



EXPLORING QUEENSLAND INNOVAN

As much as I hate towing a trailer offroad, especially with the extra fuel consumption and diesel at Bramwell Junction on Cape York costing \$1.62/L, I must admit I'm reconsidering my stance.

I've just spent a month dragging one right around Queensland: from Brisbane to Fraser Island, to Cairns and Cape York, through outback Queensland to Birdsville then across the Simpson Desert to Poceppel Corner and back to Brisbane via Innamincka. At times I was ready to unhitch it, but the many benefits far outweighed the few drawbacks, so it stayed connected.

But, this was no ordinary trailer. It has a fantastic new design unlike anything you've ever seen before and I reckon it will change the face of 4WD touring forever. It's called Innovan and it's the brainchild of a Darling Downs grazier named Welby Davidson. Welby's been camping, 4WDing and fishing around South East Queensland for the past 30 years. He's always dreamed of making life on the road a more comfortable for his wife Marg and himself.

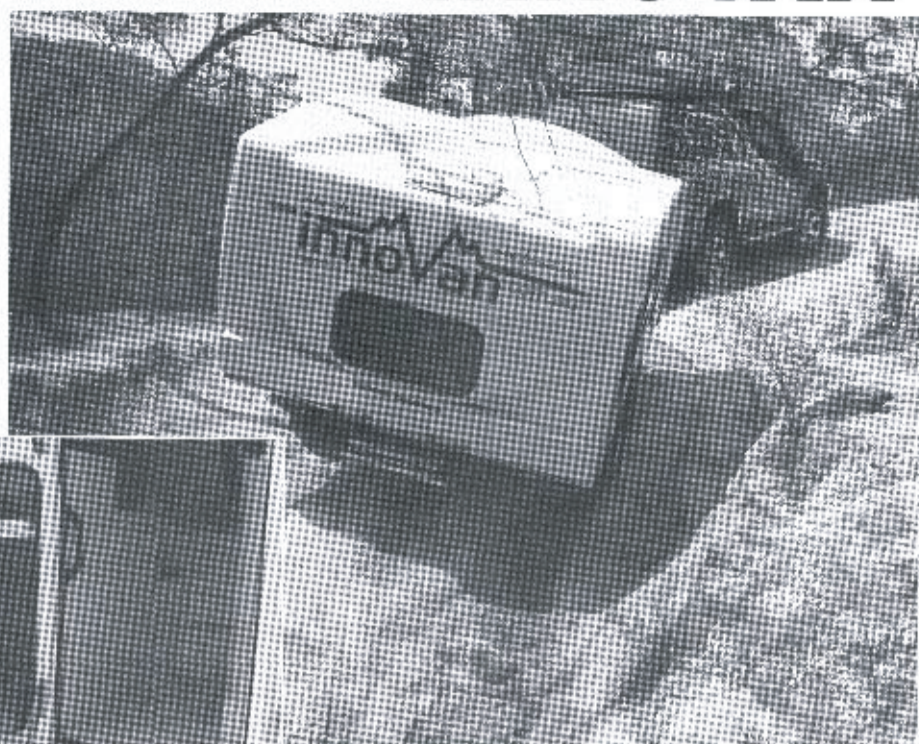
Welby's hand built

as there's no canvas, wet or windy weather makes absolutely no difference to how quickly you can be in bed after a long day behind the wheel.

Inside, the brilliant use of space and creature comforts are more like what you'd expect in a luxury motorhome than a camper trailer. Features such as roomy beds with very comfortable mattresses, a kitchen sink with hot and cold water, gas stove, 85L

fridge/freezer, low voltage downlights, air-conditioning, clever dining area and ample storage make 'roughing it in the wilderness' very comfortable indeed.

Outside, an ingenious self-supporting roll-out awning provides ample shelter for the alfresco kitchen which features its own gas stove, sink and BBQ. The outside bathroom hatch has hot and cold running water through a basin and showerhead as

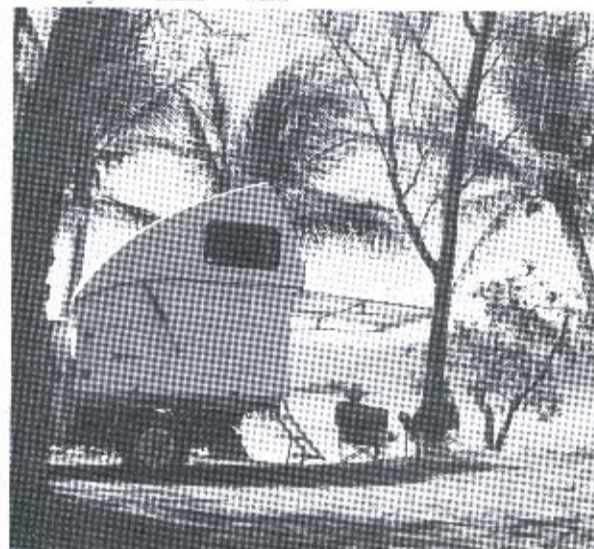


Above: The independent airbag suspension made towing the Innovan Trailer along the Overland Telegraph Line Track, Cape York a breeze.

