



Trek Tripe

The Newsletter of the Outback Car Trek

Issue 3rd February 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The annual Christmas holidays are over, the kids/grandchildren are back at school, and Easter is on its way.

From the Trek office to all Trekkers and their families and friends, we hope you enjoy a safe and prosperous 2016.

YOUR FIRST DONATION INSTALMENT IS NOW DUE

A gentle reminder now that the holidays are over, you should have (at least) 50% of the \$7,500 minimum donation sent in to the Trek office, so the RFDS can start making good use of the money.

If you need any help with credit card forms, direct deposit information, letterheads, etc. please let me know ASAP so we can get the money coming in.

TARGET \$25,000,000 – WE ONLY NEED \$785k

As at 1 February, to get to the magical \$25 million we need a further **\$785,666.88** into the RFDS bank account. The first instalment of your minimum donation is now past due and we encourage all Trekkers to get their donations in ASAP, this will be a big step towards the target.

The \$785k target is a great tool to use to talk to your sponsors about donating a little earlier than they might normally, and perhaps giving a little more than normal, to help the RFDS achieve their goals.

We want to hit the \$25,000,000 milestone early as we can, and get the money into the RFDS' hands as quickly as we can. After all, that's where the donations do the most good!



EVERYDAYHERO

The internet is a wonderful tool when it comes to fundraising, and in particular the use of www.everydayhero.com.au. You can set up your own personalised page for your car, and then use email to distribute the page to your friends and colleagues. If you could get just 15% of the people you have an email address for to hop online and make a donation, the money would come rolling in.

Just visit <https://everydayhero.com.au/event/outbackcartrek2016> and open a page, it really is that simple. You can load a photo, add your own message, and start inviting your contacts to donate. Takes less than 10 minutes to get you started.

If any problems – call me and I can help you on your way.

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SYDNEY DRINKS NIGHT

You don't have to come from Sydney to come to the drinks night – you don't even have to be a Trekker. Regardless of where you hail from, just come along with a smile and a thirst and enjoy the evening.

The night is a good time to catch up with people you haven't seen since maybe the last Trek, plus of course you can gather the latest information about the 2016 Trek. With all of the rainfall in western Queensland that has taken place over the past 3 months, there's sure to be a lot to talk about.

Phillips Foote, 101 George St The Rocks from 5:00 pm on Wednesday 24th February is the place to be – see you there!

MEDIA ASSISTANCE

Media exposure is an area where many Trekkers feel we could do better, and in the past few newsletters I have asked Trekkers to let me know of their interest in getting help from the RFDS public relations and media department. It's fair to say I wasn't exactly bowled over in the rush when it came to people asking for assistance.

To those Trekkers who did make contact thank you, the RFDS media people have your names and details and I am told they will be in contact ASAP. Let me know if you haven't heard anything in the next week or so.

I have also provided the RFDS with information regarding some of the upcoming fundraising events, so you should see some media activity in that area soon.

BUDDY SYSTEM

Virgin Trekkers are being offered the opportunity to "Buddy Up" with seasoned veterans in their first year, in an effort to make their introduction into Trekking as easy and as enjoyable as possible. I'm happy to say this system seems to be working, a big thank you to those concerned.

If you would like to Buddy Up with someone, even though you might not be a Virgin but would still like a helping hand, let me know.

CEVA

The booking form for CEVA is located later in this newsletter. Arranging specialist trucks on a long weekend in remote locations isn't easy so please get your booking in early.



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UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The Cockroaches “**BRUCE CARTER MEMORIAL GOLF DAY**” is on the 9th February at the beautifully picturesque Leonay Golf Course. Ever popular there are only a very few spots left so contact Quinnie on 0418 206 602 or The Captain on 0418 248 376.

John Gorman & Rob Lanham’s ever-popular **Mini-Trek** is on 8/9/10 April and will travel from Wilberforce, Mudgee, Jenolan Caves and finish at Mittagong. Always a lot of fun, and family friendly, contact Rob at roblee81094@gmail.com or John at emuautotrim@hotmail.com for details

Another popular golfing event is the annual day at Dunheved put on by the **9K9 Dog Team**. This year it is on the 15th March, 7 am breakfast for an 8 am hit off. Cost is only \$75 per head, and there are also a limited number of corporate sponsorship packages available for \$700. Email Rob at roblee81094@gmail.com or John at emuautotrim@hotmail.com for details.

North Curl Curl Surf Club is the place to be on May 7th for the Team CX Dinner. The night is always sold out early so reserve the date now in your diary, and let Carl Seaver on carlseaver@me.com know you’re coming.

TTTTT INFORMATION

We have a full field for The Trip To The Tip, and it is shaping up as a Cape York adventure that will last in your memory for a lifetime. The event will be a little different to the traditional 2WD Trek for many reasons, so I will set up a separate newsletter for participants. And YES you should fit a snorkel to your car if you don’t already have one. With 70” of rainfall during a “normal” wet season, we will certainly be travelling through some creek crossings – how deep depends upon the timing and the severity of the Wet, but remember, there are no alternative tracks. There have been some enquiries about shipping 4WDs to Port Douglas for pick up after the Trek to drive to the Cape, plus enquiries about shipping 4WDs back to Cairns by barge from Seisa.

As stated I will set up a separate newsletter for TTTTTers to keep you up to date.

The table overleaf provides the names, phone and email for everybody I have registered for the event. Let me know of any crew changes, additions, omissions, deductions, etc.

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BRIGHT SMILES CHARITY RIDE

We have received several entries for the BSCR, and it is shaping up to be a great motorbike ride across some wonderful country roads.

