



Voice of the Toyota LandCruiser Club of Australia (SA) Inc

November 2024

Next General Meetings:
Monday
25th November, 2024
Monday
20th January 2025

LandCruising Australia Wide

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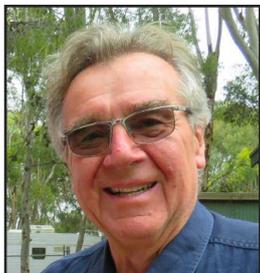
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from your President

Hello Members,

Several members have made contact with regard to the photo on the front cover of the October Newsletter, expressing their disquiet about it displaying what they thought is "hoon" driving. Apologies for not having a caption or explanation with it. It was taken at our June

Peake training weekend and shows one of our members getting training on how to get to the top of the sandhill. I understand our trainers had lots to say after this attempt.

Our By-laws and Rules were accepted at the October general meeting with some discussion about "Temporary Members". I wish to explain again that this membership status is only there for any of our guests and visitors who partake in our trips or events. It does not apply to a prospective member awaiting confirmation of his membership application. Processing and accepting the Temporary Membership of a guest is the responsibility of the Trip/Event Leader, and the Temporary Membership applies only to that specific event. If our guest wishes to partake of another event, then a new Temporary Membership is required.

The November Committee meeting was interesting and fruitful, once we coped in being locked out of our meeting room. We have applied for two grants from the SA government.

Firstly, Andy Davis is applying for a grant (from the SA Car Club Program - DIT) to cover the cost of upgrading our infrastructure, mainly computers (being for Secretary, Admin, Presentations, Treasurer, and Publications), with associated software packages, and a further Defibrillator and a second remote area first aid kit. Secondly, Ian Frost and Michael Polacek have applied to Parks and Nature (DEW) for costs associated with upgrading and enhancing our Environmental abilities. This included re-instating TLCCSA as a member of Friends of Parks and Nature. An extensive list of equipment has been prepared and submitted.

The two signature events that we are about to hold, the Christmas Weekend (at Port Elliot) and the Beachport sand driving, are not well subscribed, so I would encourage members to re-consider and perhaps enrol for them. The Christmas weekend has been planned to include a spit roast dinner, with a band for entertainment on Saturday evening, followed by a recovery breakfast on Sunday morning. The Kris-Kringle is fun to take part in and see people enjoying the festivities. Please see the events calendar for more detail.

Safe Travels,

Vlad Humeniuk
TLCCSA President

CHRISTMAS DINNER



Christmas is fast approaching!!

A dinner will be held at the West Adelaide Football Clubrooms on Monday 25th November at 5:30pm prior to the General Meeting at 7:30pm. Book now to reserve your spot.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CNUSC>



The **25th November 2024 General Meeting** will be held at ~ **West Adelaide Football Club**
57 Milner Rd, Richmond.

Open at 6.45pm. It is important that you book your spot - use booking code. <https://www.trybooking.com/CNUSC>

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Next General Meeting:

25th November 2024, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.

Trip Reports:

Guest Speaker:

Sponsors Night - Ben Coleman
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Newsletter Articles Deadline:

Friday 6th December 2024

Please ensure submissions are lodged prior to the deadline to support the newsletter timelines. Please send articles and separate original photos to:

newsletter@tlccsa.asn.au

and remember to **include the names** of members when submitting photos.

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As part of the disclosure requirements for our Public/Directors & Officer Liability insurance, please contact a committee member with relevant information if you are or become aware that:

- There has been or there is now pending any claim against any Director or Officer in their capacity as either Director or Officer of this club or any other organization.
- Any Director or Officer has ever been subject to disciplinary action, been fined or penalised or been subject to an enquiry in their capacity as a Director or Officer of the club or any other association.
- You have any knowledge or information of any incident, act, error or omission that may give rise to a claim of the type as would be covered by the policy,

Welcome!

The club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members for the month of November 2024.

- Scott Connel from Forrestville
- Andrew & Julie Griffiths from Mallala
- Malcolm Henderson from Minlaton

May your membership to the club be a long and memorable one.

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club yearly calendar - 2024 / 25

November 2024

Sun 10th ~ Kyeema Tree Planting
Mon 25th ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Fri 29th - Sun 1st ~ Christmas Party - Pt Elliot

January 2025

Mon 20th ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Fri 24th - Tues 28th ~ Beachport

February 2025

Sat 8th - Sat 15th ~ Victorian High Country Scenic
Wed 12th ~ New Members Night
Sun 16th ~ Summer Breakfast - Kenton Valley
Sun 23rd ~ Tyre Repair - Ironbank
Mon 24th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

March 2025

Sat 1st - Sun 2nd ~ Theory
Sat 8th - Sun 9th ~ Peake Sand Driving
Mon 24th ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Sun 30th - Sat 5th Apr ~ National Gathering 2025

April 2025

Mon 28th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

May 2025

Fri 16th - Sun 18th ~ Advisor Course - Morgan
Sat 17th - Sun 18th ~ Ascent / Descent - Morgan
Mon 26th ~ General Meeting & AGM, WAFC

June 2025

Fri 6th - Mon 9th ~ Bendleby Ranges
Mon 23rd ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Sat 28th - Sun 29th ~ Peake Sand Driving

July 2025

Mon 28th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

August 2025

Mon 28th ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Sat 30th - Sun 31st ~ Theory

September 2025

Sat 6th - Sun 7th ~ Peake Sand Driving
Mon 22nd ~ General Meeting, WAFC

More Trips ? - "You can help" Know of a place you'd like to visit & would like to share it with us? Think about it and let us know. If you're not able to be the trip leader for your suggestion, then the Committee will seek some one who may be willing to do so. So have a think about it and let us know about a weekend or long weekend trip.

Talk to our Trips Officer - Pin Needham (trips@tlccsa.asn.au)



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trips

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social

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Social Officer

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trip ratings

SCENIC: Bitumen & dirt roads, limited 4wding, lookouts, flora and fauna of the local area, other points of interest.

EASY: Mainly off bitumen on formed tracks, some 4wding, no steep inclines or declines.

MODERATE: Bush terrain, beach terrain, some inclines or side slopes, soft sand or mud areas, easy creek crossings.

HARD: Rough terrain, steep inclines, steep side slopes, rough creek crossings, possible towing and/or snatching.

DIFFICULT: Very rough terrain, very steep inclines, steep side slopes, slippery conditions, difficult creek crossings, some towing, snatching and or winching.

