



***The Outback Car Trek
the Bright Smiles Charity Ride
the Drive 4x4 The Doc***

Public Statement

**The Outback Car Trek, the Bright Smiles Charity Ride,
the Drive 4x4 The Doc and COVID-19**

13th March 2020

*What is our position regarding COVID-19? Will our events be going ahead?
Are we concerned about Coronavirus impacting the Bright Smiles Charity Ride,
the Outback Car Trek or the Drive 4x4 The Doc?*

1. These are very good, and sensible, questions and ones we are taking very seriously
2. The most important thing is the health and safety of both our participants and the communities they travel through, and those priorities will inform our decisions in the weeks ahead
3. At this stage, our events will go ahead as planned and we are looking forward to another great year
4. We do recognise, however, that the situation regarding the spread of COVID-19 is an evolving one, so we will keep a close eye on the advice from the relevant Commonwealth and State Health Departments and react appropriately
5. Before each event departs, we will be working with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to conduct self-screening surveys of our event participants, and we will suggest that they opt out of any events this year if they are at high risk because of previous travel, or other exposure or high-risk factors

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