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CROSSING A RUGGED COUNTRY KIMBERLEY STYLE

Due to the rough remote roads of the Kimberley, the Diocese of Broome has had to put together a four-wheel drive vehicle and a heavy duty trailer to carry the WYD Cross and Icon which begins its long Kimberley journey on June 17th.

Faced with the challenge of producing a specialized vehicle for the job Bishop Saunders turned to Diocesan staff member Trevor Parnell, a multi-skilled and determined person. Within a few weeks the unique trailer was put together and the Bishop's four-wheel drive polished and suitably signed for the event.

"We have always had to improvise up here," the Bishop said. "It's part of the culture of remote living in the great Australian outdoors and we wanted to make sure as many people as possible see the Cross and Icon, no matter where they live."

The trailer cover can be removed and the Cross can be carried upright into town as the vehicle moves slowly along. A specially padded cradle nurses the Cross box protecting both the Cross and its container.

By the time it has finished the Cross and Icon will have covered over two and a half thousand kilometres through the Diocese.

Photo:

(L) Engineer, Trevor Parnell, who managed the project.

(R) Kenneth Callaghan, one of the drivers of the Cross and Icon appointed by the Diocese.



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