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Update on the 2022 Trek

Hello everybody.

TREK SURVEY: Mike Browne & I are about to head off on our second survey of the Trek route early tomorrow morning, and we will be back on the weekend after finishing off the driving instructions, catering agreements, fuel supplies, etc.

The first survey was conducted only a few weeks ago, and I know several councils have been busily grading roads prior to the seasonal influx of traffic - we have lots of new roads to explore and I'll have an update for everybody when we get home.

CAMPING & TOILETS: I received a call yesterday, and during the conversation one thing that caught me a little by surprise was the comment "this is the most remote Trek in years". I had a little think about that after I hung up, and started to think about where we have been, where we haven't yet been (not many places we haven't been), and what makes a good Trek route.

Certainly remote towns and locations make up a big part of why we do the Outback Car Trek. A formula we have followed for many year (*trying to please most of the people most of the time*) is that a good Trek gets us to remote locations via lots of dirt roads; to small towns tiny pubs and even tinier schools. Whilst at the same time interspersing the week with towns big enough to have a couple of motels, a van park and pub, and we have managed to achieve that this year on most nights. An upside this year is that several of the

towns are favourites with the "grey army" and these towns have improved their facilities, and showers and toilets are more prevalent than they have been in the past.

You might not have got in early enough to grab a motel or pub room if you wanted one, but at least you should be able to attend to your ablutions.

ENTRIES: Entries are still slow to come in - lots of "of course we are coming" but not as many forms arriving into my inbox. I can't talk confidently to the people in the bush if I don't have your forms.....

SAFETY CHECK DAY: Dural Tyrepower will open their doors to us on Sunday morning 10th April from 8 am to 10 am, for vehicles within striking distance of Sydney. Please get there early to get your door panels and get your Safety Check Form ticked off.

FUNDRAISERS: Carl Seaver informs me that his night at Bucketty's in Brookvale has been cancelled due to work commitments, and due to the weather the Doggies Golf Day has been shifted to Tuesday May 10th, still at Dunheved Golf Course.

WEB-BASED FUNDRAISING: If you haven't tried it, I encourage you to use the web to help raise funds for your entry. It is certainly the way of the future, and many teams have had a lot of success. You can create your own personalised page at <https://outback-car-trek-2022.raisely.com/signup> and encourage your network to donate to the RFDS.

(THE BRIGHT SMILES CHARITY RIDE is only a few weeks away, and a separate email will be sent to all participants later today with an update on the ride.)





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