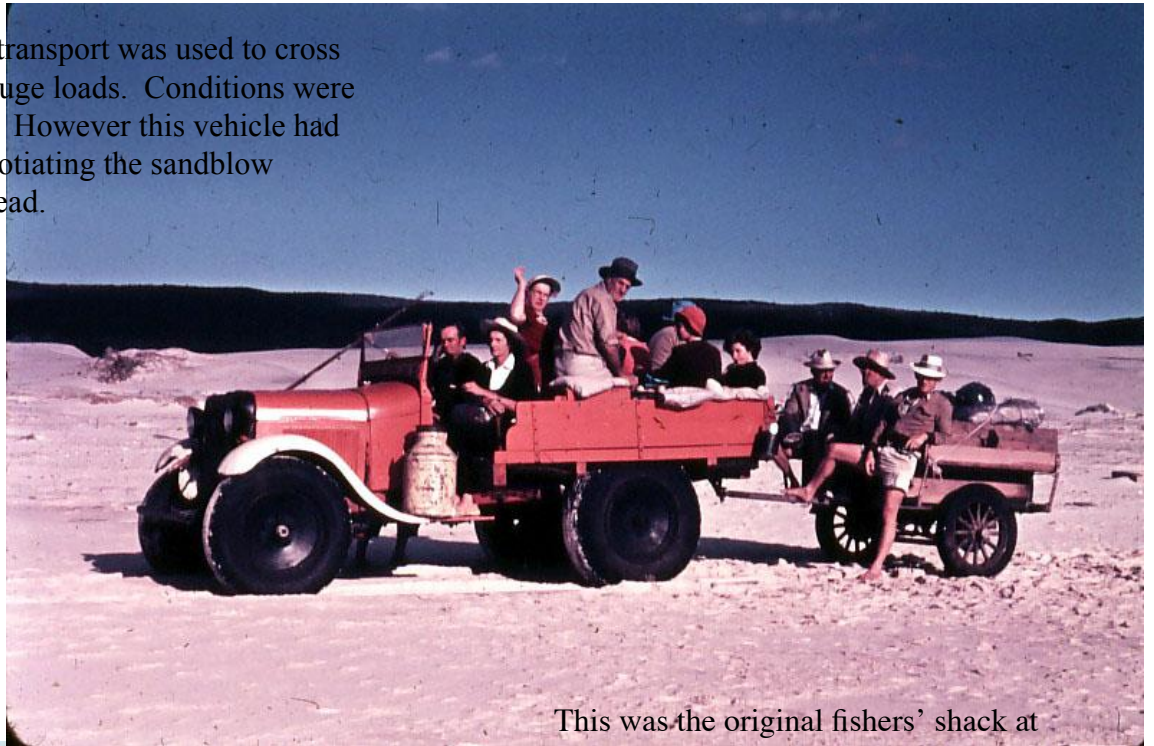


A Fraser Island Holiday 1957

Less than half a century ago Fraser Island were much more isolated and support from anyone else couldn't be expected. Four Wheel Drives were mainly limited to ex-wartime vehicles and many people improvised their own transport using old vehicles modified by having two gear boxes and larger tyres. These were provided for FIDO's photographic archives by Cynthia O'Gorman. This Backgrounder is an illustration of the self reliance and resourcefulness of the early tourists to Fraser Island. There were very few of them.

Home modified transport was used to cross the island with huge loads. Conditions were not comfortable. However this vehicle had little trouble negotiating the sandblow behind Indian Head.



This was the original fishers' shack at Waddy Point which was erected without permission in a designated Beauty Spot. There were only a few shacks such as this on the whole island.

