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REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEYS!

As we close another chapter and gear up for the adventures that await us in the new year, it's a perfect time to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared as a community. This past year has been a remarkable one for Austrack Campers, filled with new horizons, shared experiences, and the welcoming of many new faces into our ever-growing family.

Our Austrack family has expanded significantly this year, with countless adventurers joining us in embracing the call of the wild. It's been inspiring to see so many new enthusiasts picking up the mantle of exploration, choosing Austrack as their trusted companion on the road. Your stories of adventure, your stunning photographs from remote corners of our beautiful country, and your shared experiences around campfires have been the lifeblood of our community.

2023 was also a year of innovation and growth for Austrack Campers. We launched several new models, each designed with your adventurous spirit in mind. These models have not only enhanced the camping experience but have also brought us closer to the heart of what it means to be an Austracker: a love for the outdoors, a thirst for adventure, and a commitment to creating unforgettable memories.

Looking ahead, 2024 promises to be even more exciting. We have plans in place for Austrack Owner Trips across Australia, participation in outdoor industry expos, and the introduction of new products that promise to enhance your camping escapades.

As we step into this new year, let's carry with us the spirit of adventure that defines us. Let's continue to share our stories, learn from each other, and explore the uncharted with enthusiasm and respect for nature. Whether you're a seasoned Austracker or new to the family, the road ahead is filled with potential and promise.

Here's to a year of new adventures, new friendships, and new memories. May your travels be safe, your experiences enriching, and your campfires warm.

Happy Camping.



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DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT: TOP AUSTRALIAN CAMPING DESTINATIONS FOR 2024

As we welcome the new year, it's time to start planning your next great adventure. Australia, with its diverse landscapes and stunning natural beauty, offers some of the best camping experiences in the world.

From the rugged outback to serene coastal vistas, here are the top camping destinations to explore in 2024.

The Kimberley, WA: Experience the untamed wilderness of Western Australia. The Kimberley region is known for its breathtaking gorges, ancient rock formations, and the iconic Bungle Bungle Range. Camp under the stars and immerse yourself in the vastness of this extraordinary landscape.

Kakadu National Park, NT: A World Heritage site, Kakadu National Park is a camper's paradise. Home to abundant wildlife, stunning waterfalls, and rich Indigenous culture, it offers a unique blend of ecological and cultural exploration.

The Great Ocean Road, VIC: Drive along one of Australia's most scenic routes and discover a plethora of camping sites along the coast. Witness the majestic Twelve Apostles, surf at Bells Beach, or explore the rainforests of the Otway National Park.

Fraser Island, QLD: The world's largest sand island is a must-visit. Camp by pristine beaches, swim in crystal-clear lakes, and explore the island's unique dune landscapes. Keep an eye out for the island's famous dingoes!





EXPLORING THE FLINDERS RANGES: AN OUTBACK ODYSSEY

Nestled in the heart of South Australia, the Flinders Ranges offers one of the most spectacular outback experiences in Australia. It's a place where ancient landscapes, rich history, and abundant wildlife converge to create an adventurer's paradise.

The Majestic Landscape:

- Natural Wonders: The Flinders Ranges are renowned for their striking geological formations, including the iconic Wilpena Pound, a natural amphitheatre of mountains.
- Scenic Drives: Traverse through the rugged landscapes via the famous Flinders Ranges Way, which winds through breathtaking gorges and past towering cliffs.

A Haven for Wildlife:

- Diverse Fauna: The area is a sanctuary for Australian wildlife. Keep an eye out for kangaroos, emus, and the elusive yellow-footed rock-wallaby.
- Birdwatching Paradise: With over 100 bird species, it's a fantastic destination for bird enthusiasts.

Hiking and Trekking:

- Trails for All Levels: From leisurely walks to challenging hikes, the Flinders Ranges cater to all.
 The Heysen Trail and Brachina Gorge Geological Trail are must-dos.
- Guided Walks: Join guided tours to learn about the region's flora, fauna, and geological history.

