

Out & About

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WINNEBAGO RV

EXCLUSIVE OFFER TO ALL WINNEBAGO OWNERS TRAVEL AUSTRALIA WITH TOTAL SECURITY

Flat tyres, keys accidentally locked inside your motorhome, an engine that will not start, or a situation where you must be towed - these are just a few of the problems that motorhome owners can encounter during their travels around Australia.

So what do you do?

If it was a motor vehicle, the answer would be simple. Just call your State Motoring Association, such as the NRMA in NSW. However, motorhomes are not covered by such a scheme because of their size and weight. As most people want the same security when travelling in their motorhome, Winnebago has established an Industry first - a National Roadside Assistance Scheme for motorhomes!

Under the Winnebago NRTA Roadside Assist Scheme, all Winnebago owners will have the opportunity to be a member of the Scheme. The Scheme, founded by National Road Trailers Australia, links all State Motoring Associations around Australia to provide assistance to vehicles over two tonne - which includes motorhomes.

The Winnebago NRTA Roadside Assist Scheme will cover all new Winnebago motorhomes sold after January 2002, for two years. All owners of secondhand Winnebago's can become part of the Scheme by joining when they visit their local Winnebago Dealer. All that is required is a roadworthy certificate, which in most cases can be supplied by the Dealer.

The scheme offers roadside assistance, normally within an hour of the call, and covers minor electrical repairs, lockouts, flat tyres and batteries, minor mechanical repairs and free towing to a recommended repairer - eight kilometres in metropolitan areas and towing to the nearest repairer in other areas. All this security of travel will cost \$375.00 per year, free for two years if you are purchasing a new vehicle.

Winnebago has an exclusive three year agreement for the Scheme. So, if you own a Winnebago, you not only have the best motorhome on the market, you can also have the best after sale service available.

So visit your local Dealer today and gain peace of mind when travelling - join the Winnebago NRTA National Roadside Assist Scheme.

Take a look at the new and improved Winnebago website...
www.winnebago.com.au

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all
"Out & About" Readers

From the STAFF at WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES

2001 WINNEBAGO AWARDS

Winnebago Industries recently presented their prestigious 2001 Dealer Awards. Held at the Hilton Airport, in Sydney, Australian Racing Car Legend Dick Johnson presented the four awards.

Winner of the most prestigious award for Sales, Service and Customer Satisfaction was Maconachie's Winnebago. Located at Nowra in NSW, they are one of the original dealer's in the Winnebago Dealer network.

Australian Motor Homes, located at Newcastle in NSW, won the Volume Dealer Award. The most improved Dealer in Sales, Service and Customer Satisfaction was North Coast Motorhomes located on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, while Parklands Winnebago of Western Australia won the Winnebago Encouragement Award for the greatest increase in sales for 2001.

Congratulations to all the Award winners – Winnebago Dealer's are pushing the standard of sales and service within the Motorhome Industry to new heights.

Also, a special thanks to Dick Johnson. Dick is the owner of a Ford Explorer, which has a dual role. During his busy racing schedule, the Explorer is headquarters for his Racing Team. Outside this schedule, Dick uses the Explorer to relax and to enjoy some of the great travel opportunities Australia has to offer.



Peter Maconachie, owner of Maconachie's Winnebago, (right) receiving his award from Dick Johnson.



Geoff Bithrey (left) and Ron Warden (right), owners of Australian Motor Homes, being presented with their award.



Tony Roche (left), owner of North Coast Motorhomes receiving his Award.



Mike Humble (right), owner of Parkland Winnebago, being presented with his Award.

BARNESTORMING OZ FOR KIDS CANCER RESEARCH

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES

The tiny town of Binnaway, located in north - western New South Wales, is the home to Ray Barnes, a man with a passion.

Ray and his wife Marjorie unfortunately lost their 33 year old son, Warren, to leukaemia in 1999. Warren left a wife and three young children, one only 12 months old. The family was shocked, as Warren had died only one month after being diagnosed. At 33, he still had a lot to live for.

Ray wondered what he could do to stop other families going through the same trauma as his family. Slowly an idea developed - to ride a mower around Australia and to raise funds along the way for cancer research.

Riding a mower would be unusual enough to attract attention to his cause and to ensure fund raising would be effective. He was strongly supported by friends and after addressing the Coonabarabran Rotary Club – the Club agreed to support Ray with his project. The Club had just completed 50 years of successful community service, and the 30 members were keen to support such a project.

