

The Newsletter of the Outback Car Trek

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TREK 2017 IS LESS THAN 2 WEEKS AWAY, AND CUT-A-RAMA IS NEARLY UPON US!

The Trek will kick off in fine style on Saturday night 3rd June with help from the wonderful people from **Just Cuts**. They will be travelling from all over Australia to be on hand for the traditional Cut-A-Rama, and if you have been saving yourself for a cut, style, colour, shave or wax you, you will not be disappointed.

Even if you haven't been letting your hair grow, you can still front up and maybe get those pesky eyebrows done, maybe trim a nostril or three, or your ears? Perhaps you have thought of getting your car number tattooed in your hair?

Why do Just Cuts do it?

"This is the 19th year of Cut-A-Rama, an event that we're extremely proud to put on for all Outback Car Trek participants and the local community", says Denis McFadden, CEO and founder of Just Cuts™ and dedicated Outback Car Trek trekker.

"The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia is a charity that has always been very close to my heart because of the huge impact they make on so many people across Australia. Through Cut-A-Rama, we can raise even more funds for this fantastic charity", adds McFadden.

"Cut-A-Rama is just one small part of our ongoing commitment to the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia. Every Just Cuts™ salon in Australia receives a donation box for the charity, which is displayed on reception counters all year round, with Clients, Team Members and Owners alike donating their loose change to the cause".









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TREK REGISTRATIONS FROM FIVE O'CLOCK

Trek registrations will be held at the "Vic Hotel" in Banna griffith from 5:00 pm on Saturday, but of course the hotel is open much earlier if you want to get in and form a queue. They have a wide selection of beer and wine, and great bistro, at The Vic.

Come along, pick up your road books, name tags, etc. and catch up with old friends. Get the latest goss on the route, and enjoy the hospitality of Terry and his crew.

And don't forget to get into the swing of the week with a wax or a haircut or two?

YARRAN WINES WILL BE AT THE VIC

Yarran Wines is a family-owned business happy to support the RFDS, and they will be on hand at Cut-A-Rama to provide some wine tasting samples, plus have for sale bottled wine at discounted prices. (They have also donated wine for our Lightning Ridge auction.) Their winemaker will be at The Vic on Saturday evening to share with you some of the secrets of their award winning wines. The winery is located a short distance from Yenda, on the outskirts of Griffith and has a long tradition of winemaking dating back to 1913.

If you are getting into town early, drop in to see them at 178 Myall Park Rd Yenda, and thank them for their support of the RFDS.

Renowned for producing high quality wines, fruit has been grown on the family vineyard for 35 years, and the winery produces many different varietal table wines, rich fortified blends and also a classic Riverina Botrytis sweet wine style (Noble rot).



SOCIAL MEDIA HASHTAGS

A focus point of the film & photo crews, and the RFDS Media people this year, will be to increase the spread of the good word of the RFDS & the Trek by way of increased social media presence. Telstra are on board by providing upload capability in as many places as possible throughout the week. To allow us to gain maximum exposure for the RFDS and the Trek, will everybody please use the **#rfdstrek** hash-tag when posting to social media.

TREK MERCHANDISE

Later in this edition of Trek Tripe is the selection of merchandise available for purchase this year. You can have them delivered to you before the Trek, or you can pre-order and pick them up at registrations in Griffith.

We are very low on certain sizes in some items; get in now before you miss out!



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CHEMIST OUTLET DONATES THE WATER AGAIN



Once again this year, Chemist Outlet has donated a pallet of water for you to buy at the start line in return for a donation to the Flying Doctor.

I know it's hard once you get your safety harness on, and everything is packed away, but make sure you have your wallet handy so you can buy a blister pack of water before you hit the dusty road.

Thanks to Niels Bowen and the Team at Chemist Outlet.

ALSO AT THE START LINE.....

Griffith Lions Club is putting on the breakfast for us, and that helps them raise lots of money for a large number of good causes locally. They have asked if it is OK to run a raffle at the start line, and of course we said yes.

Whilst you have your wallet out to buy the water **in aid of the RFDS**, also help out by buying a raffle ticket or three – only \$10 each and all of the money raised will go to the **Multiple Sclerosis Australia** people.

SMOKING AT THE START LINE

There is a lot of interest from Trekkers in the Ceremony, and we have invited in the Elders of the local Wiradjuri tribe to perform the ceremony for us.

To take part, at the Trek start line ask one of the officials where to line up.

TELL YOUR MOTHER WHERE YOU WILL BE

This vital piece of information will look just great on anybody's fridge door, and the chart is a little later in the newsletter.

