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May 2013

Editors Comments

Well here we are with the May 2013 issue of OzRoamer E-Magazine and we have had a busy few months.

This issue we look at part two of Project Pajero as the helpful guys at Sutton' s Mitsubishi have finished their bit for the restoration. What has become apparent is that with the replacement of a refurbished transmission after only a couple of years it is almost always worth while going with Original Manufacturers equipment.

We also have a look at a number of Camper Trailers that have taken a slightly different approach to the standard tent on a trailer that abounds within the industry.

We have reviewed half a dozen 4WD and AWD SUV' s for your perusal including some of the winners of our recent yearly awards.

Throw in some ATV' S some off road bikes, some places to go and see, some product reviews and some delicious recipes for the road and you have a packed monthly e-magazine

Remember we love your feedback, especially those that tell us they use our reviews to help with their buying decisions. We must be doing something right!!

Cheers,

Rob Fraser

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Project Pajero – Revitalising an older Pajero Part 2

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Project Pajero is where we are revitalising a 10 year old 2002 NM 3.2L 5 Sp Auto Exceed Mitsubishi Pajero to its former state as a family outback touring vehicle, without the cost of buying a brand new 4WD.

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Modcon Imperial HFD Camper Trailer Review

REVIEW



Modcon campers from up Capalaba Queensland way have been around for a long time and build a quality product. Designer Kerry has an engineering background and his attention to detail is meticulous.

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Pajero GL. Winner 'Large SUV/4x4'
Wheels Magazine Gold Star Value Awards 2011 *and 2012*



ASX 2WD. Winner 'Compact SUV'
Wheels Magazine Gold Star Value Awards 2011 *and 2012*



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Entries were judged on purchase price, warranty, service interval, retained value after 3 years, insurance premium and yearly fuel usage.



Toyota FJ Cruiser Review

REVIEW



The FJ Cruiser has the looks and street cred backed up by off road capabilities. There is not much around at the same price that looks as good both on and off road, but please Mr Toyota when can we have the diesel

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Kia Sorento 2.2 R Platinum Review

REVIEW

The Kia Sorento is a stylish, incredibly well appointed AWD SUV which has seven seats, a technologically advanced 2.2L 'R' series diesel with a 6 speed automatic transmission and a heap of features all packaged in a stylish vehicle

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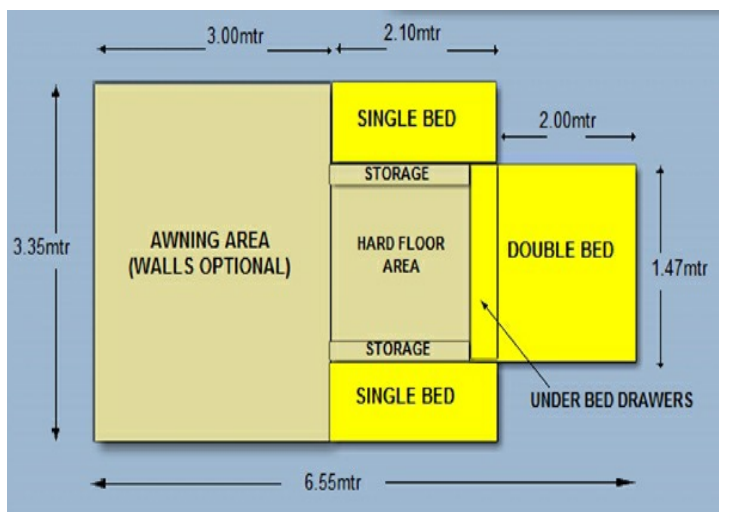


Camprite TL8S Camper Trailer Review

REVIEW

Amongst the plethora of camper trailers on the market it's always pleasing to review something that is a little different from the mainstream. The Camprite TL8S is just such a camper trailer.

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Bindaree Motel & Caravan Park Review

REVIEW

On the shores of the bustling Murray River in Corowa, NSW, is the welcoming family owned Bindaree motel & caravan park. Located a 3.5 hour drive north east of Melbourne and a 35 minute drive from Albury, Corowa has a population of just over 5,000 people.

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Brumby EFI Series Models UX7

NEWS

Brumby Equipment UX7 EFI models have been released for 2013. The UX7 EFI Series has incorporated the improvements from customer feedback from the UX5 and continuous Research and development

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BMW F 800 GS Adventure

NEWS

BMW Motorrad is the most successful manufacturer of large-capacity Adventure bikes and, with the F 700 GS and F 800 GS, leads the way in the mid-size category, too.

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Arctic Cat Expands Dealer Network

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The popular American ATV and 'SxS' brand, Arctic Cat, is quickly clawing its way through Australia's key rural regions and drawing the attention of serious buyers.

