



Outback Car Trek Tripe

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ENTRIES FOR THE 30TH/\$30 MILLION TREK

Email and phones have been running hot with many people saying the 30th/\$30^m Trek is going to have a record attendance. I am constantly told that many people who have not been on a Trek in a while will be blowing the dust off their cars for the 30th Trek, which is great news. I can assure everyone that the event will be full of great roads, new landscapes, and memorable experiences worthy of such a milestone.

History shows us that by the middle of December we normally have received 40 entries into the Trek, however at the moment less than 30 cars are entered. As we are now starting to plan for the resources required to make the event a success, we need entries in to support our planning.

This planning ranges from catering and fuel requirements, to the number of officials we need, and includes the range of resources the RFDS devote to our event.

I have meetings with key stakeholders on 19th December, and we will be starting to make our decisions based on the number of entries we have received by that date.

Please help make the 2019 Trek a huge success by getting your entry form in ASAP.

SAVE THE DATE – 30TH/\$30^M GALA DINNER

To celebrate our 30th Outback Car Trek and the achievement of \$30 million in donations, we are holding a Gala Dinner after the Trek on August 24th, 2019 in the Big Top at Luna Park Sydney.

PLEASE - save the date and start organising your table now. We are putting together lists of past Trekkers who we would like to invite to help make the evening a success, but we only have about 50% of phone numbers or email addresses for Trekkers from “the olden days”. If you know anyone who fits into that category, please mention the dinner to them and ask them to make contact so we can ensure they are on the invitation list.

BEWARE - \$30 MILLION IS NOT A “DONE DEAL”

To pass the \$30,000,000 mark in donations for the 30th Trek, we will need to raise \$1.66 million for the event. We have raised that number before, and it is achievable, but it will need a great deal of effort.

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SOME CREATIVE HELP IS NEEDED

We are looking for some help to create a (large) map that will show each of the Trek routes since 1990. This will be offered for auction in Mt Isa during next year's Trek. It promises to be a real collector's piece.

We have had a couple of attempts at making one over the past few years, and it is not as simple as it sounds. We need some help to get one designed and made, so if you have any ideas as to how it might be done, or if you have any particular skills in this area, we would love to hear from you.

WEB BASED FUNDRAISING MAKES IT EASIER

It is simple to create your own fundraising web page – simply click on the following link and follow the prompts (it helps if you have a photo of your car or crew ready to upload before you start) (or copy and paste the link into your browser) www.outbackcartrekfundraising.com.au

Using the web can open up a whole new market for your fundraising efforts.

TREK NUMBER PLATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Part of the merchandising for the Trek will be a commemorative 30th/\$30^m number plate. The plates are full sized, with a metal with raised outside edge. We expect to receive them by the end of the week, so we can ship them in an express post bag to make sure you get yours in time to put under the Christmas Tree.

The plates are \$30 each, plus the cost of express postage is \$8.50 per bag. Email me if you want Santa to drop one off to you.



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SHOCK ABSORBERS

We mentioned last month that it would be a good idea to replace your shockies, and take along a spare, purely as a precaution. Each of the times we have driven the route the roads have been perfect Trek roads, but we can't vouch for what they will be like after the wet season.

A lot depends on whether we have a late or early wet. Local councils will get onto the roads as quickly as they can after the wet - after all tourism is the economic lifeline of the region. We don't expect any problems, however we can't predict what the roads will be like in seven months' time if we have a late wet season. Be smart, check/replace your shockies, and pack a spare.

STUB AXLE INSPECTIONS

Ever since we have insisted that stub axles be regularly crack checked the reliability of cars has improved considerably. The requirement is for stub axles to be crack tested every three Treks, and you are required to submit proof of the work to the Trek office so we can keep it on your car file.

Please make sure you are up to date with your testing and help save a potentially dangerous situation.

THE 30/\$30 TREK ROUTE

<https://www.outbackcartrek.com.au/where-are-we-going>

Our start town is Renmark SA with Cut-A-Rama on Sunday night 2nd June. Then we leave Renmark on Monday morning 3rd June, to Nuriootpa in the Barossa, Rawnsley Park (Flinders Ranges), Marree, Birdsville, Boulia, Mt Isa, Adels Grove, Hells Gate, Lorella Springs, Mataranka, Jabiru and we finish at Vestey's Beach in Darwin on Friday 14th June.

