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HOW THE NUMBERS ARE STACKING UP

We have 78 2WD's and 25 Supports registered for the 2018 Trek, compared to 70 2WD's and 21 Supports in 2017. Including officials we will have 263 people on the event this year, up 15% over last year.

WELCOME TO THE VIRGINS

This year there will be sixty virgin participants on the Trek (a record) sprinkled amongst the entries, with **five** virgin 2WD cars and **five** virgin supports (also a record).

This is a great result, and a very big welcome to all of those people that are new to Trekking. We hope you will enjoy your week in the bush supporting the Flying Doctor, and that you will continue to stay involved in the Trek for many years to come.

As the average age of Trekkers continues to rise, we need an influx of new participants to make sure that the event continues to help the RFDS to provide it's "Mantle of Safety" across inland Australia. Virgins please don't be shy during the week, make yourself known to the veteran Trekkers – they would all love to meet you and make you welcome.

AIRLIE BEACH DINNER GUESTS

I mentioned in the last newsletter that the final night dinner guests were below our normal numbers. We need to make sure we advise the marquee people the right numbers – they need 4 weeks notice to bring equipment up from the southern states.

This is the list of the 45 guest names I have down for the final night dinner – please let me know **ASAP** if I am missing anyone.

Car #	Guest Name
'2	Denise Wickham
'2	Graham Wickham
'2	Denise Wickham
'X2A	Natalie Wickham
'X2A	Jacklyn Wickham
'18	Kendall Wark
'20	Kerry Paramor
'22	Names tba
'22	Names tba
'51	Ann Cant
'53	Judy Schafer
'84	Daphne Pembroke
'84	Regan Pembroke
'X84	Peta Kirby
'86	Mrs Phil
'86	Mrs Angelo

Car #	Guest Name
'89	Marie Shaw
'89	Kathy Bogdan
'89	Colleen Wright
'X89	Gwen Shaw
'X150	Helen McCourt
'X150	Jill Meyer
'151	Nubia Meyer
'152	Marion Thamm
'X24/7	Steven Paul
'345	Denise Thrift
'345	Jo Heffernan
'345	Emma Toffanello
'1966	Kim Pitcher
'1966	Diana Nutter

Car #	Guest Name
'X1966	Sandra Fenton
'X1966	Michell Pitcher
'X1966	Bec Pitcher
'XRAY	Louise Becchio
'XRAY	Catherine Baldwin
'T1	Karen Makin
'T1	Kylie Patrick
'T1	Daniel Kavanagh
'T1	James Serfontein
'T1	Sam Serfontein
'T1	Ryan Serfontein
'T11	Marg Kennedy
'T11	Kath Howell
'T12	Glenda Gallant
'T12	Maxine Hollis

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REGISTRATIONS, JUST CUTS AND CUT-A-RAMA

Trek registrations and Cut-A-Rama will be held at the Tamworth Hotel, opposite the railway station, from 4:30 pm on Saturday 2nd June. See you there!

ACCOMMODATION IN TAMWORTH

The start line and breakfast will be at the West Tamworth Leagues Club, and the Mercure Resort at the leagues club still has quite a bit of very reasonably priced accommodation available. Give them a ring if you still haven't booked yourself a room. 02 6765 1200.

SAFETY CHECK ISSUES

For all of those people that have received a notification of issues with their car safety checks – you are required to send back to me written confirmation from your mechanic that each and every issue raised have been fixed. Please don't drag the chain, get the problems solved, and get it confirmed in writing by your independent mechanic ASAP.

FUEL DISTANCES

The longest stretch between fuel this year is 460 kilometres

DOOR PANELS

Most of the door panels were posted yesterday, there are still about 8 to be sent out. With the panels that were sent yesterday, I advised everybody by email of their Aussie Post tracking numbers. The stated delivery time is "3 – 5 days" so please keep a lookout for them. If they haven't turned up early next week, contact Australia Post ASAP. I will get the balance out tomorrow (Wednesday) and I will email you those tracking numbers then.

CEVA ARE FEELING LONELY

CEVA have advised me that they still only have 31 cars booked to travel south. If you want to get your car trucked home, get your form in IMMEDIATELY, as they are ready to close off the books. Being a long weekend they need a few weeks to roster enough trucks for the task, so don't delay.

TREK MERCHANDISE – STOCKS ARE LOW

Again this year we have available several quality items of Trek merchandise for you to purchase, including polo shirts, patches, caps, vests and jackets.

We have limited stocks left, so to make sure you don't miss out complete the order form later in the newsletter and email it in – either for delivery to your home, or pick up at Tamworth.

