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YOUR **CARAVAN & CAMPING SHOW** CHECKLIST

01 AUSTRALIAN MADE & ACCREDITED

Look for the official 'Australian Made' logo. This ensures the caravan is built in Australia for Australian conditions. Built here & backed Here.

02 DEALER REPUTATION & REVIEWS

Look for consistent positive feedback on customer service and integrity, as seen with Great Southern RV.

03 CONSTRUCTION METHOD & MATERIALS

Inquire about the construction methods. Prioritise methods like composite smooth cladding for superior durability, waterproof and insulation in Australian climates.

04 CHASSIS & SUSPENSION FOR TERRAIN

Verify the chassis and suspension are reinforced and suited for your travel (e.g., off-road, semi-off-road).

05 WATER TANK CAPACITY & MANAGEMENT

Assess fresh and grey water tank capacities (e.g., 70L tanks). Larger tanks are essential for extended off-grid travel and self-sufficiency.

06 POWER SYSTEMS (LITHIUM/SOLAR)

Evaluate the battery management system, battery type (e.g., 200AH Lithium), and solar wattage (e.g., 400W). Robust setups are vital for off-grid capability.

07 APPLIANCE POWER COMPATIBILITY

Confirm essential appliances (fridge, microwave, AC) operate on 240V mains, 12V battery, and inquire about gas/diesel options for cooking/heating.

08 LAYOUT & LIVING SPACE SUITABILITY

Physically walk through to assess the floorplan, sleeping arrangements (e.g., queen beds, bunks), and lounge styles. Ensure it suits your needs.

09 KITCHEN & BATHROOM FACILITIES

Check for fully equipped kitchen amenities (stove, fridge, microwave, sink) and complete bathroom facilities (toilet, shower, hot water system).

10 STORAGE SOLUTIONS

Examine internal and external storage, including cupboards, drawers and tunnel boots. Smart storage is crucial for longer trips and organised living.

11 VENTILATION & INSULATION

Inquire about ventilation systems (e.g. roof hatches) and insulation materials (e.g., XPS Foam). Superior ventilation and insulation are critical for comfort in Australia's varied climates.

12 SAFETY FEATURES & COMPLIANCE

Confirm safety equipment and compliance with towing regulations (braking systems, safety chains, breakaway system Australian-made vans are built to strict safety standards.

13 WARRANTY COVERAGE & TERMS

Obtain clear details on the manufacturer's warranty (e.g., 24-month for Concept/Newlands 17, 3-5 year for Avida) and separate component warranties.

14 NATIONWIDE SERVICE NETWORK

Confirm the brand has a broad, accessible nationwide service and repair network. This is vital for assistance anywhere in Australia, a key advantage of Australian-made brands.

15 ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE INCLUSION

Inquire if roadside assistance is included with the purchase or warranty and understand its coverage and any exclusions (e.g., off-road recovery).

16 DEALER'S PRE-DELIVERY & HANDOVER

A thorough handover, like Great Southern RV's, ensures you understand all operations and that the caravan is safely matched to your vehicle.

17 TRUST YOUR GUT

If you feel uneasy just walk away and have a break. There will always be another caravan.

18 TRANSPARENCY

Ensure all pricing is clear, with no hidden fees or last-minute additions. Ensure you receive complete documentation and “promises” are in the contract detail.

19 NO PRESSURE SALES TACTICS

Be wary of high-pressure sales tactics or demands for immediate deposits. A reputable dealer allows time for due diligence and questions.

20 INDEPENDENT INSPECTION OPTION

A trustworthy dealer should welcome an independent pre-purchase inspection by a qualified specialist. This demonstrates confidence in their product and practices.

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THE BIG 5!

FOLLOW THESE KEY 5 POINTS BEFORE YOU SIGN ANYWHERE

Navigating a caravan show to find your ideal Australian-made RV requires a focused approach. This list highlights the most important things to look for when making your choice and will help you make an informed decision that will give you peace of mind.

01

AVOID HIGH PRESSURE SALES

Some salespeople engage in high pressure tactics to get you to sign. If you feel pressured just walk away.

02

WHO MAKES THE CARAVAN & WHERE IS IT FROM

Understand exactly who the manufacturer of the vehicle is. Check the compliance plate to see the name of the builder. Is it Australian built? Many brands are now imported from China.

03

DEALERSHIP BUSINESS REPUTATION & SUPPORT

Does the business you are buying from have a good reputation? Check their reviews. Do they offer in house service, repair and warranty? This is a must for after sales support.

04

THE RIGHT CARAVAN / MOTORHOME

A true professional and caring dealership will consult with you to help you choose the right product for you. Layouts, features, benefits, weights & measures. This is critical to make the right choice.

05

PAYLOAD AND WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

This is critical. Understand the "payload" and matching the right caravan with your tow vehicle (how much weight you can add, including water, gear and passengers) and ensure it meets your anticipated needs. This is crucial for safe towing.

NOW YOU CAN BUY WITH CONFIDENCE

The right questions lead to the right choice, whether you're a newbie or a seasoned traveller. This guide is built to help you cut through the noise, trust your gut, and find a caravan that fits your lifestyle. At Great Southern RV, we don't believe in pushy sales or rushed decisions. We believe in good advice, real support, and vans that go the distance.

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