FUEL DISTANCES

The fuel matrix is also a little later in the newsletter – no really long distances this year – 434 kms is the longest stretch.



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ENNGONIA IS PUTTING ON MORNING TEA

PFDS Car Pally

Wednesday 7th June 10am-11am we will be catering for approximately 200 people.

We will need helpers to

make quiche, sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and slices

make up packs on the day

donate items for a hamper raffle (local products etc.)

We will have a quick meeting on Wednesday 10th May after the Mother's Day & Cake Stall

HELPERS NEEDED

We found this in the school newsletter, so now we know what's on the menu. The kids are raising money for an all weather shade cloth for their playground, buy a raffle ticket and you might just win a hamper of local products ©

ARE YOUR PAYMENTS UP TO DATE?

Please make sure that all of your payments, including disbursements, entry fees, donations, are brought up to date this week. Please don't leave it until next week.

CEVA CAR CARRYING

We will be working with CEVA and council this week as to where the truck pick up point will be in relation to the finish line. Please make sure you have your car booked in with CEVA if you are trucking her home. Forms are at the end of this newsletter.

INDEMNITY FORMS

Make sure you have returned your signed indemnity forms, and help save a potential log jam on registrations night. If you send them in after this Friday 26th May, they won't be logged into our database, and will slow everything down.

DOOR PANELS

Door Panels were posted early last week, and I think everybody should now be covered. If you haven't got yours after you have checked today's mail – let me know.

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WE HAVE A FEW VIRGIN CARS THIS YEAR

So please go out of your way to make them welcome, and ease them into Trek life.

If you know of anybody who might enjoy the Trek, please let them know that the event is open to people of all shapes and sizes, and encourage them to make contact and find out what the Trek is all about, and how easy it is to be part of the fun.

FINAL NIGHT BUSES

Don't forget, if you are staying in Port Macquarie town proper, we have shuttle buses to get you to & from Panthers for the final night dinner. The buses will perform a sweep of the main accommodation precinct, and we will tell you the pick up points in the road book. All you have to do is get yourself to the closest pick up point. If you are staying off the beaten track, you will need to arrange your own transport.

PORT MACQUARIE LUNCH SUNDAY 11TH JUNE

Rydges, and the Beach House Hotel, neighboring establishments right on the water in downtown Port Macquarie, will be running a "revival lunch" for Trekkers and their friends on the Sunday of the long weekend. Rydges will donate (a large) part of the takings to the RFDS. **Thanks Rydges Port Macquarie.**



They need to know how much space to reserve for our group, so please let me know if you will be able to join us.

I have so far only around 35 people who have registered interest, so let me know if you are able to come to lunch on Sunday.

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD...

I have had only one person advise me of any dietary requirements during the week, and only four people for the final night dinner, which is a little surprising. If you have any dietary requirements please drop me a line to let me know.



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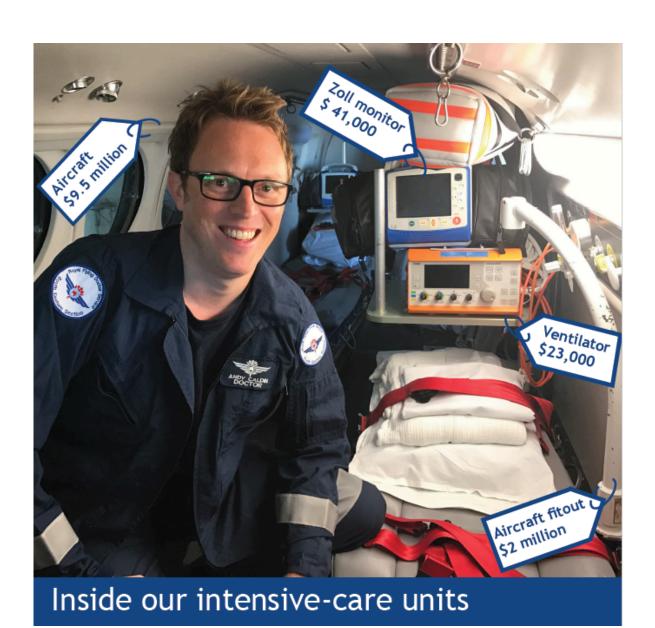
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AUCTION ITEMS

We have some wonderful items for the auction this year, but we have one small problem:

WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ITEMS

Please see what you can do to come up with some good quality items to donate. The styles of things that bring good money includes accommodation prizes – vouchers, etc. restaurant vouchers, golf play & stay, travel, and grog, grog, and grog.