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AIRLIE BEACH - BUSES TO DINNER

Make sure that your accommodation at Airlie Beach is within the town area. We have buses arranged to sweep the town to take you to the final night dinner, and a map will be provided in the road book of the pick up points.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

After my appeal in the last edition of Trek Tripe we have received a number of auction items to offer up, but as the man once famously said - **WE STILL NEED MORE!**

A bit of a teaser: One of the more special items to be offered is a Grange Magnum Collector Edition from 2010. Giving it some extra provenance is that this is the 60th Anniversary Grange, and is packaged in the most amazing "carton". 2010 is recognised as **THE** year for Grange and the retail price is \$2,500 – if you can find one for sale anywhere.

Another auction item to whet your appetite: The people from ExperienceCo have offered a sky-diving package that can be used at Airlie Beach. Full details of the offer will be provided in a later newsletter and in the Trek auction booklet, but I mention it here so you can budget now how much you intend to pay for the experience on auction night!

JUST CUTS AT LUNA PARK

I will be in contact next week with everybody that has offered to support the Just Cuts Luna Park event, but what we still need more of is people turning up for breakfast and a chat. **Please** try and make it on the morning, even if only for 30 minutes or so,

The coffee and the BBQ trailer will be on from 6:30am.

A big vote of thanks to Warwick Doughty and the entire Luna Park team, and of course to Denis McFadden and the Just Cuts girls & guys who tirelessly support the RFDS.

Please let me know ASAP if you are able to attend as a supporter – we need the numbers.

DID YOU KNOW THE DOCTOR IS 90 THIS YEAR?

**90
YEARS**



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AND REMEMBER:

ONLY **30** MORE SLEEPS



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THE 2018 OUTBACK CAR TREK CEVA CAR CARRYING – BOOKING SHEET SATURDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 9TH 2018

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
Airlie Beach	Sydney	\$ 1,325
	Melbourne	\$ 1,415
	Brisbane	\$ 665
	Adelaide	\$ 1,550

These prices ***include*** 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 vehicles outside of these dimensions 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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TREK MERCHANDISE FOR 2018

POLO SHIRTS

For the 2018 Trek we have a nice heavy 210 gsm cotton/polyester classic fit polo shirt.

Carrying the RFDS logo on the right chest we have the *Outback Car Trek Tamworth to Airlie Beach June 2018*, on the left chest. The shirts are a stylish go-anywhere bone colour with three buttons.



SLEEVELESS VESTS

High quality JB's Wear adventure vests, with the Royal Flying Doctor Service embroidered on right and the Outback Car Trek embroidered on the left with a discreet charcoal thread.

The vests feature:

- Polyester pongee shell and contrast polyester lining
- Extra thick poly fill with horizontal design lines
- Chunky front zipper
- Zip-through collar
- Two front pockets with water shedding pocket flaps
- Back trop tail
- Embroidery Zipper
- Urban Fit



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AUTO JACKET

An ultra-soft feel soft wearing black Auto Jacket, with Royal Flying Doctor Service embroidered on RHC and Outback Car Trek embroidered on LHC in discreet charcoal.

The jacket features:

- Polyester/Polyamide (Nylon) shell
- Quilted satin lining
- Zip-through collar with snap closure wind panel
- Internal pockets
- Embroidery Zipper
- Classic Fit



CLOTH PATCHES

Over the years cloth patches have become a real collectors item, and again this year we have only produced a small number of patches to protect your investment.

The Trek 2018 Patch is 130 mm x 80 mm in size, embroidered in a smart red & white colour scheme on a black background.



SANDWICH PEAK CAP

Heavy brushed cotton in navy or black. The baseball cap has a pre-curved sandwich peak and will complement beautifully your Trek vest, polo or jacket. The centre panel at the front of the cap carries the Trek kangaroo and tyre tracks, and also *Tamworth to Airlie Beach*. The RFDS logo is embroidered on top of the peak, and "proudly supporting Royal Flying Doctor Service" is embroidered around the rear pony tail hole.

An absolute must for any wardrobe.



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2018 TREK MERCHANDISE EMAIL ORDER FORM

ITEM	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Polo shirts						\$ 60 inc GST		\$
Sleeveless (padded) vests						\$110 inc GST		\$
Running jackets						\$120 inc GST		\$
								\$
Cloth patches						\$20 Inc GST		\$
Caps						\$25 Inc GST		\$
PICK UP IN TAMWORTH FREE!!!								\$ 0.00
Postage & handling						\$20 inc GST		\$
GRAND TOTAL							\$	

Name and address for delivery _____

_____ Postcode _____

Payment by cheque made to Outback Car Trek Pty Ltd or by MasterCard or Visa (only)

(credit card/EFTPOS purchases incur a 1.5% bank surcharge)

Name on card _____ Expiry date _____

Signature _____ Phone _____

Email form to billp@outbackcartrek.com.au

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