

**AIAM 2018** 

# Wheels in Motion Animal Management Vehicles

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#### A bit about us

## Cairns Regional Council Local Laws Team

- Supervisor
- 9 Local Laws officers
- 2 Patrol Officers

#### Cairns Regional Council Animal Management Team

- Supervisor
- 4 Rapid Response Officers (Dog attack team)
- 4 After Hours Compliance Officers
- 2 pound Officers

16 purpose built vehicles with animal carriage capacity

- In 2008 Council employed 4 Animal Management officers
- We operated a fleet of 4 vehicles consisting of Mitsubishi vans and Ford Falcons
- Fleet vehicles were delivery type vans with large cargo areas, not overly suitable for the type of work being undertaken





#### Mitsubishi Vans:

- Although large, the cargo area was poorly designed
- Cage area was incorporated into the vehicle





#### Mitsubishi Vans:

- Prone to rusting
- No drainage
- Barking dogs inside the van
- Poor disease control







#### Ford Falcon

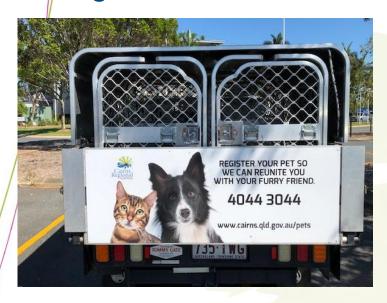
- Fit 2 cages in the rear
- Couldn't separate cats and dogs
- Had to lift dogs into the rear
- Hard to pole aggressive dogs and recapture
- Poor disease control
- Poor storage room
- Dogs able to fight each other





In 2015 we upgraded our vehicles to Holden Colorado's

- \$32,616.00 per vehicle
- \$19,792.70 for purpose built cage
- Total \$52.408.70
- Cage built in house







- We undertook modifications to the rear tray height and overall weight of the vehicle
- Resulted in no room in vehicle to store equipment
- Not suitable for tall drivers
- Rear cage area not universal to fit other vehicles





In 2017 we upgraded our vehicles to Isuzu Dmax

- \$28,631 for the vehicle
- \$18,690.50
- Total 47,321.50
- Saved over \$5k having it built external.
- Built by NQ Engineering Silver back Trays







#### Silverback Canopy

- Larger front locker area for multiple cat boxes or smaller dogs
- LED lighting for night use
- Portable dog cages have barrier wall
- Easier to clean
- Whole tray can be lifted off and fitted to new vehicle





## Front storage area







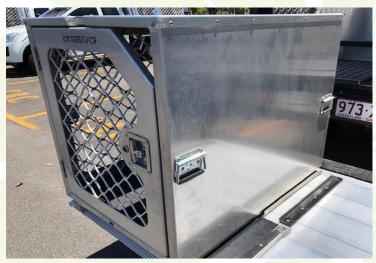


#### Rear cage area

- Carry handles each side
- \$olid internal walls
- Trap door









## LED strip lighting between cages







## How it works





## Vehicle Branding















## Rapid Response branding









Thank you