Foodbank

Foodbank SA & NT are looking for Truck Drivers who would be keen to volunteer.

We are searching for people with a can do attitude, physically fit and have a current MR, LR or HR license to volunteer at different locations around Adelaide. These include, Edwardstown, Pooraka and the Metro Mobile Hub based at Woodville.

If you know of anyone that would be interested in joining an excellent team of volunteers, please pass on my details.

Brigitte Blanche - Volunteer Coordinator Foodbank SA & NT
0499 117 829

events calendar

Register now via
trybooking.com

1. Kyeema Tree Planting

Date: Sunday 10 Nov 2024

Leader: Pam McDonald

Location: Kyeema Conservation Park, Woodgate Hill Road, Kuitpo Colony

Convoy: Unlimited **(18 booked)**

Come and do your bit for the environment. Maybe plant a tree or two, participate in other working bee activities, and leave a legacy for the future. It'll make you feel good, and you'll have a great time doing it too.

Bring your morning tea and lunch which will be supplemented by a sausage sizzle. Bring gloves, hats, boots etc and be prepared for a great day.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUDTT>

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2. Lets Party – Christmas Party Weekend.

Date: Fri 29th Nov - Sun 1st Dec 2024

Venue: Port Elliott Showgrounds Caravan Park

Leader: Pam Humeniuk & Committee

Cost: \$32 per head. Children under 12 Free of Charge.

Convoy: Unlimited **(55 booked)**

Comment: A fun weekend, starting with an optional dinner at the Royal Family Hotel on Friday night and then on Saturday a fabulous pig and lamb on a spit, with all the trimmings. A great band playing all the tunes you like. Sunday morning your social committee and volunteers will cook a great recovery breakfast. All included in your \$32 per head for the weekend. What a bargain!!.

Kris Kringle is part of the fun. If you are a boy bring along a gift suitable for a boy, and if you are a girl.....(you get the idea!). Don't spend more than \$15.00. Please all participate in this, its good fun and causes lots of hilarity.

We have the whole caravan park booked out. Please go onto Trybooking and book yourself in. You will be asked to pay for dinner - \$32 per head. Children under 12 no cost. Don't book for kids on Trybooking if they are under 12. Just send me a separate email.

You will also be asked to advise when you are arriving, whether you are camping and what size of van/camper/tent you will have. You

will also be asked if you require power or unpowered. You do not pay any money for your camping at this stage. You pay for your camping fees on arrival at the park. \$30 per site powered per night and \$12.50 per person per night unpowered.

You are also asked to advise if you wish to attend dinner at the Royal Family Hotel on the Friday night. (It is a short walk from the caravan park to the hotel). This of course is at your own cost.

The Showgrounds Caravan Park does not have cabins, but in many previous club magazines you have been advised of alternative options. Please go back to get this information if needed.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUJQC>

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3. Beachport 2025

Date: Fri 24th – Tues 28 Jan 2025

Leader: Pin Needham & Paul Hoskins

Convoy: 20 vehicles **(4 booked)**

Rating: Extensive sand driving, ideal for those who have been to Peake.

Details: Equipment required - sand flag, shovel, tyre pressure guage, tyre pump, UHF radio and max trax (if you have them). Members can attend the Australia Day Breakfast hosted by the Lions Club on Sunday 26th.

Location: Based at Southern Ocean Tourist Park, Beachport. Minimum four nights, powered site \$46 per night, unpowered \$34 per night. NB: Prices subject to change for 2025

<https://www.trybooking.com/CSKSE>

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4. Victorian High Country Camping Trek - Licola

Date: Sat 8 Feb - Sat 15 Feb 2025

Leader: Craig Marchant

Convoy: 5 vehicles **(5 booked)**

Rating: Moderate - Difficult

Comment – Scenic tour of the Vic high country. Spend 5 days off grid, camping alongside rivers and enjoying the stunning scenery of the V.H.C. Traverse the many valleys and mountain tops, with lots of river

crossings and exciting ascends and descends.

Day 1. Meet at Licola at 5pm utilising the complementary undercover BBQ area with its fire pit for dinner and drinks.

Day 2. Optional day trip to Walhalla. A well preserved 161-year-old historical town that has been used as a backdrop for several movies. Take a gold mine tour and do scenic walks around the town.

Day 3 to 5. Leave Licola and traverse the VHC Ridge line drives, ascends to mountain tops, descends to valleys and camp next to pristine rivers.

Day 6. Travel towards Jamieson on the all weather road that continues at elevation, providing stunning scenic views. Camp along the Jamieson River, approx. 10-15km east of Jamieson.

Day 7. Rest day to do as you wish. Day trip to Jamieson, swim or fish the river, circular bushwalk or enjoy the tranquillity of relaxing by the river.

Day 8. Trip ends leaving the campsite at your leisure. Easy drive back to the bitumen via the Jamieson / Licola rd.

Must have A/T's with 50% tread. Recovery gear including 4 x traction boards if no winch and tyre repair kit.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CTKAM>

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NEW

5. Summer Brunch

Date: Sunday February, 16th, 2025.

Where: Home of Sue and Brian Stone, "The Birches" - 653 Kenton Valley Road, Kenton Valley SA 5233

What: Very Social

Numbers: unlimited

Cost: \$10 per head.

Detail: Come along and start the year with a Social Brunch at members, Sue and Brian Stones' home. A yummy breakfast will be cooked by the Social Committee, and includes welcoming bubbles and orange juice.

10.00 a.m. Start. Bring your own picnic table, chairs, tablecloth, cutlery, crockery, glasses and decorations. Prizes for fanciful decorations. Meet

old friends, make new friends.

Everyone welcome. Please note this event will be cancelled if the day is declared "Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger."

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6. Toyota Landcruiser Clubs National Gathering 2025

Date: 30 March to 5 April 2025

Location: Mansfield Showgrounds
Victoria

Leader: Vlad Humeniuk

Convoy: 20 (20 booked)

Comment: The Toyota Land Cruiser Club of Victoria is planning an epic event to welcome you to discover the best of the Victoria Alps. Days filled with adventure and evenings around a campfire; an opportunity to share stories.

- Victorian High Country
- Discover Mansfield
- Drive the tracks
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<https://www.trybooking.com/CMHBR>

***** NEW *****

7. Bendleby Ranges

Leaders: James & Lin Edwards

Date: Fri 6 - Mon 9 June 2025

Convoy: 20 vehicles

Rating: There are 200 km of tracks on the property with varying degrees of difficulty from easy to difficult in rough hilly country with some steep ascents & descents and great views of the surrounding area.