It turned out to be a massive operation. The journey would cover nearly 16,000 kilometres travelling on key highways and take about five months to complete. They would require support vehicles, plus a dedicated team to assist Ray. All funds raised would be donated to the Children's Cancer Institute of Australia.

Coonabarabran Rotary Club approached Winnebago Industries to supply a support vehicle. Winnebago enthusiastically agreed to sponsor the event – supplying a Winnebago Leisure Seeker motorhome for the duration of the event.

Two members of the Rotary Club, John Sawyer and Lindsay Wilkin picked up the motorhome from the Winnebago Factory.

"We were amazed at how luxurious the Winnebago motorhome was. It is better than being at home – the Winnebago is fully air conditioned and there are no lawns to mow!" said John with a smile on his face.

The fund raising started on July 1st, and has been supported by Rotary Clubs around Australia. The group headed first to Queensland, then through the Northern Territory to Western Australia, then to South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales.

Congratulations to all involved. More importantly, many hundreds of thousands of dollars were raised.

Overall, the team were also rapt with their Winnebago. "It is the ideal vehicle for our trip around Australia. We are also very impressed with the fuel economy," said Dick Brown, the project co-ordinator.



Ben Binns (left) presenting the motorhome to John Sawyer And Lindsay Wilkin

Congratulations to Tynan R.V

MTA 2001 DEALER OF THE YEAR

The Motor Traders Association recently held their 2001 Industry Awards. The Awards are designed to encourage and foster a more efficient and professional Motor Vehicle Industry.

And congratulations to Tynan RV – they won the prestigious Metropolitan Associated Industries Member of the Year Award. This Award recognises outstanding retailing, customer service and community involvement by an MTA member.

Located at Miranda, south of Sydney, Tynan RV is one of eight Winnebago Dealerships throughout Australia. With sales of new and used product, accessories, as well as having an executive hire fleet, Tynan RV provide a one stop shop for anyone interested in motorhomes. They were also very active in the Olympics and Para Olympic Games – providing support motorhomes for the Torch Relay and the Media.

Also to be congratulated is Michael Tynan, Dealer Principal of the Tynan Motor Group and currently President of the MTA. Michael received the MTA Member of the Year Award for his outstanding contribution to the Motoring Industry and for his Community involvement.

Owners Story - Vic & Joy Gillman

We caught up with Vic & Joy Gillman who are currently in Charleville in central Queensland having completed the Kidney Safari fundraiser.

Vic & Joy are from Woronora Heights in the southern suburbs of Sydney. Vic retired 3 years ago after 19 long and rewarding years working for the Anglican Home mission. And with the kids finally out of the house, they decided to buy their first motorhome, a Leisure Seeker. Immediately they were hooked. They sold their house and weekender, upgraded to a Winnebago Explorer, invested the rest, and hit the road permanently.

"We started out with a 4WD and Caravan at our first rally, but to be honest we felt safer when we got the motorhome. You can just jump in the drivers seat and go. We've had it customised to include a hatch in the back for a foldaboat which I use for fishing. We've also got a few toys - electric fold up scooters which we keep under the bed and use to get around, an electric outboard motor under the lounge for the boat, and we just bought some metal detectors so we're keen to give them a go. We've also got some golf clubs but we've just been too busy.

We've been all over- 5 months in Tassie, and 16 months all up in Queensland. We drove down from Victoria across the Bight and saw 40 migrating whales. One gave birth, it was great. And we've been across to Perth to visit our daughter, and all around WA.

We've had so many different experiences. Once we were driving from Kalgoorlie to Uluru and we checked with the DMR who said it had been graded for 1500km. Well it was corrugated the whole way which was bit of a bumpy ride.

I have to say one of my favourite places was Arthur's Lake. It's in the middle of Tasmania, near Great Lake. We went fly fishing and we lived on trout for a week. We do like to bush camp. We've got 2 solar panels, 450 amp hours of battery, 2000 watt inverter, 3.6 KVA generator and 300 litres of water, 150 filtered, so we've always got drinking water and are quite self sufficient."

We went to the Griffith rally at the end of March and then down to Coleambly for the start of the Kidney Safari. It was organised by Gary Rebgetz, treasurer of the CMCA, who's had a kidney transplant himself for 10 years. Eighty-four motorhomes joined in. We wanted to let people know that we want their kidneys donated. People are dying and we need organs. One woman on the safari was on dialysis and is still waiting for a new kidney.