Like all new events, we need to attract participants to ensure the longevity of the event, and we are presently a little short on numbers. If you know anybody that might be interested in coming along for four fun-filled days, let me know and I will provide them with the necessary information.

The 2016 BSCR will commence with a rider briefing, registrations and dinner at Wisemans Ferry on Thursday evening 28th April and we will overnight at Quirindi (Friday), Dubbo (Saturday), and the presentation dinner in Mudgee (Sunday). We will finish at lunchtime on Monday at Windsor, giving Sydney-based riders plenty of time to get home in time to pick up the kids from school.



A HELPING HAND IS AVAILABLE

Don't forget that we are happy to talk to younger teams, potential Virgins, etc. to ease their way into becoming Trekkers. That helping hand might be mechanical or financial.

If you know someone who fits the bill, maybe just needs a little help or some mentoring, just drop me a line and I can look after the rest.

BROCHURES

Don't forget we still have quantities of brochures for the 2016 Trek available – drop me a line with your order.

FACEBOOKERS & LINKEDINNERS, INSTAGRAMMERS & TWITTERERS

At the beginning of December we sent out some emails encouraging Trekkers to become more engaged in the world of Social Media.

The results have been encouraging, and it is good to see some of the more (dare I say) mature amongst us now posting and tweeting on a regular basis.

If you haven't yet done so, please join Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram, and "friend" the Trek pages.

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THE STREZ LOOKS LIKE GETTING A FACELIFT?

Thanks to Dennis Foster from T10 for passing this news article on:

Queensland and South Australia team up to seal parts of the Strzelecki Track at a fraction of the cost

December 22, 2015 11:00am

Luke Griffiths The Advertiser

As part of an ongoing trial, South Australian company Bardrill has been commissioned by Global Road Technology to apply polymers to 27km of outback roads, including the Strzelecki Track. Picture: Supplied



THE sealing of the Strzelecki Track has commenced. Sort of.

A \$6.75 million privately funded, 12-month trial will see polymers specifically developed for harsh conditions by Queensland company Global Road Technology (GRT) applied to 27km of outback roads in and around the Cooper Basin. This includes a small portion of the Strzelecki Track.

It is expected that the polymers — a paint-like liquid when mixed with water — will make the roads smoother, provide greater traction, reduce dust, and require less water for maintenance.

The trial area is used extensively by resource companies, including Santos.

Costing around \$250,000 per kilometre, the polymers option is significantly cheaper than the \$1 million per kilometre that it would cost to seal the Strzelecki Track with bitumen.

If applied across the entirety of the 460km-long stretch of road, the cost would be \$115 million compared to \$450 million for bitumen.

GRT has commissioned South Australian company Bardrill to deploy the polymers, with results to be analysed over the coming year.

Highlighting the need for an upgrade, the Strzelecki Track is currently closed between Lyndhurst and Merty Merty due to heavy rains, although Cooper Basin mining operations are unaffected.

Managing director Troy Adams said independent testing proves that GRT's technology can withstand heavy rains and adverse conditions.

"If a bitumen road is expected to survive a severe storm, then this road will also survive," he said.

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“In the event of flooding, where any road would be affected, our roads are easier, cheaper and quicker to repair because they don’t require the trucking in of large amounts of quarried or imported materials, which means a kilometre of road can be open within 24 hours.”

The GRT trial comes a month after **the Civil Contractors Federation called on the State Government to fully fund the sealing of the Strzelecki Track**, citing research that found an upgrade would provide an economic benefit to SA of \$1.3 billion annually.

The State Government has long-lobbied the Commonwealth for funding, however even if it is successful, any handout is a while away.

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Stephen Mullighan said he would consider any proven long-term solution that would improve access to the Strzelecki Track.

GRT polymers have been used across the world, including on roads in India and Papua New Guinea, and work is underway on an archaeological site in the United Arab Emirates.

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TREK OUT OF OFFICE

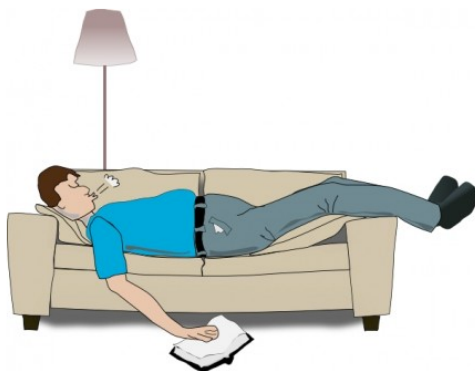
We are away from the office from Friday 5th February, back home Monday 15th, after attending to some business and catching up with some Trekkers in New Zealand.

As always, the phone will be turned on 24/7, but it might take a couple of days to respond to emails during that week. Anything urgent or pressing, ring or send a text, and I will attend to it straight away.

Don't worry, the processing of donations will continue whilst I'm away, so please get them in ASAP.

AND REMEMBER

ONLY **122** MORE SLEEPS !!



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PAYMENT of DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD

Donations may be paid on:

MasterCard, Visa (please circle)

Trek car number you are sponsoring _ _ _ _

Card Number; _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _

Name on card _____

Expiry date _____ Signature _____

Name for receipt purposes _____

Donation \$ _____

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THE 2016 FLYING DOCTOR OUTBACK CAR TREK CEVA CAR CARRYING – BOOKING SHEET SATURDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 11TH 2016

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 Douglas	Sydney	\$ 990
	Melbourne	\$1,530
	Brisbane	\$1,100

These prices **exclude** 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 Number: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ Vehicle Model: _____

Does the vehicle have any attachments to the 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 Friday 8am to 4pm

CEVA USE:

Booking Number:

Confirmation Sent (Date and Forum):

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