BOOKING IN THE BAROSSA

The evening meal in the Barossa is at Nuriootpa – buses are laid on to move everybody around, but please refer the comments in the entry form and on the website when you are booking accommodation.

BRING YOUR SWIMMERS

There will be several opportunities to grab a swim during some of the meal breaks or at the overnight stops, later in the Trek. Certainly, after we leave Mt Isa the temperatures will be warm enough to enjoy a swim. Remember that not everywhere is suitable, as crocodiles are about in many of the places we will visit. Bring along your swimmers and keep them handy, but keep your eyes peeled for the safety signs before you jump in.

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ROADSIDE LUNCH ON DAY 5

Bedourie State School has seven enrollments for 2019, and they will travel 125 km to cater our roadside lunch-stop, on the back roads from Birdsville to Boulia. When I called in and asked if they would help, the answer came straight back – “we’ll do anything for the doctor”.

The money they make from the catering will go towards their bi-annual school excursion, which costs in the vicinity of \$15,000 each two years. Every second year the excursion rotates between Canberra and the snow, the Barrier Reef, and the Brisbane Ekka. By the time a child travels through 6 years of primary school they have been exposed to three very different facets of life outside of Bedourie.

Help out the kids fundraising efforts by buying a raffle ticket or three.

The school finishes at the end of primary school and there is no high school in town, so all children have to go to boarding school to finish their education.

Without stealing anything from the history pages in the Road Book, in an interesting twist of events Bedourie lays claim to developing the “camp oven” in the 1920’s. If you want to know any more – “it’s in the book”.

TREK 2019 AND DARWIN AND V8’s

The final night dinner will be held in the Darwin SkyCity Casino at Mindil Beach, next to Cullen Bay and near the Darwin CBD. We have arranged for buses to move people to and from the dinner that evening, but please try and book your accommodation within the CBD or Cullen Bay precinct as we won’t be able to cover the entire metro area.

N.B. The V8 Supercars will be in Darwin the weekend we arrive, so I suggest you get in now and sort your accommodation and flights home. We have spoken to the tourism people and they have no concerns whatsoever about Trekkers being able to obtain suitable accommodation, but they stressed that you should look at booking now, rather than wait. Do it now, before Christmas.

We are in ongoing talks with the V8 Supercar people, who are favourably considering having a number of Trek cars perform a lap of honour to celebrate the 30th/\$30^m Trek prior to the V8 feature race on Saturday 15th June. This will be a great opportunity to showcase your sponsors, the Trek and the RFDS to the national TV audience that follow the V8 series.

DARWIN ARRIVAL LUNCH

The finish line in Darwin will be at Vestey’s Beach at lunchtime, only a couple of kilometres from the CBD. If there is enough demand we will put on a bus to bring partners out to the finish line to join us for lunch, but you will need to let me know.

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AFTER THE TREK

Bob Smiff from Penriff owns the Adelaide River Inn & Resort, only 120 kms south of Darwin, and the stepping-off point for the Litchfield National Park – famous for its scenery, crocodiles and barramundi. An absolute oasis, the resort offers all levels of accommodation, from tent sites and backpackers, to motel rooms and cabins.

Call in and spend a couple of nights at Adelaide River after the Trek – there is lots to see and do.

Take a gander at the website www.adalaidriverresort.com.au or ring 08 8976 7047

TREK CAR SAFETY CONCERNS (PET PEEVES)

As well as the significant safety concerns over rear facing white lights and car numbers (refer the last edition of Trek Tripe) **I have received several calls concerning inadequate mud flaps.**

Mud flaps on the Trek are vitally important, and perhaps they should be called “Rock Flaps”. One of the primary requirements of your mud flap is to reduce the amount of rocks your car throws up as you travel along, and to accomplish this task they must be low to the ground and wider than your wheel and tyre width to stop rocks spewing out sideways.

Please have a look at your mud flaps, and if they are too high or too narrow, replace them with ones more suitable. Please don't wait until safety check to find out you don't meet requirements.

2019 BRIGHT SMILES CHARITY RIDE

Save the date – we will be setting off down the south coast on Thursday 2nd May 2019, taking in some of the Snowy (and some High Country), before finishing up back near Sydney on Sunday 5th May. We will release the route and the overnight towns in the next few weeks.

