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13th March 2024

VALE MIKE FOSTER

Mike Foster (aka Fozzy) participated in 18 Outback Car Treks, his last Trek was in 2021 where he drove the RFDS Doctor around in the Ambulance, or T9 is it is better known.

There will be a prayer service in Mike's memory at St Joseph's Catholic Church, corner of Rosa & Frederick St Oatley, on Friday March 22nd at 11:00 am. Mike's family would love to welcome as many of the Trek community as possible to join them in celebrating his life.



TREK 2024 IS A SELL-OUT

Due to capacity constraints in some locations, we have been limited to 220 people on the Trek this year, and we reached that number in late January. Thanks to everyone for your understanding. We definitely won't have this issue in 2025.

DONATIONS

Can I ask you to get your Trek donations up to date ASAP please? The Trek is the largest fundraising event of the Flying Doctors annual calendar, and the funds we raise each year are instrumental in enabling the RFDS to continue to provide the Mantle of Safety to all who live, work & travel in rural and remote Australia. Let's get the money into their hands as quickly as we can.

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WE'RE GOING TO MOLIAGUL

Why (and where is) Moliagul I hear you ask. Moliagul is famous as the birthplace of the founder of the RFDS, the reverend John Flynn, who was born in the family home on the 25th of November 1880. Located 80 km west of Bendigo, we will stop at the John Flynn memorial on the Sunday morning for a quick photo opportunity, on our way to St Mary's School at Sea Lake for lunch.

THERE IS A CHANGE TO ONE OF THE OVERNIGHT TOWNS

Only a few days ago the people at Wanaaring decided they couldn't cater for a group of our size, there was nowhere in or near town with the facilities we need for an overnight stay. We have moved the overnight stop on the Thursday the 6th of June to **HUNGERFORD**, where the locals have bent over backwards to fit us in at very short notice.

ROOM AUCTIONS IN ARKAROOA AND INNAMINCKA

As you are aware, we will be auctioning 10 rooms in both Arkaroola & Innamincka to Trek participants in the coming weeks, with all profits from the auction being donated to the RFDS. As soon as the web page is set up and tested, I will let you all know the URL. I envisage the auction will take place over a 2-week period in early April.

SEA WORLD

One of the reasons for choosing Sea World was its close proximity, and tourism appeal, especially to Trekkers who like to invite their better halves and family to the finish location. At the moment Sea World don't seem to have a lot of room bookings, and availability is tight. If you haven't booked your rooms yet, please do it sooner rather than later.

Sea World lunch & gala dinner. At the moment we only have 13 guests for the gala dinner, and a similar number for the finish line lunch. The lunch will be on the lawns of the Sea World Boatshed Bar & Grill, where we can enjoy views across the Broadwater to the Gold Coast.

The gala dinner will commence with welcome drinks whilst watching the incredible Dolphin Show, only metres from the resort front door.

BUT – you need to book and pay for your guests for both the lunch and the dinner ASAP using the form later in this newsletter.

To book your accommodation at the Sea World Resort please copy and paste the following link into your browser:

<https://bookings.travelclick.com/107594?groupID=3998537#/guestsandrooms>

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INDEMNITY & RFDS MEDICAL FORMS

We will be contacting Trekkers next week who have not completed and returned their Indemnity Forms, and RFDS Medical Forms. Please help by returning the completed forms ASAP.

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

If you are not receiving our emails or text messages, there is an excellent chance you are one of the 13 people who haven't provided us with your email address, or your mobile phone number, or both. Please check with your teammates and let me know who we are missing, and we will get them on the list.

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD		
<i>a credit card processing fee of 1.5% will apply to disbursements, but not entry or donations</i>		
MasterCard or Visa ONLY (please circle). Trek car number _____		
Your card number;		
_____ / _____ / _____ / _____		
Name on card _____	Expiry date _____	
Signature _____		
Lunch guests at Sea World	\$ 45 p/guest	\$ _____
Final night dinner guests (includes pre-dinner dolphin show)	\$ 300 p/guest	\$ _____
TOTAL of ABOVE		\$ _____
Guest names & any dietary requirements		