Towns people really welcomed us. We raised money through sponsorships and auctions and had a wonderful time. It was something new for them. From Coleambally, we followed the Kidman Way through Darlington Point, Rankin Springs, Cobar & Bourke. The Safari wound up in Charleville. We camped in the showground here and they were getting ready for their

Centenary Celebrations. They only had a fortnight to go so a few of us decided to stay on and pitch in and help, concreting and painting. We were the talk of the town. We've got the time so why not. We've been working our butts off. The Open Day's on Sunday so its all been worthwhile. But that's what life's about- helping people.

When we meet people we exchange business cards and record where we've met them.

It's a great way to keep in touch. We've been to a few rallies, Forbes, Griffith, Marabee, & Alice Springs for example. We got to the Alice Springs rally a few days early and stayed on 1 million acres, helping to restore a heritage house. It's amazing how much work is around doing odd jobs

We've also stayed on a cattle mustering station, a 232 million square mile property, and house sat while they went mustering which was a great experience.

We love the lifestyle. We've met beautiful people. Wherever you are you're at home. If you don't like your neighbours, you move on. Everyone mows your grass and looks after your garden for you, and everyday is a different outlook.

From here we're going up to Cairns as my wife hasn't been there before. We're having fun just following the sun."



Vic & Joy Gillman and their Explorer

HANDY HINTS

- **Air conditioner(s)**-Remove and clean filter with warm water and soap. Dry and reinstall.
- **Battery**-Every 90 days fill battery with water (unless a sealed battery) and clean top and connections with soda or baking soda and water to remove acid.
- **Bench Tops**-Clean with a mild detergent or suitable cleaning product.
- **Upholstery**-Vacuum and brush away loose dirt; clean spills and stains while fresh.
- **Floor Coverings**-Clean as necessary. Vacuum carpets often.
- **Hinges**-Inspect and lubricate with light household oil periodically.
- **Vinyl Ceiling/Wall Panels**-clean with mild soap and damp sponge as needed.

Introducing the Ford Explorer

The Most Powerful Motorhome in it's Class



One of the most popular "A Class" motorhomes in Australia is the Winnebago Ford Explorer. It is a powerful, yet economical motorhome – built on a Ford motorhome chassis. Inside it is pure luxury, with incredible space and comfort.

The Explorer offers four models in the range. There are two 8.59 metre units (27 foot) and two 9.75 metre units (31 foot) produced by Winnebago. Powered by a 6.8 litre Triton V10 engine, the engine gives excellent performance, with great fuel economy. All units are dual fuel, both petrol and LPG. The Explorer is also easy to drive, having automatic transmission with enhanced electronic controls. The 8.59 metre units require a LR license, while the 9.75 unit requires a MR license – both of which are simple to obtain. Safety is a key consideration with the Explorer, with disc brakes front and back, incorporating a 4 wheel anti-lock braking system.

The exterior walls, floor and roof are all bonded five piece construction – designed for strength, light weight and durability. The use of tubular aluminium frame in the walls and roof, steel framework in the floor and the unique bonding process used, makes the construction of each Explorer the strongest possible. The medallion fibreglass skin on the exterior gives the best possible finish available in the market place.

Inside, the Explorer, the living area is extremely roomy and comfortable. With ducted roof air and dash air conditioning, luxury swivel chairs, a complete entertainment unit – combined with a luxury kitchen and separate bedroom, the interior will suit the most fastidious person.

Dick Johnson, the Australian Racing Car Legend, uses a Ford Explorer for work and pleasure. "The Explorer is my type of vehicle. It is so luxurious, I have five star accommodation wherever I go. The Triton V10 engine gives me the power needed in any situation. Yet, I still get great fuel economy. On petrol, I average 24 litres per 100 kilometres – which is better fuel economy than friends I know that travel by 4WD and caravan. And when I switch to LPG, the economy improves dramatically with little loss of power."

For further information on the 2002 Ford Explorer, contact your nearest Winnebago Dealer.

WINNEBAGO SUPPORTS SIDS

Winnebago and motorhome owners from all around Australia joined forces recently at the Canberra Rally, to help support a worthwhile and much needed charity - SIDS ACT.

The Fund Raiser was at the recent CMCA Rally held at Exhibition Park in Canberra - from September 15th to September 23rd. More than 650 motorhomes and their owners attended the Rally, taking over all of the Exhibition Park grounds. Winnebago had a large display of new motorhomes near the main hall. On the Friday of the Rally, a BBQ lunch was held on the Winnebago Stand to raise money for SIDS ACT. All motorhome owners were invited to attend, with more than 400 people attending. Winnebago supplied the food and drinks, while SIDS ACT manned the BBQ. All people attending the BBQ were asked to donate a gold coin, with \$350 being raised. Bruce Binns, the Managing Director of Winnebago Industries, then matched the money raised bringing the total funds raised on the day to \$700. The much needed and appreciated funds will be used to help fund education and family services operated by SIDS in the Australian Capital Territory.