Save the date and get some mates to come along. We already have over a dozen entries, and we are getting close to a full event. If you are interested drop me a line and I will put you on the mailing list.

THE 2019 BRUCIE CARTER CUP

The Cockroaches are again this year running their annual golf day, in memory of Bruce Carter, and to raise funds for the RFDS. Refer to the flyer and entry form later in the newsletter for details on how to enter, or sponsor, this great day out.



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CEVA BOOKING FORM

The booking form for CEVA was in the last edition of Trek Tripe. You can download the newsletter from the web site.

PLEASE GET YOUR BOOKING FORM IN SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

2019 FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Please let me know if you have any upcoming fundraising events you would like advertised in the newsletter.

CARS CLASSIFIEDS

1965 FORD MUSTANG (CAR 2)

- Red in colour
- Built to compete in Sydney to London (but never did),
- very strong car with full set of spare parts 2 spares ,
- 289 cu in V8
- 4speed top loader gearbox special
- Bosnjac heavy duty 9" diff
- 120lt fuel tank
- full Bond roll cage,
- choice of seats,
- tuned,
- serviced and ready to Trek



Phone Phil Wickham 0425 255 306

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KEITH RIDER HANGS UP HIS HARNESS

"Dear Bill,

After having done quite a number of Treks, I find that I can no longer do any more Treks due to ill health and I wish to sell my car, Trek No 873.

It is a 1971 Toyota Corona Mk 2, 2 litre 6 cyl sedan.

- It comes with a complete set of spare wheels & tyres, stub axles, radiator, hoses etc.
- This car has completed every trek it has entered with almost no breakdowns and, in the past, has been the only car of its type in the Trek.
- This car, subject to scrutineering, is ready to go Price \$7,500 ono



Could I kindly ask you to put an entry in Trek Tripe if you don't mind?

Kind Regards, Keith Rider Ph: 02 9819 6722."

1965 FORD XP FALCON

This well set up Trek car is for sale and ready for its next owner to explore all that the outback has to offer. The 1965 Ford XP Falcon is a classic Aussie shape that turns heads wherever she goes. She is set up as follows:

- Completed the 2017 Trek and a few Bashes before that
- Larger Ford Pursuit 250 engine, five speed gear box
- Modified XR6 axles set up by KCDR Drivetrains, spare stub axle, chassis reinforcements
- Dual batteries (both in boot with additional terminals under bonnet), the second running the fridge and auxiliary) with custom engineered metal safety barrier
- Cabin setup: Set up for three people (front x 2, rear left), Trek compliant full Sabelt harnesses and full rollbar installed by Bond Roll bars, positive pressure air pump in cabin to minimise dust, GME UHF radio, Brantz International 2S Pro rally computer with GPS antenna and remote, modern gauges, custom switch board with most switches in front of navigator, two separate Clarion Bluetooth stereo head units (one for cabin, one for roof)
- Great 40L Engel Fridge bolted to floor in place of seat behind driver
- Roof setup: Rhino Rack racks holding a roof basket that holds two spare tyres, air compressor, external speakers, dust lights, orange/clear 'Police' flashing light, spare stub axle, front and rear strobe lights, air horn (powered by compressor)



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- Large boot, positive air pressure from electric air fan, holds several swags and gear
- Long range fuel tank
- Solid front bull bar
- Four spare panels (doors, wheel arches)
- Number plate "CAR 300" included

Known issues requiring attention from her next owner:

Engine second cylinder not firing perfectly, Driver's side tie rod, Steering box would benefit from tightening/upgrade

Happy to answer any questions by phone. Car is located in Bowral NSW, 90 mins south of Sydney. Contact Alex on 0424 822 388.

\$12,000 ONO

TREK CAR FOR SALE

Owner retiring after Bashing and Trekking since 1986

Mercedes 1970 250 Compac – manual and log books

This is a one owner family car, original condition, includes original 4 hub caps , has never had an accident , little to no rust , converted and strengthened for charity car rallies .

This car has been in 10 Treks, 2 Beyond Bitumen and has been very reliable mechanically.

