

# Trek\* Tripe\*

The latest news from the ...

## 2009 FLYING DOCTOR OUTBACK TREK

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#### SUPPORT OUR SUPPORTERS

Each year we get a tremendous amount of support from businesses, some directly related to an entrant or crew member, others through friends and associates. If you have purchased something at one of our auctions or enjoyed the goods or services of one of our supporters, why not tell us about it? I'll start the ball rolling.

Ron Perich (Car 07) twisted the arm of Mal Rose for a couple of V8 Experiences and I bought one of them. Recently I went out to Oran Park to take up my ride and I have to say it was excellent. Mal has three ex-Bathurst V8 Supercars and punters are suited up and belted into the left hand seat. What happens next is not just a fast drive around the circuit, it's as close to a V8 race as most of us are likely to experience. Mal and his two co-drivers are not only very good drivers, they are showmen and they drive their cars at very high speed, inches apart for all of the five laps. Passengers experience the brutal acceleration, the prodigious grip of the wide slick tyres and the unbelievable braking at the end of the straight.

If you are looking for a present for Christmas or birthday, contact Mal on 0428 449414 or visit his website at [www.thesupercarexperience.com.au](http://www.thesupercarexperience.com.au)

Sharon Peaty is another Trek supporter. For some years now, Sharon has been building and maintaining the Trek website at next to no cost to the event. Every business today needs a presence on the web and many of the large operators in this field are quite expensive while the smaller ones can be unknown quantities. Sharon's company, FutureIT, has the experience and talent without the big overheads.

If your company needs a website or your existing one needs a facelift, call Sharon on 02 9531 8818 or send an email to [sharon@futureit.net.au](mailto:sharon@futureit.net.au) She can also do a good deal on software and hardware.

If you have a supporter you'd like to support, send me some copy and I will happily include it in Trek Tripe.

\*trek/,v., **trekked**, **trekking**, n.-v.i. 1.to travel or migrate, esp. with difficulty. -n. 2. a journey, esp. a difficult one. -**trekker**, n.  
\*tripe/,n 1. the first and second divisions of the stomach of a ruminant, esp. of the ox kind, prepared for use as food. 2. Colloq. anything poor or worthless, esp. written work; nonsense; rubbish. 3. Colloq. **beat the tripe out of**, **a.** to beat up, **b.** to defeat utterly

## **JOHN VERHELST'S FAMOUS RUGBY DINNER**

"The 9th Annual Royal Flying Doctor Service Rugby Dinner will be held at The Four Seasons Hotel in George Street, Sydney, on the evening of **Monday 19th January, 2009**. The money raised goes to the Flying Doctor of course. This will be our 14<sup>th</sup> rugby dinner and to date, some A\$350K has been collected for the "Doctor". Let's make this one a great show.

Confirmed guests include Lote Tuqiri, Lachlan Turner, Luke Burgess, Adam Freier (MC) and Bob Dwyer and (by phone hook-up), Chris Whittaker. Replies are expected from other prominent players.

As there are only 16 tables of ten guests each, it would be advisable to book early. Cost is unchanged at A\$1750 per table of 10, or A\$200 per person."

To book contact John Verhelst on 0437 212121 or at [johnverhelst@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:johnverhelst@yahoo.com.sg)

## **MORE SPACE ON THE RHAPSODY OF THE SEAS**

In the last issue of Trek Tripe I mentioned the great RFDS fund raising event when the Rhapsody of the Seas takes a contingent of RFDS supporters on a one-night cruise. Cabins sold out before we could lay our hands on them but some suites are available, as mentioned in TT 09.08. Now we have heard that some Junior Suites are available at \$1000 each, including all the usual things – dinner, bed, breakfast, entertainment and of course, a night on board. Accommodation consists of two twin beds or a queen plus a double sofa bed. Let me know if you are interested as they will go quickly I'm sure.

## **CARS FOR SALE**

There is a veritable Parramatta Road of cars for sale in this issue, including a couple of glammers (that's used car speak) – two snazzy Mustangs and a good old steady Holden.