SIDS (Sudden Death Infant Syndrome), is a charity offering support services for those affected by the sudden death of a child. It is reliant on fundraising activities, and community support to help provide bereavement and counselling services to families, and to fund medical



research and publications. Their highly successful Reducing the Risks Community Education campaign has resulted in a reduction in SIDS deaths by 75% in the last 10 years. SIDS ACT alone has saved 65 Canberra babies lives since 1990 through their education program. SIDS runs many activities and events Australia wide to raise funds throughout the year in addition to Red Nose Day, so if you'd like to find out more about how you can support SIDS visit their website at www.sidsaustralia.org.au.

The BBQ and interaction afterwards was only part of a fantastic week at the Rally. It was great to catch up with Winnebago owners from all over the country. Thanks to all the Rally attendees who supported the fundraiser and a special thanks to CMCA, the Rally Organisers.

NOW OPEN

THE WINNEBAGO SERVICE CENTRE

Your Winnebago motorhome is an investment and needs to be kept in top condition.

So why not have your next service or repairs completed at the new Winnebago Service Centre at Emu Plains? It is the largest and most modern motorhome service and repair facility in Australia.

Located in the Winnebago factory plant at Emu Plains, the Service Centre is completely separate from the manufacturing section. It has five extremely large service bays and has the capacity to service up to five Classic Winnebago's – all at once.

The Centre is managed by Tony Toohill, who will ensure all repairs and servicing is of the highest standard.

All types of Winnebago motorhomes can be serviced – from the Winnebago Classic to the compact Freeway.



To keep your Winnebago motorhome in peak performance, a regular service every six months is recommended.

Special hydraulic jacks enable all motorhomes to be raised to a suitable height for underbody inspection and repairs. Raised walkways ensure easy access to walls and roof areas to facilitate servicing and repairs.

Winnebago recommends that your motorhome body be serviced every 10,000 kilometres or 6 months. But please book in advance to avoid delays. Just ring (02) 4735 8116 to book. The Service Centre can also complete any type of repairs to the motorhome body. Again, just ring the service number to confirm your booking.

If you are in the Sydney Region and need a service check or repairs, stop in – Tony and his staff will be only too happy to help. And while your vehicle is being serviced, enjoy the comfort of our Service Retreat – with its comfortable lounges, coffee making and video facilities.

YOUR ONE STOP SHOP FOR SPARE PARTS & ACCESSORIES

Winnebago Industries has now opened a Spare Parts and Accessory Centre at the Emu Plains Complex.

The Centre has spare parts for all Winnebago RV's and a huge selection of accessories - with the Centre being totally dedicated to motorhomes accessories. Contact Don Doney, the Centre's manager, for any accessories you may need to upgrade your "Winnie" and make your motorhome travels more enjoyable.

Members of the CMCA will receive a 10% discount on all purchases made at the Centre – just present your Membership card to receive the discount.

Any of the accessories sold can also be fitted on site. Just contact the Service Centre to confirm a time.



If you are travelling or living Interstate, Winnebago have an Australia wide network of authorised Winnebago Dealers who can thoroughly service your motorhome. Refer below for your nearest Winnebago Dealer.

Winnebago Dealers

Australian Motorhomes

31 Pacific Highway
Bennetts Green NSW 2290
Ph: 02 4948 0433
Web: www.australianmotorhomes.com.au

Maconachies

Cnr North & East Streets
Nowra NSW 2541
Ph: 02 4421 7333
Web: www.maconachies.com.au

Brisbane Motor Camper Centre

3940 Pacific Highway
Loganholme QLD 4129
Ph: 07 3801 2045
Web: www.motorcamper.com.au

Skippy Winnebago

1297 South Road
St Mary's SA 5042
Ph: 08 8277 9966
Web: www.skippy.com.au

Tynan RV

1 Kiora Road
Miranda NSW 2228
Ph: 02 9545 8658
Email: tynanrv@tynan.com.au

Robert's RV World

1602 Hume Highway
Campbellfield Vic 3061
Ph: 03 9357 4555
Web: www.rvworld.com.au

North Coast Motorhomes

248 Nicklin Way
Warana QLD 4575
Ph: 07 5493 4699
Web: www.northcoastmotorhomes.com.au

Parkland Winnebago

1287 Albany Highway
Cannington WA 6107
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