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**Aussie Charity Gives New Toyota GXL Prado 4WD to Indigenous Elder – To Help Keep a Good Man Doing Good All the More**

**New Car handover Ceremony 12 Midday Thursday 28 September 2023**

**Illawarra Toyota cnr Princes Hwy & Miall Way, Albion Park Rail NSW 2527**

[Australian Heart Ministries](https://www.ausheart.com.au/), are giving a new Toyota Prado 4WD to indigenous Leader Ps Peter Walker a Bundjalung elder from the North Coast of NSW. The handover of the new Toyota Prado to Ps Peter Walker will take place 12 Midday Thursday 28 September 2023 in Albion Park, NSW.

The Canberra Declaration Christian Prayer Community which is a ministry function of Australian Heart Ministries have been raising money for Ps Peter’s new 4WD. [Illawarra Toyota](https://illawarratoyota.com.au/) has graciously given a generous discount to help Ps Peter Walker get mobile again so he can keep serving the people of Australia behind the wheel of a good reliable vehicle.

Warwick Marsh the co-founder of Australian Heart Ministries said, “The scriptures say in 1 Timothy 5:17, *“The elders who perform their leadership duties well are to be considered worthy of double honour (financial support).”* Such a man is [Ps Peter Walker](https://40stories.com.au/people/peter-walker/) who is 77 years old and widely regarded as the leading indigenous Christian leader in our nation today.”

Marsh continued, “I have had the pleasure of working closely with Ps Peter Walker for over three decades. Ps Peter and I served together on the Praise Corroboree. The [Praise Corroboree](https://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;query=Id%3A%22media%2Fpressrel%2F2014HNC03039825%22;src1=sm1) was a 72 hour cross cultural gathering to glorify God at [Parliament House](https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/1997/december8/7te74b.html) in Canberra, from 1996 – 1998. Watch [the video](https://youtu.be/vXfYTBVTAnE?si=CvA9s9a_5A7_uI-k) below.”

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**Peter Walker’s Amazing Life Story**

Ps Peter Walker, and Maria have now been married for 55 years and they have five children, 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Peter has been involved in ministry for more than 40 years and was the pastor at Redfern Indigenous Church in Sydney for 10 years, from 1987 to 1997. From 1987 – 1997 Ps Peter Walker was also a Prison Chaplain and Welfare Officer within the NSW gaol system and worked in over a dozen gaols including Long Bay, Bathurst, Grafton and Goulburn Gaols. He also served on the NSW Government Parole Board from 2002 – 2006.

In 1998 Ps Peter Walker led a cross cultural delegation to meet with the then [Governor General, William Deane](https://www.gg.gov.au/biography-sir-william-deane-and-lady-deane) and most recently during the National Day of Prayer & Fasting 2020. Ps Peter Walker prayed with and for the [Governor General, David Hurley,](https://youtu.be/yGt69P5JmE0?si=x4hG3s6H4tKo-yMn) in front of Parliament House. [Ps Peter Walker](https://40stories.com.au/people/peter-walker/) has travelled to every corner of Australia, helping and ministering to his people. He is known by both tribal people and those on the east coast and is held in great affection by everyone.

Insert Video Here: <https://40stories.com.au/people/peter-walker/>

Warwick Marsh said, “In 2001 Ps Peter Walker was gifted a Toyota 4WD Prado for his busy ministry. He was very thankful for this providential gift. Over three years ago, with almost half a million kilometres and 19 years of faithful service, his ministry vehicle gave up the ghost. Peter has been borrowing his daughter Estelle’s car for the last three years. She will be glad to get her car back.”

Marsh Continued, “Australian Heart Ministries has been raising money for Ps Peter Walkers new car through the ministry of the [Canberra Declaration](https://canberradeclaration.org.au/). Thankfully, over the last three years, with the help of our faithful doners, we have been able to give [three cars away to Indigenous ministers.](https://dailydeclaration.org.au/2023/09/13/indigenous-leaders-car-appeal-to-help-fuel-gospel-ministry/) Recently we also saw three other Indigenous Christian leaders get their cars back on the road. Another indigenous elder got a full set of new tyres on his 4WD. Just for the record if you have a car you want to give away to an Indigenous Christian leader, please [register your gift here.”](https://ausheart.wufoo.com/forms/x15phhmw0m4qfah)

Marsh continued, “Thank you to all those who have given sacrificially to help get Ps Peter & Marie Walker a brand new 4WD. Peter and his beautiful family are indeed worthy of double honour.”

**Ps Peter Walkers Response**

Ps Peter Walker voice choked with emotion as he said, “My family and I are overwhelmed with the incredible kindness of the people of Australia. This gift of this Prado 4WD will help us keep going in ministry. I even have my favourite bible verse 2 Chronicles 7:14 imprinted on the back of the vehicle. We are so thankful!”

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<https://canberradeclaration.org.au/donate>