

CIL launches motorhome insurance cover

CIL, recognised as Australia's leading caravan insurer for more than 40 years, has moved into the motorhome insurance market with the recent launch of its Secure Motorhome Insurance product.

While CIL has in the past provided motorhome insurance as an extension of its caravan insurance policy, this new product has been specifically designed for motorhome owners as a 'stand-alone' policy with unique and added benefits.

When designing the new product, CIL took into consideration

customer feedback at caravan shows, and looked at extensive research on people's changing needs, particularly as today's motorhomes are fitted with many additional features.

CIL believes its extensive experience in the RV industry places it in the best position to help you to protect your investment.

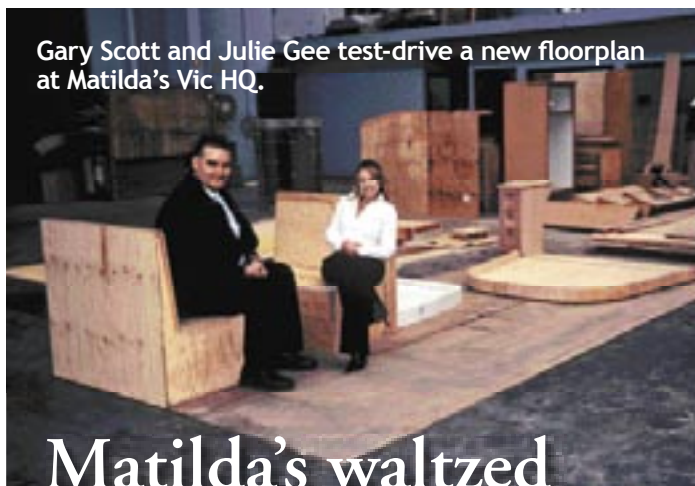
Motorhome owners are taking more personal possessions with them when travelling and CIL provides cover up to \$2000 for jewellery, watches and photographic equipment, and \$1000 automatic

contents cover. Even bicycles are covered, for up to \$300.

Other benefits of the CIL policy provided at no additional cost include: full replacement of your motorhome if it's a total loss and less than a year old; an allowance for hiring a vehicle if your motorhome is stolen or involved in an accident that isn't your fault; payment of reasonable costs to help you and your passengers get home if your motorhome cannot be driven following an accident; \$20m motorhome legal liability and \$20m personal legal liability cover.

CIL's motorhome policy also includes a \$200 basic excess, alternative accommodation expenses following an accident or loss, and collection or delivery of your motorhome after repairs. You can pay your premium by the month at no extra cost.

CIL has friendly, experienced staff dedicated to providing you with the right level of support. Its national tollfree claims hotline means you have the assurance of being protected wherever you travel in Australia. Call CIL free on 1800 112 481 for more details.



Gary Scott and Julie Gee test-drive a new floorplan at Matilda's Vic HQ.

Matilda's waltzed

A change of ownership has meant a major relocation for Matilda Motorhomes, swapping the heady atmosphere of Cairns in north Qld for the much cooler climes of Campbellfield, the heart of RV manufacture in Melbourne's north west.

Coming into the Tas-based fibreglass manufacturer Ron Gee Enterprises group, Matilda also has some new faces, including finance director Julie Gee, daughter of Ron. Along with general manager Gary Scott and lead cabinetmaker Udo Henning, Julie is relishing the new start for the luxury motorhome brand.

"Access to the rest of the country is better for us here in Victoria, with suppliers and

staff readily to hand," Julie told MHG, "and the fibreglass bodies of the motorhomes are shipped across from Tasmania, so there are many pluses."

As the team settles in a gradual evolution of the layouts and designs will take place. "We're concentrating on making incremental changes towards making the layouts as good as they can be," said Gary.

"Quality is a culture here at Matilda and our dealer network and customers expect us to deliver it," he went on. Second stage manufacture compliance is also in process.

Call Matilda Motorhomes on (03) 9308 9552, www.matildamotorhomes.com.au

Health safari on wheels

Currently travelling around Australia, the Rotary Health Safari is raising awareness and understanding of mental illness and depression.

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF), which this year celebrates its 25th anniversary, has set up the six-month safari as an ongoing project to help Australians become more aware of mental illness and hopefully reduce the stigma that surrounds that illness.

Part of this is beyondblue, a national Australian depression initiative supported by high-profile people such as former Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett and is designed to help not only people who have depression but also those who care for them.

Winnebago is one of the prime sponsors for the safari and has donated a 31ft Explorer motorhome. The Explorer has been set up as a mobile information centre and, among other things, has interactive computer screens using beyondblue programs which are designed to help people identify depression and anxiety. Book and mapping expert Hema Maps is also an active sponsor.

Around Australia, local Rotary clubs are assisting in the venture by setting up local information centres in capital cities and regional areas, when the travelling Winnebago arrives.

The safari will visit many country centres, where rural people with depression face

special challenges such as isolation and difficulty accessing services.

For precise details of where the safari will be, visit www.arhmf.org.au/safari for dates and locations.

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