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BMW Motorrad Off- Road Training courses 2013

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BMW Off-Road Training courses launched almost 10 years ago, leading the way in off road Adventure motorcycle skill development. Details of the much-anticipated 2013 BMW Motorrad Off-Road Training Courses have now been announced.

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Mazda CX-5 GT Diesel AWD Review

REVIEW

The CX-5's handling, sportiness and smoothness is impressive. It hung onto the road better than it had a right to as an AWD SUV. Mazda has shaken up the mid-size AWD SUV market with its all new CX5 especially with the .2L diesel we are testing here.

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Jeep Grand Cherokee Overland V6 Diesel Review

REVIEW

The Jeep Grand Cherokee Overlander is the top model in the range. As you would expect it is feature packed, has legendary off road capability combined with powerful and economical diesel motor packaged in a stylish body.

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Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo V6 Diesel Review

REVIEW



Ever since Jeep released its latest version of the Grand Cherokee in 2011 it has been a revelation. Here we have an American 4WD that has legendary off road capability combined with powerful and economical diesel motor packaged in a stylish body. The Laredo is the entry level model.

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Toyota Prado Kakadu 3.0L DiD Review

REVIEW

On test was the Landcruiser Prado Kakadu with a 3.0-litre turbo-diesel motor mated to a five-speed automatic with sequential-style shifting transmission and a host of electronic gizmos.

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Homemade Pizza Dough with Prosciutto, Figs & Rocket

RECIPE

Looking for something different to make that is exceptionally tasty and easy to prepare. Try this delicious homemade pizza! This gourmet homemade Pizza dough and exotic toppings is both a visual and taste delight

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Chorizo & Chickpea Pan-fry

RECIPE

If you're looking for a healthy, delicious and simple meal, check out the Chorizo & Chickpea Pan-fry! This can be made at home, on the road or bush camping. It's very quick and tasty

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All-New Opel Mokka SUV

NEWS

Opel's compact Sports Utility Vehicle, the Mokka, is confirmed for Australian release and is due to arrive in local showrooms in the third quarter of this year.

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2013 Mercedes-Benz GL-Class Has Arrived

NEWS

Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific has announced pricing for the new GL-Class, the S-Class of SUV vehicles. In addition to the well established GL 350 BlueTEC and GL 500 BlueEFFICIENCY variants, Mercedes-AMG introduces a new AMG model for the Australian market, the GL 63 AMG.

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GT Off Road Camper Trailer Review

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Hyundai Santa Fe Highlander 2.2L R Review

REVIEW

Hyundai's all new Santa Fe Highlander seven-seat AWD SUV has in some ways redefined the benchmark offering in the family 7 seat wagon market.. Our test included a selection of roads including freeway, back roads, gravel and some poorly maintained forest trails. What impressed the most was its composure and quietness.

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Various Camping Boats REVIEW

There are various types of camping and fishing boats currently in the market. Camping allows you to escape the usual hustle and bustle of the city; and what better way to escape this stressful life than going for boat camping..

Here are various types of boats available for use to heighten your camping experience.

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Out and About in Canberra

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Canberra, Australia Capital Territory. Either you're here drawn by the seat of government and think there must be more. Or, you have inside knowledge and it's the holiday destination of choice. Either way – there are some great things to see and do

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Hillbilly Camping Gear REVIEW

HILLBILLY Camping Gear is Australian Made cooking equipment ideal to use anywhere from the backyard to the bush. Made from uncoated blue steel, all Hillbilly frypans, camp ovens cook stands and BBQs are made to last a lifetime of camping use with minimum maintenance required

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Burke and Wills Waratah double swag REVIEW

One of the most practical sleeping arrangements in the bush is the humble swag. We have for review the Burke and Wills Waratah standard dome swag. Overall the Burke and Wills Waratah double swag allows for fuss free camping, easy to put up and down, comfortable and is priced around \$500 which is pretty good value

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Hillbilly camp ovens have earned a reputation as the best camp oven cooking system available. The BushKing 12.5 litre is manufactured from spun blue steel, making this camp oven much tougher, harder wearing and easier to clean than cast iron alternatives.

The unique design makes the BushKing a most versatile fireside companion as camp oven, frypan and saucepan. To heat the camp oven you can choose to use campfire coals, Heatbeads, dry sticks or the purpose designed Hillbilly KingCooker gas conversion for maximum flexibility in use across environmental and weather conditions.

