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2020 Outback Car Trek (the postponed COVID-19 Edition)

Thursday 22nd October – Thursday 29th October

The 31st annual Outback Car Trek was originally planned for June, however the COVID-19 pandemic has drastically altered our plans. We are expecting that the dates for the Trek will now be from Thursday 22nd October 2020 (Wagga Wagga) to Thursday 29th October (location to be advised).

Whilst we are subject to the advice of government and health authorities in the lead up to these revised dates, we are quietly confident that travel and public gathering restrictions will allow the event to take place.

Participation in the Outback Car Trek is (normally) a reward for raising \$7,500 or more for the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia. However the economic circumstances are such that we realise some participants may have difficulties raising this minimum amount. I ask cars that will struggle with this donation to make contact and we will agree on a new minimum donation on a case by case basis.

The bottom line will be along the lines of *“Do your best and raise what you can BUT keep me in the loop”*.

The Outback Car Trek is an event for older model 2WD vehicles (Trek Cars) that comply with the published Supplementary Regulations, as amended from time to time. Also, a limited number of late model 4WD vehicles are accepted into the event as “Support Vehicles” (Supports).

Entries must be made using the following form, and will be processed on a first come, first served basis. All entries are subject to acceptance by the event organiser, and the event organiser reserves the right to refuse entry for any reason.

To register for the event participants are required to either post or email the form to the Trek Office together with separate cheques (or credit card details) for both the Disbursements Fee for each crew member, as well as the Entry Fee for each car. Your donation money must be paid prior to October 15th 2020.

There are three separate types of payments required to participate in the Trek:

1. A donation per vehicle. Payable to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the donation is normally \$7,500 (or more) however the COVID-19 pandemic has seen us reconsider the normal donation per vehicle for this year (as above).

The donation is not subject to GST.

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2. The Entry Fee - \$975 (per vehicle). Payable to the Royal Flying Doctor Service South Eastern Section.
3. The Disbursements Fee is \$990 per person for the full seven-day event, or \$630 per person for "Part A" (Thursday to Monday breakfast). The disbursement fee is payable to Outback Car Trek Pty Ltd.

The Disbursements Fee covers a multitude of costs, including all meals on the event. It also covers a variety of other items such as various Council hire fees, the hire of catering venues & equipment, audio visual hire fees, entertainment, public liability insurance, the cost of your movie and photo DVDs, coach transfers, some camping fees, National Parks fees, your road books and a great many other expenses.

N.B. The disbursements costs were agreed with suppliers prior to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and now may be subject to increase or decrease by the time of the event. Any changes to the disbursements fee will be notified to you 30 days prior to the event. If the fee decreases we will contact you to arrange a refund, if the fee increases the difference will be due by 7th October.

Support Cars.

Support vehicles are also accepted into the event on the proviso that these vehicles will readily and willingly provide whatever assistance may be required to any vehicle participating in the Trek which requires help of any kind. Whilst Supports may sometimes join a team, it is important to note that a Support vehicle is not there to support *only* that team. Support vehicles are not just luggage carriers, they are required to support each and every car in the Trek, regardless of whether the occupants are known to them or not.

Each entry, be it Trek car or Support, is required to abide by the Trek Code of Conduct, and submission of your entry is an acceptance by the team captain and crew that you have read, and agree to adhere to, that Code of Conduct, as amended.

Donations.

For ease of management, the RFDS South Eastern Section administers the donations made to the Flying Doctor Outback Car Trek, however the donations are channelled back to your home operating section. For example, if you enter a car from Toowoomba, your donations are sent to Queensland Section, if you enter from Kalgoorlie your donations are channelled back to Western Operations, and so on.

