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THE 2020 TREK IS CANCELLED

It is with great disappointment that I have decided this week that the only responsible course of action open to me is to cancel the 2020 Outback Car Trek.

For several weeks I had been receiving negative feedback from various communities regarding our plans, and this week some of them asked us not to come. Whilst our visit would be good for their morale and economic circumstances, they were terrified one of our group might bring the Coronavirus to their community.

Given the constantly evolving COVID-19 situation and acting upon advice from stakeholders, health authorities and government departments, my final decision became quite straightforward.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MONEY?

All of your donations are paid directly into an RFDS bank account, and the funds have been put to good use providing health care to people across rural and remote Australia.

All donations raised this year will automatically transfer to your entry into the 2021 Outback Car Trek.

The same will apply to any Entry Fees or Disbursement Fees that you have paid – those payments will be automatically transferred to your entry into the 2021 event.

WHAT ARE THE 2021 PLANS?

The planning cycles for 2021 have been pushed back due to the COVID-19 issues (no surveys have yet been performed) but I can tell you that the 2021 Outback Car Trek will be an absolute classic!

I cannot confirm the towns for another week or so, but the 2021 Trek will be a 3-state affair.

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The 2021 Trek will start in South-Western NSW and head through far western NSW into South Australia, and we will spend a night in the Flinders Ranges. From there it is our intention to drive up the Strzelecki Track before they bituminise it, taking us into far western Queensland.

And after a 12-year break, we will be spending a night at a Trek favourite, the (in)famous **Buckland Tennis Club**.

The Trek will finish on the Coral Coast of Queensland on a Sunday night, making this 8-day event one to remember for the remote locations, the tiny pubs, the enormous station properties, the smiles on people's faces, and of course – the dust!

The dates are Saturday night 5th June to Sunday night the 13th June, and as I have said, give me a few more days to lock down some more of the logistics and I will get the route out to you as quickly as I can.

VIRGINS NEED CARS

There are a few newbies looking for cars. I have given them details of the cars for sale that I have been advised about during the year, and a few cars have changed hands. But there is still some solid enquiry and if you have a car for sale – let me know.

CAR ELIGIBILITY WILL CHANGE

There will be a change to car eligibility rules in time for the 2021 Trek, freeing up the age requirements of the vehicles. There will not be any reduction in the safety aspects required for the cars, but the years will change. If you are contemplating a new Trek car contact me for further details, plus any suggestions are more than welcome before the final eligibility specifications are decided.

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