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2024 OUTBACK CAR TREK





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2024 Outback Car Trek Entry Form

Sunday 2nd June to Sunday 9th June
Bendigo to Sea World Gold Coast

The 2024 annual Outback Car Trek, raising funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, will be **conducted over 8 days**. The Trek will leave, after a participant's briefing, from Bendigo in Victoria on Sunday morning June 2nd and will arrive into the Sea World Resort on the Gold Coast of Queensland on Sunday June 9th.

Due to capacity restraints in some locations our 2024 numbers will be limited to 220 people. Acceptance into the 2024 Trek will be at the absolute and sole discretion of the Trek Director.

Participation in the Outback Car Trek is a reward for raising \$7,500 per vehicle (or more) for the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia and 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).

- There have been changes to the car eligibility criteria in recent times. Currently 2WD motor cars more than 30 years old (plus identical model run-ons) will be considered for entry into the Trek, as long as they comply with the Trek Supplementary Rules & Regulations.

Entries must be made using the following form, and all entries are subject to acceptance by the event organizer. The event organiser reserves the right to refuse entry for any reason.

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

1. Donation
2. Entry Fee
3. Disbursements Fee

Details of each of these fees:

1. A donation of \$7,500 (or more) per vehicle. Payable to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.
 - a. The donation is not subject to GST.

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2. The Entry Fee - \$1,050 (per vehicle). Payable to the Royal Flying Doctor Service South-Eastern Section.
 - a. The Entry Fee includes GST.
 - b. The Entry Fee is non-refundable, unless your entry is not accepted for any reason.

3. The Disbursements Fee of \$1,350 for the eight nights. This fee is per person, and is payable to Outback Car Trek Pty Ltd:
 - a. The Disbursements Fee includes GST
 - b. The Disbursements Fee is non-refundable unless your entry is refused for any reason, or less than 45 days prior to the Trek commencement date.

Both the Entry Fee and the Disbursements Fee are calculated on a cost recovery basis. The Disbursements Fee covers a multitude of costs, including all meals. The Disbursements Fee 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 any photography, coach transfers, some camping fees, National Parks fees, your road books and a great many other expenses.

Guests are welcome to attend the lunch on our arrival into the Gold Coast, and also the Gala Dinner at Sea World on the final night of the Trek, Sunday 9th June. The charge for guests for these events is detailed in the entry form and is set at cost price.

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.

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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 channeled 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 channeled back to Western Operations, and so on.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service will set up an umbrella web page for fundraising, and you are able to easily create your own page and circulate the page amongst your contacts. This is a great way to increase the amount of funds you raise.

Please do not open your own web-based fundraising page, please use the following link to set up your page:

<https://outback-car-trek-2024.raisely.com/>

Accommodation in Arkaroola, Innamincka and Wanaaring:

The Outback Car Trek is an event that is designed to take people into the Outback, off the beaten track and away from the large towns and regional centres, often to locations where accommodation is at a premium. This brings us to the subject of available accommodation along the 2024 Trek route.

Arkaroola and Innamincka.

Both Arkaroola and Innamincka have a reasonable amount of accommodation across a range of budgets, but there are not enough rooms for everyone on the Trek. To make things more equitable for all participants, the Trek has booked all of the available accommodation in these two towns. Approximately 10 rooms in each town will be put up for Auction to the highest bidder in April, with any profits going to the RFDS. The remaining rooms will be subject to a ballot amongst registered event participants to be held on Saturday January 20th 2024.

Wanaaring.

Wanaaring has zero accommodation available for Trekkers.

**PLEASE DO NOT RING ARKARoola, INNAMINCKA OR WANAARING
AND DRIVE THEM CRAZY DEMANDING ROOMS.**

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 2023 – WE ARE GOING **WHERE ??**

The route may change at any time at the discretion of the event organiser. Due to capacity constraints in some locations, our 2024 numbers will be limited to 220 people. Acceptance into the Trek will be at the absolute and sole discretion of the Trek Director.

Saturday 1st June 2024: Registrations and **CUT-A-RAMA** in Bendigo.

Registrations will be held at the Bridge Hotel, Bridge St Bendigo from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, and the World-Famous **CUT-A-RAMA** from 6:00 pm onwards.

Sunday 2nd June 2024: Bendigo to Mildura.

We will drop into the birthplace of John Flynn on our way to Mildura, where buses will travel the city centre to get you to and from dinner at the Gateway Tavern.

Monday 3rd June 2024: Mildura to Burra.

Only a small town but with quite a lot of accommodation, nowhere will be too far to walk to our dinner in the Burra Town Hall.

Tuesday 4th June 2024: Burra to Arkaroola.

We head cross-country using lots of back roads today as we drive into the Flinders Ranges, where we will spend the night in Arkaroola Village.

(Please refer to the note about accommodation in Arkaroola over the page.)

Wednesday 5th June 2024: Arkaroola to Innamincka.

Up the aptly named Mt Hopeless Track and onto the Strzelecki Track as we head into the remote north-east of South Australia for dinner at the local pub. This might be our last chance to drive "The Strez" before it is sealed.....

(Please refer to the note about accommodation in Innamincka over the page.)

Thursday 6th June 2024: Innamincka to Wanaaring.

Today we head directly east, through Corner Country to the remote Northern NSW village of Wanaaring on the banks of the Paroo River.

(Please refer to the note about accommodation in Wanaaring over the page.)

Friday 7th June 2024: Wanaaring to St George.

We head north-east today as we cross the Queensland border, using remote back roads and tracks to our destination of St George on the Balonne River.

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Saturday 8th June 2024: St George to Toowoomba.

Our penultimate day of the 2024 Outback Car Trek sees us draw close to the coast, to the Garden City of Toowoomba. Buses will be put on to travel the main motel strip of Ruthven St (the New England Highway) to get us to and from our dinner at the Cathedral Function Centre in Neil St.

