

# *MODEL A's*

## *In WA*

### *1929 Closed Cab Ute*

*Engine number C585F1568*

*Restored and owned by Alan & Edith Jeffree*

*Created from many Model A Remains*

*Completed March 2020 (4 year resto)*



In 2015 I was a member of a group of WA Model A Club members who drove the Great Central Rd to Alice Springs, then down to Streaky Bay before driving the Nullarbor home. I was co driver with member Bob Piercy in his 1929 Phaeton. It was a camping out with nightly camp fire and I enjoyed it so much I said to my wife Edith on return that I will create a Model A camping ute and once complete, I was am sure when suggested, other Club Members would join us. At this stage we leave on the 19th July? Corona virus might be a problem in that permits are required where we are going!



The sides are made from jarrah floor boards, thanks to Ian Paisley! My floor and large drawers from marine half inch ply. The two drawers are 900 long, 450 wide and 300 deep. 42 skateboard sealed roller bearings ensure a drawer will slide out past the end of the tray. This is necessary because half the floor space has a deck to store the bedding.

Under the rear floor I have built in a 21 litre water tank. It is made with 140mm plastic piping and the filler is just behind the driver door passing through the jarrah upright side. I have fitted a small 12V electric water pump to dispense water to the rear of the tray, ready to fill the kettle. You can also see a second 12V battery which is also under the rear flooring. I have fitted an electronic system which controls the charging and ensures the starter battery is always topped up.



The rear canopy is light weight, mostly light aluminium. The tail gate which is fitted here and hanging down will be our table once chains are attached,. An aluminium top tailgate has gas struts. There is a rubber seal all the way around both the lower and upper tailgates. We have fitted a plastic special vent on the roof towards the front and on the left to pressurize the rear space to help keep the dust out! I decide not to fit three windows to see out the rear and as it happened our son Darren, has given us a rear view camera which will be handy when reversing! You can't see it here but I have mounted two spare tyres and wheels behind the diff, between to rear bumpers using a modern ute chain winding mechanism.



