

TRAKKA Chat

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Message from Dave

Trakka Founder and Managing Director

G'day!

A warm welcome to Trakka Chat – an insight into the world of Trakka Motorcampers. With Sal, my partner in life and business, I have been proud to watch Trakka develop and grow for over 30 years and remain during that time as respected leaders of 'Excellence & Expertise' in the Motorcamper industry.

We invite you to take a few minutes to take a look through this newsletter and make the first steps towards 'living the dream' – to travel around Australia – exciting destinations, fresh experiences, meeting up with our fellow travellers and a chance to enjoy all that life and nature can offer!

You will see that we have something for everyone. All our products enjoy the attention to detail and quality of engineering that make them so well suited to Australian conditions.

Trakka's goal is to remain the leading Motorcamper manufacturer in Australia by delivering high quality, innovative, world class products and provide an outstanding level of service. Part of that process has always been listening to feedback we receive from you, our customers. So please keep writing to us with your experiences – we would love to hear from you and to include your hints, tips and stories in our next edition of Trakka Chat.

So as we say at Trakka –

"Stop Wondering and Start Wandering – Trakkabout Australia"

Happy Travelling

Dave



Dave and Sally Berry



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Meet some of the team



Left to Right
Jeff - Production Manager
Mike - Design & Development Manager
David Wallace - Service Manager
Martin - General Manager
Penny - Parts & Logistics Manager (not pictured)



Outside our Headquarters 2005



Our humble beginnings Neutral Bay 1975



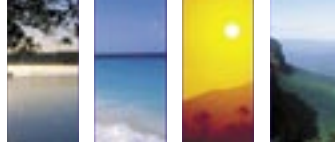
The Jabiru – Mid-size Marvel

The Jabiru is based on the Mercedes Sprinter 313 LWB high roof or VW LT series vans. These vehicles provide a sensational platform for high performance Motorcampers.

They are economical to own and are an absolute pleasure to drive whilst their 6.5m length gives a good balance between interior room and manoeuvrability when you're exploring. Jabiru seats 6 people in absolute comfort when travelling or entertaining and sleeps 2 adults in the rear lounge area - it converts into a queen bed in just a few seconds or can be left as twin singles. The centre kitchen is superbly appointed and includes a large volume of storage for your supplies and equipment. A door leads off the kitchen to a separate bathroom with shower, toilet and vanity unit. The front seats swivel to provide an area to relax or dine should you wish to leave the rear bed made up. Excellent ventilation is provided with 4 screened windows and a large roof hatch. As a standard feature Trakka fits a master control panel that indicates the condition of the batteries and water levels.

Jabiru comes with an exceptional option list to personalise your Motorcamper.

Priced from \$105,865 plus On Road Costs.



Featured Motorcamper



Trakkadu on Volkswagen T5



Multifunctional Motorcamper.

Recently VW launched their latest van into Australia - the New Generation T5 Transporter. It has already been voted International Van of the Year and Trakka have spent 12 months hard at work, designing & developing many new features into this superb vehicle. They have created the very best Motorcamper available in Australia – the Trakkadu.

You can't fail to be impressed. It's as easy to drive as a car and is exceptionally well engineered. It is also available as a capable AWD version which utilises VW's advanced 4 Motion drive system. There are a number of engine choices with 6 speed transmission as standard with the 128kW engine option and comes as either Auto or Manual. Trakkadu seats 4 people in safety and comfort.

The Trakkadu has a comprehensive camper specification including a stylish stainless steel stove / sink combination, 50L pressurised water system, 85L fridge freezer, automatic electrical 12v and 240v charging system and even a rollout awning as standard. Everything is designed to be simple to operate.

The front seats swivel to augment the usable living space to the maximum and the rear seat folds in seconds to form a comfortable double bed. There is an option of a further bed in the elevating roof for one adult or two children. The roof opens with a simple lift to give you full standing headroom and great ventilation in all conditions. A vast option list allows us to make each Trakkadu uniquely tailored to your individual requirements.

Prices start from \$69,995 plus On Road Costs.



Trakka Veneto

The Veneto is a 7M "C Class" Motorhome based on the proven Fiat Ducato with a state of the art Alko Chassis. The stunning good looks have been achieved by using carefully designed fibreglass exterior mouldings combined with ultra-smooth side walls. Veneto will be proudly released by Trakka in July 2005.

"The Veneto is really the future of Motorcampers" says Dave Berry. "It isn't the largest because it doesn't have to be. The Fiats' advanced design means we can fit more into a smaller package making it so easy to drive and economical to own. The Alko chassis means that we can design features & have interior space normally found only on a much larger vehicle."