Below: Large beds with thick comfortable mattresses ensure a good night's sleep after a hard day behind the wheel.



The alfresco kitchen with sink, stove and BBQ is an ideal fish-prep area.



The quick and easy set up means you spend more time enjoying your getaway.

several prototypes over the years improving the design with each new version and with input from his industrial designer son Neil (with 5 Australian Design Awards to his credit), he has created an awesome product that will send shivers down the spine of many camper trailer, motorhome and caravan manufacturers.

Innovan is a composite fibreglass clamshell style camper available as either a slide-on unit suitable for a 2WD or 4WD utility or as a trailer.

Living out of an Innovan for a month and camping at a new location every night, I liked the speed of set up (and pack up) the most. It takes less than 30 seconds for one person and

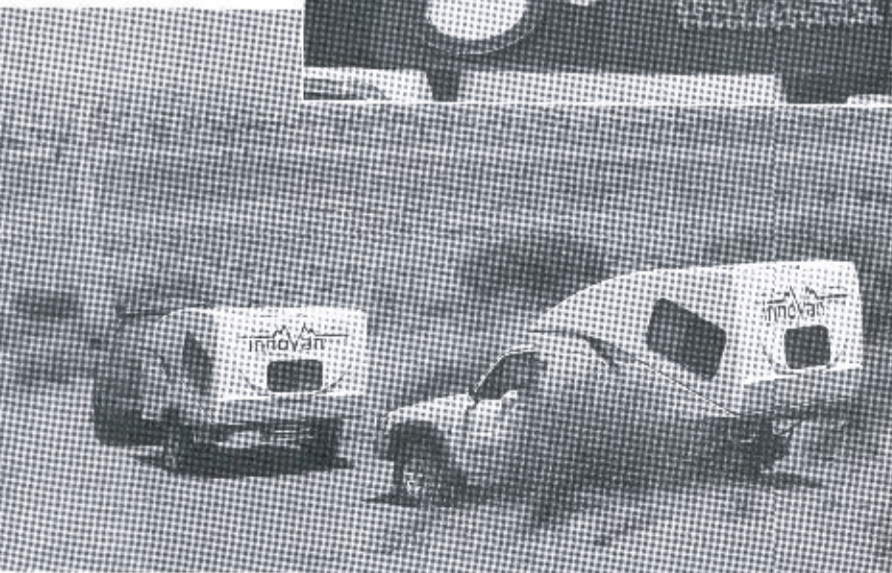
well as a filtered drinking water outlet. Again, the ease and speed of set-up are very impressive.

Another clever feature that copped a real workout during our trip was the independent airbag suspension that allows you to quickly and easily level the Innovan no matter what

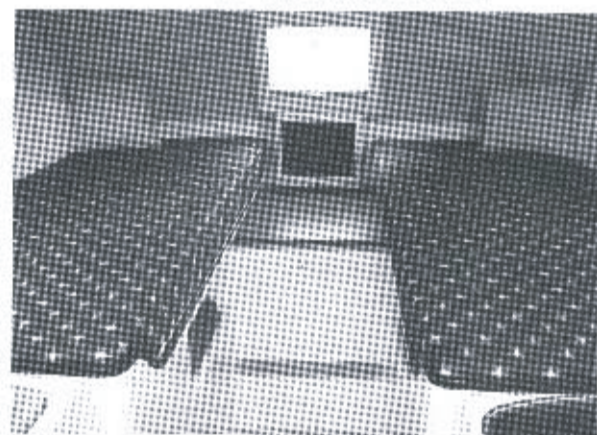
you're parked on.

After a 10,000km torture test through some of Queensland's most demanding terrain, I'm very impressed with Innovan and I'm sure you will be too.

If you'd like to find out more about this innovative new camper, check out www.innovan.com.au.



Heading into the remote wilderness of the Simpson Desert (with all the comforts of home). Inset above: An amazing use of a very limited space provides all you need to live a comfortable life 'on (or off) the road'.



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