Sunday 9th June 2024: Toowoomba to Sea World, Main Beach.

Toowoomba is situated on a majestic escarpment that towers over the Gold Coast Hinterland, and we will wend our way via Tamborine Mountain to our lunch, finish line and final resting place of the 2024 Outback Car Trek, the Sea World Resort at Main Beach. Family & friends are welcome to join us for lunch and dinner at Sea World at cost.

PLEASE REFER TO THE NOTE FOLLOWING REGARDING ACCOMMODATION AT THE SEA WORLD RESORT

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This brings us to the available accommodation along the route. At Arkaroola and Innamincka both locations have a reasonable amount of accommodation across a range of budgets, but there are not enough rooms for everyone on the Trek. To make things equitable for all participants, the Trek has booked all of the available accommodation in these two towns. Approximately 10 rooms in each town will be put up for Auction to the highest bidder in April, with any profits going to the RFDS. The remaining rooms will be subject to a ballot amongst registered event participants to be held on Saturday January 20th 2024.

Wanaaring has zero accommodation available.

Accommodation at Sea World.

We have negotiated the following accommodation rates with Sea World for our group. As we arrive on the Sunday of the long weekend in NSW & Victoria, some Trekkers might want to invite family or friends up to the Gold Coast prior to our arrival on the Sunday, and perhaps stay for several days. Make a family holiday out of it, visit the marine park, the rides and attractions. Sea World will hold a block of rooms for our group until 21 December 2023; after that date rooms will be returned to the hotel's pool and will be available to be booked by the general public.

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Sea World accommodation – Friday-Saturday

Deluxe/Premium Double -\$249 per room per night
Deluxe/Premium Queen -\$274 per room per night
Premium Queen View -\$299 per room per night
Premium Broadwater Suite -\$374 per room per night

Sea World accommodation – Sunday –Thursday

Deluxe/Premium Double -\$209 per room per night
Deluxe/Premium Queen -\$234 per room per night
Premium Queen View -\$259 per room per night
Premium Broadwater Suite -\$334 per room per night

To book your accommodation at the Sea World Resort please click on the link (or copy and paste it into your browser):

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



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FLYING DOCTOR OUTBACK CAR TREK ENTRY FORM

I wish to lodge my entry for the 2024 Outback Trek as per the attached pages.

Included with my entry form is either a credit card authorisation form, or notification of direct deposit for my Entry Fee of \$1,050 per vehicle, made payable to the Royal Flying Doctor Service South-Eastern Section, and the Disbursements Fee of \$1,350 per person made payable to Outback Car Trek Pty Limited.

N.B. *Cheques are no longer accepted, except for donations.*

Bank details are included in the body of the Entry Form.

I understand that my entry fee is neither refundable nor transferable (unless my entry is not accepted) for any reason and my disbursements fee is non-refundable unless 45 days cancellation notice is given (or my entry is not accepted).

I agree that my car will donate a minimum of \$7,500 per vehicle to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

I have read and understood both the 2024 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, and a completed medical conditions form for each person.

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 2024 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) (please INCLUDE YOUR POSTCODE)		
Email Address		
Dietary Requirements:		Mobile phone

Crew member #2 name		
Postal Address (include postcode) (please INCLUDE YOUR POSTCODE)		
Email Address		
Dietary Requirements		Mobile Phone

Crew member #3 name		
Postal Address (include postcode) (please INCLUDE YOUR POSTCODE)		
Email Address		
Dietary Requirements		Mobile Phone

Crew member #4 name		
Postal Address (include postcode) (please INCLUDE YOUR POSTCODE)		
Email Address		
Dietary Requirements		Mobile Phone

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PAYMENTS:

Payments are accepted by either direct deposit, or credit card. Cheques are no longer accepted except for donations.

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Payments may be made by either direct deposit or by credit card; please be aware that credit card payments of the Disbursements Fee (but not the Entry Fee or any Donations) are subject to a 1.5% credit card surcharge.

Direct Deposits must always use your Trek Car number as the deposit reference.

The account to use for Entry Fees and Donations:

Royal Flying Doctor Service S-E Section

Outback Trek Gift Fund 2

BSB 032-816

Account 199 573

The account to use for Disbursements Fees:

Outback Car Trek Pty Limited

BSB 082-798

Account 57 432 0353

A Credit Card authorisation form is on the next page.

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) (to Royal Flying Doctor Service SE Section)	With Entry Form
Final Instalment of Minimum Donation (\$3,750 +) (to Royal Flying Doctor Service SE Section)	15 th April 2024

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PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

a credit card processing fee of 1.5% will apply to disbursements, but not entry or donations

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

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

Your card number;

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

Name on card _____

Expiry date _____

Signature _____

Entry Fee to RFDS \$ 1,050 per car \$ _____

Disbursements Fee \$1,350 p/person \$ _____
(8 days this year)

Lunch guests at Sea World \$ 45 p/guest \$ _____

Final night dinner guests \$ 300 p/guest \$ _____
(includes pre-dinner dolphin show and drinks)

TOTAL of ABOVE \$ _____

Guest names & any dietary requirements

Donation to RFDS \$ _____

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INDEMNITY & CONTRACTUAL WAIVER FORM UNDERTAKING BY EACH ENTRANT, DRIVER, OFFICIAL AND PASSENGER IN THE 2024 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 prior to my participation in the event.

Signature.....

Date.....

Print Name.....

Car No.....



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**THIS FORM IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE
OUTBACK CAR TREK.**

**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@rfdsse.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

Date of Birth

Car No.

Email Address

Phone

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Contact Name

Relationship to Participant

Contact Phone

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NAME: _____

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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

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