As you have come to expect from Trakka the standard specification of the Veneto surpasses all others. From its ride enhancing air suspension system to the master control panel the Veneto has been designed to be both luxurious and highly practical. Careful design and Trakka's years of experience results in the interior looking every bit as stylish as the exterior.

Ask one of the Trakka Team for further specifications.



New TRAKKA Motorcamper Centres



TRAKKA Motorcamper Centre Victoria - Melbourne

Garry and Warren Smith (GWS) have been established since 1930 and have over 75 years of continuous service. Now a third generation family owned company, Garry and Warren Smith are proud to be one of Melbourne's oldest as well as largest multi-franchised motor vehicle dealers.

The GWS Group now have 6 locations across South East Melbourne and sell approximately 5,000 vehicles per year for franchises including Holden, HSV, Honda, Hyundai, Mazda, Renault, Suzuki and Trakka.

In 2001 Garry and Warren Smith opened a specialist motorhome facility in Nunawading, Victoria. All motorhomes at Garry and Warren Smith are fastidiously prepared and have undergone our comprehensive pre-owned 144 point vehicle check. Garry and Warren Smith also specialise in motorhome maintenance and look after all of your servicing requirements.

David Skillbeck is Garry and Warren Smith's trained TRAKKA Motorcamper specialist and can be contacted on 03 9877 3355.

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TRAKKA Motorcamper Centre Queensland - Sunshine Coast Motorhomes Queensland (MHQ) operate from Warana on the beautiful Sunshine Coast.

This locally owned organization is part of the Beecham Holden Family and is a distributor for TRAKKA Motorcampers, Matilda Motorhomes and King of the Road 5th Wheelers.

They are the newest TRAKKA outlet in Australia and carry models including Trakkadu, Jabiru, Escapade, Sandpiper and the popular Torino.

MHQ is dedicated to the complete enjoyment of wandering Australia in ultimate holiday comfort. Imagine you've found the perfect camp site and this time you have everything, including the kitchen sink!!

The people at MHQ don't see themselves as 'just another car dealer', they can't do enough for their customers.... "Good service is always in fashion".

MHQ is proud to be associated with Trakka and look forward to welcoming you at the new premises on the Sunshine Coast. Phone 07 5437 6399

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Trakka *Torino* – Tremendous Tourer

The Torino, based on the Fiat Ducato, is perfect for touring because its an easy-driving Turbo Diesel that not only performs well but is very simple to manoeuvre and park.

"Our aim was to produce a compact vehicle that combined the practicality and driving experience of a car with the full specification of a large Motorcamper" says Dave Berry

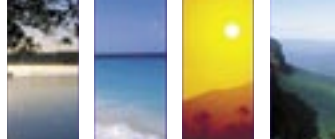
Trakka were delighted when Torino scooped numerous Industry awards recently as recognition of its' exceptional quality & versatility.

The specification is comprehensive and includes Microwave, electric entry step, roll-out awning and a master control panel that indicates battery and water levels. Torino can carry five people.

The front driving seats swivel to enhance the lounge space and create a very comfortable area to relax or entertain friends. The kitchen area is well defined and is loaded with quality appliances and clever storage solutions. A separate bathroom provides shower and toilet facilities.

Torino is a sensational luxury Motorcamper.

Priced from \$89,995 plus On Road Costs.



Team Travels

TRAKKA encourage the Team to take their Motorcampers away for first hand experience.



Torino Travels

By **Brenden Samuels** - Customer Sales & Service

Only a week before Christmas Elissa (my girlfriend) and I decided on a 4 day holiday near Forster, NSW. Choosing to travel at this time without any bookings could prove to be a challenge. However, we were self-sufficient in the Trakka Torino so weren't too concerned. Packing it was a breeze as the storage area is deceptive and we had space left over!

We left Sydney on Boxing Day and to our surprise the traffic was light and we cruised comfortably at 110km/hr up the Freeway. It's more car-like than van-like to drive with a 2.8litre turbo diesel, power steering, power brakes and a great dash-mounted gear change. Just on 3 hours we reached Booti Booti National Park and ended up camping just 10 metres from the beach in the camping area.

It took only minutes to set up completely and we were sitting relaxing, with a chilled glass of Chardonnay. The stunning metallic red of the Torino sure

Above: Big Red

Inset: Brenden Working

gets attention where ever we were and it wasn't long before neighbouring campers had come for a friendly chat and to look over the Torino.

As the sun set the smell of aromatic BBQ's was in the air and we set about making our own 5 star dinner in the kitchen which has everything you could wish for in refrigeration, stove top and microwave cooking and even hot water at the sink.....we were the envy of the camping area.

