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Fibreglass, Classifieds & More

Special points of interest:

- *Kenilworth Show Grounds*
- *Harold Timmer, Elvacraft, Fibreglass*
- *March Special; Weight Distribution Kits*
- *Classifieds*

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Welcome to our March Newsletter! In this months issue we have a special section written by Harold Timmer from Elvacraft about fibreglass repairs.

Harold is an excellent fibreglasser, his work is always done to a level of perfection and he will go out of his way to make his work the best it can be. Harold has been working for us on fibreglass caravans now for many years, but he also works on so much more.

To all of those who own

a fibreglass caravan, hopefully you will find Harold's article informative.

Also this month, Bruce has written about their weekend at Kenilworth Show grounds. Kenilworth is a great place to stay, especially for those seeking a quiet weekend away without having to travel too far.

We have dedicated one section this month to congratulate Jackson from our workshop for his latest achievement. Well done Jackson!

Look out... we have

weight distribution kits on special this month. Check out page 5 for more details!

Well, seems that's all from me for another month. Hope everyone enjoys this issue, if there is ever something you want to know more about, please let us know!

Happy Travels!

Letitia Twist

Editor In Chief



A Word From Our Service Manager By Adam Twist

Its nearly the time of year again for rugging up and cranking the heaters. The temperature seems to have dropped so quickly already at night, we may be in for a good winter this year. In preparation of the upcoming colder months, I have discounted the prices of the Truma Gas

and Diesel Heaters. For a great deal on the heaters and installation, come in and see me to get yours installed ready for winter!

I would also like to say congratulations to our very own Jackson on his recent achievement

at the Acclaim Annual Awards night, well done mate!

Hope you're enjoying the great weather we have been having, look forward to seeing you again soon.

Adam Twist
 Service Manager

Your Questions About Fibreglass Repairs Answered

By Harold Timmer—Elvacraft

1. What are Gelcoat Repairs?

Some surface scratches can be buffed out of Gelcoat with polishing compound, but deep scratches must be filled. When the Gelcoat surrounding a scratch is in good condition, the filler of choice is Gelcoat paste, which provides both filler and finish in a single application-but not a single step. First the area needs to be prepared before any gelcoat can be applied. Because the surface of the cured paste will be uneven, sanding and polishing are required.



1 Before (front panel)



2. After (front panel)

2. What is the hardest part of the process?

The hardest part of a repair to the surface of a fibreglass boat is matching the colour. Professionals who do Gelcoat repairs daily still have difficulty getting a perfect match. Even "factory" colours don't match exactly after a boat has been in the sun for a few years. White has the significant advantage of being fairly easy to match, and once a small repair is buffed out to a gloss, shading differences will be unnoticeable.

3. My van/boat has gone milky looking. What can I do?

Like everything else your boat/caravan will need maintenance on the outside too, to keep it in top shape. Unfortunately in our part of the world the harsh Australian climate is tough on the Gelcoat finish of vans and boats. The best insurance to keep it looking it's best is to either store it in a shed/garage or have a cover made for it. If it has gone too far and needs some extra TLC, then Harold can advise you what can be done. Generally it will require some good old fashioned elbow grease and using some high grade products.



ELVACRAFT

Do you just do boats?

No, we do everything fibreglass, including cars, swimming pools, caravans, motor homes and household fixtures. From floors to transoms, alterations, marine moulders, GRP fuel tanks and insurance work we can repair most fibreglass products. That is why we are the preferred contractor to the Caloundra Coast Guard.

Kenilworth Show Grounds

By Bruce Beausang

The last weekend of February saw Jenny and I heading out with our ACC branch 'Family Firesiders' to the Kenilworth Showgrounds. The showgrounds are within walking distance of the township and are reasonably priced. There are \$1 coin slot showers available and the sites available are powered or un-powered.

We had lunch at the pub—almost more food than we could eat, visited my cousin Lena at the Cheese Factory where they have taste samples and a large variety of cheeses, yoghurts, and local goods for purchase. Saturday afternoon I enjoyed watching the local game of cricket being played at the grounds while savouring an ice cold beverage.