If you have any questions regarding the event, or if I can help you in any way, please ring me on 0418 626 799 or email me at billp@outbackcartrek.com.au

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TREK 2020 – WE ARE GOING *WHERE* ??

plan at 24th July 2020

N.B. DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 SITUATION CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ROUTE, THE OVERNIGHT TOWNS AND THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CATERING, ETC. COULD CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Thursday 22nd October – Registrations & Cut-A-Rama - Wagga Wagga NSW

Subject to evolving COVID-19 regulations the Union Club Hotel, located on the corner of Baylis and Forsyth Streets in the Wagga Wagga CBD, will be the location of Trek 2020 registrations. The registration desk and merchandise sales will be open from 4:30 pm, and the world-famous Cut-A-Rama will take place from around 6:30 pm.

Friday 23rd October – Wagga Wagga to Lake Cargelligo – 350 km approx.

After breakfast and the participant's briefing sessions this morning we will head out of town in a northerly direction, over the Murrumbidgee River and through some of NSW's premier cereal grain cropping country. Our destination tonight is located on the edge of a (normally) 24 square kilometre lake that is fed by the Lachlan River. In 2010 the lake ran dry, though at the time of the first survey it was approximately 75% full. We are in for a dry season, so let's hope there is still plenty of water in the lake when we arrive in October.

Saturday 24th October – Lake Cargelligo to Cobar – 520 km approx.

We continue on our northerly track today, albeit with a slight detour to the west through the Willandra National Park where we will have lunch at the lovingly restored Willandra Homestead. After lunch we are back into country that now relies more on cattle than the grain & sheep that were the mainstays of the local economy 50 years ago. Cobar, our town tonight, has been a source of heavy metals and gold since the 1880s and the town's long & proud mining heritage is very visible.

Sunday 25th October – Cobar to Dubbo – 450 km approx.

Today we will have lunch at the Marra Creek Public School, nestled on the western edges of the Macquarie Marshes. At the time of the first survey the countryside was green (just) and the marshes contained quite a bit of water, but the winter weather forecasts paint a very bleak picture for the region and the rest of NSW in general. An early lunch with the kids will be sure to put a smile on everybody's face before we head to Dubbo for a mid-afternoon arrival. A fleet of coaches will be waiting to transport us to an evening at the brand new RFDS Dubbo Visitor Experience where we will enjoy a tour of the facility and dinner at the Outback Trek Café (COVID-19 permitting).

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Monday 26th October – Dubbo to Gunnedah – 400 km approx.

Breakfast will be back at the RFDS Visitor Experience this morning, allowing us all another chance to enjoy this world-class facility. After our start we head off through state forests and rolling farming country, skirting several of the small towns that are scattered around the slopes and plains, before we drop into Binnaway for lunch.

Our final destination today, Gunnedah, is located on the banks of the Namoi River and is at the centre of a fertile grain growing area located at the top of the Breeza Plain.

Tuesday 27th October – Gunnedah to Inverell – 434 km approx.

We cross the Namoi River immediately after the start line this morning, and we skirt the Western edge of Lake Keepit as we head up and over Mount Kaptar National Park, tracking directly north to lunch at the tiny Pallamallawa Public School.

We then head to the east as we seek out the mainly dirt roads above the Gwydir Highway on our way to our destination this evening – Inverell.

The Trek spent a night at Inverell a couple of years ago, and this year we will use totally different roads into, and out of, the sapphire capital of Australia.

Wednesday 28th October – Inverell to Mount Seaview – 409 km approx.

We keep to the west of Lake Copeton this morning as we head in a south-easterly direction, climbing to 1,400 metres onto the top of the Great Dividing Range. We are in the middle of bushranger country today and we enjoy lunch at the Kentucky State School on Thunderbolts Way.

We have found several stunning dirt roads after lunch that will take us through Walcha and on to Mount Seaview, a riverside resort that is well known to adventure motor bike riders and serious 4WD enthusiasts.

In the Clissold Family for more than 70 years, Mount Seaview Resort (02 6587 7255) provides over 125 beds across a wide range of accommodation options, and has a drop dead gorgeous camping ground on the banks of the Hasting River.

