

# ARB 4X4 ACTION

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*With the year already half over, ARB is busy on a number of projects to increase our product range. This newsletter not only includes all ARB's newly released products, but also incorporates news from recent 4x4 events and a feature on the Drive Around The World expedition. So sit back, have a good read and find out what the 4WDing world has been up to.*



## *New ARB Bull Bar for 75, 78 & 79 Series Toyota LandCruiser*

ARB has just brought out a redesigned deluxe bull bar and winch bar to suit 75, 78 & 79 Series LandCruisers from 1985 onwards.

The new bar has been restyled to incorporate an improved approach angle and enhanced appearance and is

packed with features for increased practicality. One of the highlights is the Hi-Lift jack apertures in the lower pan meaning a Hi-Lift jack can be used directly on the bar without a mounting bracket. There is also provision for forged recovery hooks under the chassis

brackets and the winch bar will accommodate a Warn winch up to 12,000lbs. The functionality of the bar can be further increased with the added option of CB aerials and IPF lights.



## NEW Safari Snorkels



Whether you're negotiating a water crossing or driving along a dusty Outback road, a snorkel can give your vehicle's engine the protection it needs from dust, debris and water ingestion. New Safari snorkels are now available from ARB to fit the Ford F250, F350 and the Toyota LandCruiser Prado 120.

The snorkel for the Ford is now the biggest snorkel in the range, fitting V8 diesel vehicles from 2001 on. As with the entire Safari range, this snorkel is well styled and exceptionally

engineered to suit these large engines and their thirst for clean air.

The snorkel for the petrol Prado has an identical body to that of the diesel version but incorporates different hardware to accommodate the V6 air intake system. It features the same high quality design and construction as that of the Ford snorkel mentioned above, with an air ram that correctly channels away rain water.

## Ron Moon's Guide to 4WDing DVD

The popular video, 'Ron Moon's Guide to 4WDing', is now available on DVD. With a running time of 68 minutes, it features a whole host of useful information including vehicle preparation, driving in different conditions (sand, snow, mud, hills, rivers), towing, recovery and much more. Presented by Outback legend, Ron Moon, this DVD remains a timeless guide for both those new to 4WDing or anyone planning a trip to remote parts.

### NISSAN NAVARA DUAL CAB & SINGLE CAB

## 4x4 Side Rails & Steps

Available now for the 4x4 Nissan Navara dual & single cab 2002 on models, are ARB's full-length traditional side rails and steps. With chassis mounting in three locations for added strength, they will not only protect your vehicle from rocks and debris but also make it easier to enter the vehicle. Finished in a satin black powder coat and featuring aluminium chequer plate tops for added grip, they are a practical and appealing feature and come with the option to colour code.

# LEGENDARY *Outback Expedition*

In early April, the very first Legendary Outback Expedition departed from Port Augusta on a 16 day 4WDing adventure headed for Burketown. Led by Ron Moon, a total of 19 vehicles completed the trip, including ARB competition winner, Phillip Duarte and his wife, Sandra.



Unfortunately for Phillip and Sandra, their trip did not get off to a great start, with their engine expiring before they left Melbourne. But thanks to Nissan and a lot of persistence on their part, the pair managed to meet up with the convoy on Easter Sunday in Innamincka (complete with a new engine).

Despite missing the first part of the trip, Phillip and Sandra still had a fantastic time, meeting Ron Moon,

learning more about 4WDing and Australia and seeing parts of the Outback not accessible to most. According to Phillip, the highlight of the trip was crocodile spotting at 2am and the early morning sunrises. The combination of great weather, the Australian Outback and a friendly group of 4WD enthusiasts made the trip a huge success. For more information about the trip, grab a copy of the July and August issues of 4x4 Australia.

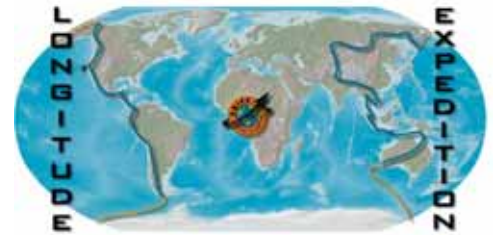
## NEW Plastic 20L Fuel Container



Styled like a traditional jerry can, a new 20-litre fuel container is now available. 465mm high, 345mm long and 195mm wide, it fits in normal jerry can holders including those made by Kaymar. The fuel container is red, and also comes with a Wedco 45mm screw closure, pour neck, breather cap and O-ring gaskets for your convenience.