Indigenous Heritage:

- Ancient History: The Flinders Ranges are rich in Aboriginal history, dating back tens of thousands of years.
- Cultural Tours: Engage with local Adnyamathanha guides to gain insights into the ancient art, stories, and traditions of the land.

Photography and Art:

- Photographer's Dream: The dramatic landscapes, especially during sunrise and sunset, provide perfect opportunities for stunning photography.
- Local Art: Explore local galleries showcasing Indigenous and contemporary art inspired by the region's unique beauty.



Camping and Accommodation:

- Under the Stars: The Flinders Ranges offer a variety of camping options, from remote bush camps to established sites with facilities.
- Austrack Campers' Paradise: The diverse terrain is perfect for Austrack Campers, providing comfort and accessibility in this rugged landscape.

Nearby Attractions:

- Historic Towns: Visit nearby outback towns like Quorn and Hawker, rich in pioneering history.
- Local Produce: Sample regional delicacies, including Quandong pie, a local favorite.

The Flinders Ranges is not just a destination; it's an experience that captures the essence of the Australian outback. It offers a blend of adventure, history, and natural beauty that is both humbling and exhilarating.

Whether you're navigating its ancient landscapes, observing its diverse wildlife, or delving into its rich cultural heritage, the Flinders Ranges promises an unforgettable journey into the heart of Australia's outback.







NAVIGATING THE MAJESTIC FLINDERS RANGES WITH A CAMPER TRAILER EXPLORE THE FLINDERS
RANGES: A PLACE WHERE
WILDLIFE ROAMS FREELY, AND
EVERY TRAIL LEADS TO A NEW
ADVENTURE.



Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned camper, these tips and tricks will help ensure your camping experience is enjoyable, safe, and memorable.

Choosing the Right Campsite:

- Research in Advance: Look for campsites that suit your needs. Consider factors like accessibility, facilities, and proximity to activities.
- *Natural Shelter:* Opt for sites with natural windbreaks like trees or bushes, but be wary of falling branches.



CAMPING IS NOT JUST ABOUT WHERE YOU GO; IT'S ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES YOU CREATE AND THE MEMORIES THAT LINGER LONG AFTER THE FIRE'S LAST EMBERS FADE.



Setting Up Your Camp:

- Arrive Early: Set up camp during daylight to avoid any unnecessary hassle.
- *Pitch Perfect:* Learn how to set up your annexe properly. Practice at home if you're new to camping.

Campfire Safety:

- Know the Rules: Always check fire restrictions in the area.
- Safety First: Keep a bucket of water or sand nearby in case you need to extinguish the fire quickly.

Leave No Trace:

- Respect Nature: Dispose of waste properly, and don't disturb wildlife or natural habitats.
- Pack It In, Pack It Out: Ensure you take all your rubbish with you when you leave.

Wildlife Encounters:

- Stay Informed: Learn about the wildlife in the area you are camping.
- Keep Distance: Never feed or try to touch wild animals.

Weather Preparedness:

- Check Forecasts: Be aware of the weather conditions and pack accordingly.
- Emergency Plan: Have a plan in case of severe weather, and know the location of the nearest shelter.

Enjoying the Outdoors:

- Explore Responsibly: Stick to trails and designated areas to minimize your impact.
- Relax and Unwind: Take time to disconnect and enjoy the natural surroundings.



Embrace the adventure of a lifetime with the Big Lap, where every turn reveals a new wonder and every destination a unique story.



GUIDE TO EMBA<mark>RKING ON THE</mark> BIG LAP OF AUSTRALIA

The Big Lap of Australia is a once-in-a-lifetime road trip, circumnavigating the entire continent. It's an epic journey of discovery, adventure, and natural beauty. Here's how to prepare for this extraordinary experience.

Planning Your Route:

- Map It Out: Decide on the destinations and attractions you want to visit. Consider the seasons and weather conditions in different parts of Australia.
- Flexibility: While it's good to have a plan, be flexible to allow for unexpected discoveries and experiences.