Detail: Camp will be at one of the remote bush sites, suitable for vans, trailers & tents. Camp sites have toilets and please bring your own firewood. You will need to be self sufficient for food & water. Fees are \$90 for the weekend plus \$27.50/night per person, (\$82.50 pp for 3 nights). Please bring evidence of Basic 4WD experience especially ascent & descent training at either Morgan or equivalent. Rated recovery points & equipment are required.

***** NEW *****

8. Ralph Abbott Argadells 2025

Dates: Fri 3 - Mon 6 Oct 2025

Leader: James & Linley Edwards

Convoy: Unlimited

Rating: Moderate to Hard

Comment: Rocky ascents and descents with some steep sections. Beautiful views across the surrounding landscape to Port Augusta, Lake Torrens.

Argadells Station 2641 Ardenvale Rd, 28km North of Quorn. A working sheep property of 32 square Km's approx 360km North of Adelaide.

Various tracks ranging from Moderate to Hard. Must have low ratio and good clearance with 4x4 experience in ascent/descent.

Trip Details: Travel to Argadells on Friday 4 Oct. BYO everything. Camping will be at one of the property's bush sites (Wint's) so will necessitate being completely self sufficient. Suitable for semi offroad/offroad caravans, camper trailers & tents.

For those who wish to bring an onroad van, there is a Caravan park available at \$35/night (2 people) approx 5km from the bush camp.

Property access is \$50 per vehicle plus camping fee of \$15/adult/night.

We will order some firewood from the property (\$100 to be shared between the attendees once we have final numbers) but please bring a bag along to supplement this.

For more information see their website.

<https://www.argadells.com.au/>

GENERAL

Blaze Aid + Habitat for Humanity ~ Volunteer List

Requests from these organisations can occur at short notice so it's great to have a updated members list that we can call on.

Using TryBookings will give us an up-to-date list to of members to call on at short notice.

Putting your name on this list does not mean you are committed every time to go, it depends on your availability at the time.

Volunteers are often required to assist with towing trailers & materials, clearing rubbish and debris, etc. Fuel costs are generally re-imbursed.

If you would like to help as requests arise, please register via the link below.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOEYF>

LET'S DO LUNCH CLUB

An ad hoc group who occasionally lunch (or it could be dinner) together to keep in touch and make new

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Letter to the Editor - Royal Geographical Society of South Australia

I am writing to you on behalf of the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia (RGSSA), to invite you and the members of the Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia (SA) to attend the lectures and other events of the RGSSA – should you have opportunity to do so.

Full details of our Society's past and forthcoming activities – which include regular lectures, exhibitions, trips and tours, Flinders Ranges and Barossa walks, and rare books discussions are available on our website at <https://rgssa.org.au/activities>. Some recent and future activities that may be of interest to your members include:

- The Kimberley coast by Dr Sandy Scott (public lecture).
- From Sextants to Satellites: Where on Earth am I? by Mr Chris Rawlinson (public lecture)
- Cacti eradication in the Flinders Ranges by Mr Ralph Abbot (public lecture)
- Mildura to Renmark cruise led by Mr Jock Veenstra (multi-day group tour)
- An exploration of SE Sth Australia and SW Victoria led by Mr Joc Schmiechen (multi-day group tour)
- Tracing the route of John McDouall Stuart by Ms Rosemary Cadden (public lecture)

The RGSSA has a long and distinguished history of promoting geographical science and awareness in our state and we believe that you and your members share our passion for our unique part of the world.

RGSSA is one of the most longstanding geographical organisations in the world. Since 1885 we have fostered geographical discovery, research expeditions, educational programs, and public engagement initiatives. Over those 139 years we have also accumulated and cared for one of the most significant collections of rare geographical books and manuscripts in Australia. Our collections, which include artefacts from early expeditions such as those of Sturt and Stuart, are located in the magnificent Mortlock Wing of the State Library of South Australia on North Terrace, Adelaide. It is in this building (Level 3) that we also have our Society's Rooms and visitors are always welcome during our opening hours (Tues - Fri from 10am – 1pm).

Further details about the Society are available on our website at <https://rgssa.org.au/> We also have a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064279975890> and a LinkedIn page at: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/72068655/>

We hope you and your members find the Society's activities of interest and we welcome your attendance or inquiries about any of them. I would be very pleased if you would forward this invitation to the members of your organisation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office: admin@rgssa.org.au

Yours sincerely
Professor Iain Hay
Matthew Flinders Distinguished Emeritus Professor
Director
Royal Geographical Society of South Australia, Inc.

BEACHPORT

Do you want to enjoy a few days driving a section of South Australia's beautiful coastline and having some wonderful times with fellow members, knowing that you are in safe hands? Enjoy an Australia Day breakfast with the Lions Club and a delicious meal at the pub. Book now for a fantastic trip on the Australia Day long weekend, See the trips calendar for more details.



<https://www.trybooking.com/CSKSE>

training calendar 2024

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FROM	TO	ACTIVITY	WHERE	FEES	DEPOSIT	INFORMATION
Sat 24th Feb 2024		Tyre Repair	TBA	\$10 per person	\$10 per person	Fee covers the cost of materials and refreshments https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKK
Sat 2nd Mar 2024	Sun 3rd Mar 2024	Theory	TBA	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKH
Sat 9th Mar 2024	Sun 10th Mar 2024	Sand + Winching	Peake	\$40 per vehicle	\$40 per vehicle	Property access cost \$40 per car. No cost for basic training for enrolled members https://www.trybooking.com/CNBIN
Sat 13th April 2024	Sun 14th April 2024	Caravan Safety Awareness	Nuriootpa	\$120 per vehicle	\$120 per vehicle	https://www.trybooking.com/CNWSU
Sat 18th May 2024	Sun 19th May 2024	Ascent - Descent	Morgan	NIL	\$30 per vehicle	No cost for basic training for enrolled members. Deposit refunded on Saturday night https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKL
Sat 29th Jun 2024	Sun 30th Jun 2024	Sand + Winching	Peake	\$40 per vehicle	\$40 per vehicle	Property access cost \$40 per car. No cost for basic training for enrolled members. https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKF
Sat 24th Aug 2024	Sun 25th Aug 2024	Theory	SCC	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKI
Sat 7th Sep 2024	Sun 8th Sep 2024	Sand & Winching	Peake	\$40 per vehicle	\$40 per vehicle	Property access cost \$40 per car. No cost for basic training for enrolled members. https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKG
Sun 29th Sep 2024		GPS (Theory & Practical)	SCC	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	Fee covers cost of refreshments. https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKN
Sat 12th Oct 2024	Sun 13th Oct 2024	Ascent Descent	Morgan	NIL	\$30 per vehicle	No cost for basic training for enrolled members. Deposit refunded on Saturday night https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKM
Sun 27th Oct 2024		Trip Planning	TBA	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	Fee covers cost of refreshments. https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKP
Sat 2nd Nov 2024		Basic Wheel Change and Pre-departure	TBA	\$10 per person	\$10 per person	Anyone enrolled in the training program who has not completed these two elements. https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKR

TLCCSA training team

TRAINERS:

STEVE MILLER

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GEOFF GREEN

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GEOFF THOMPSON
JASON SABEENEY
MURRAY McCLAY
PETER HARPER

ASSESSORS:

SHANE SAXBY
TONY VAN WYK

TRAINERS: Conduct driver training

ASSESSORS: Conduct driver training & assessment

NOTE: All training sessions are subject to the availability of Trainers, Assessors and the number of member nominations. Small cost for advanced training and non enrolled members.

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SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE MONTH

I suggest **Brad Young** at **Alltrac 4WD**.

I have been having my 2015 Landcruiser 200 serviced by the Alltrac team for some 8 years. This last week I had a large job done - new fuel injectors at 215,000 kms.

They provide a lovely clean Lancer as a loan car.

Brad always does his own review of his employees work, and in this case, test drives to ensure their work quality is excellent.

Brad's reception demeanour is lively and upbeat, always ready to share a smile and a drop of humour. He is very respectful of us old codgers although he clearly has been "around vehicles" for a long time.

This was demonstrated to me many years ago when I had advice from a reputable Toyota dealer front desk that the engaging and disengaging of my centre diff being very difficult meant I needed to repair/replace an accumulator - some thousands of dollars.

Brad said nonsense, just use it more. Simple practical advice that I have adopted for the last 8 years or so.

He always is in contact by phone for any issue, seeking consent to do non planned repairs with his advice always given with good reason.

I would highly recommend Brad and his Alltrac team for this month's nomination.

All the best,

Rob Zadow

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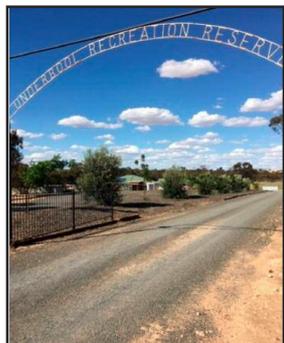
Wyperfeld, Murray-Sunset & Grampians National Park Adventure

Dates: Friday, 6th - Saturday, 15th September 2024

Leader: Vlad Humeniuk

Participants: Pam Humeniuk, Simon Critchley, David Burgess, Helen Binnie, John & Sue Birchall, Trevor & Terrie Coleman, John Davis, Karin Wittesch, Neville & Di Stone

DAY 1: Friday, 6th September 2024 – Welcome to Underbool Vlad & Pam

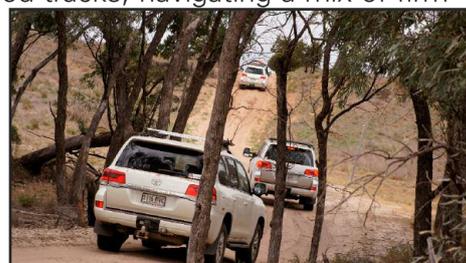


Our adventure commenced with our departure from Tailem Bend Recreation Reserve at 9:30 am. Di, Neville, and Simon joined us at Underbool after attending a funeral. The Birchalls, travelling from Queensland, also made their entrance at the Underbool Recreation Reserve, where we were warmly welcomed by the local manager. The evening atmosphere was perfect, as campfires were permitted. We enjoyed pre-dinner drinks, sharing stories and laughter until rain prompted us to retreat indoors. A few members caught a football game on TV while others settled into their vans for a cozy night. Simon's arrival around 9:30 pm completed our group, setting the stage for the adventure ahead.

DAY 2: Saturday, 7th September 2024 – Rugged tracks Simon

We awoke to a misty morning, which cleared by 8 am. After a briefing from Vlad, we set off in eight vehicles for a 65 km drive to Murrayville. We aired down our tyres and hit the rugged tracks, navigating a mix of firm reddish-brown trails and sandy patches.

Our morning tea stop at a blue pipe intersection added a touch of intrigue, as these were bore pipes for water quality assessments. We pressed on to the Pink Lakes, where we paused for photos and a brief history lesson. After six hours of travel and approximately 300 km, we returned to Underbool for a pleasant happy hour. The day concluded with dinner and lively campfire conversations.



DAY 3: Sunday, 8th September 2024 – Scenic Tracks and Sandy Dunes Trevor & Terri



The day kicked off with a group meeting and a departure at 9:40 am. We started on a well-maintained track, which soon transitioned into sandier terrain. O'Sullivan's Lookout provided stunning views, perfect for memorable photos.

After a relaxing morning tea, we ventured to Snow Drift Campground, renowned for its striking white sand dunes. We continued to

Sullivan's Lodge (which was closed) and tackled various thrilling off-road tracks, culminating at Wonga Campground. The sand driving proved to be both challenging and enjoyable.

Post-lunch, we made a quick stop at Wonga Hut before returning to camp, where we ended the day with nibbles and drinks around the campfire. Total distance for the day: 280 km.



DAY 4: Monday, 9th September 2024 – A Day of Art and Exploration Helen

After a leisurely morning, we departed at 10:00 am for Ouyen. Our first stop at Walpeup provided amusement due to my radio mishap. Participants took the opportunity to photograph the impressive silo art depicting the story of Harold Thomas Bell.

We continued to Patchewollock to admire more silo art before arriving at Sea Lake Caravan Park. The afternoon was free for relaxation and exploration of the town, giving everyone a chance to unwind after a busy few days.



DAY 5: Tuesday, 10th September 2024 – Local Flavors and Scenic Views David (Burgo) Burgess

The day began with a cool, foggy morning, transitioning to bright sunshine. After a 10:00 am meetup at the Information Centre, we headed to Nullawil to see Sam Bates' silo art, featuring a charming kelpie dog named Jimmy.

Next, we visited Trickbots Metal Art, enjoying a unique gallery experience, followed by lunch at

Wycheproof Bakery, where we engaged in a lively vanilla slice taste test.

