



## TRAVEL: A LUXURY AFRICAN ADVENTURE



Many Lexus owners will know **Bob and Lucy Stanton** as the long-time organisers of Lexus golf days. The couple will soon retire from golf events but, fortunately for those contemplating an unforgettable holiday, they will continue with their travel businesses.

Lucy Stanton established African Adventures 12 months ago. In the eight years she and Bob have been travelling to Africa they have developed a great love for the vast, diverse and spectacularly beautiful continent and its people. They have also road tested many of the destinations and the lodges that Lucy says are so very important to the ultimate enjoyment of any African trip.



Africa is a dream destination for many people but one where you value expertise and on the ground knowledge. Lucy works with respected partners **&Beyond** and water specialists **Islands in Africa** because she says they guide guests every step of the way and help to ensure every trip is a luxury adventure.

Africa is a land of contrasts. Lucy says its deserts, swamps, vast plains, majestic wildlife, island archipelagos, tranquil waters and wild rivers will help you to fall in love with the world again and fill you with unforgettable stories.

"Africa is a huge continent. That is why we have developed a very personalised and detailed service to suit any budget, maximise the activities our clients want to do and minimise layovers and travel time," Lucy says.



The unique aspect of the service is that it specialises in game viewing, golf and fishing experiences - the latter two not activities that come to mind when you think of Africa. Lucy says the infrastructure for fishing and golf is outstanding.

**Lexus Australia CEO Tony Cramb** and his family were recent clients travelling to Phinda and Ngala private game lodges as well as Cape Town and Victoria Falls. Tony says Africa had been on his "bucket list" for 20 years and that his very high expectations were blown away.

"The accommodation was Lexus standard, the people so friendly, the culture so interesting and the support on the ground was extraordinary," Tony said.



### Must do African Experiences

#### Game viewing

The Big Five • The Great Migration • Gorillas  
Cape Town • Victoria Falls

#### Golf

Sun City • Leopard Creek • Fancourt

#### Fishing

Ntwala Island Lodge - Namibia Zambezi River  
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# Life & Luxury



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## 2011 L'Exhibition is here

Welcome to our spring issue of Life and Luxury.

Spring is always a busy time for Lexus owners, our brand, our team and our ambassadors with plenty of events and activities hitting our calendars.

On the product front we are excited to have received only the 2nd LFA in Australia, in addition to our exciting limited edition IS, RX and GS models. The LFA represents a ferocious redefinition of Lexus performance, whilst our limited edition models represent an outstanding opportunity to acquire some of our most popular models with additional value.

As has been the case for the last few years Spring also sees the launch of our Premier Sales Event, L'Exhibition. Running from November 1st until 30th L'Exhibition always provides an exceptional opportunity to acquire a new Lexus, so if the time is right why not take a look at what's on offer?

Our strong connection to the Wallabies and Spring Carnival has meant that our Lexus ambassadors have been kept busy also. Whilst the result was not what many of us were hoping for, the World Cup was a great tournament with an electrifying finale. Kicking on from this we move to racing's Spring Carnival which is now in full swing. Keep an eye out for the Jamie Durie designed Lexus Birdcage throughout the event.

We hope you enjoy this issue and wish you all the best for the remainder of 2011!

**Simon McCarroll**  
Dealer Principal

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## New Generation GS

The luxury sports sedan redefined

The entirely new GS 350 will arrive in Chatswood in early 2012 after its successful unveiling at the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in the United States.

The GS 350 combines bold, dynamic styling, precise handling, innovative technology and a spacious, luxurious interior. Advanced aerodynamics, a completely new platform, a transmission incorporating features from the IS F with quicker shifts, and better seat support will provide a more engaging driving experience.

The New Generation GS is powered by an advanced 3.5-litre all-alloy quad-cam, multi-valve V6. It can sprint from 0-100km/h in 5.7 seconds and a gear acceleration of 50 to 80km/h takes just 3.0 seconds. Integrated safety and entertainment features continue to move to a new level. In addition to the GS 350, Lexus will release other New Generation GS models including an F Sport variant.

With the new GS on its way to Chatswood we have a limited number of attractive run out bonuses available on the current 2011 GS range. You can save \$12,800 on a 2011 GS 300 Sports. To find out more please phone us on 1300 798 418.

Lexus of Chatswood is proud to announce the release of the 2011 Special Edition X range. Representing exceptional, extraordinary and exclusive value, but you will have to act quickly before stock runs out.