After dinner we wound up the TV aerial and tuned to watch a movie before retiring to bed where we lay gazing through the giant roof window at the starlit sky.

We wake to waves crashing on the beach and have a hot shower before I whip up a sumptuous breakfast of scrambled eggs and bacon.....

Our days were a pleasurable mix of exploring the bush, fishing, reading and swimming and before we knew, days had passed and it was time to head back to reality.....we'll see you out there on the next trip!!



Trakka Sandpiper – A Grand Abode

The Sandpiper is a 7M "C Class" Motorhome specifically designed to set the bench mark for luxury touring. Based on either the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 413, 416 or the VW LT Series all Turbo Diesels.

The Sandpipers' standard specification goes way beyond the industry norm, to truly make it suited to Australian conditions and provide a superb home in which to enjoy your travelling and exploring. Once again its Trakka's attention to the finer details and 30 years of experience that makes all the difference.

At the front is a superb lounge area to relax or entertain - the dining table has a unique mechanism that allows it to slide and rotate making it incredibly adaptable. This flows through to the centre kitchen keeping the Sandpiper very open and spacious. As you would expect the kitchen is fully appointed with the latest in stylish European appliances! With massive solar and battery power banks the Sandpiper is self sufficient even when away from powered sites! Beside the bathroom at the rear is the comfortable master double bed and the cab-over provides roomy accommodation for two guests or family.

Options include slide-out BBQ, TV/DVD entertainment systems, navigation system.

Prices start from approximately \$150,000 plus On Road Costs.

TRAKKA TRAVELLERS TALES

Trakka enjoyed personalising a Trakka Volkswagen T4 Syncro Camper with 'the works' for Peter Spiteri for his one year lone journey around Australia. Here is an excerpt from his journal to family and friends.

'Here's a note to let you know I am really enjoying my trip around Oz & everything is going great. Lots of good experiences and sights, great people and no problems with anything. The van and I are doing well and I'm constantly saying 'why haven't I done this before.'

Don't worry...I have equipped my Trakka with a complete set of recovery equipment...snatch straps, winches, shackles, exhaust jacks, GPS, EPIRB etc.

The mud map so far: NSW

- Began the trip by heading to Dubbo, great zoo and I hugged some magnificent trees.
- Then to Cobar, through Wilcannia to Broken Hill. Broken Hill was very interesting – stayed a couple of days and did some historic and mining tours. Everything is BIG in Broken Hill.

SA

- Passed through the magnificent Flinders Ranges then on to Port Augusta – boring and industrial – no redeeming features other than the backdrop of the Flinders
- Ceduna – what a great little town – kind of like a small 'The Entrance' – great bike paths, fishing and sunsets – loved it.
- Then a very long drive across the Nullabor – about 2000km – don't let anyone put you off this drive. The scenery changes from eucalypt to flat and no trees. You can see the horizon 360° with emus, kangaroos, white dingoes, camels and HUGE eagles overhead – the brilliant Southern Ocean to your left and gigantic sand dunes – just magnificent.
- Camped here one night right on the edge of a 100M overhang. That night all the stars seemed to be windexed and then out of the blue a meteor shower that went for a good 20 minutes. The sky was like a sparkler. I was overwhelmed with awe.
- Finished off the Eyre Hwy at Norseman, WA and headed north to Kalgoorlie.

WA

- Kalgoorlie – NOW THIS IS A TOWN!



**Camping on the edge. What a night.
Baked Beans never tasted so good. (inset)**

- Absolutely love Kalgoorlie – it is the true wild west – huge mines, wide streets, magnificent architecture and buildings (by far the best in Australia), countless saloons with hard drinking pool players and of course the barmaids....
- Just watched a huge blast at the 'Superpit', an open cut mine 4.5km long by 2.5km wide x .5km deep. Supposed to be the biggest in the world. IT IS BIG and getting bigger. I've been up there 4 times and still can't comprehend the size and activity. Each truck carries 220 tonnes of ore, there's probably 40 on the go at any one time.
- Did an underground mine tour – excellent.
- Tomorrow I'm heading off towards the west coast to swim in the warm Indian Ocean with the whale sharks – it will take a couple of days to get to Exmouth as I'm taking the back roads to visit all the old ghost mining towns and some natural gorges.

See you in a year's time – hopefully...

Peter



Trakka **Escapade** – Compact French Style

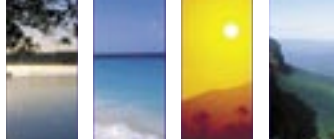
When the all new Renault Trafic van was introduced to Australia in 2004 it caused quite a stir. Its drivability and avant-garde looks combined with its high specification and safety features make it an excellent vehicle for Trakka to manufacture into a stylish, practical Motorcamper.

