

Two T Pots

I was visiting Albany to do handyman work at Feral Number 3's house, (as all good dads do) and spotted a very pristine looking HJ47 cruiser in a car wash. It sported the amusing number plate 'T Pot'.

Being an inquisitive type I spoke to the young chap, who was frantically washing his beloved vehicle; I congratulated him on the neat job he had done of the restoration. He told me his name was Todd and he was preparing the vehicle for entry that day into the Ute competition in the Albany Show.

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The Elder further and convert her into a space cab. Young T Pot did all the work himself except for the paintwork where he used a specialist; other than the paint work he was keen to ensure that no one helped him because he wanted to prove to himself that he could do it. He commenced the work in March 2015 and finished it in November the same year, an amazing feat you will agree.

The vehicle had rust in all panels, he cut it out and replaced it with new metal and then did the prep work ready for painting. He also removed the naturally aspirated 2H engine and replaced it with a turboed 2H engine.

The dashboard was pulled apart and each component was cleaned, rubbed down and repainted. It looked as good as new, almost showroom like.

Despite the black paintwork on the chassis and bull bar being still wet when he entered Old T Pot into the

competition, she won Best Ute in Show, making all the work done by Young T Pot worthwhile.

Without doubt the most amazing thing about this project is that T Pot The Younger is only 18 years of age and had just finished his TEE (November 2015) when I met him. He completed the project without any formal auto mechanical training, his only experience being what he learnt on the family farm and some classes at



When asked why the unusual name T Pot, he replied that it was his nickname and he was so named by his siblings because he had a habit of giving instructions with one arm on his hip. He liked the name so much he named his vehicle the same.

Although originally sold as a Troopie it had been made into a dual cab by the previous owner, who also installed a 5 speed gearbox. Not satisfied with that T Pot The Younger decided to cut T Pot

high school. What does the future hold for both of them? Young T Pot is looking for a job but not as a motor mechanic, he wants to keep messing with grease as his hobby and not spoil it by having it as a daily job. Also they would both like to do a trip around Australia, to

see our great country and to see how she goes. If any Albany employers are looking for an employee they could do worse than employ Todd. You must agree he's a determined, keen and reliable young man and is up for any challenge. All the best to both T Pots.

Gourmet Grub

Every now and then I come across something that really hits the mark. Living as a bachelor, I am keen to try anything that makes life easy, I've however always been suspicious of readymade meals because they tend to be high in salt or drowned in gravy.

Enter award winning Happy Camper Gourmet, regular advertisers in the magazine, they have a range of readymade meals that I reckon will keep even the fussiest eater happy. These meals are not freeze dried or dehydrated, they don't need refrigeration, are preservative free and can be heated in the bag they come in. I reckon anything that reduces dish washing - especially burnt pots - has got to be a winner. I've tried a number of HCG meals and was most pleased; my favourites are both types of lamb shanks, chunky chicken casserole and the two damper mixes. If you want to stretch a meal to feed two you could add potatoes or other veg, rice or noodles. This however will create more dishwashing, why not heat up two meals, you're on holidays, live it up. By the way the chunky chicken makes for a great jaffle filler.



The dampers are delicious, the only problem being you need to make sure you get in first before they get gobbled up by your neighbours following their nostrils.

The range of happy camper gourmet meals includes:

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Lamb shanks in mint gravy,
Aussie lamb drums in nanna's gravy
Drovers beef and bean
Chunky chicken casserole

Bush country harvest - veggies and quinoa

Outback beef curry with coconut sauce and lentils
Cattleman's beef stew

Beefy meat balls
Bushman's corn damper and apple and Cinnamon damper

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Don't restrict HCG meals to camping use, use them at home, you won't need to run around gathering half a shopping trolley full of herbs and spices etc to make a meal, it's already done for you. Just heat and serve. So why go down the canned baked beans, braised steak or spaghetti route for camping meals, get some real food that will stick to your ribs, get Happy Camper Gourmet tucker instead.