Car has been modified and serviced by Daniel and Frank Kleinig, 4 speed manual with full roll cage, three full harnesses (2 front ,one rear seat) , radio cassette player

Brantz 2 tripmeter plus spare Terra Trip, spare cables etc. Pearce Simpson UHF Radio, 2 spare wheels, spare radiator and lots of other spares, bearings, water hoses, distributor caps and rotors, shock absorbers, jerry cans, front light protectors and separate and fused electrical circuits etc

Historic registration 85032H Expiry 6-8-2019

This is a reliable, strong and classic trek car. Price \$30,000 can move a little but not much.

Ross Alexander 0417385406 /rosswalexander1@gmail.com



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THE "TOON" CAR IS FOR SALE

Car 86 has done five treks, and performed fantastic each time, it will come trek ready with all the gear required.

Not sure what to say except it's an icon that is completely covered in hand airbrush painted cartoon characters (186 pictures all up).

It's a nice tourquey 318 V8, 4 wheel disc brakes, rear airbag suspension (additional to the springs and shocks) extra 45lt fuel tank and many more options and is very comfortable to drive.

Price: \$17,500 I have a little room to move, but not much.

Mark Crandon 0409 0407 55



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THE PINK PIG IS AVAILABLE

It's a while since it has been on a Trek, but I am assured that the Pink Pig is still ready, fit, and able to participate in many Treks to come.

The pertinent details:

- THE PINK PIG
- 1965 HD Holden XU Twin Carb 6 cyl motor (20,000KM)
- One of Australia's best known vehicles.
- Fully spec'd to Trek standard.
- Roll cage, 4 point harness's,
- long range tanks,
- HR front end,
- brake booster,
- heaps of storage,
- team uniforms (including water pistols),
- Celica 4spd gearbox.
- A great fun car, registered, RWC and ready to go
- Currently styed on the Gold Coast, will deliver. \$7,000
- Phone Ross 0418 980929



(editor's note: no extra charge for the window strut).

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MERCEDES 1968 108 SERIES 280s

(Please note – this is a Bash Car – it has not participated in any Outback Car Treks)

This car comes with loads of extras and has over \$17,000 spent on her in the last 3 years (receipts available)..

- new long motor last year plus gearbox rebuild...
- Engel fridge...
- 2 front seats only
- 2 new tyres and the other 4 have only done one bash...
- electronic ignition...
- 140l fuel tank..
- extra fuel pump plus all the other bash essentials.
- A proven and very strong car. Has only ever had major works done by a respected MB specialist mechanic at Greenacre in Sydney.
- All suspension and body has been strengthened and raised to accommodate bashing.
- Well worth a look...Asking \$13,000

Many thanks

Jeff Forsyth

Mob: 0418 867733



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AND REMEMBER:

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PAYMENT OF DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD

Please complete and email to billp@outbackcartrek.com.au

MasterCard, Visa or AMEX (please circle)

Participant that you are sponsoring _____

Card Number;

_____/_____/_____/_____

Name on card _____

Name for receipt purposes _____

Card expiry date _____

Signature _____

Donation \$ _____

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CAR 3333



Brucie Carter Cup

SILVER JUBILEE



RFDS CHARITY GOLF DAY

WHEN

Tues 12th February 2019

7.30am Breakfast & Registration
4 Ball Ambrose, Shotgun Start

WHERE

LEONAY GOLF COURSE
Leonay Parade, LEONAY



ENTRY FEES

\$800 per group of 4

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ❖ Breakfast
- ❖ Golf Buggy x 2
- ❖ All Refreshments on the course
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ & a Bloody good time

Fill in the Entry Form to secure your spot!

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CAR 3333 Brucie Carter Cup SILVER JUBILEE - RFDS CHARITY GOLF DAY

Return this form ASAP to reserve your spot for a Great Day

Email: admin@pfformation.com.au

Post: 1 Patricia Fay Drive, MAROOTA NSW 2756

Team Name:

No. of Players:

Contact Name:

Do you require a Receipt?

Name on Receipt:

Postal Address:

State:

Postcode:

Email:

TOTAL \$800 for 4 players (includes 2 carts & drinks)

Payment Options:

- Direct Debit to BSB: 012429 ACC: 510388623 (ANZ)
- Cheque made out to: Royal Flying Doctors
- Credit card payment

MasterCard, Visa or AMEX (please circle)

Card Number:

Name on card:

Expiry date:

Signature:

Amount: \$800 (Donation for Car 3333)

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