

THE HARD YARDS WITH ALLAN GRAY

Allan Gray from Terrain Tamer has driven his fair share of old trucks. As the head mechanic for Terrain Tamer, he's no stranger to the spanners and knows exactly what it takes to make any 4WD go the distance. Allan was only too happy to pass on some of his very own secrets behind keeping his trucks humming along.

"My experiences with LandCruisers are like a story of my life. I spent a lot of time with my brother's Land Rover before seeing the light and purchasing my first 4WD, a Toyota LandCruiser. It was an FJ45V, the early station wagon model. The Toyota bug bit good and proper, and from there it was a series of Toyotas, I even owned a rear-engine six-cylinder HiAce for off-road racing, followed by a 350 Chev rear-engine FJ45.

"However, the secret to the long life of all my vehicles, including my current 60 Series and 10 motorbikes, would have to be regular lubricant changes and immediate attention to any oil leaks, strange noises or changes in performance or operation.

"I also strongly believe that to understand some of the mechanics of a vehicle allows a driver to understand the stresses imposed on the unseen internals and develop a feel for the unit as a whole, which in turn can dramatically reduce the running costs."

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