Thursday 29th October – Mount Seaview to Port Macquarie – 156 km approx

Only a short distance to travel today, however we will definitely be on the “roads less travelled” as we climb over the majestic Mount Boss and witness firsthand some of the devastation the bushfires from earlier in the year.

A late morning tea at the picturesque Upper Rolland Plains Public School will give us some time to stretch our legs and reflect on our travels of the previous seven days, before we turn our heads to the postcard perfect Port Macquarie.

In Port Macquarie you should arrange to stay at, or close to, the Sails Resort which is the location of our final night dinner. Please note that no bus transport will be provided this evening. Sails have a range of room styles across varying budget levels, and they have provided us with an attractive room discount rate for Trek participants.

The booking details for Sails Port Macquarie will follow in the next few days – please wait until they have allocated us a booking number for you to access our group rate.

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FLYING DOCTOR OUTBACK CAR TREK ENTRY FORM

I hereby lodge my entry for the 2020 Outback Trek as per the attached pages.

Included with this entry form is a cheque (or credit card authorisation form) for my Entry Fee of \$975 per vehicle, made payable to the Royal Flying Doctor Service South Eastern Section.

Also included is a cheque for my Disbursements Fee (or my credit card authorisation form) for each individual crew member totalling \$_____ in favour of Outback Car Trek Pty Limited.

I know that my entry fee is neither refundable nor transferable (unless my entry is not accepted) for any reason.

*I agree that my car will donate a minimum of **\$TBA** per vehicle to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.*

I have read and understood both the 2020 Supplementary Regulations, and the Trek Code of Conduct and agree to abide by them.

Each crew member of our car is aware that filming will take place on the event, and they authorise any images taken to be placed on various social media platforms at the discretion of the event organiser.

Also included with this entry form is a signed indemnity form from each crew member of our car.

I understand that entries in the event are strictly limited and that I will be advised in due course whether or not my entry has been accepted. All entries are subject to acceptance by the event organiser, and the event organiser reserves the right to refuse entry for any reason.

Team Captain's signature.....Date.....

Car



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VEHICLE ENTRY DETAILS

Is this Entry for a 2WD or Support Car?

Please circle. Please submit a separate form for 2WD and Support entries.

The 2020 Outback Car Trek is an event for vehicles that comply with the Supplementary Regulations and all vehicles/crew must agree to comply with the Trek Code of Conduct.

(These regulations and the Code of Conduct are available upon request.)

VEHICLE DETAILS

Make of Car	Model
Year of Manufacture	Registration No
Preferred Trek No	Second Choice(s)
(If you have been on the Trek in recent years, your previous number should still be available.)	
2WD ENTRIES ONLY	
Size of your fuel tank(s) NOT including jerry cans	
Estimated distance you can travel on your fuel tank(s) NOT including jerry cans	
Are you part of a Team? If yes, please provide details of Team – i.e. Team name, other car numbers in team, etc.	

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CREW DETAILS

Please complete as much information as possible, even if you think that it is held on file from previous years.

Team Captain		
Postal Address (include postcode) (did I say please INCLUDE YOUR POSTCODE?)		
Email Address		
Dietary Requirements:		Mobile phone

Crew member #2 name		
Postal Address (include postcode) (did I say INCLUDE YOUR POSTCODE?)		
Email Address		
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Crew member #3 name	
Postal Address (include postcode) (did I say INCLUDE YOUR POSTCODE?)	
Email Address	
Dietary Requirements	Mobile Phone

Crew member #4 name	
Postal Address (include postcode) (did I say INCLUDE YOUR POSTCODE?)	
Email Address	
Dietary Requirements	Mobile Phone



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PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

a credit card processing fee of 1.5% will apply to fees and charges, but not donations

Entry fees, donations and the disbursements fee, may be paid by

MasterCard or **Visa** ONLY (please circle). Trek car number _ _ _ _

Your card number;

_ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _

Name on card _____ Expiry date _____

Signature _____

Entry Fee \$975 per car \$ _____

Disbursement Fee (full event) \$990 per person \$ _____

Disbursement Fee (Part A) \$630 per person \$ _____

Final night dinner guests TBA

Donation \$ _____

Schedule of Payments

These are the dates by which payments must be made

Disbursements Fee (to Outback Car Trek Pty Ltd)	With Entry Form
Entry Fee (to Royal Flying Doctor Service SE Section)	With Entry Form
First Instalment of Minimum Donation (\$3,750)	N/A
Final Instalment of Minimum Donation (\$3,750 +)	N/A

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INDEMNITY & CONTRACTUAL WAIVER FORM UNDERTAKING BY ENTRANTS, DRIVERS, OFFICIALS AND PASSENGERS IN THE 2020 OUTBACK CAR TREK

Please tick the box,
to show that you
agree.

I acknowledge that undertaking the Outback Car Trek may involve participation in a recreational activity, which may involve a significant risk of physical harm arising, in particular, but not limited to driving or being a passenger in a motor vehicle taking part in the Outback Car Trek.

I further acknowledge and accept that any dispute, litigated or otherwise, in respect of or arising from any claim for personal injury sustained by me whilst participating in the Outback Car Trek will be determined by and governed under the provisions of law applicable in the State of New South Wales to such claims.

I acknowledge and agree as a condition of entry that neither the Outback Car Trek, the Royal Flying Doctor Service nor the Promoters or the Sponsors' organisations, nor the land owners or lessees, nor the Organisers of the Event, or their respective servants, officials, representatives or agents ("the Organisers") shall be under any liability for my death or bodily injury, loss or damage which may be sustained or incurred by me, as a result of participation in or being present at the Event except where due skill and care has not been exercised.

I acknowledge that the roads used will be open to general traffic, that the Event is not a speed event and that I am required to obey speed limits and other traffic regulations in the areas in which I will be driving. I acknowledge that long distance driving can be dangerous and that accidents can happen. I will follow the relevant rules of the road at all times.

I acknowledge that I have read the Supplementary Regulations and the Trek Code of Conduct, and agree to abide by them in full.

I acknowledge that I will attend the participant's briefing to be held in Wagga Wagga at 8:30 am on Friday 23rd October 2020.

Signature.....

Date.....

Print Name.....

Car No.....



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**THIS FORM IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE
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**YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM EVEN IF YOU
HAVE NO HISTORY OF THE MEDICAL CONDITIONS OUTLINED
BELOW.**

Complete this form and email to OCTmedical@rfdse.org.au and
billp@outbackcartrek.com.au with your entry form.

_____ (your full name here) _____ understands the following information
will be stored confidentially by Outback Car Trek Pty Ltd and the Royal Flying
Doctors (South Eastern Section). The below information will not be shared or
utilised for any purpose other than the planning of medical coverage for the
Outback Car Trek event.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name _____

Car No. _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Contact Name _____

Relationship to Participant _____

Contact Phone _____

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MEDICAL DECLARATION Please answer Yes or No if you currently suffer from, or receive ongoing medical treatment for any of the following;

Yes or No

1. Cardiovascular disease, a heart disorder or arrhythmia? _____
2. Neurological condition, including epilepsy, seizures or fainting? _____
3. Respiratory disease including asthma, COPD, sleep apnoea or use of supplemental oxygen? _____
4. Impairment of use or movement of your joints or limbs that may impair your ability to control a car? _____
5. Do you take any anticoagulant / blood thinning medications? _____
6. Are you allergic to any drugs or medications? _____

If you have answered 'yes' to any of the above, please provide details below...

Do you have any other medical condition, which in your opinion, may impact on your ability to be assessed or treated by the RFDS medical team? If yes, please give details below...

Thank you for your time in helping us to plan for the trek, to ensure the RFDS medical team can provide you with the best care in the case of an incident. If you have any questions, please contact OCTmedical@rfdse.org.au