









# **Trek Update**

## Trek 2023 was a stunning success:

Thank you to all of those participants and officials who helped make the event such a success. It was without any doubt a sensational Trek.

Hopefully everybody saw the wonderful posts across the Trek social media platforms, and a big thank you to the photography & videography teams for their excellent work in capturing the essence of the Trek 2023. Also, a big well done and shout-out to *Dear Prudence* who manages our social media presence so well.

Trek 2023 donations will be finalised in the coming weeks and will exceed \$1.05 million - a remarkable achievement and thank you all.

## Trek 2024 is taking shape:

We have performed a successful survey of the 2024 Trek route, and are in the final throes of signing a Heads of Agreement with the final night dinner venue. The route takes us to some new and old Trek towns (on lots of new roads & trails) and promises to be as challenging and as exciting as any of the recent events. It will start fairly close to Sydney, Melbourne & Adelaide, and will "go north". I hope to be able to release the route within the next month. In two of the town's accommodation will be a little tight, and we have decided to book all of the available accommodation in the Trek's name. We will auction 10 rooms for each of those two nights night with proceeds going to the RFDS, and we will ballot out the remaining rooms early in the new year - all will be explained when we release the entry forms in early September.









#### The Drive 4x4 The Doc:

The 2023 Drive 4x4 The Doc will be held from Tuesday 23 November, and we will start in Rutherglen, and then overnight at Cowra and Bundanoon ending with 2 nights in Canberra. We will finish with a Gala Dinner in the main hall of the Australian War Museum Canberra on Saturday 25th November. This is a couples friendly "soft 4WD" event, and you can register your interest by clicking on the link on the front page of www.drive4x4thedoc.com.au

Numbers are limited, so if you're interested - don't be shy and get in early.

#### We're taking some holidays:

It was back in 2008 when I first jumped in the front seat of T1, and it's now time for Karen & I to cash in a little "long service leave" and head overseas for some R & R. Like any small business owner, I am never truly on holidays, and I will have my mobile office with me at all times. I will be checking emails periodically BUT I will turn off my voicemail. If you have anything you think is essential or urgent, please send me a text to my mobile number and I will react appropriately.

best wishes,

Bill.