

We later learnt that winds reached 120 kilometres per hour and the Cyclone took everyone by surprise. Except of course the ghost crabs and no doubt other animals, clearly their unusual activity the previous day showed they knew something was about to happen.

Our thoughts then turned to our dinghy which was still down the bay amongst the sandhills. Our Commodore was stopped in its tracks when we reached the clay pan close to the bay. Here we were

greeted by a large sheet of water.

The Station Manager loaned us one of the station's 4 wheel drives; it enabled us to cross the water on the clay pan to get to the bay. I had visions of our dinghy be impaled in some tree hundreds of kms away. It was still there; fortunately for us we had decided on a previous visit to drag it up and anchor it amongst the sand dunes.

The bay and ocean were still very rough, even though the cyclone had by now gone well to the south of us.

Our thoughts then turned to the poor fishermen on the trawlers, what a dreadful night they would have suffered.

Without the use of a boat trailer we floated the dinghy behind the 4WD along the track, and across the clay pan. Loading it back onto the trailer we towed it back to our hut.

In part 2 next month I'll tell you about the mind blowing fishing we experienced in the aftermath of the cyclone. ☹

To be continued.



SensaTyre monitor.

## SensaTyre Wireless Tyre Monitoring

It's been many years since I wore out a set of tyres on my Landcruiser. Why you may ask? Well when you realise you have a flat tyre it's often too late to save the tyre by the time you stop. The result for me has usually been a completely destroyed tyre.

I had heard there were various tyre pressure monitoring systems around. After checking them out, I decided to try the SensaTyre Wireless Monitoring System (SWMS). Why, because the sensor unit is clamped securely onto the rim using a long and very strong jubilee clip. Although SensaTyre also offer valve stem mounted monitoring systems, I felt the rim

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clamp on model of sensor was more robust for my type of off road travelling and it kept the sender unit safely away from thieving fingers.

On a recent 6,000 km trip to the Great Sandy, Gibson and Great Victoria Deserts, the SWMS saved me from certainly losing two near new Goodyear Wrangler Kevlar MTR tyres that cost around \$400 each. Without doubt the monitor paid for itself on its first trip!

The monitor not only picks up, wirelessly, the current pressure of each tyre, it also picks up the temperature as well. The system allows you to set warning levels for pressure and temperature. This can be adjusted on all tyres or individually. You can also select imperial and metric settings. I have a unit that does six

tyres; the spares have sensors also. Why the spares as well? If I need to change a wheel I continue to have monitoring and peace of mind?

I am now so confident that the monitor will protect me on my remote travels that I will no longer take three spare tyres with me. You may laugh at three spares; I have limped into Kalgoorlie on a number of occasions with no spares and some of the tyres on the road looking like porcupines, because of the number of puncture repair plugs sticking out of them.

To fit the clamp on the rim type of sensor unit requires the total removal of your tyre. Whilst that may sound like a lot of effort and cost, just consider how much you'll save when you don't wreck a tyre!

SensaTyre have units that monitor 4 wheels and others that do 1 to 14 wheels. Each sender has an internal battery that has a life of 7 years, now that's a lot of peace of mind.

SensaTyre wireless tyre monitors are available from Hannibal Safari Equipment Ph:1300 369 270 or look them up on the web at <http://www.hannibalsafari.com.au/remote.html>.