Take a look at the range of accessories available (including baking trivet, veggie roasting ring, pot stand, gas conversion, carrybag and cookbook) and you'll know it really is the most versatile camp oven system available. Check out our complete BushKing Kit packages. Dimensions: 12.5 litre, 415mm widest diameter - lid, Weight 4.6Kg

The Hillbilly Cookbook - featuring 200 easy recipes to try out with your Hillbilly Camping Gear is written specifically for the Aussie camper, it is a must have to make your bush cooking a gourmet experience.

Hillbilly Camp Oven Carrybag Manufactured from a tough heavy weight canvas the carrybag keeps your camp oven and all its accessories together and easy to transport. Weight 0.8Kg

Now there is also a broad range of Hillbilly products that will add even more pleasure to your outdoor living experience. These include frypans, woks, cooking stands, tent pegs, tent peg puller,

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Billy cans, kettles, hot water boiler, BBQ grills, fireside spit, general camping accessories, etc.

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Korr Lighting 3 Bar Camp Kit

Finally a new quality LED light ideal for camping, 4WD's, caravans, boats and more! These weatherproof lights provide more than enough light to see what you're doing at night.

Installation is a breeze! This DIY kit comes with all the necessary cables, quick connectors and mounting hardware so you can install yourself in nearly all applications. Due to its aluminium casing and fully waterproof (IP68) LED's, the Light Bar light is extremely tough. We back our product with a 2 year warranty. 30 day money back guarantee.

You no longer need to pack the lantern/torch when camping.

Never have to cook before it gets dark. No hot elements from gas lamps. Leave them on all night and it will not affect your battery. A dimmer switch is supplied so you can turn down the brightness in the kids room. All lights are IP68 rated, that means

they will run under water. 50,000 hour life span. Power consumption being only a mere 0.5 amp per light bar means you could run this light off a normal car battery for 100 hours before the battery goes flat.

FEATURES: 2 year warranty / 1 year commercial. Waterproof (IP68), 12 volt, 7.2watt per 50cm bar, 120 deg beam angle, 50,000 hour life span, Little to no heat, Durable / impact resistant, Massive 450lumens per 50cm Light bar, DIY install, no electrician required

3 BAR KIT CONTAINS: 3 x high power 50cm Light bars, 1 x dimmer switch "The dimmers are on/off switches as well", 1 x 10m quick connect cable with cigarette attachment, 1 x battery terminal clamps to cigarette adaptor, 2 x 1.2m cables with quick connects, 2 x 2.5m cable with quick connects 2 x splitter cables with quick connects, 6 x Velcro wraps for mounting, 6 x

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magnets for mounting 6 x zip-ties for mounting, 1 x reusable container, 6 x mounting Clips

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LiftTrax Recovery Gear

LiftTrax (originally called pillowtrack) is the ultimate gadget for anyone with a truck, 4x4 or AWD vehicle. A drive-on device for when your vehicle gets stuck in sand, mud or other difficult terrain, this ingenious device rolls out of a small carrying bag and inflates to become mobile traction.

Developed by 4x4 enthusiasts Dan Hermann and Eyal Benjamin who are both engineers by trade.

Made from a special reinforced fabric, LiftTrax are strong enough to support a four tonne vehicle by using the pneumatic power of trapped air, but are lightweight and compact enough to roll up into a small duffel bag.

Therefore, with no heavy metal bars, no hard to store long plates and the extra advantage of being able to lift the vehicle not just give it grip, Their solution is one of the most versatile on the market.

A fraction of the size and weight of metal or plastic boards used by off road vehicle owners to get unstuck, LiftTrax are a compact insurance policy against getting held back by Mother Nature. In addition, while other off road gadgets only work in specific scenarios such as mud, sand or rocks,

LiftTrax are multi-purpose as, with their built in flexibility, they mould themselves to the shape or texture of the different terrain or obstacle.

Another distinct advantage of LiftTrax is that they don't just provide stuck vehicles with traction; they simultaneously lift the vehicle as well.

Boasting twice the bursting pressure of the commonly known exhaust jack, LiftTrax raise the beached vehicle up and allow it to drive away.

They even have a specially designed version for AWD SUV's so owners can be adventurous

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with some comfort.

Inventor Dan Hermann says "It's an all-in-one device that is compact enough to keep in your vehicle at all times but big and tough enough to get you out of some really sticky situations." "Peolpe are finding LiftTrax useful everywhere".

To get your LiftTrax in Australia contact and the boys at Opposite Lock Brookvale on (02) 9939 5133 or email them at info.brookvale@oppositelock.com.au

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AUTOFRIDGE Portable Fridge

AUTOFRIDGE Australia Pty Ltd is an Australian owned company that is now in its 24th year. The AUTOFRIDGE project began in 1986 after a prototype portable fridge was built to test out the eutectic refrigeration principle that had been used in the marine industry for many years.

