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THE ONE WEEK TREK (MIGHT BE) BACK FOR 2020 (subject to your reply to this email.)

When COVID-19 hit, the original feedback from the Trek community indicated the majority of people would prefer a shortened event later in the year, bringing the cost down and allowing people more time to focus on their business.

As a result we moved the dates to October and created a Thursday night to Monday lunchtime event - making it a long weekend event for the time poor.

Over the past week or so as the light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel has become slightly more clear, a number of Trekkers have indicated they would like the event to cover the more traditional seven days, rather than just four days.

SO - (subject to your feedback) we may run the Trek in 2 parts

Part A for those people who can only make the four day event, and ***if there is a sufficient demand*** the full event for those people who want seven days. Also, we can make available Part B for those people who want to participate in the second part of the Trek only. In other words:

The Part A - Thursday evening 22nd October to Monday lunchtime 26th October, Wagga Wagga to Binnaway.

The Part B - Sunday evening 25th October to Thursday evening 29th October, Dubbo to Sunshine Coast.

The Entire Event - Thursday evening 22nd October to Thursday evening Sunshine Coast, 22nd October to 29th October

(Hopefully that makes sense to everybody.)

Obviously there is quite a bit to work through, but here are some high-level bullet points that might answer most of your questions:

- The event, in any shape or form, will only go ahead if **ALL OF THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES** agree it is safe to do so.
- We will strictly adhere to all and any requirements of the various governments, health authorities and event stakeholders
- We will make sure that the tiny communities (and the larger regional centres) we travel through are still happy to host us - some may be more cautious than others, which we understand
- Almost certainly, social distancing will be a part of Trek 2020, so be prepared in advance for some changes to the way we do things
- YES - we will be following the originally published Trek route as closely as possible - subject to community acceptance
- YES - we will still be on as many dirt & remote roads and tracks we can

possibly find

PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL WITH YOUR PREFERENCE:

- I would like a seven day event
- Part A Only please
- Part B only please
- I can't make it in October

YOUR RESPONSE IS IMPORTANT TO US - PLEASE HIT [REPLY](#) AND LET ME KNOW - ASAP PLEASE

As you can see from the above, I need to know reasonably accurately and very quickly what the wants are of the group. Please hit "[REPLY](#)" today and let me know.

Stay safe,

Bill.

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