The Escapade has a permanent high roof and wrap around windows making it very spacious and light inside. The large "U" shaped rear lounge easily converts to either twin singles or a comfortable double bed. You can even walk through to the front seats without having to exit the vehicle.

The usual Trakka blend of design and engineering experience means that the kitchen is ideal for preparing meals to restore your energy after a day of exploring. Escapade has a full complement of quality appliances including a swing out stove and useful storage throughout.

The Escapade is without doubt a leader in its class and offers excellent value for money.

Priced from \$59,995 plus On Road Costs.



FAQ's

Question. Why doesn't my fridge work properly?

Answer.

As the fridge often uses more energy from the house battery(s) than all other equipment put together, the most common problem associated with poor fridge performance is the condition of the house battery(s).

Remedy.

Recharge house battery(s) on 240V for 24 hours with all accessories including fridge switched off. At the completion of this charging time, switch only the fridge on and continue recharging for a further 12 hours, monitor and check fridge performance during this time.

Question. Why does my water pump(s) make noises?

Answer.

This is normal as they are diaphragm quad-port pumps.

Remedy.

If you think your water pump(s) is abnormally noisy please contact TRAKKA's service division for assistance.

Question. Why does my spirit stove emit black soot when alight?

Answer.

The canister wicks have been infected by contaminated methylated spirits.

Remedy.

Remove canisters from stove and vehicle, drain and dispose of fluid correctly. Half fill canisters with white spirits, relight wicks and burn until flame turns clear/yellow. It may be necessary to repeat this procedure two or three times to rectify the problem.

TIP – use a quality methylated spirits. e.g. Glendale.

Question. How often should I have my Camper/Motorhome serviced?

Answer.

This is dependant on the use however TRAKKA recommend an annual maintenance service as the minimum.

TIP – TRAKKA offer an extremely popular annual service for \$250.00, which offers a thorough check and maintenance of all operational facets of your Camper/Motorhome.

Please note – This is not a vehicle engine service.

Question. How do I fill my hot water tank?

Answer.

The hot water you use is replaced automatically. By sourcing cold water from the fresh water tank in the same manner as a household hot water system works.

TIP – always keep your fresh water tank topped up to ensure a plentiful supply of hot water.

Question. Is there a Camper or Motorhome club I can join?

Answer.

TRAKKA recommends the C.M.C.A (Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia) and for an annual fee of \$44.00 inclusive of GST, you receive competitive insurance rates, club rallies, regular travel information and club chapter meetings. Members will enjoy friendship, fellowship and camaraderie.

Wally's Wisdom

Pre-Trip Tips by Dave Wallis Camper/Motorhome

- Check and charge house batteries.
- Make sure battery charger is working.
- Check operation of all lights.
- Drain and flush waste tank.
- Flush and refill fresh water tank.
- Check operation of all appliances and their relevant fuel levels.
- Turn fridge on using 240V supply at least 12 hours prior departure. Add food and drink requirements at the same time.



Motor Vehicle

- Check and top up all levels – oil, water/coolant, windscreen washers, power steering and brake fluids.
- Check and adjust all tyre pressures. Check tyre wear.
- Check operation of all motor vehicle lights including brake lights.
- Check condition of wiper blades.
- Check first-aid kit is complete.



Your Say

As this is our first TRAKKA Chat we are really interested to get some feedback from you not only ways in which we can improve our product & service but also any travel stories & handy tips you may like to share.

Name:.....

Contact Details:.....

Your Say:.....

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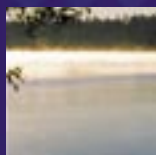
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"Trakka Recognised for Business Excellence"

"Trakka has scooped the pool at the CCIA and MHIA Gala Awards Night, collecting three firsts in the association's 2003 Excellence Awards"



"Trakka's motorhome has been voted the most innovative motorhome available in Australia."
"Trakka – It's Time to Relax"
"Stop Wondering and Start Wandering"

"The service and professionalism of your staff, both before and after the sale, is something which is very rare nowadays. We are delighted to say we are more than pleased with the comfort and performance of the vehicle."

Marj and Brian – Trakka customers.

"I decided on Trakka to do my conversion because of the quality of design and workmanship I had seen on Trakka products. I continue to be impressed."

Paul – Trakka customer.

"We are both very impressed with your professionalism and skill. In fact we found the whole Trakka experience very comfortable,"

Ric and Debi – Trakka customers.

"Trakka was outstanding in all areas but particularly so in how they treated their customers."

Sylvia Franklin – Marketing Manager of the CCIA.

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