As we have noted in the past couple of newsletters, a couple of truly exceptional items have been donated, and the list is growing:

Mark Crandon from Car #86 is working hard to corner the Australian drone market with his company www.dronezone.com.au and has donated a DJI Mavic Pro drone, coupled with a set of four professionally framed photos taken from your drone on the 2017 Trek.

"How does it work" I hear you ask?

Simple - you buy the drone on the Trek, fly it around a little bit (trust me, this brand of drone is foolproof – no skill required) taking film and photos, and Mark will use your pick of the best photos to create a set for you to hang at home, and perhaps give some to sponsors and supporters.

Mark advises this package is valued at \$4,000 so spend up big in aid of the RFDS.





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Digby Warren & Mike Wheatley have done it again - 2 Business Class tickets to the city of Lost Angels, so make sure you are in the room when they go up for auction at the final night dinner. Many thanks to Digby & Mike and Virgin Australia, this item is worth:

Tens of thousands of \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$



Two Days and 3 nights including meals, beer and wine aboard "Reel Awesome" in the world famous Bay of Islands. Skipper, chef & wine wench are included. This is the big game fishing capital of New Zealand and it includes transfers to and from Auckland to the Bay of Islands. Total prize valued between \$5,000 & \$6,000. Reel Awesome is a 51ft Riviera Passagemaker, designed & built in Australia for the serious Sport Fisherman as well as the first time angler. Designed with luxury in mind, the saloon and cabins all with en-suites offers superb accommodation. Reel Awesome is



powered by twin 485hp Supercharged Detroit diesel engines, which provide a fast and comfortable ride. Reel Awesome is equipped with the latest in electronics and top-of-the-line Shimano Tiagra Penn fishing tackle for Big Game Fishing. Thanks to Team Kiwi.

One weeks vacation ex Auckland airport in the above luxury motor proudly supplied by New Plymouth Motor Home Rentals. **Valued at over \$3,000** and includes unlimited kms and insurance. This 4 berth motor home is available for 7 days during the months of February and March 2018. Pick up at Auckland Airport and return to same. What a way to Explore the North Island for a week.

Thanks to Team Kiwi.



DOES ANY TEAM HAVE TRAVEL CONTACTS – PERHAPS YOU COULD DONATE A
TRAVEL GIFT VOUCHER TO GO WITH THE ABOVE 2 PRIZES???

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Sandbox Media have donated a **\$25,000** oOH! Media package for auction on the Trek – more details at the end of this newsletter.

CORPORATES, SANDBOX MEDIA IS THE AGENCY FOR FOR YOU!!

http://www.sandboxmedia.com.au/



On the subject of Auction Night, whilst typing this newsletter I was talking to Murray Hartin, a great mate who many Trekkers will remember from a few years back.

When he first heard the 2017 Trek was coming to his neck of the woods, Murray volunteered himself to come to Dirranbandi on the Thursday night to entertain us. When I mentioned last night we had our auction night at Lightning Ridge on the Wednesday night, he offered to come to Lightning Ridge as well.

He said something about being thirsty.

As well as spinning us a couple of yarns at Auction Night Murray will donate a personal poem as an auction item.

It's a simple process. You give Murray a profile of what you want the poem to be about, and he employs his wonderful communicative skills to give you back your own personalised and framed poem a few weeks later! The subject matter is up to you.

Yet another bloke who said he'd do anything for The Doctor.

Onya Muzz.

http://www.murrayhartin.com



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WHAT A GREAT AUCTION ITEM!

Sandbox Media are donating the following advertising package, worth \$25,000 to the auction night in Lightning Ridge.

For details, please contact the Virgins in Car 609 - Paul Brennan on 0412 792 911 or Ant Colreavy on 0413 002 031

OOH! PRESENTS THE RFDS OUTBACK CAR TREK AN ADVERTISING PACKAGE TO THE MARKET VALUE OF \$25,000

10 June 2017

This package provides you with an **UNMISSABLE** advertising campaign to be used across oOh!'s extensive network throughout metropolitan and regional Australia on roadside billboards, in shopping centres, CBD offices, universities, cafes, venues and sporting venues.

oOh! provides advertisers with an opportunity to engage and connect with more audiences in more environments whilst they are away from home.

