard floor camper as we had a soft floor before this one. We are equipped to go off road as it has full independent suspension, and even the kids can wind up the camper.







Our tow rig is a 1999 land cruiser 100 series LPG/petrol with all the usual add-ons. Destinations with the Cub have been the Big Red Bash 2016, The Outback Loop to Birdsville, Arkaroola, Innamincka, Cordillo Downs, The Flinders Ranges, York Peninsula SA, Eyre Peninsula SA, Fleurieu Peninsula SA, Wilsons Prom Vic, High Country Vic, Murray River Vic/SA, Inverloch Vic, Venus Bay Vic.

In 2015 we travelled The Oodnadatta Track, Coober Pedy, central Aus via the Stuart Hwy to Darwin, Kakadu, Litchfield, and home via central outback QLD & NSW over 8 weeks in our previous Outback Soft-floor camper.

Favourite places are too many to mention!! It's time for us to start exploring what NSW has to offer. Also Tassie is on the cards. ■



Meet the Makers

THE PEOPLE BEHIND CUB CAMPERS, AND THEIR STORIES.

Name: Annette Musgrove

Department: Sales Consultant, Brisbane

How long have you been working at Cub for? Started working for Cub August 2015.

What does your job entail?

Predominately, my role is sales focused but with my experience in admin I handle some of the administrative roles here also.

What are the most important things about your job?

Customer Service. I pride myself in providing the best service I can give to

my customers and working together with my fellow Cub Colleagues.

Where are you from?

Ipswich, Southeast Queensland

Do you have a family? YES.

My daughter Jess has grown up and left home my son Lachlan is 9.

What do you like about working at

Cub? I really enjoy the lifestyle and leisure industry. I love that Cub is Australian Made and has been such a front-runner in this industry for so long! I enjoy talking to customers about where they have been and how much they love their Cub Camper!





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