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Hi Folks,

As we approach Christmas after a full season of Tagalong Tours, it's time to send a short cheerio note to all our friends.

This year we conducted four Tours up to Cape York, and each trip was enjoyed by all the 4WD adventurers who made the journey with us. They came from all parts of Australia, as well as a family of four from The Netherlands, and a couple who shipped their vehi-



ton, a Jeep Cherokee, a Chevy Silverado and a 1976 Land Rover that made the journey with us in 2010.

We enjoyed fine weather for the most part, with only a few showers occasionally settling the dust. The Old Telegraph Track lived up to its reputation during the year and provided its usual fun and excitement. Palm Creek was the worst of the water crossings that we had to encounter with a few vehicles needing assistance in order to get out of there. With careful driving, we were able to navigate most of the other crossings without incident.

safely at our campsite that night, and finally got to relax under the stars.

There were many special moments during the year that will stand out in the memories of our 4WD travellers. There was the spectacular dance of the two Jabirus, catching fish in the shallows off the beach at Weipa. We will also never forget the large 4 metre saltwater crocodile that we were able



cle across from New Zealand.

Most of the vehicles were owner driven, but a few hired their 4WDs when they arrived in Cairns. We had a variety of makes represented on the tours with Land Cruisers, Patrols and Hiluxes being the most popular. As well as those we had, a Mitsubishi Tri-

Although, on one of the tours, Scrubby Creek near Eliot Falls became a bit of a challenge after we had arrived there after dark. Some of the vehicles had to be towed across, which provided plenty of excitement. However, we all managed to arrive

to get close enough to see in Lakefield NP. The list goes on, but if you haven't been up here yet, you will just have to come to the Cape and see for yourself.



Cape York Tours

07.06.11—20.06.11

05.07.11—18.07.11

02.08.11—15.08.11

30.08.11—12.09.11

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The build-up to the wet season is now underway and all the weather



experts predict that we are in for a big wet. This will be a bonus for our tours next year as the rivers and creeks in the Cape will still be flowing through the winter months and everything will be green and lush for eve-



ryone to enjoy. The waterholes and lagoons in Lakefield National Park will be covered in thousands of beautiful

Simpson Desert Tour 12.05.11-21.05.11

pink and white lilies. The causeways and waterfalls will be overflowing, especially at Eliot Falls and Fruit Bat Falls where we always stop for a refreshing swim



We had to cancel the Simpson Desert tour in May, due to the flooding out through Western Queensland and South Australia. The Gulf Savannah Tour was also cancelled in October, but we have scheduled more trips next year and we hope they will go ahead as planned.

We have been involved in discussions during the year regarding the future of the Cape, in relation to Wild Rivers legislation and also the proposal for World Heritage Listing. The common held view is that there is still much more consultation to take place, in relation to the long



Gulf Savannah Tour 19.10.11-28.10.11

term management of this beautiful and spectacular part of Northern Australia.

Bookings for Cape York Tagalong Tours are strong for 2011, so if you are



considering taking the trip of a lifetime, you had better get cracking, as spaces fill up very quickly over the next couple of months.

All the best for the Festive Season, and we hope to see you somewhere in the bush in 2011.

Cheers

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