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**GS 300 X**  
FROM \$59,900 DRIVE AWAY

• 19" alloy wheels

• Parking sensors

• Smart key card

• Rear spoiler

• 'X' badging

• Moonroof



**RX 350 X**  
FROM \$82,900 DRIVE AWAY

• 19" alloy wheels

• Parking sensors

• Heads up display

• Smart key card

• 'X' badging

**IS 250 X**  
FROM \$59,900 DRIVE AWAY

• 18" alloy wheels

• Parking sensors

• Sports fenders

• Smart key card

• Rear spoiler

• 'X' badging

Special Edition X range available to order.

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## My Lexus:

Peter Middlebrook  
RX 450h



Peter Middlebrook was looking for a larger vehicle to meet his needs as a business broker. Having owned an IS 250 for a number of years Peter said that buying another

Lexus from Lexus of Chatswood was a 'no brainer' given the excellent after-sales support and build quality of the IS 250.

Peter purchased an RX 450h and within five weeks of picking up the vehicle had clocked up 7,500 kilometres.

"I need a vehicle that is comfortable, spacious, economic, a joy to drive and reliable. The Lexus RX 450h has surpassed my expectations from open highways to rough dirt roads," Peter said.

Safety is an issue for Peter, particularly when doing lots of mileage. He said the interaction of the 3.5 litre motor and the electric drives adds power when he needs it and stability in difficult terrain. He says the RX is whisper quiet on the open road and has loads of torque for passing. And he loves the technical toy box supplied by the Lexus engineers.

Averaging 60,000 kms per year, Peter says he will be back for another Lexus from Lexus of Chatswood in a few years time.

**Peter Middlebrook is a business broker specialising in hotels, motels, caravan parks and management rights.**

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## LFA on show at Chatswood



The LFA has a maximum speed of 325km/h and accelerates from 0-100km in just 3.7 seconds.

Last month Lexus of Chatswood took delivery of one of the first limited edition LFA supercars to arrive in Australia. During November, you will have the rare opportunity to come and see the LFA for yourself as it will be on show at Lexus of Chatswood for a limited time. Only 500 LFAs will be built worldwide making this a unique opportunity. The LFA certainly turned heads when it was unveiled at the 2010 Australian Motor Show.

Lexus of Chatswood Principal Simon McCarroll says it is true that with the LFA, you can forget everything you thought you ever knew about high performance supercars. "The LFA will alter your perceptions of sports car motoring forever. I also admire the attention to detail that is given to the LFA as every panel is hand-crafted to perfection. What I love about the LFA is the tune that the V10 rumbles out of the tri-exhausts," says Simon.

## New Generation GS 450h



The New Generation GS 450h has been unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show to great acclaim. It is the world's first hybrid to feature all-wheel steering. It boasts V8-like power, efficient 4 mode hybrid drive system and diesel-rivalling fuel efficiency of 6.3L/100km.

"The new GS will certainly give customers something to consider when it arrives in 2012" - Lexus of Chatswood Dealer Principal, Simon McCarroll.

## Places to take your Lexus



**How to Train Your Dragon Arena Spectacular Allphones Arena March 15-25, 2012**

The masterminds behind the phenomenon Walking with Dinosaurs are bringing high-flying, fire-breathing dragons to life. It is inspired by the Academy Award nominated and popular film of the same name.

**An Officer and a Gentleman - the Musical WORLD PREMIERE Lyric Theatre The Star (formerly Star City) From May 2012**

Based on the Academy Award-winning 1982 film starring Richard Gere and Debra Winger that was recently listed by the American Film Institute as one of the top ten love stories in cinema history.

**These are Lexus Encore Privilege Events.** Members have access to a wide range of premium tickets for all kinds of entertainment and events, around Australia and overseas. Simply visit [www.lexuspremiumticketing.com.au](http://www.lexuspremiumticketing.com.au)



The warmer weather means it is time to fire up the BBQ. Celebrity Chef and Lexus ambassador Neil Perry says marinades are a great way to add flavour to your next BBQ and they

are perfect for meat, seafood or chicken. Neil shares this delicious Marinated Salmon Salad recipe with Lexus owners.

