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## Entries for 2010

Entries for the 2010 event to Hamilton Island are rolling in thick & fast, and are as good if not better for this time of the year than they have ever been in the past.

There are a couple of reasons to get your entries in sooner than later. Don't forget that 2010 will see us return to the limit of 100 vehicles, plus supports, so spots are at a premium. But there is another reason you need to get in early - accommodation on the island. The weekend is host to the enormously popular **Great Barrier Feast**. This event is a foodie's delight, and brings people in from all over the world for the weekend.

## Good news for the RFDS

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December it was announced that the contract to provide aircraft, pilots and engineers to the NSW Air Ambulance has been renewed for a further 12 years.

Trekkers will recall that tenders were called some time ago and the State Government announced that the preferred tenderer was to be Pel-Air, a commercial operator with backing from Singapore. The loss of this contract would have had a severe financial impact on the RFDS as profits and economies of scale made are ploughed into its traditional services.

While there was never a direct threat to the operations of the Flying Doctor and its role in medical evacuations and bush clinics, costs would have risen substantially and extra pressure put on those essential services. Importantly for us, the public perception of supporters' donations going to fund an overseas company, whether this was right or wrong, would certainly make fundraising more difficult. If the success of the Trek were to be substantially diminished, even greater pressure would be felt by the RFDS.

The turnaround was the result of much lobbying by Trekkers and others and it worked! The Government re-opened the tenders and the RFDS was victorious.

On behalf of the Flying Doctor, thank you to everyone who wrote to politicians and newspaper editors, collected protest signatures and phoned people in power. It proves that you can make a difference.

Click [HERE](#) for the official press release

## Cars for sale....

**Rob Gerard has a navy blue HG HOLDEN FOR SALE Trek ready.** Salient points include

- New 308 bored out to 330 with full engineered refurb (set up for unleaded)
- Refurb 3 speed auto transmission (extra plates, extra fluid holes, in line filter etc)
- Strengthened diff
- Under body bash plates, strengthened suspension to Trek requirements.
- 3 Recaro seats each with 5 point seat belts
- Specially fabricated integral steel roll cage. This is very strong and very smick.
- Reupholstered last year and repainted this year
- All the Trek gear (CB radio, Terratrip, snatchem strap, bull bar, driving lights etc.....)

Asking price \$25,000. Contact Rob 0409 900766

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**CHRYSLER VALIANT TREK CAR FOR SALE** - CHRYSLER VALIANT Model VE manufactured Jan 1968. NSW registered until Feb 2010. Full service and maintenance update within last 1000 kms. Very well made solid trek car – a lot of time and money has been spent on this vehicle. Ready to go. All it needs is fuel. Manual 3 speed. Internal roll bars. Big, solid bullbar. Tow balls front and rear. 4 rally seats (fully adjustable). Trippy Meta MkIII. Radio. GME Electrophone TX3200 UHF Transceiver Radio. Dust Lights, white light. Fire extinguisher. Basic new spare parts, belts and hoses etc. 3 jerrycans and 1 water in boot fixture. 2 spare tyres/wheels. \$8,000 o.n.o..

Contact Ian Richard (02) 9713 1519 or email [riangrichard@hotmail.com](mailto:riangrichard@hotmail.com)

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*Garry Plapp also has the love of his life for sale, and here's what he has to say about her;*

**1968 DODGE PHOENIX, 440 V8, AUTO, 15" INCH WHEELS, 180 LITRE FUEL CAPACITY (two tanks), 3 SEATER, HARNESS SEAT BELTS, TRIP COMPUTER, DRIVING LIGHTS, UHF RADIO, TWIN EXHAUSTS THAT SMOKE, PA AND SIRENS, \$15000.00 CAR IS TREK READY, WITH LITTLE TO DO. CAR IS ONLY FOR SALE DUE TO A NEW ONE BEING BUILT CONTACT -GARY 0418174574 OR DAVE-0419892684**

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**The B1B2 1965 Dodge Phoenix is up for sale @ \$15,000.00 *(no offers)*.**

This car has successfully completed every Trek it has been in. Completely rebuilt from the ground up including the 318 wide block poly motor, with 650 Holly carb and hi flow holly fuel pump, K & N Air Filter system, Twin thermo fans, large core radiator, Thermo fan oil cooling system, new engine mounts, custom extractors and free flow exhaust system, fully reconditioned torqueflite 727 transmission, Engine has steel sleeves and new pistons and bearings. Balanced tailshaft, Custom rear shock absorber gantry, poly air bag suspension and hardened and tempered rear springs. 200 litre custom aluminium onboard fuel tank (1000 km range) 4 brand new B F Goodrich a/t radials on ford 8" rims (never used). UHF and CB radios Revolving amber and rear spot lights. 2 x IPF front spot lights, Roll cage and 2 sports bucket seats (plus 2 spare seats) Cd player and amplifier external marine speakers, twin battery system, electronic distributor and hi capacity alternator. Has fittings for engle 40 litre fridge/freezer and comes with on board air compressor and to many spare to mention. Suspension built by Heasmans Suspension at Tempe, motor reconditioned by H G Higginbottom. This car is ready to go with nothing to spend on it

Call Mike Browne on 0412691941 or 95606353

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## Cars wanted

Russell Broughton works for Cathay in Hong Kong and he and a few mates want to enter the Trek next year. He will need a car though, that is Trek ready. He would prefer a Holden, and his preference is a Holden HK station wagon. And maybe he would consider something else altogether different if you have one. If you have a car that you might sell, drop him a line on [rjb44a@hotmail.com](mailto:rjb44a@hotmail.com)

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Ken Ewing is also looking for a Trek ready vehicle, without too many concerns regarding make or model. You can contact Ken on [kjhhighett@hotmail.com](mailto:kjhhighett@hotmail.com)

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## The Doctor has some videos...

The RFDS have provided the Trek office with a small number of DVD's containing some TV advertisements and a small video regarding the work performed by the Service.

These will lend themselves quite nicely to people who put together electronic sponsors packs, or you could embed them into PowerPoint presentations if that's how you attract sponsors. If you have a need for the DVD contact the Trek office and we'll pass one along.

## Vehicle eligibility...

We have had a small number of enquiries asking us if we will be changing the eligibility criteria for 2010. The answer to that is a definite no for 2010.

We do run a technical committee, and the committee will be discussing the Pro's and Con's of the pre-June 1971 rules during the run up to the 2010 event. We'll keep you posted.

## John Verhelst Rugby dinner...

The 10th annual Royal Flying Doctor Service rugby dinner will again be held at the Four Seasons Hotel on Tuesday 20 April 2010. Tickets are \$175 each or \$1750 for a table of ten. The event is fully inclusive of a three course dinner and premium beverages. For bookings, please contact Kim Lawler at the events group on 02 9439 3434 or online at [www.eventsgroup.com.au](http://www.eventsgroup.com.au)

*The festive season is fast approaching, and we would like to pass on to all Trekkers past present & future our best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy Christmas and a prosperous 2009.*

*Bill Patrick*

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