

# Trek Tripe

## The Newsletter of the Outback Car Trek

Issue 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016

## 2016 DONATIONS LIKELY TO PASS \$1.3 MILLION

We are still waiting to receive a few more pledges for donations for the 2016 Trek, could those cars please chase them along and get them into the Trek office. Donations need to be all received and reconciled by the RFDS ASAP so we can start to focus on fundraising for the 2017 Trek.

We are very very close to passing the \$1.3 million mark for the 2016 Trek, a remarkable effort in continuing tough economic times.

**WELL DONE TO EVERYBODY** – cars, crews, sponsors, supporters and families.

## CUMULATIVE DONATIONS FOR ALL TREKS TO DATE

The total amount of donations raised for all events to date now stands at

**\$25,508,408** and counting.

Congratulations to all concerned since that very first trip in 1990 from Sydney to Hamilton Island.

## EVERYDAYHERO WEB FUND RAISING

Those cars that have embraced the concept of web-based fundraising have opened up a brand new area of sponsorship dollars. People who you might not have considered approaching in the past are happy to donate to such a worthy cause, and you can start the ball rolling by a simple email to everybody on your contacts list in your email system. Via a quick and easy web link, your contacts can make a credit card donation, large or small, in less time than it takes to make a cup of coffee.

The RFDS are in the process of setting up the 2017 Trek Everydayhero web page (please don't open your own page), and the Trek office can create a page personalised for your car & team in a matter of minutes.

Let me know if you want to open up a page for your car/team. It might help you tap into a brand new donations stream.

## POSITIONS VACANT - OFFICIALS RETIRING

We have a couple of officials who have indicated that Trek 2017 will probably be their last event.

They will be sorely missed.

If you think you have what it takes to become an official, and the role interests you, give me a call and we can chat about what's involved.

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## CLONCURRY SAYS THANK YOU

Hi Bill

I hope everyone's travel to Karumba Point was safe and enjoyable. I am sure that you all enjoyed a well-earned drink of some kind while enjoying a beautiful sunset over the Gulf.

I am still at a loss for words from the generosity that was bestowed upon us last night. We, the P&C and school community cannot express our appreciation and sincere thanks enough. The donations that we received last night is what we are generally able to raise in a year with our fundraising events. Not only will this money be going towards our Yr 6 Paluma camp and 11/12 Senior Trip, it has set us up in a way that we can also contribute strongly to next Yrs camps and beyond.

I can promise that everything you did for us last night will benefit each of our children, all the way from Prep to Year 12.

If you could please pass on our thanks once again to all for this incredibly kind donation that you have given us and best of luck to everyone.

Have a safe and wonderful rest of your 'Outback Trek'.

**Simone Sprenkeler**

Cloncurry State School P&C Association

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## CARS FOR SALE

I have had several people recently contact me looking for Trek cars, and I know that a number of cars changed hands during the lead up to the 2016 Trek.

If you have a car still for sale, please let me know ASAP and I will put together a newsletter showing what is available.

Even if you have given me the details of your car during the past few months, give them to me again so I don't miss anybody.

## RFDS GOING THE DISTANCE DINNER - MELBOURNE

Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> is the date for the RFDS Victorian annual "Going The Distance" dinner. Last years dinner was hugely successful, and this year looks like being even more so. The Trek has committed to two tables of ten, and at the moment we are struggling to make up the numbers.

If you would like to frock up and come along to a great night out, please let me know. Tickets are \$200 per head, with all the money going to a good cause.

## FUND RAISING EVENTS

If you have any fundraising events coming up – please let me know, even if they are still a little way off. The earlier we can advise people of what is coming up, the more chance they have to block out their diary and help make your event a success.

## BLACK CAVALIER GOLF DAY

~~Team Black Cavalier, Car #1966, 'Baz & Nuts' aka David Nutter & Barry Pitcher along with John Barker & Laurie Fenton, aka 'Flow', are hosting a Golf Day on Friday 18th November.~~

~~To be held at the beautiful Beacons Hills Golf Links on the outskirts of Melbourne at the foothills of the beautiful Dandenong Ranges, you will think you are back on the Trek amongst the gum trees & the kangaroos.~~

~~The festivities begin with a Gourmet Sausage Sizzle lunch at 12.00 noon. A shot gun Ambrose event kicks off at 1.00 pm followed by a delicious 3 course dinner with guest speaker Scott Chapman, CEO of the RFDS Victoria.~~

~~Entertainment will include the Trek's Very own JOHNNY on the DIDGE.~~

~~Phone Baz on 0418 569 855 or Nuts on 0417 781 880 for further details, or to secure your single or team place. There are a limited number of spots available, so get in quick.~~

**SOLD  
OUT**

Just before going to print, David rang and advised the day was a sell out – well done Barry & David

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## FINAL NIGHT DINNER GUESTS – PORT DOUGLAS

There were quite a few late additions to the final night dinner at Port Douglas, and we haven't received payment for some of those guests. If you were one of those people who added some guests during Trek week, please let me know so we can balance the books.

## PORT MACQUARIE ACCOMMODATION

Port Macquarie is one of the largest holiday destinations on the NSW Coast, and in recent years has outstripped Coffs Harbour in terms of both population and available holiday beds.

We have checked, and double-checked, with the Port Macquarie Council and the Visitor Centre. There are no large events on in Port Macquarie that council are aware of next June long weekend. **HOWEVER** - whilst Port Macquarie boasts a couple of thousand motel/hotel beds, the city and region can fill up very quickly, and sometimes fills up very early. Several Trekkers who have holiday homes in the Port Macquarie area have reinforced this feedback.

I have had a quick look at some of the larger booking websites, and they are all indicating that rooms are in high demand for the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The Visitor Centre has advised that you should look at booking accommodation **NOW** for the 2017 June long weekend.

## AND REMEMBER

IT's ONLY **276** MORE SLEEPS !!

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