We returned to Sea Lake just in time for a gin, rum, and wine tasting. Despite the sunset being obscured by clouds during our tour of Lake Tyrell, the cameras were busy capturing the moment. Dinner at the local hotel rounded out the day before we retired for the night.



DAY 6: Wednesday, 11th September 2024 – A Day of Silo Art and History Karin & John

Departing Sea Lake, we followed the Silo Art Trail towards Halls Gap. We stopped in Lascelles for morning tea and more vanilla slices, visiting several towns adorned with vibrant silo art along the way.

A highlight was the Stick Shed in Murtoa, which left us in awe of its size and design. The fields of blooming canola painted the landscape in vibrant yellow as we approached Halls Gap, where kangaroos welcomed us amidst light rain. We concluded the day with a happy hour to share stories and plan for the next adventures.



DAY 7: Thursday, 12th September 2024 – Nature's Playground Neville & Di

After our usual morning meeting, we set off at 10:00 am, eager to explore. Our route included the Redman track, where we encountered some fallen trees and made a couple of U-turns. We loaded firewood along the way, ensuring our campfire would be well-stocked for the evening.

Navigating various tracks, we enjoyed lunch at Wannan Crossing before tackling the bumpy Henham Track. After a delightful day of varying scenery, we returned to Halls Gap, with a total distance of 124 km covered.



DAY 8: Friday, 13th September 2024 – The Grand Finale John & Sue

The final day began with a 9:30 am departure from Mount Victory Road, where we meandered through picturesque bushland. We encountered narrow paths and water challenges, enjoying the stunning scenery along the way.

After a lunch stop at Buandik Camp, we made our way back to the Breezes Caravan Park, encountering a few detours due to track closures. Our journey culminated in a visit to the "Paper, Scissors Rock" microbrewery and Kookaburra Hotel for our final dinner together.

Conclusion

This trip was an incredible blend of adventure, camaraderie, and breathtaking landscapes. Each day was filled with memorable experiences, from navigating rugged tracks and exploring local art to enjoying delicious food and drinks. I am sure that each of us as we packed up reflected on the great memories we had created and grateful for the able leadership of Vlad. Here's to the next adventure!

Written by Sue Birchall

Dinosaur Trip Report 7 July – July 31 2024

We travelled through Western outback Queensland, along the 'dinosaur trail', visiting museums and fossil sites, as far as Charleville in the east, and Mt. Isa in the north.

Heavy rains and flooding meant road closures in the outback, meant that we had to re-route our trip and instead of the Strzelecki track, we travelled via Broken Hill, Cobar and Cunnamulla.

With 13 travellers, our convoy had 4 caravans, 2 slide-on campers, 1 tent/swag and a couple staying in cabins along the way, mostly in caravan parks with facilities. Four members had to pull out before we started, which also meant a change of Trip leader – thank you Murray McClay for stepping in at the last minute.

Broken Hill was cold and wet, the caravan park looked like a swimming pool.

John K joined the convoy in Cobar, after a run in with a 'roo and getting bogged in the process of trying to avoid it.

We were astounded at the large numbers of goats along the way, even past Broken Hill,

Between Cobar and Cunnamulla, in bright sunshine out in the middle of station properties, we came across a Bush Brew Coffee van, just out of Barrington. The owner of the coffee van informed us that they had 60mm of rain in the past couple of days.



Approaching Cunnamulla there were 3 police cars directing us to move off the road as there were two HUGE 8m trucks coming through with mining dump trucks on board, they had a pilot escort vehicle at the front and back.



In Cunnamulla there were queues for fuel (at \$2.05/L when others were \$2.15/L) but given the price difference, it was worth queuing!

The sky was now blue, and it was great travelling weather from then on.

Heading out west to the remote little town of Eromanga, where the dinosaur fossils are, we spotted not only the usual plentiful goats, cows, sheep, but also plenty of emus, kangaroos, and eagles circling. There was also a wild pig and several brolgas, which Rosalie was most excited to see! Camera at the ready!

Arriving at the Eromanga Motel Caravan Park, the Manager came out expecting the arrival of 9 Corollas!!! He'd thought it pretty odd at the time of the booking, made by Carola, prior to the trip. But it was hilarious when he realised, he'd got his wires crossed, when a whole bunch of 4WD's turned up and there was only 1 Carola, in a Ford Ranger ute!! There was no internet and no TV reception to be had in this town. The truckies at the oil depot across the road had been waiting for days for the roads to open so they could head south to Moomba.

The Natural History Museum provided a guided tour of the fossil Research workshops and a display of Cooper, Australia's largest dinosaur. A short movie about the history of life on earth left us feeling insignificant in the scheme of things! The museum also had excellent coffee. The photo on the left is the actual size of Cooper's leg but was 3D printed!



A smaller museum in the township provided the history of the local area, with its Royal Flying Doctor Service and the mining and oil industries.

Charleville gave us a taste of the real outback QLD, with its distinctive QLD architecture and laid-back style. Most of the group stayed at the Bush camp caravan park just out of town, while some stayed at the Cobb & Co park which had cabins.

With a free day in Charleville, there was plenty to see and do. There was the Bilby Experience, a secret WWII Base tag-along tour, the historic house and museum which had original Cobb & Co coaches on display, lunch at the bakery and a spot of shopping.

Others used the opportunity to do some clothes washing and used the solar dryers (Hills hoist clothes lines).

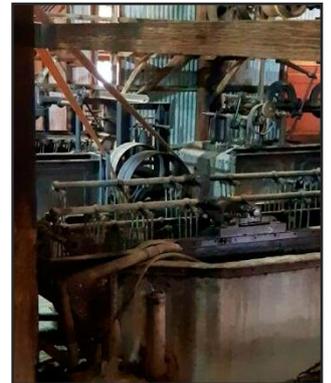
The next leg was north to Blackall along the Mitchell Highway. It was a cool start only 2 degrees in the morning, with blue sky and some clouds.



Blackall is the site of the famous 'black stump', now represented by a petrified stump as the original stump was burnt and the Wool Scour on the outskirts, the only one still in existence. It is powered using the water from the artesian bore which is at 58 degrees.

Travel to Longreach meant another cold start, thanks to a cold blast from Antarctica, but we were soon driving under a blue sky.

Barcaldine was our first stop, for an hour or so - morning tea at the bakery! It is best known as



the birthplace of the Labour Party.

