



This greatly re-furbished Allison 25 is an ideal choice for fishing the waters between their home base and Mourilyan Harbor FNQ, out to the GBR. This sports cruiser version of the Allison 25 is nigh on perfect for a bloke with (a lot) of (small) crew!

The Laksa Manifest

This is the second half of a story about Ralph Laksa's determination to give his five youngsters the best chance to embrace the boating lifestyle - and his search to find the best boat to do it in. Over Two Parts, we follow the highs and lows of the process, as Ralph doggedly hangs on - and achieves - his dream for the kids.

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Now the trailer...what I had in mind is electric hydraulic disc brakes and rollers.

Having read most of the F&B articles on trailers and towing, what was required was quite obvious. Another factor was that the boat had to launch and retrieve without any dramas at all, as mostly it would be working alone, as I couldn't really rely on the kids, just yet, to pull push or hold too much weight.

Several phone calls later to various trailer places and I had the costing to rebuild the original trailer at \$6K - ouch!! Never mind, that could be a bargaining point. A few months earlier I had read the article in F&B by

the 'Jones' girl on the purchase of their pride and joy, a new Dunbier tandem trailer.

In earlier discussion with Bruce Allison he too had referred me to his contact, Shane Kite at Dunbier, and I got a quote for both steel and aluminium - another ouch!! Not much change from \$20K, but then that was recommended for the Allison and rated at 4.4T. Enquiries with the other brands came in around the same dollars. I needed to think about this one, and inspect the trailer for myself before coming to any decision.

I also enquired about getting the boat back up North. It's a long drive with

3+T of BMT, especially if the trailer is a bit dicky - and the brakes don't work. Maybe I can freight it up, can't be that expensive. (Thinks: \$3.5K?!? I'm not going to pay that!)

Back to my local bloke (Innisfail Marine) and I asked their opinion on trailers. They recommended Redco/Tinka and the price seemed reasonable. I took away the brochures and studied the pictures and detail intensely. For about \$13k I could get a new trailer - for just over twice the price of a rebuild, but exactly what I wanted, and all new and roadworthy.

So I thought I could buy a new one, and then sell the old one under the boat - this

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a (child) how to fish, and you give (them) skills for a lifetime" - Ancient Chinese proverb