# Driving Towards a Good Cause



Parkinson's disease is a progressive, degenerative, neurological condition that affects the control of body movements. It is estimated that 1-2 people in every 1000 are affected by the disease, with the majority of sufferers being over the age of 50. While there is currently no known cure for the disease, nine US adventurers have come up with a creative idea to help raise money to find one.

Drive Around The World is an inspirational journey that aims to not only raise money for the Parkinson's Institute, but also increase awareness and educate people all over the world about the disease. With each member of the team having been touched by Parkinson's in some way, they plan to circumnavigate the globe on a north/south axis, and hence will eventually drive around the world. Travelling in four Land Rovers, they will cross 34 countries and 50,000km in a period of nine months to complete this trip of a lifetime. The journey began in November 2003, with the team departing from San Francisco, California, to follow a route through South America, Australia, Asia, Eastern Europe and then back to America.

In order to raise awareness about the trip and share their experiences, the team has developed an internet site where they post regular journal entries to document the

trip. People from all over the world have been keeping in touch with the team via this website and not only learning about the trip and Parkinson's disease, but also about other countries and cultures. With a special focus on children's education, the site has been set up so kids can write in questions for the team members to answer. So far over 3000 questions have been asked with everything from 'What's your favourite place you have been?' to 'Have you wrestled a crocodile?'

Another element of the trip that is designed to increase awareness and education is the 'Take Me With You' ride-along program. Through this, journalists, researchers and other interested parties can apply to join the expedition for a leg of the journey to experience the thrill of adventure first hand. Over ten guests have joined the trip so far, with many more lined up.

With 60 companies (including ARB) supporting the expedition, 100% of funds raised will go directly to the Parkinson's Institute, a world class treatment centre in Sunnyvale, California. The four Land Rovers are well equipped with ARB gear including deluxe winch bull bars, Warn winches, ARB side steps and OME suspension components. Already there have been a number of





incidents where the bull bars have prevented extensive vehicle damage, including a collision in South America. When setting off on an expedition such as Drive Around The World, quality and reliability can't be compromised. "The best protection available is needed for a nine-month drive around the world, and ARB provides it..." (Nick Baggarry, Longitude Expedition Leader).

To find out where the team is and what they're up to, check out the website at [www.drivearoundtheworld.com](http://www.drivearoundtheworld.com). Through this, you can also make a donation to the Parkinson's Institute and view the latest pics and journal articles as well as plenty of information about the trip, the people involved and Parkinson's disease.



Photography by Neil Dana, Longitude Expedition



# DEREK BOYER

*Australia's Strongest Man*



When Australia's strongest man wanted to break the 'truck pulling world record', he went straight to his local ARB distributor for assistance. With the help of an ARB winch extension strap and an ARB tree trunk protector supplied by Hume Exhaust Towbars & 4WD, Derek Boyer of Albury managed to pull himself into the Guinness Book of Records.

Derek became the official World Record Holder on the 10th March, 2004, pulling a 32 tonne Freightliner Century class road train 30 metres in a minute with his bare hands. A crowd gathered to watch him complete his Guinness Book of Records attempt at Albury airport. This feat not only confirmed his title as Australia's strongest man, but also raised \$5000 for the Salvation Army. Congratulations to Derek for achieving this accomplishment for himself and his local charity.

# Outback Challenge 2004



This year's ARB Warn Outback Challenge was taken out for the second time by Steven Tjepkema and Steven Hudson from Melbourne. Now in its 6th year, the Outback Challenge was held from the 14th to the 22nd of May just outside Broken Hill. 49 teams, including two international entrants, competed in the yearly event that consists of no fewer than 19 stages. Depending on conditions, vehicles must be ready to deal with rocks, mud and sand, as well

as night stages. For seven days, they battled it out through very dry and dusty conditions in stages such as Hard Earned Thirst, Winch Wall, Air Locker Action and Cliffhanger. With only four vehicles retiring in total, the Outback Challenge was overall an enjoyable and successful event. Congratulations also goes to the winners of the Touring Class, Brian Petheybridge and Keith Seeber, for the second year running.



**1st Steven Tjepkema & Steven Hudson**

**2nd Bruce Hughes & Blair Howden**

**3rd Chris Hummer & Neil Cooper**

**4th Cass Jones & Brad Scott**

**5th Dallas Rundle & Brett Sawyer**



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