The first AUTOFRIDGE portable eutectic refrigerators for 4WD applications were produced in 1987 and the product quickly gained acceptance due to its exceptional efficiency and high quality.

Today, the product is still hand built with the prime objectives being efficiency, reliability and a high standard of finish.

In a conventional compressor powered refrigeration system the evaporator is mounted inside the fridge cabinet and makes everything cold when

the compressor is running. When the compressor turns off, the fridge warms up. The system starts up again to bring the temperature down. This

process continues constantly and is controlled by the thermostat - all very simple and in most cases reliable.

Eutectic refrigeration is simply the use of a compressor-driven refrigeration system coupled to a cold storage device, i.e. eutectic tank (sometimes called 'ice bank' or 'ice wall'). The eutectic tank contains a liquid which is chilled and frozen during the refrigeration cycle.

This mass of ice housed within the tank is capable of keeping the temperature of an insulated box at refrigeration temperatures for long periods of time without running the compressor. When the eutectic tank or ice bank has thawed, the refrigeration system is run again to re-establish the ice bank.

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Camps Australia Wide

Camps Australia Wide 6th Edition is a comprehensive travel guide to the best free camping and low cost camping spots, rest areas, station stays, national and state parks, country and remote caravan parks throughout Australia.

This is a great guide for motorhomers, caravanners, camper trailer owners and is also very useful for visitor's to Australia who are travelling by rental campervan or motor home.

We have 2 versions of Camps 6th Edition: This edition of Camps Australia Wide A4 size with 400 colour pages, 3,751 listings. It has been planned to provide information that is comprehensive in a user-friendly format. The guide lists rest areas, campgrounds, low-cost caravan parks, National Parks and State Forests.

Also published in our 6th edition is our "B4 size Camps 6 with CampsSnaps" which in addition to a location description includes over 2100 photos

to assist travellers in planning a stay based on a visual aspect. It enables you to see what camp sites are like in advance and determine if the camp facilities and location are suitable for your particular needs, eg access, spaciousness, environment and aesthetic appeal, all of which goes towards a more enjoyable and comfortable site for the night.

Camps Australia Wide 6th Edition includes Hema Road Maps, with the campsites positioned in their approximate locations on the maps.

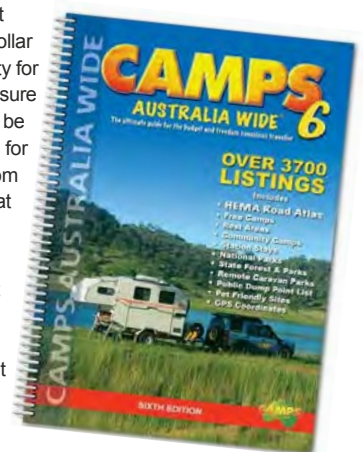
In this edition we have added over 450 new site listings and removed a number of sites that no longer meet the price criteria, have been closed or have been visited by us and found to be no longer suitable.

During the last two years we have travelled over 75,000 kilometres and have noticed that many small towns are creating some great community-run camp spots. These are included in our new

edition. Please support these by spending a dollar or two in the community for by doing so we can ensure that there continues to be more options available for travellers to choose from as we explore this great country.

Being able to plan a trip with stopovers that are free or low cost, knowing if a pet is welcome and seeing at a glance what facilities are available, has proven to be a hit with travellers across Australia. www.campsaustraliawide.com

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Workabout Australia

Workabout Australia is Australia's foremost online resource and planning tool for travelling workers, connecting travellers with casual, seasonal, part time and permanent work around Australia.

Founded in 1996 Workabout Australia has built up a network of contacts for employment opportunities in all states and territories of Australia. The Workabout Australia Club has thousands of members who are already travelling or planning to set off on their trip of a life time, taking advantage of the many opportunities that are available for those who want to work.

Travelling to Australia on a working holiday, or looking to relocate permanently? Our tips for travelling to Australia will help get you started.

We also offer employers a fantastic, price effective alternative for advertising their positions vacant. For less than the cost of a single ad in the local paper our employers can list as many jobs as they

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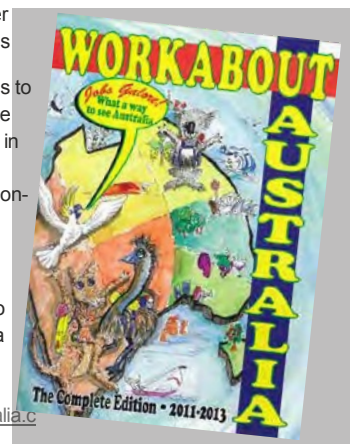
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