Our meeting point was on the highway out of town on the western end. But several got their bearings wrong and started heading east towards Rockhampton. Nice idea, but a U TURN was necessary if they wanted to keep travelling with the GROUP. Google strikes again!

The 'Muddy Duck' caravan park at Longreach had great facilities and is set on the Thomson River, just 4.5 kilometres out of town.



It was good to have a four-night stay in Longreach, with plenty of time to see the sights and do washing etc. There was the Qantas Founder Museum, Stockman's Hall of Fame, and dinner cruises on the Thomson River. The town also provided good shopping, an art gallery and Powerhouse Museum.

The River Cruises were well received. One had music by Drew Blundell with an alternate drop meal served at tables. The other cruise included an

outdoor screening of a movie telling the story of the legendary cattle rustler, Captain Starlight, as well as a bush poet and a delicious typical stockman's meal with damper around a campfire.

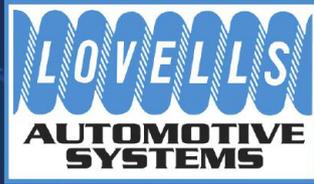
Winton was our next stop, where we stayed for three nights. We didn't have too far to go, only 180 kilometres from Longreach, we were there just on lunch time. Some opted for dinner at one of the pubs in town, others were entertained by Gregory North, a bush poet and comedian in the caravan park.

The Dinosaur Stampede National Monument is set in the Lark Quarry conservation Park, about 110 kms out of Winton. The landscape there is stunning from the heights of the 'jump up' raised area of the valley and plains below. Wildlife spotted on the way included emus with little chicks, and even a bustard, a bird a bit smaller than emu.

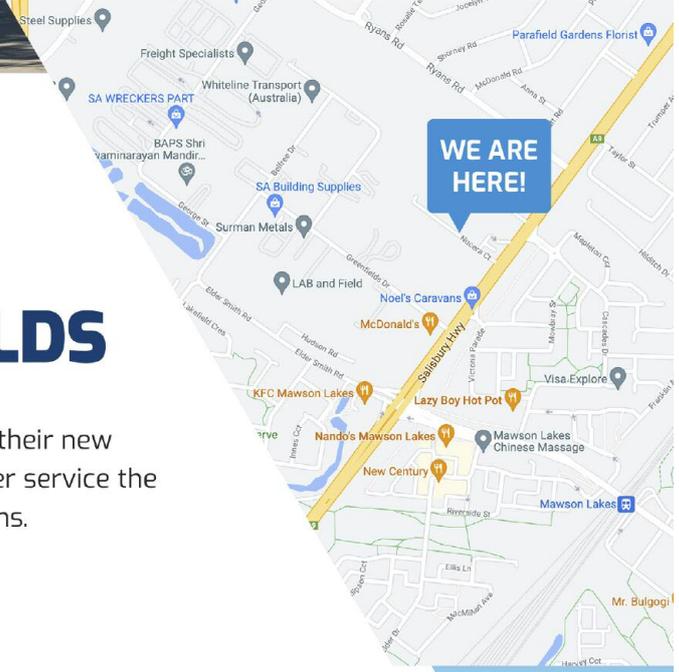
The Monument enclosure was built to preserve the footprints of stampeding small dinosaurs (some the size of chickens perhaps) being chased by a predator around 95 million years ago – 3300 of them made by around 150 dinosaurs. Some walked the 3.5km trails through the stunning landscape.

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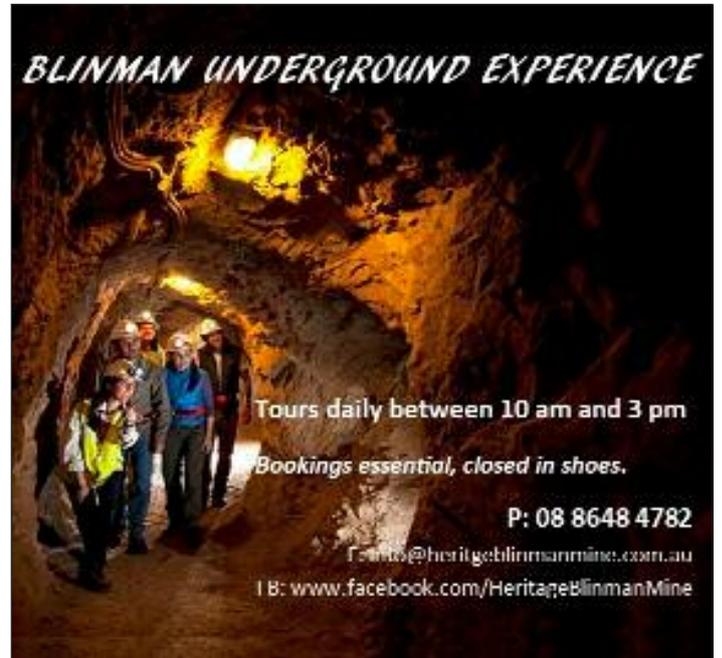
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Camping Cook Book

New members, Stephen & Mary Arnold recently discovered a copy of the TLCCSA Camping Cook Book in their pantry. Does anybody remember this publication?

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Fine and warm weather at 26 degrees meant hats and sunscreen were needed.

While dinner for most was at the caravan park, Gary and Rosalie huddled in their car outside the library, the only Wi-Fi in town for non-Telstra phone users. It didn't help that a global outage caused by a Microsoft glitch had happened the day before.

The Age of Dinosaurs Museum told the story of the discovery of dinosaurs in the Winton area, a tour of the Fossil Preparation Laboratory showed how fossils were preserved and the Dinosaur Canyon with replica dinosaurs in the landscape was very interesting.



In the main street of Winton, the Waltzing Matilda Centre / Museum is dedicated to the history of the song Waltzing Matilda which was written by Banjo Patterson and has been recorded over 500 times.

A group dinner at the Australian Hotel included a sheep dog demonstration, with dogs working the live sheep, out the back of the pub.

Next stop - Mt Isa, with a brief stop at Walk About Creek Hotel (iconic hotel for Crocodile Dundee fans) and lunch at Cloncurry.



The Mt Isa Sunset Caravan Park put on a delicious morning tea for us the first day, with scones, jam and cream freshly baked by park owner

Kylie. She spoke with passion about her history and life in Mt Isa and her work with the outback via Frontier Services for women and children in remote areas.

The John Campbell Miles lookout provided great scenic views over the town, with its mine and power plant. Some did a mine tour, which apparently was a ripper.