### **ex-Phil Wickham Mustang**

1966 Ford Mustang, was Bronze now white. The car is fully serviced and prepared ready for the next Trek. 302 V8 with tricked C4 Transmission special Ford Diff Long range fuel tank, Terra Trip etc all internals as per last Trek. Very reliable car. Price POA (not cheap)

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### **ex-Terry Coyne Mustang**

- 1971 Ford Mustang Mach 1 – the only convertible Mach 1 in Australia if not the world.
- 351 V8 “4V” excellent motor – done 1 Trek after total rebuild to highest quality (engineers specs available)
- 3 speed auto refurbished
- 2 near new modified fuel tanks
- New carby & dizzy
- New racing bucket seats and 5 point harnesses
- ALL the Trek gear ready to go on the next one
- This car has done many Treks and has all the right strengthening and modifications. It is an absolute classic. You will have a ball.

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### **ex-Peter Keep Holden**

Holden HK Station Wagon, 1969, Dual fuel 186 with tonnes of work done to it. Set up as a 3 seater with a 6-point roll cage, 4-point harnesses, Terra-trip, Fridge, UHF radio, CD-stereo, engine gauges, Dust lights, Bull Bar, 2 x spare tyres (all mag wheels), Cargo Cage, Towbar, tinted windows, strengthened control arms and heavy duty springs and shocks, half length bash plate, Celica 5-speed, limited Slip Diff, roof mounted 3-stage centrifugal air cleaner. The car is fitted with two LPG tanks (1 x 60 ltr and 1 x 95 ltr) that will give approx 650 to 700km range. It also has the standard 75 ltr fuel tank which can give you approx 350 km. Ground up rebuild in 2004 then did the 2004 and 2005 Trek. The engine was overhauled just before the 2005 trek and has only covered 20K since. Also comes with spare front guards and doors as well as a pallet sized box of spare parts. NSW rego until Jan 2009. Ready to go for a TREK now. \$6,500. Contact Peter on 0408112897 for photos and more info.

### **REPCO TASMAN REVIVAL 2008**

When not fanging around the country on Trek matters, I have been involved for many years with the Historic Sports & Racing Car Association (HSRCA). In 2006 we ran the first Tasman Revival to celebrate the golden era of Australian motor sport when Jack Brabham was three-times World Champion, Australia's Repco engines powered his cars to two World Championships and the top F1 teams sent their best cars and drivers to race in Australia and New Zealand over the summer months.

The Revival was a great success and we are doing it again in November this year. Some Trekkers are members of the HSRCA but if you are not you can still enjoy a reduced ticket price by buying early under the special car club display scheme. (For

these purposes, the Trek is a car club – right!) Alternatively you might fancy the fancier option of a corporate entry. Flyers on both options are attached.

There will be 27 cars from overseas – USA, UK, NZ and Japan – as well as many of the best cars from the '60s, plus a full field of Formula 5000s from the '70s. There will also be touring cars, sports racing and marque sports cars and pre-war cars. Anyone who saw the 2006 Tasman race with 43 starters will tell you it was one of the most exciting races seen for many years. It will be even better this time.

### **RESULTS FOR 2008**

We are still not in a position to declare the final results for 2008 as we are still waiting on one or two pledges which are imminent. Complying with the new regulations regarding charitable donations has also complicated things a little but we are almost there. The good news is that the money has been with the RFDS since we received it from you so there are no delays there. The other good news is that we will have even more good news on the very grand total. It will be worth the wait.

### **ENTRIES FOR 2009**

We have had a rash of early entries for 2009 and for all sorts of reasons – 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, revisiting some old haunts like Buckland Tennis Club and Isisford, spectacular drive around the Gulf, remote run to Ropers Bar, dinner at sunset on the lawns of the casino in Darwin – it is sure to fill fast. If you haven't sent yours in yet, don't delay, act today!

Regards,

*Stephen*