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Some important information re Trek 2021

Hello to all.

With only a few weeks to go before we head to West Wyalong there are several important points to cover:

DONATIONS - the RFDS have been enduring a perfect storm over the past 15 months, with constantly rising costs and an increasingly complex operating environment. They need your help now more than ever before to enable them to deliver a growing range of vital health services. Please - if you are behind with your donations now is the time to get up to date.

DISBURSEMENTS - I am committing final numbers to caterers this weekend, and I need you to get your Disbursements Fee of \$990 per person paid ASAP please. Bank details are:

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TREK VOLUNTEER OFFICIALS - we have had two official cars drop out in the past week, and whilst we can struggle through with a lesser number of officials, it is less than an ideal situation. If you know someone who may be interested in helping out for the week - ask them to give me a call.

DOOR PANELS are unable to be mailed out. First world problem I know, but at this stage your only options are to come for a drive to Dora Creek or pick them up at West Wyalong. My apologies but not much else I can suggest.

CAMPING IN HILLSTON has been organised on the footy oval between the Ex Services Club and the Caravan Park. Besides being free (they are paid for in your Disbursements Fee), they are next to dinner & breakfast they have excellent facilities for toilets and

lunch & breakfast, they have excellent facilities for toilets and showers, lovely soft green grass, and nothing you will need should be more than 75 metres away. There is one challenge, in that *cars are not allowed on the oval*, for obvious reasons. If you have a tent that needs to be set up attached to your car, let me know and we have a plan just for you.

THE LONGEST FUEL DAY will be from Hillston to Menindee, a distance of 470 km. This should not be a problem for Trek cars these days, but it is important you are aware and prepared.

AUCTION ITEMS - there has been a good response to my earlier pleas for auction items, and we are about half-way to where we need to be. Please reach out to your colleagues and suppliers, and if you are able to come up with some goodies - we still need them!

THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAIL and there are still 13 people who haven't signed & returned their indemnity forms, and 15 of you don't see the need to complete and return your Medical History/Nex of Kin forms. *If this is you, please sign and return the forms ASAP. It's pretty simple - no forms, no Trek.*

CAR SAFETY CHECK FORMS - are due now, please get them in as soon as you can, and remember that they are to be completed by a licensed mechanic who is not the person who built, or works, on your car. For obvious reasons we need somebody who is at arm's length to certify the safety of your car.

SCHOOLS DURING THE WEEK - each year we try and visit schools for breakfast or lunch, and this year is no different. The Trek is a big fundraising opportunity for tiny schools, so please give them a helping hand by buying a raffle ticket or three whilst you are there.

We have an eye on the weather, and things are looking good for the Trek week, and the days leading up to the Trek. We are also closely following the release of waters into the Menindee Lakes & the Darling River, and (famous last words) that doesn't look like causing us any problems. At the moment it is all systems go for a great week.

That's all I have for now, and I will be back in contact via newsletter next week. If you have any questions or suggestions, please give me a call.

Bill Patrick.

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