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Hello to All.

Newsletters and Junk Folders. Our email provider tells me that my last email newsletter was received by 99.3% of people. They also tell me that only 63.4% of people opened the email. Are you one of the 37% that hasn't read it? It might be in your junk or spam folder. If need be, check your junk and spam folders, and add the newsletter emails to your safe senders list. That way the emails should arrive into your inbox.

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Wolfgang Reinhard Isn't Coming. Many Trekkers will remember Wolfy from the mighty Volvo Car 1144. He is a scratching from this year's Trek as the result of a serious accident whilst pushbike riding on Lord Howe Island 3 weeks ago. Wolfgang broke 7 ribs, punctured a lung, suffered a damaged sternum, a broken collarbone, a broken pelvis, and deep lacerations to his head and face, plus lots of other issues. The master of understatement he told me *"it was a serious fall"*. Wolfy said *"it was a kinda bad crash"* and *"I know it all sounds bad but I'm getting better every day"* and *"I'll be out of rehab in only one more week"*.

I can share with you that one of the reasons Wolfy is getting better so quickly after very serious injuries in such an extremely remote location, can be put down to the medical treatment he received.

You guessed it - the **Royal Flying Doctor Service** were on Lord Howe within a couple of hours to fly Wolfgang back to intensive care in Sydney. **Love ya work RFDS!**

Donations. As mentioned in recent newsletters, there are still an amount of Trekkers who are yet to reach their minimum donation level. The absolute last day to have your donations paid up for this year's Trek is the close of business this Friday - in three days (unless

years. TREK IS THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS THIS FRIDAY - IN THREE DAYS (UNLESS you have made arrangements with the Trek office.) Remember, your participation in the Outback Car Trek is a reward for raising \$7,500 (or more) for the RFDS

The bank details are:

RFDS Gift Fund 2
Westpac Broken Hill

BSB 032-816
A/C 199573

Please use your car number as the reference.

Auction Prizes Still Needed - please let me know what you have so I can get the item listed in the auction booklet

Safety Check Forms. I still have 15 cars who have not submitted a clear safety check form, and these need to be in my hand by the close of business this Friday. Safety is paramount on the event, and the bottom line is - no safety form by Friday, no Trek.

Trek Registrations. Are at the Metropolitan Hotel in West Wyalong on Saturday 5th June, after 4:30 pm. Come along with everything signed or bring your own pen, as we won't have any biro's for you to use - COVID regulations

COVIDSafe Declaration. This will be emailed to you early next week, and you are required to bring it with you (no emails please) and hand the original in at the registration desk, signed, and dated within 48 hours of the commencement of the Trek. Make sure you have it with you, your car will not receive any of your goodies until the paperwork balances. And see above - bring your own pen

Merchandise. The first rule of clothing is "don't get stuck with the stock" and with that in mind we made a decision several months ago not to produce any merchandise with Trek 21 signage on it, in case we had to cancel the Trek again. This means no polo shirts and no patches but I weakened when it came to caps - I have 50 caps available. We do have vests with RFDS & Trek logos on them - the same as always. I know that some people collect the patches, so if there is enough interest when we get home I will get a quantity made up to order. Tell Kylie at West Wyalong and she will keep a record of interested people to see if we have enough

A Participants Briefing Will Be Held In West Wyalong and everybody is required to attend. It is at 8:45 at the Services Club, after breakfast.

Door Panels at Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. I will be in West Wyalong Friday night, and I'm happy to put door panels on cars late morning on Saturday. On Sunday we will have 3 teams of highly trained door panel professionals ready and waiting to put you panels on during the breakfast session. The owners have been in

panels on during the breakfast session. The sweeps have been in training for weeks, and crease and bubble free is their guarantee.

Don't Forget The Numbers for your doors & windows. Remember to bring your black numbers for your doors, and your white numbers for your front and back windows - you will need to put the black numbers on after the door panels have been fitted

Tell Your Mother. The contact sheet "Tell Your Mother Where You'll Be" is on the website [HERE](#) so you can print it off and leave it on the fridge before you leave home

The Menindee Lakes Are Filling. There are lots of articles on TV and in the press about the Menindee Lakes starting to fill, and hopefully they will be full when we get there. I for one have never seen them with water in them, and I believe it is a wonderful sight

What Do We Do About Mice? With the mice plague they are either a "minor irritant" or "theres nothing to it". That's according to the motel owners I have spoken to on this years Trek route, but if you follow the nightly news in Sydney & Melbourne they paint a different picture. I have been asking around, and if you are camping the only advice I have received so far is to keep your mouth closed if you snore. With the cars, some people say you should leave the car bonnet open to let the heat out quicker, and others suggest bags of naphthalene flakes on the tyres. I have been in a few mice plagues over the years (Cameron Corner in 2011 was the biggest) and I don think there is much you can do but grin and bear it. I had a look on Google, but I couldn't find any great snippets of advice

I look forward to seeing you all in West Wyalong!

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