To redeem package please contact Paul Brennan @ Sandbox Media on 0412 792 911 or paul@sandboxmedia.com.au

Conditions: Media package value excludes production 8. Installation fees. Media value is based on market rate. If this package was purchased by an adventising agency, use of the media included in this package must be advised in advance of any brief received. Timing and location is at the discretion of of Oft, hovever, we endeavour fo work with the advertiser's requirements. Media package must be utilised over and above any contractual commitments and not to repiace existing contracted activity. Media package is to be displayed between 1 August 2017 – 30 September 2017 and 1 January 2018 – 30 July 2018.

www.oohmedia.com.au Certificate #92





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TELL YOUR MOTHER WHERE YOU'LL BE					
Saturday night registrations					
The Victoria Hotel Griffith	02 6962 1299				
Day 1 Sunday 4 June					
Ivanhoe State School (lunch)	02 6995 1108				
Ivanhoe Police	02 6995 1144				
White Cliffs Hotel (officials staying here)	08 8091 6606				
Wilcannia Police Station	08 8083 8099				
Day 2 Monday 5 June					
Family Hotel Tibooburra (officials staying here)	08 8091 3314				
Tibooburra Hotel	08 8091 3310				
Tibooburra Police	08 8091 3303				
Day 3 Tuesday 6 June					
Bulloo Downs (morning tea)	07 4655 4339				
Moombidary (lunch)	07 4655 4044				
Royal Mail Hotel Hungerford (dinner)	07 4655 4093				
Hungerford Police	07 4655 4088				
Day 4 Wednesday 7 June					
Enngonia Public School (M/Tea)	02 6874 7550				
Brewarrina Tourism (Lunch)	02 6830 5152				
Lightning Ridge Bowling Club (Dinner)	02 6829 0408				
Lightning Ridge Police	02 6829 9799				
Day 5 Thursday 8 June					
Culgoa Floodplains Ranger Station	07 4625 0942				
Dirranbandi Police	07 4625 8200				
Dirranbandi Hotel/Motel (officials staying here)	07 4625 8299				
Day 6 Friday 9 June					
Belatta Golf Club (lunch)	02 6793 7559				
Barraba Police	02 6782 1003				
Armidale Police	02 6771 0699				
Armidale Bowling Club (dinner here)	02 6772 5666				
Saturday 10 June					
Armidale Bowling Club (breakfast)	02 6772 5666				
Walcha Police	02 6777 2244				
Port Macquarie Police	02 6583 0199				
Port Panthers (dinner)	02 6580 2300				

DO YOURSELF A FAVOUR AND GET A TELSTRA SIM CARD IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE - TELSTRA WORKS WHERE OTHERS DON'T!

Bill Patrick Sat Phone - 0147 145 805

(Do not leave voice mail - send a text if out of range)

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FUEL MATRIX

See below for fuel distances during the week.

2017 TREK - GRIFFITH TO PORT MACQUARIE					
FUEL AVAILABILITY DURING THE WEEK					
DAY	FROM	то	DISTANCE TO <u>NEXT</u> FUEL	COMMENTS	
SUNDAY	GRIFFITH	IVANHOE	290	LUNCH STOP. SINGLE PUMP	
SONDAT	IVANHOE	WHITE CLIFFS	325	1 SERVO IN TOWN, TWIN PUMPS	
MONDAY	WHITE CLIFFS	TIBOOBURRA	326	2 X SERVICE STATIONS IN TOWN	
TUESDAY	TIBOOBURRA	HUNGERFORD	362	SINGLE PUMP, WILL BE A LONG QUEUE	
WEDNESDAY	HUNGERFORD	BREWARRINA	340	4 PUMPS	
WEDNESDAY	BREWARRINA	LIGHTNING RIDGE	171	SEVERAL SERVOS TO CHOOSE FROM	
THURSDAY	LIGHTNING RIDGE	DIRRANBANDI	434	1 SERVICE STATION, TWIN PUMPS	
	DIRRANBANDI	MUNGINDI	123	SEVERAL SERVOS TO CHOOSE FROM	
FRIDAY	MUNGINDI	BELATTA	199	4 PUMPS	
	BELATTA	BARRABA	145	SEVERAL SERVOS TO CHOOSE FROM	
	BARRABA	ARMIDALE	128	SEVERAL SERVOS TO CHOOSE FROM	
	ARMIDALE	WALCHA	97	SEVERAL SERVOS TO CHOOSE FROM	
SATURDAY	WALCHA	PORT MACQUARIE	182	SEVERAL SERVOS TO CHOOSE FROM	



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TREK MERCHANDISE FOR 2017

POLO SHIRTS

For the 2017 Trek we have a nice heavy 210 gsm cotton/polyester classic fit polo shirt, with a knitted flat collar for improved appearance.

