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Drive 4x4 The Doc

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## NEWS : NEWS : NEWS : NEWS : NEWS : NEWS

Hello to All, and welcome to the latest Newsletter covering happenings and information regarding the Outback Car Trek, the Drive 4x4 The Doc and the Bright Smiles Charity Ride.

### THE TAX MAN COMETH

It's not long now to the 30th June, and this might be the last chance you have this financial year to make any tax deductible donations to the RFDS. As you will be aware the Flying Doctor is really struggling as a result of the COVID-19 - costs are increasing and donations are down down down. If you are in a position to make a donation the bank details are:

RFDS Gift Fund No. 2  
Westpac Broken Hill  
BSB 032-816  
A/C 199573

Please use your car number or surname as the deposit reference

Thanks in advance.

### THE RAFFLES HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO THE DOCTOR

The Friday Raffles For The Doctor have been raising in excess of \$3,000 pe week for the RFDS, and there have been some great prizes won. Thanks to everybody who buys a ticket, many of you buy a ticket every week and your support is very much appreciated. The link to buy a ticket this week is [HERE](#)

### THE STATE OF ORIGIN

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Next Wednesday was the original date of game 1 in this years State of Origin series, and the Trek was intending to watch NSW assert it's superiority on the big screen at the Gunnedah Town Hall. Whilst the series has been postponed to November, **there is an emerging "State of Origin" competition with the Raffles Series** - those Queenslanders are punching above their weight and winning all the raffle prizes! So far in the Raffles For The Doc series NSW supporters have bought 70% of the tickets, but only won 43% of the prizes, grossly unfair, and those from north of the border have purchased only 4% of the tickets yet they have won nearly 25% of the prizes! And to add insult to NSW injury, Victorians have bought 26% of tickets and won 30% of the prizes. NSW being robbed yet again!

Let's everybody pitch in this week and buy some raffle tickets and maybe tilt the scales back to NSW? Click <https://bit.ly/3eqr71J> to get your tickets.

### **THE POSTPONED 2020 TREK**

The revised dates of Thursday 22/10/20 to Thursday 29/10/20 are looking good, but of course anything might happen in the coming months to scupper our plans. At the moment we are all systems go for both a "Part A" and a "Seven Day" event. There will certainly be some changes to the way we normally do things, but at the moment we don't know what they will be.

A probable factor will be the inability to have extremely large gatherings of people, which will limit our options at meal times. It might mean that we split into two venues for meals, or we have to place a limit on attendees on the event. If that happens it will be a last on first off style approach, which I am sure everyone will understand.

**SO** - if you want to secure your place on the event, and if you haven't already sent in your entry money, now is the time to do so. As previously advised, anybody who has entered and is unable to make the revised dates, your entry fee and disbursements will be automatically rolled over to the 2021 Trek.

### **ON THE SUBJECT OF MONEY**

As previously advised, we have decided to change the minimum donation requirements for both the 2020 and the 2021 Trek. If you are having trouble meeting the minimum \$7,500 per car donation total please let me know. Our attitude is "do your best. that will be good enough". Of course. some

conditions will apply, but we want you to continue to support The Doctor, regardless of the economic impact of COVID-19.

Still on the subject of money, the actual disbursements fee for the postponed event is currently a little up in the air. The community groups and caterers who feed us may be hit by increased costs due to the pandemic, and any shortfall will need to be made up.

## **CARS FOR SALE**

A couple of cars have surfaced for sale, but we still have more buyers than sellers - please let me know what you have for sale, or if you have any Virgins looking for a car - sing out also.

## **DRIVE 4X4 THE DOC - TASMANIA**

Again, we are all systems go for the Tasmanian event in mid-November, and being a much smaller group (limit of 40 people) we are confident we will be able to meet/exceed any guidelines that might apply. There are still a couple of spots, so if you are interested email me ASAP so I can guarantee you a place. For further details about the event click [HERE](#)

## **THE BRIGHT SMILES CHARITY RIDE**

Finding suitable dates for a long weekend for the BSCR is proving elusive. We haven't given up hope of coming up with something later this year that will suit most of the people. I will be spending some time on the issue next week trying to find a resolution.

## **DON'T FORGET [HAPPY HOUR](#) - FRIDAYS AT 5:30 AEST**

Click on the link above to join the fun, have a bit of a gas bag and pick up some useful hints re the Trek, the D4Doc and the BSCR. Have a laugh and perhaps win the lucky door prize?



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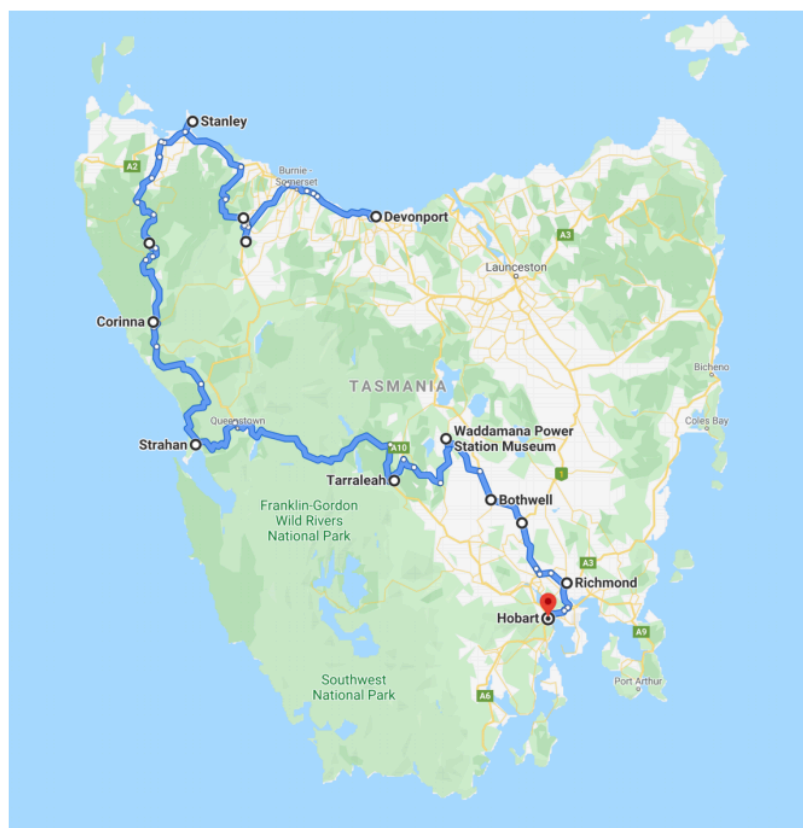
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## The 2020 Drive 4x4 The Doc Event Overview

8<sup>th</sup> November to 13<sup>th</sup> November, Devonport to Hobart

### Itinerary:

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November: welcome drinks and dinner, Devonport
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Devonport – Dip Falls – Stanley
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Stanley – Corinna – Strahan
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Strahan (free day)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Strahan – Queenstown – Tarraleah
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Tarraleah – Richmond – Hobart  
Final night dinner, Hobart



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