Of interest as a caravan repairer, was the blasé attitude taken to the signs around the ground advising of the hazards of cricket balls during the cricket season if you choose to park against the oval boundary fence. No vans were injured this weekend, but the potential is certainly there. I had to smile at one caravanner when I mentioned to him that he was in a danger zone on the boundary, when he responded very seriously that "a cricket ball won't hurt my Sunland". Those Sunland's must be well built hey. Anyhow its a great place to stay for a nice weekend away locally. Just make sure you call into the cheese factory, they really are the best cheeses in Australia in my humble and unbiased opinion.

To stay at the showground's contact:

C & O HASSALL PH 54460131

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So, if you are interested in receiving our newsletter via email monthly, please complete either of the online sign ups or come in and see us.

Plus, follow us on facebook for regular updates on products, specials, camping trips & more.

CONGRATULATIONS Jackson!

Jackson has been an apprentice with us for the last 2 years completing his Cert 3 in Automotive Manufacturing. We are proud to announce he has recently won the Advanced Training Award at the Acclaim annual awards night. Congratulations Jackson, well done!



Classifieds

REGENT MAYFAIR 2000 17FT
Pop-top. Twin beds, Solar panels, new battery, air con. Tare 1385.
Immaculate condition. \$18000.00 PH
Colin 0415 676 812

This section is only provided 'free of charge' to our customers whom have recently had their caravan through our workshop to have safety & gas certificates carried out. Any information provided in an ad has come direct from the seller and is in no relation to Suncoast Caravan Service. Suncoast Caravan Service does not sell caravans and will not be involved regarding the sale of a caravan through this section. Suncoast Caravan Service does not warrant any van advertised in this section. This section is strictly a free opportunity for our customers to advertise their caravans on a month by month basis.

*****MARCH SPECIALS MADNESS—Weight Distribution Kits*****



EAZ LIFT

600 Series 272kg (No Shank)

RRP \$439.00
NOW \$400.00

800 Series 363kg (No Shank)

RRP \$481.95 **NOW \$450.00**



CTC EQUALISER TOWING KIT

2 Bar Equalizer Kit

RP \$112.00 **NOW \$100.00**

4 Bar Equalizer Kit

RRP \$175.00 **NOW \$160.00**



Note: Specials only for the month of March 2014. No other discount applies.

Just a few of our fantastic suppliers



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From left to right; Adam Twist (Service Manager), Letitia Twist *nee* Beausang (Office Admin), Bruce Beausang (Owner/Director), Hayden Beausang (12v, solar, appliance specialist), Jenny Beausang (Owner/Office Admin).

Say hello to our friend:

The logo for Elva Craft is presented in a vertical rectangular format. At the top, it says "GELCOAT SPECIALIST" in white on a dark blue background, with "since 1977" in smaller white text below it. In the center is a line drawing of a motorboat. Below the boat, the name "ELVA CRAFT" is written in a large, stylized, serif font, with the tagline "Specialising in Fibreglass" in a smaller, italicized font underneath. A red horizontal line separates this from a list of services: "• Gelcoat Repairs • Floors", "• Marine Moulders • Transoms", "• Detailing • Alterations", and "• Insurance Work • Mobile Service". At the bottom, the contact information "P: 5493 4437 M: 0412 844 434" is displayed in white on a dark blue background, with "Wurtulla" written in a smaller font below it.

Since 1977 Harold Timmer has been offering a service rarely found anywhere else. With years of experience in Europe, the United Kingdom and Australia. He is seen as the wizard of Gelcoat repairs and a specialist in this field. The services provided are not restricted to boats and include swimming pools, caravans and all things fibreglass.

The quality of the work is second to none with many businesses also using Harold and Elva Craft as their preferred fibreglass repair specialist. Harold always goes the extra mile to make sure that his clients are 100% happy and guarantees all his work. Before you have anything done, call Harold first!

Elva Craft are fibreglass repair specialists and also do:

*Floor repairs (boats) *Transoms (boats) *Alterations/repairs to boats and caravans and motor homes *Marine moulders *GRP fuel tanks *Insurance Work *Mobile service