Timing and Duration:

- Best Times to Travel: Consider the climate variations across Australia. Avoid the wet season in the tropical north and the peak summer heat in the south.
- Duration: The Big Lap can take anywhere from a few months to a year. Plan according to your schedule and interests.

Budgeting:

- Estimate Costs: Consider fuel, food, camping fees, activities, and unexpected expenses.
- Money-Saving Tips: Free or low-cost camping sites can save money. Cooking your meals can also reduce costs significantly.

Choosing the Right Vehicle and Gear:

- Reliable Vehicle: Ensure your vehicle is suited for long-distance travel and various terrains.
- Essential Gear: Pack wisely, focusing on essentials like camping gear, cooking equipment, and emergency supplies.



Staying Connected:

- Internet and Phone: Research the best options for staying connected, especially in remote areas.
- Apps and Guides: Use travel apps and guides for navigation, finding campsites, and discovering local attractions.

Health and Safety:

- First Aid and Emergency Plans: Always carry a well-stocked first aid kit and have an emergency plan.
- *Insurance:* Ensure you have appropriate insurance for your vehicle and health.

Respecting Indigenous Land and Communities:

- Cultural Awareness: Learn about the Indigenous lands you'll be traveling through and respect local customs and heritage.
- Seek Permission: In some areas, you may need to seek permission or permits to travel or camp.

The Big Lap of Australia is more than a road trip; it's an exploration of the heart and soul of this vast country. With careful planning and an open heart, you'll experience the diverse landscapes, cultures, and the true spirit of Australia.

HEALTH & WELLNESS WHILE CAMPING: STAYING FIT AND RELAXED IN NATURE

Camping is not just a way to escape the daily grind; it's also an opportunity to focus on health and wellness. Being in nature can rejuvenate both body and mind, and with these 6 tips, you can make the most of these benefits.

1. Physical Exercise:

- Stay Active: Incorporate activities like hiking, swimming, or even yoga into your camping routine.
- Simple Equipment: Bring along resistance bands or a jump rope for a quick and effective workout.

2. Healthy Eating:

- Plan Nutritious Meals: While it's tempting to indulge in camping treats, balance it out with healthy options like fresh fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins.
- Hydration is Key: Always drink plenty of water, especially if you're engaging in physical activities.

3. Mental Wellbeing:

- Disconnect to Reconnect: Take a break from technology and enjoy the peace and quiet of the outdoors.
- Mindfulness and Meditation: Use the serene environment for mindfulness practices or meditation.

4. Quality Sleep:

- Comfortable Setup: Invest in good quality sleepwear.
 Consider the temperature ratings and your comfort preferences.
- Sleep Hygiene: Maintain a regular sleep schedule and create a cosy, quiet environment for restful nights.

5. Sun Protection and Insect Repellent:

- Stay Protected: Use sunscreen, wear hats and light, long-sleeved clothing to protect yourself from the sun.
- Insect Repellent: Keep bugs at bay with insect repellent, especially in areas prone to mosquitoes.

6. Safety and First Aid:

- Be Prepared: Always carry a first aid kit and know the basics of treating common injuries.
- Know Your Limits: Listen to your body and avoid pushing yourself too hard, especially on hikes or physical activities.

Maintaining health and wellness while camping is about balance. By staying active, eating well, and taking time to relax and rejuvenate, you can make your camping trip a truly restorative experience. Remember, the great outdoors is not just a destination; it's a way to nurture your physical and mental health.





REDISCOVER YOUR WILD SIDE: JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN WITH





CAMP COOKING CORNER: DELICIOUS RECIPES FOR THE GREAT OUTDOORS

One of the joys of camping is cooking over an open fire under the stars. Whether you're a culinary expert or a novice, these campfire recipes are sure to enhance your outdoor dining experience.



Classic Campfire Damper:

- Ingredients: Self-raising flour, salt, water.
- Method: Mix the ingredients to form a dough, shape it into a loaf, and cook it in the coals of your campfire. Serve with jam, honey, or butter

One-Pot Bush Stew:

- Ingredients: Diced meat (beef or lamb), mixed vegetables, stock, herbs and spices.
- Method: Brown the meat, add vegetables and stock, then let it simmer over the fire. A hearty meal that's perfect after a day of exploring.





