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AT YOUR LEISURE: EarthCruiser ute (left) and (below) EarthCruiser motorhome, which is aimed at the independent-minded traveller.
Picture: Jeff Camden

Drive it Overland

the Zupps proving grounds in Rocklea next Saturday.
EOV boss Lance Gillies says their ute concept has now passed compliance stage.
It is built on a small Fuso 4x4 platform but is engineered to take on the toughest terrain.
The short-wheelbase and new mid-

Mark Hinchliffe
WORLD adventurers can test out the ultimate in off-road trekking motorhomes in Brisbane on a four-wheel-drive proving ground.
EarthCruiser Overland Vehicles (EOV) will have a range of their vehicles, including their ute concept, at

wheelbase EarthCruiser motorhomes will also be available for testing.
They are based on the Mitsubishi Canter 4WD light truck, powered by a 4.9-litre, intercooled turbodiesel with 117kW of power and 471Nm of torque married to a five-speed gearbox with two-speed transfer case.
All can be driven on a car licence, except the mid-wheelbase model,

which may require a light truck licence, depending on the weight of options fitted by customers.
Gillies says their vehicles are for people "who hate caravan parks".
"You can go wherever you want to go," he says. "People are realising the world is getting smaller all the time and it's getting easier to travel overland."

"There's no joy in aeroplane travel. "Overland travel is a pleasure. "You get to meet the people; it's convenient and you can take it at your own pace."
The short wheelbase EarthCruiser costs \$195,000, the mid-wheelbase is \$230,000 and the ute is \$75,000.

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