Nearby Moondarra Lakes had wild peacocks roaming along the water's edge in the park. The Underground Hospital built by the miners during WW II, just after Darwin was bombed, was worth a visit, as was the Information Centre in town with plenty to learn about the discovery of lead, zinc, copper and silver and the start of one of the most successful mines anywhere on earth! The town had been divided into two distinct groups of people back then – depending on whether you lived "mine-side" and were looked after by the mining company, with its hospital and general store – or whether you were left to fend for yourself on the other side.

While Edmund and Ann left us to travel further north, the rest of us headed south for Boulia.

The caravan park at Boulia was located right next to the Bourke river. Some went to see the Min Min show a popular tourist attraction about the "myth" of unexplained moving lights around Boulia and beyond.

NEXT DAY, news of road closures out of Birdsville meant a change of plans yet again!!

It was decided the group would retrace its steps back to Mt Isa and go on via the sealed roads all the way, into Northern Territory and down through Alice Springs. Rosalie and Gary decided though to continue south through Birdsville and down the Arrabury Road to Innamincka as they didn't have a caravan to contend with.

The first free camp of the trip was at the WWII Historical site Gunpowder Dump Point on way to Barkly Homestead, NT. At a campfire meeting (without campfire) we calculated our overnight stops for our somewhat lengthier drive home. The Barkly Highway – A2, provided better travel with fewer road trains and the road was wider.

We travelled on to Camooweal under the leadership of John D, with morning tea at a beautiful lagoon full of birds – egrets, pelicans and ducks plus a variety of water lilies. This would have been a good free camp.



On the road we noticed smoke in the distance it turned out to be a grass fire on the side of the road - a burnt-out car with van attached. That certainly spoilt their travel plans.

The Barkly Homestead is well set up for travellers - \$40 /powered site and \$15 for an unpowered site. They generate their own electricity hence the high costs. Fuel was \$2.69/L. Ti Tree was much less @\$2.32/L or Three ways @\$2.02/L.

We stopped briefly at Tennant Creek for a lunch break at the weighing station, where 5 of the 6 vehicles had fun weighing their vehicles and vans. Unfortunately, John K had a problem with his vehicle – seized idle puller and broken fan belt. His vehicle needed to be towed from Wauchope NT to Alice Springs.

We passed over the Tropic of Capricorn on the way and were in Alice Springs by 4pm. The night was very cold - .01deg.and all cooked dinner in the caravan park. The morning was -1deg with ice on the tent and Bob had a flat battery.

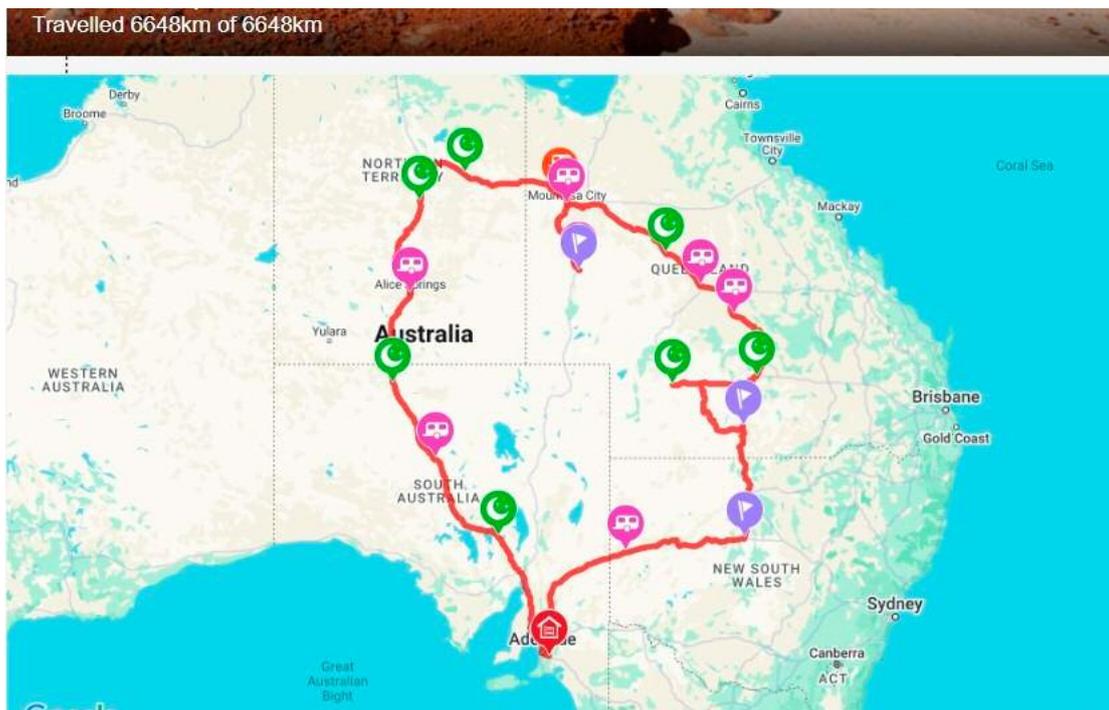
Our second free camp spot at Agnes creek rest area set well back from the road, arriving mid-afternoon. We had our first campfire for the trip, thanks to Brenton, which was good as it was another cold night (-3.5 deg according to a van’s temperature gauge). When we left at 8.45am it had reached 1deg. Bob’s car needed some coercing to get started.



We arrived in Coober Pedy for a late lunch. There are a couple of unique churches in this dusty little town. Bob searched out a new battery and John K rejoined the group after having his car fixed in Alice Springs. Another chilly night!

Sue’s Twisted Tree was another free camp only 585 kilometres from Coober Pedy. Our last camp for the trip, a lovely overnight stop which made the drive home a couple of hours shorter. Some enjoyed lovely bubbles & strawberries (thank you Karin) around another great campfire and chilly afternoon/evening, deciding we would leave for home whenever we were ready the next morning.

Written by Carola Sanders and Rosalie McCarthy with contributions from all the travellers on this trip.



LANDCRUISER – AN AUSTRALIAN ICON (Part 3)

The following year, 2008, saw sales of all LandCruiser models in Australia pass the 700,000 mark.

In August 2009, all variants within the LandCruiser 70 series family received standard driver and front passenger airbags along revised front styling.

A technical change to the LandCruiser 200-Series in September 2009 added a 45-litre sub-tank to the main 93-litre fuel tank. Other improvements included standardisation of a rear-view camera, as well as "CRAWL" technology, audio controls on the steering wheel, a 12-Volt rear accessory socket, 3.5mm audio input jack and a USB port allowing iPod control and auxiliary input.