Grilled Aussie Prawns:

- Ingredients: Fresh prawns, garlic, lemon, and herbs.
- Method: Marinate the prawns and grill them over the campfire. Serve with fresh lemon wedges for a taste of the Australian coast.



Veggie Skewers:

- Ingredients: A variety of vegetables like capsicum, onions, zucchini, and mushrooms; olive oil, and seasoning.
- Method: Thread the veggies onto skewers, brush with olive oil and seasoning, and grill over the campfire.

Easy Smores:

- Ingredients: Arrowroot biscuits, marshmallows, and chocolate.
- Method: Roast marshmallows over the fire, then sandwich them with chocolate between two crackers. A camping classic!





Campfire Banana Boats:

- Ingredients: Bananas, chocolate chips, marshmallows, and aluminum foil.
- Method: Slice the banana lengthwise (keeping the peel on), stuff with chocolate and marshmallows, wrap in foil, and cook on the campfire coals.

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YOUR TICKET TO THE HEART-THUMPING, WILD, AND PANORAMIC LANDSCAPES THAT ONLY AUSTRALIA CAN OFFER, ENSURING YOU CARRY THE COMFORT OF HOME ALONG EVERY DUSTY TRACK AND RUGGED TERRAIN.







EMBARK ON THE ULTIMATE AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE WITH THE GIBB 14: YOUR RUGGED LUXURY OFF-ROAD CARAVAN



Meet the Gibb 14, your rugged companion for the wild Australian outback. This is where adventure meets luxury, designed for those who crave the thrill of the unknown and the beauty of Australia's most remote corners.

The Gibb 14 is your basecamp for adventure, featuring a plush Queen Size Inner Pocket Spring Bed to recharge under the stars after a day of exploration. Its robust, double-glazed windows open up to the raw beauty of the Outback, offering front-row seats to nature's most spectacular shows, from fiery sunsets to serene coastal scenes.

Stay adventure-ready even in the most remote settings with onboard wireless phone chargers. The external shower and ensuite tent, backed by a solid water system with 240L capacity, mean you can freshen up amidst nature, turning any spot into your home away from home.

Tackle rough trails with confidence, thanks to the Gibb 14's dual spare wheels and rock sliders. Its practical storage solutions, including a generous tunnel boot and an external storage & generator box, mean you can pack more and worry less.

Set up camp effortlessly under the expansive, waterproof awning or retreat into the robust 16oz annexe. Cook like a champ, whether inside with the multi-burner combination oven and stove or outside with the pull-out kitchen, perfect for a true Aussie bush meal. Come nightfall, keep the bugs at bay with repellent lights and soak in the tranquil Outback hum.

With the Gibb 14, extremes in weather won't hold you back. A roof-mounted air conditioner and a diesel heater can provide comfort from the scorching heat to chilly nights.

The caravan's advanced power system, including a REDARC 2kW Pure Sinewave Inverter, ensures you're always powered up for the next day's journey.

Navigate safely with the wireless reversing camera and enjoy home-like amenities in the wild, including a microwave and a washing machine. The plush seating area, MP5 stereo system, and SMART TV with flexible mounts add a touch of luxury to your rugged adventures.

Designed for off-road resilience with a McHitch 3.5T coupling, inline gas plumbing, and a Truma Ultrarapid hot water system, the Gibb 14 is as tough as the Australian landscape. Its extensive storage options mean you're always adventure-ready.

The Gibb 14 is your gateway to Australia's untamed beauty. From the challenging Grampians to the lush Daintree, the ancient Red Centre, and the endless vistas of the Great Ocean Road, the Gibb 14 is your companion for unforgettable adventures. Answer the call of the wild and create amazing moments across Australia with the Gibb 14.







