

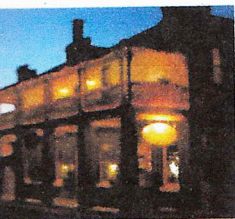
# GEAR

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## Bygone era

The township of Yea is a one hour and a half's drive from Melbourne and is home to the Yeapeppercorn Hotel. Driving through the region, you will stop in at the hotel for a meal at least. The food on offer is all made fresh on site. The dining room is complete with tables, old English oak tables and chairs. You will have more time on your trip in one of the beautiful rooms offer at the hotel.

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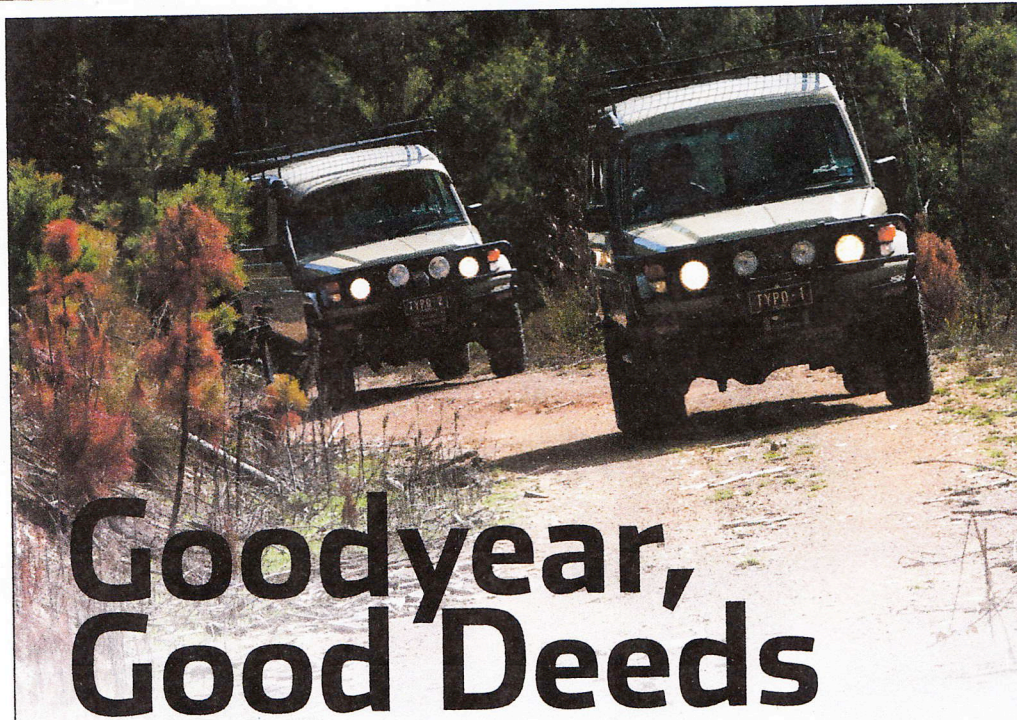
## Light Idea!

A convenient range of headlamps for everyday lighting needs, are easy to stow away. The feature easy to access push buttons in a range of lighting options. The Tikka (pictured) features two lighting modes whereas the Tikka Plus has four LEDs with three lighting modes for further versatility. The Tikka Plus has a high-output LED, one red LED for lighting modes (three continuous lighting) whereas the Tikka XP has a high-output LED, one red LED and five LEDs (three continuous and two wide angle lens).

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# Goodyear, Good Deeds

**EVOLVE** is an early-intervention charity. In other words, they get involved with young people who look like they might be headed for the darker side of life, and change the course of history before it's too late, a prevention is better than a cure approach which strikes a chord with us at *Overlander*. Evolve runs two Toyota Troopies, which are used for all manner of purposes at Typo Station, but in particular they are frequently loaded to the brim and used to transport the young people and all their camping gear into the High Country or Wyperfeld National Park for hiking adventures. Most readers will be able to understand how that sort of adventure builds the camaraderie, self-reliance and discovery that these young fellas probably never had much of a chance to experience before.

So when the hard workers at Evolve mentioned they were in need of new tyres for their Troopies we were glad to help, and they specified a strong tyre that could handle everything from bitumen to sand to the High Country, but not too aggressive. That was the same time Goodyear was releasing its new tyre range, which includes the all-terrain DuraTrac, which seemed like the ideal match.

The DuraTrac is a true all-terrain, not one of these pretenders that carries an AT badge but is really a road tyre. It has lugs on the side

for grip in deep mud, a rim protector and light-truck construction. Goodyear say their "tractive groove" technology showed a small but distinct traction improvement over a tyre without it, and the other improvements include a tread block cap compound to reduce tearing, plus an angled tread block design which gives a quieter tyre. So overall small but important steps forward, but the real test is supporting Evolve's daily work. We asked them for initial impressions, and it was positive; the tyres were deemed quiet and smooth, but it was mentioned they slipped a bit in the mud. That turned out to be clay, in the rain, uphill, but we can forgive any tyre, especially an all-terrain for a bit of slip in those conditions. We'll report back in a few issues on how the tyres are going and give an update on wear, punctures and driver impressions but for the moment one thing Evolve doesn't need to worry about is the tyres on the Troopies.

**Robert Pepper**

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