VX and Sahara grades adopted 18" alloy wheels and a moon roof. All Petrol and seven-seat diesel Sahara variants gained a DVD rear-seat entertainment system. All Sahara grades also received an upgraded navigation touch screen while GXL models adopted a new driver's seat with mechanical height and power lumbar adjustments.

A major model change for Prado in November 2009 saw the introduction of the 150-series, including the addition of a three-door sports wagon for the first time in Australia. Prado's new dual-VVTi petrol engine broke the 200kW barrier for the first time.

In September 2010, a "60th Anniversary" LandCruiser 200-series was offered with the 4.5-litre turbo-diesel V8 or the 4.7-litre petrol V8 and a choice of three colours, Crystal Pearl, Graphite and Shimmer Blue. It featured a leather-accented interior, roof rails, 60th Anniversary scuff plates, satellite navigation, KDSS suspension and 60th Anniversary badges on the exterior and dash.



Toyota responded to the needs of a new generation of buyers in March 2011 by introducing the FJ Cruiser – a modern interpretation of the classic FJ40. Rather than being a simple restatement of the original, it offered a completely contemporary and fresh interpretation while retaining FJ-inspired features such as angular lines, round headlights, upright windscreen with three wiper blades, a white roof and wrap-around rear corner windows. FJ Cruiser was offered in a single grade with a high level of specification and a 200kW, 380Nm 4.0-litre V6 petrol engine with five-speed automatic transmission, part-time 4x4, an electrically activated rear differential lock and switchable Active

Traction Control technology.

In August 2011, the GXL-based LandCruiser 200-series "Altitude" special edition was released, offering features previously reserved for the Sahara grade, including 18-inch alloy wheels, a leather-accented interior, cool box and satellite navigation.

The long-awaited GX grade was introduced to the 200 Series in November 2011, offering a new entry point to the range with five seats, "barn style" rear doors, steel wheels, key start/entry and a factory snorkel.

In February 2012, a Prado "Altitude" special edition was offered with automatic five-door petrol and turbo-diesel drivetrains. It included a leather-accented interior, moonroof, satellite navigation, rear-seat entertainment, front parking sensors and unique "Altitude" badge.

Toyota's iconic LandCruiser 200 wagon received a heart transplant during the March 2012 facelift with a new 4.6-litre V8 petrol engine replacing the venerable 4.7-litre unit.

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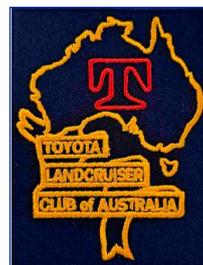
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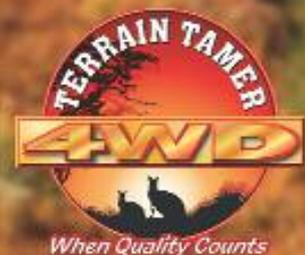


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A six-speed transmission (the same unit as the turbo-diesel model) replaced the five-speed unit in petrol variants. The range also gained new and updated equipment and fresh styling. CRAWL control was expanded from 3 to 5 speeds for all variants and Off-road Turn Assist was added. Multi-Terrain Select was introduced to VX and Sahara while a four-camera Multi-Terrain Monitor was added exclusively to the Sahara.

The successful "Altitude" brand returned in an August 2012 200 Series special-edition model, based on the turbo-diesel V8 GXL. Additional features included 18" alloy wheels, black leather-accented interior, cool box, roof rails and "Altitude" badge.



In September 2012, Toyota expanded the LandCruiser 70 Series range with the introduction of a double-cab version. This new variant came to market in Workmate and GXL grades and offered a 130-litre fuel tank, alloy side steps and 3,500kg towing capacity. At this timing, anti-skid brakes were adopted on all models within the LandCruiser 70 series family and GXL variants adopted standard diff locks as well as a "multi-function" clock in the dash.

This was also a year in which cumulative sales of the LandCruiser family of vehicles passed 800,000 in Australia.

In March 2013, Toyota revised the LandCruiser 200 series, making it the first vehicle in the Toyota range to adopt trailer sway control. All 200 Series variants adopted a driver's knee airbag, GXL adopted privacy glass, VX and Sahara grades adopted dusk-sensing headlamps, and Sahara received DAB digital audio.

The FJ Cruiser was improved at the same time, gaining an 87L litre sub tank that more than doubled its fuel range. It was also fitted with the CRAWL off-road cruise control system.

Around this time, cumulative Australian sales of Prado (since its introduction in 1996) reached 200,000 units.

In May 2013, a Prado "Altitude" special edition arrived – exclusively as an automatic five-door turbo-diesel with leather-accented interior, moonroof, satellite navigation, rear-seat entertainment, front parking sensors and "Altitude" badge.

The following month, a LandCruiser 200-series Altitude variant also reached the market.

In October 2013, the FJ Cruiser received revised 17 inch wheel styling and a heritage-inspired retro blue.

The Prado was upgraded in November 2013 with bolder exterior styling, higher quality interiors, and the adoption of trailer sway control across the range. LED headlights and DRLs were added to VX and Kakadu. Entry GX grade adopted a reversing camera and display audio while Kakadu gained Blind Spot Monitor. The short wheelbase three-door variants were discontinued.

To celebrate the introduction of the facelift Prado, Toyota Australia brought global Chief Engineer Sadayoshi Koyari to the TLCC property near Canberra, where he met with delighted fans and passionate LandCruiser enthusiasts.

Koyari-san, is a 28-year Toyota veteran who has been chief engineer for the LandCruiser 200 series, 70 series and Lexus LX since 2007. In 2010, he added Prado and Lexus GX (available for the US market) to his portfolio.

Australian sales of LandCruiser family vehicles now exceed 870,000 units including 350,000 LandCruiser workhorses, 300,000 LandCruiser wagons, 214,000 LandCruiser Prado and 7,700 FJ Cruiser.

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Bank	Beyond Bank, Modbury
Account Name	Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia (SA) Inc
BSB	325 - 185
Account number	0403 8506 (Note - New Account Number)

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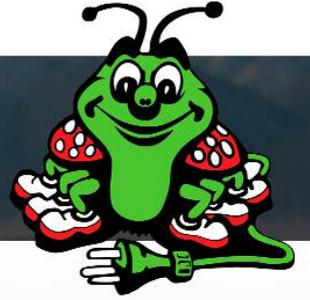
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