Carrying the RFDS logo on the left chest we have the Outback Car Trek, and Griffith to Port Macquarie June 2017, on the right chest. The shirts are a stylish go-anywhere black with red bands along the collar, sleeve and placket. They are available in both men's and ladies cuts, with three buttons.





SLEEVELESS VESTS

High quality Burney Vests, with the Royal Flying Doctor Service embroidered on LHC and the Outback Car Trek embroidered on RHC in discreet silver.

Water repellent unisex padded vest with water proof zippers, elastic drawstring at bottom hem and top of collar. Fleece in pockets and inside collar. Two zipped inner pockets, one with cord opening.

Material: shell: 100% polyester. Lining/padding: 100 % polyester.

RUNNING JACKET

Sky Running Jacket with Royal Flying Doctor Service embroidered on LHC and Outback Car Trek embroidered on LHC in discreet silver.

Soft shell jacket with detachable hood with a drawstring at bottom hem and at hood. Reflective piping at front and at hood.

Material: Shell: 100% polyester, knitted fabric 50D+ TPU. Lining: 100% polyester fleece, 100% polyester mesh.





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CLOTH PATCHES

Over the years cloth patches have become a real collectors item, and again this year we have only produced a small number of patches to protect your investment.

The Trek 2017 Patch shows the RFDS wings in white, words "Royal Flying Doctor Service" in red, and the balance of the Trek signage in white. Everything is on a black background. Dimensions are 110 mm x 85 mm.

SANDWICH PEAK CAP

Heavy brushed cotton in Navy, Black or Royal Blue, this baseball cap has a pre-curved sandwich peak and will complement beautifully your Trek vest, polo or jacket. The centre panel at the front of the cap carries the Trek kangaroo and tyre tracks, and also the Griffith to Port Macquarie logo. The RFDS logo is embroidered on top of the peak, and "proudly supporting Royal Flying Doctor Service" is embroidered around the rear pony tail hole.

An absolute must for any wardrobe.





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2017 TREK MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

ITEM	М	L	XL	2XL	3XL	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Polo shirts						\$ 60 inc GST		\$
Sleeveless (padded) vests						\$160 inc GST		\$
Running jackets						\$140 inc GST		\$
Cloth patches		<u>I</u>				\$20 Inc GST		\$
Caps						\$25 Inc GST		\$
PICK UP IN GRIFFITH FREE!!! \$ 0.00					\$ 0.00			
Postage & handling						\$20 inc GST		\$
GRAND TOTAL							\$,
Name and address for delivery								

Name and addre	ess for delivery
	Postcode
Payment by che	que made to Outback Car Trek Pty Ltd or by MasterCard or Visa (only)
(credit card/EFTPOS	S purchases incur a 1.5% bank surcharge)
Name on card _	Expiry date
Signature	Phone
	Outback Car Trek Pty Ltd, PO Box 789, Round Corner 2158
	or email to billp@outbackcartrek.com.au

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THE 2017 FLYING DOCTOR OUTBACK CAR TREK CEVA CAR CARRYING – BOOKING SHEET SATURDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 10TH 2017

DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE TREK OFFICE EMAIL TO emma.wallace@cevalogistics.com

FAX TO 08 8347 2085 PHONE 08 8348 5860

Consignors Name		
Consignors Contact	M	W
Destination Depot		

FROM	TO	Per Car
Port Macquarie	Sydney	\$ 155
	Melbourne	\$ 426
	Brisbane	\$ 638
	Adelaide	\$ 480

These prices *include* GST and any fuel surcharge that might apply in June, and are for vehicles within the following maximum dimensions:

L 5.2m, W 1.9m, H 2.1m.

Prices for over height vehicles on application to Emma Wallace, contact details above.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Flammable liquids and Dangerous Goods will not be moved with the vehicle.
- The front seats of the vehicle must be empty of personal effects and spare parts so the driver has complete access and complete vision.



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Vehicle Rego: Trek l	Number:			
Vehicle Make: Vehic	ele Model:			
Does the vehicle have any attachments to the r	roof: YES NO			
If yes, please specify attachments and height:				
PAYMENT DETAILS				
Card Type:				
Card Number:				
Expiry Date:				
Cardholder Name & Signature:				
NB : All CEVA depots are open Monday to Frida	ny 8am to 4pm			
CEVA USE:				
Booking Number:				
Confirmation Sent (Date and Forum):				



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REMEMBER:

ONLY 13 MORE SLEEPS