Closed Measurements: 6292L x 2310W x 3080H

(including aircon)

Payload: Approx. 595kg

Tare weight: Approx. 2405kg

Registered: 3000kg

Ball Weight: Approx. 150kg

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TECH TALK: HITCHING UP MADE EASY WITH MCHITCH

Hitching up your camper is a critical step in preparing for a camping adventure. McHitch hitches offer ease and reliability, making the process smoother. Here's how to hitch up effectively using a McHitch

1. Understanding Your Towing Capacity:

- Check Limits: Ensure your vehicle's towing capacity is adequate for your camper.
- McHitch Compatibility: Confirm that your McHitch model is compatible with both your vehicle and camper.

2. The McHitch Advantage:

- *Unparalleled Stability:* McHitch hitches provide superior stability and ease of manoeuvring.
- *Variety of Models:* Choose from McHitch's range to find one that suits your camper's weight.

3. Connecting with McHitch:

- *Align and Lower:* Align your vehicle with the camper's McHitch. Lower the camper onto the hitch, ensuring a secure connection.
- Locking Mechanism: Engage McHitch's unique locking mechanism, a straightforward and secure process.

4. Safety Checks:

- *Cross Chains:* Attach safety chains in a crisscross pattern for added security.
- *Electrical Connections:* Ensure your camper's lights and brakes are properly connected and functioning.

5. Balancing the Load:

- Even Distribution: Load your camper to maintain balance
- Tongue Weight Consideration: Check that the tongue appropriate for your McHitch model.

6. Practice and Familiarity:

- *Trial Run:* Take a short test drive to familiarise yourself with the towing feel.
- *Practice Manoeuvres:* Get comfortable with turning, reversing, and parking.

Using a McHitch hitch simplifies and secures the process of hitching up your camper. Its reliable and user-friendly design ensures that you can hit the road with confidence and ease. Remember, a well-hitched camper is the foundation of a safe and enjoyable camping trip.





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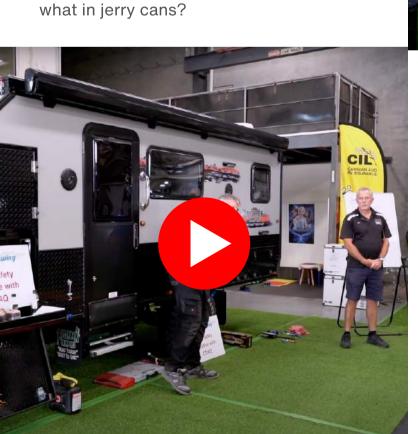


Ball weight explained

Are you confused as most about ball weight? Don't worry. We got you. Gary from Talking Towing and Total Towing Setups gives you the lowdown on ball weight. Gary give tips as to how to manage your ball weight and make sure you tow to your next destination compliant and safely.

Gas, diesel & petrol storage

Do you know what you can and can't do with storing gas, diesel and petrol? In this short video Jeff talks about the do's and don'ts when it comes to this fuel storage; answering questions like: Where shouldn't you store petrol jerry cans? Can you store petrol close to gas? What colour means what in jerry cans?



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Tyre pressure talk

Austrack Campers brought in the team from Talking Towing to talk about best practice in hitching up, towing, weight distribution and more. In this short video Jeff talks about tyre pressure.



How to put down your stabiliser legs Darren fromAustrack Campers shows you how to effectively and safely lower the

stabliser legs on your camper..

Pulling out your kitchen

Darren show you how to best pull out your external kitchen in preparation of a big camp feed.



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Zipper windows

Darren show you the best practice for unzipping and securing the zipper windows in your camper.



Welcome to "Austrack Campers - Share Your Adventures", a vibrant community for Austrack Camper owners to celebrate the spirit of adventure! This group is your platform to showcase the amazing journeys and experiences you have with your Austrack Camper.

What We Share:

- Photos & Videos: Capture the essence of your travels and the beauty of the places you visit.
- Destination Tips: Share your insights on must-visit spots, hidden gems, and practical advice for fellow travellers.
- Social Connections: Connect with fellow adventurers by sharing your Facebook and Instagram profiles.





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