

Old truck stars in movie

Tourists and locals got closer to the action as Baz Luhrmann's epic film 'Australia' continued to be filmed at several locations across the East Kimberley last week.

There was filming on location at Home Valley Station, Ivanhoe Crossing, Carlton Hill Station and at the base of Kelly's Knob in Kununurra.

On Sunday morning, the film unit headed en masse for Digger's Rest to continue filming some of the driving sections of the production.

On the Gibb River Road, they were filming two vintage Chevs - one a car driven by Nicole Kidman's character in the film, and a battered

1938/39 truck, with an older grill attached to make it look like an early 1930s model.

They were driven across the Pentecost River at sunset.

In the film, the truck carries the characters of Hugh Jackman, Nicole Kidman and Jack Thompson on the long journey from Darwin to the outback station Nicole's character has inherited.

The truck was loaded with baggage and goods including - real vintage Prada suitcases, vintage Shell jerry cans, tins of 1930s era food including Rosella marmalade and Sao biscuits, Golden Summit Oil, and loads of kerosene.

There was even a 'dead roo on the roof' of the truck - the only things missing were the smell and the flies.

The truck was one of three exactly the same - one was just a cabin used for close up shots - and the car was one of two.

The vintage car was a tourist attraction while parked at Home Valley Station - with excited visitors lining up for photographs of themselves with 'Nicole's car'.

The stars' doubles drove both vehicles across the rocky Pentecost River, whilst being filmed from both the ground and from helicopter.



The truck's load was faithfully recreated using brands and luggage of the time.



Shorthorn cattle were penned up in the Kununurra light industrial area before being driven near a fake bushfire on the eastern side of Kelly's Knob. (Photo courtesy of Dick Pasfield.)



The 'old workhorse' contrasts with 'Nicole's car'. (Photograph courtesy of Nicolle Fenech.)



Ivanhoe Crossing was blocked off to vehicles as filming took place.



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