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TREK 2024 SECOND SURVEY COMPLETED

We have just arrived home after a very successful second survey of the 2024 Trek route, bedding in catering, venues, fuel, etc. for the event. The significance of starting in Bendigo is that we will be able to visit the birthplace of John Flynn at Moliagul, shortly after we leave town.

The drives through Mildura to Burra, and then the Flinders Ranges and the Strzelecki Track, will be amazing. As will the drive west to east into NSW and Queensland, and then across to Sea World on the Gold Coast.

It will not be long before the Strzelecki is fully sealed; 2024 might be your last chance to drive the Track before it becomes a bitumen highway.



ENTRIES ARE ROLLING IN, AND NUMBERS ARE LIMITED

As you will be aware, we have a cap of 220 people on Trek 2024, which is why we have been keen to suggest to you to get your entries in as soon as possible. We currently have 85 cars registered for the event, and I expect to be fully subscribed by the middle of January.

ACCOMMODATION IS IN SHORT SUPPLY

In Arkaroola and Innamincka, the accommodation supply is limited, and to help ease the pressures the Trek Office has booked all of the available beds and will ballot out the rooms to entrants on Saturday 20th January. We will keep approximately 10 rooms in each location in reserve to be put up for live auction in late April.

SEA WORLD ACCOMMODATION

Not many people have booked their rooms at Sea World, and this seems to be due to a web link that is not all that "user friendly" for those of you needing to book multiple rooms for your team. If you are having trouble using the web link on our web page:

<https://bookings.travelclick.com/107594?groupID=3998537#/guestsandrooms> please let me know and I will work out a way around the problem.

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THANKS BRIAN ENGLEFIELD

Brian was chosen by the RFDS Victoria to represent the Trek at their recent annual John Flynn Luncheon and was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts in raising vital funds over the last 23 Treks. The RFDS greatly appreciates the work that the Trek community puts into raising millions of dollars each year to enable them to continue to provide the mantle of safety to all who live, work & travel in rural & remote Australia.



FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Car 612 recently held their annual fundraising lunch in Bangalow, and by all accounts it was an outstanding success. Well done to Peter Martin & the team for yet another big fundraising effort, and fingers crossed for a \$50k plus outcome!

The Cockroaches Golf Day – the Brucie Carter Cup is always an outstanding day. The Sultans of Swing from far and wide will converge at Penrith Golf Club on Tuesday 13th February for a great game of golf and a sumptuous lunch. Save the date in your diary now and we will be back in touch when tickets go on sale.

Big Dog Mini Trek will be held from the 14th to 18th March, starting in Gloucester and ending in Tea Gardens. Always a great family long weekend, and a great introduction if you are new to Trekking. For entries contact John on 0418 296 262 or Rob on 0413 857 412

CARS FOR SALE

There has been a bit of movement in the sale of Trek cars, with several cars changing hands in the past three months and some new cars becoming available for sale. If you are looking for a car let me know what you are after, and I will do my best to match you up.

THE BRIGHT SMILES CHARITY RIDE

Is a four-day bitumen motorcycle ride that is this year starting in the Hunter Valley on Thursday evening 2nd May and finishing at Morpeth on Monday 6th May 2024. Entry forms will be up on the website in the next 10 days - www.brightsmilescharityride.com.au or email me if you're interested.

THE DRIVE 4x4 THE DOC

The route is yet to be decided but save the dates now – Tuesday 12th November to Saturday 16th November 2024.

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