### Neil Perry's Marinated Salmon Salad

3 tbsp of fish sauce  
Pinch of sea salt  
Pinch of caster sugar  
250g salmon fillet  
3 red shallots, finely sliced  
2 tbsp of peanuts, roasted and crushed  
1 handful of mixed mint and coriander leaves  
1 clove garlic, finely sliced and deep-fried  
1 1/2 tbsp salmon roe  
Pinch of ground roast rice (jasmine rice dry fried until opaque then ground)

#### FOR THE DRESSING

Pinch of caster sugar  
Pinch of grated palm sugar (jaggery)  
2 tbsp of lime juice  
2 tbsp of fish sauce  
Pinch of chilli flakes



#### METHOD

Mix the fish sauce, sea salt and sugar, add the salmon. Make sure it's coated well, then refrigerate for 30 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and position over a bowl or tray and refrigerate, uncovered, for several hours or overnight. Remove the salmon from the fridge about 30 minutes before cooking. BBQ the fish over high heat for around 2 minutes on each side, and rest for 5 minutes. Coarsely flake the fish. Mix together the shallots, peanuts, herbs and garlic in a bowl, then gently fold in the fish. For the dressing, whisk together the sugars, lime juice, fish sauce and the chilli powder and drizzle over the salad. Sprinkle with the salmon roe and ground roast rice to serve.

## Top Drop from the Hunter

One of Lexus' favourite Hunter Valley venues, Tower Lodge, has become the most internationally awarded luxury lodge in Australia after winning the "Best Luxury Lodge in Australia" award at the 2011 World Luxury Hotel Awards. The Hunter's only truly unique, boutique 5 star hotel has 12 individually and luxuriously appointed rooms and you can dine at the award winning restaurant **nine** or the nearby **Roberts**.

The Estate is also one of the region's most respected and awarded wineries. Founded in 1998 by wine industry legend and former Lexus owner Len Evans AO, OBE, the winery has a philosophy of producing only 'the best of the best', sourcing grapes from the finest regions throughout Australia to craft a superb range of wines.

### Tower Estate 2010 Shiraz Review

The Hunter is best known for Shiraz. This wine is incredibly fragrant, with bright mulberry and blueberry fruit on the nose with some dried cherries, along with spicy notes of cardamom, star anise and cinnamon. The palate has exceptional length but is equally soft and fresh with voluptuous fine tannins backing a generous framework of juicy fruit, whilst still being medium bodied.

"...there was one wine that really knocked me over: the Tower Estate 2010 Shiraz. This decadent, voluptuous Shiraz achieves its richness with a medium-full body and just 13.5 per cent alcohol. It's filled with meaty, spicy and ripe-berry flavours: a drop-dead gorgeous shiraz and quite modern in its textural and aromatic profiles." **Huon Hooke, SMH Good Weekend 30 August 2011.**

**Lexus of Chatswood customers will receive a 5% discount on all wines at Tower Estate cellar door until the end of the year.** If you call ahead, you can enjoy a private, seated tasting session with Tower's friendly and knowledgeable staff. **visit [www.towerestate.com](http://www.towerestate.com) or phone 02 4998 7989.**



## Durie & Eales join Lexus



Green thumbed TV presenter and celebrity gardener **Jamie Durie** is the new Ambassador for the Lexus hybrid range.

The presenter of TV shows including Top Design, The Block and Backyard Blitz has also worked with Oprah. Jamie is well known for his attention to detail and as an advocate for environmental sustainability, making him the perfect choice to represent Lexus' focus on performance, luxury and sustainability. As part of his new role, Jamie designed this year's Melbourne Cup VIP Birdcage pavilion for Lexus.

Meanwhile, businessman and Rugby World Cup-winning former **Wallabies captain John Eales** has joined Lexus as a brand ambassador for the New Generation GS line.

## Meet the team

**Luba Klimova** is our Delivery Co-ordinator who helps owners celebrate the arrival of their new Lexus.



**Born?** I was born in Russia and lived there for 8 years.

**Favourite Spring-time activity?** A picnic with friends in Hyde Park.

**Getting in shape for Summer?** Our Sales Manager Michael Tu has

a group of staff doing boxing and exercise in a local park at 6.15am once a week.

**Favourite artist?** Michael Jackson

**Favourite food?** I love a cheese and fruit plate. And I like chocolate...OK, I like chocolate a lot.

**If I were a Lexus I'd be the...** ISF - fast and loud.

The Qantas Wallabies, in partnership with Qantas, Lexus and the Carbon Trade Exchange, offset their entire carbon footprint while on their New Zealand campaign. Lexus offset all ground transport for the whole touring party.

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