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PLEASE SHOW THE RFDS THE MONEY !!

The Trek is getting closer each day, and the final installment of the \$7,500 minimum was due on the 1st April.

Are you up to date with your commitments? The money gets to the pointy end of RFDS services the minute it goes into their account, so please send your donations in ASAP.

PRIME TIME NATIONAL TV SHOW

We are in advanced discussions with a national prime time TV show that has significant appeal to a younger demographic – just the sort of people we want to attract to the RFDS and to the Trek. We are working with the shows Directors to create a “pitch document” to gain support and budget from the senior management team of the TV station. If we are successful the show will send a camera crew along on the Trek, and create a story.

What we believe will give our pitch a competitive advantage over the other stories they are considering is the personal angle, not just around RFDS retrievals but also the social impact the Trek has on the towns we visit each year. We have lots of references from the people (schools, committees, etc.) we have touched over the past several years who will work with us, but to give our pitch more depth we are looking for Trekkers who have a personal story about the RFDS. Either the participant themselves, or a close family member who has an RFDS story to share.

SO – if you or a close family member has a personal story regarding the RFDS you are able to share, please let me know ASAP. We would like to weave it into our pitch document. Full confidentiality can be assured if needed, so please, don't be shy – sing out.

SAFETY CHECK SYDNEY DAY 22 APRIL

Robert Hodges and families have again agreed to host the Sydney safety check day at their Dural Tyrepower on Sunday morning April 22nd. First car at 8:00 am, and we will pull the doors down at 10:30 am. I look forward to seeing you there.

Door panels for Sydney based entrants will be handed out at safety check, or can be picked up at the Trek office. If you don't live in Sydney please contact me for the new Safety Check form to be sent out to you. I will send you the door panels after you return the completed safety check form.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Some of the best nights on Trek are the Auction nights, and they regularly raise around \$50k for the RFDS. We need items to auction, so please have a think about what you might be able to donate, and let me know ASAP. Travel and booze always go well, but so do many other things. Anything you think you can come up with, we would love to hear about it - sooner rather than later. Dig deep and drop me a line or give me a call.

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EVERYDAYHERO FOR WEB BASED DONATIONS

PLEASE – do not open up a page with any other fundraising websites – only use the EveryDayHero Trek web page as per below. You can set up and personalise your own page by following the simple prompts at this URL:

<https://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/outbackcartrek2018>

The current generation is very much in tune with donating via a secure web site, and we have seen an exponential growth in web donations over the past few years. Setting up your page should be reasonably simple, and help is only ever a phone call away.

THE BEER 'N BUNDY HAPPY HOUR IS BACK.

By popular demand, and after a very successful introduction last year, the Beer 'n Bundy Happy Hour this year will be held in Meandarra on the Monday night. The mugs will be there for you to purchase at the start line in Inverell, and we will all enjoy the Happy Hour from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on the steps of the Meandarra Town Hall - immediately before dinner.

BRIGHT SMILES RIDE 2018

The third annual Bright Smiles Charity Ride will commence at Pokolbin on Thursday afternoon 26th April, and will conclude on Monday 30th April at Lithgow. Overnight towns will be Pokolbin, Coonabarrabran, Dubbo and Parkes, with the finish at Lithgow.

We have quite a few entries in, but we still need more. If you know of anybody who might be interested please let him or her know about the event – perhaps slip me their contact details so I can get in touch with them.

DRIVE 4X4 THE DOC 2018

The dates for this year:

- The Drive 4x4 The Doc NSW will take place from Wednesday evening 5th September to Sunday lunch 9th September 2018. We will start at Pokolbin in the Hunter Valley and finish not too far from Sydney on the Sunday.
- The Victorian Drive 4x4 The Doc will take place from Wednesday evening 14th November to Sunday lunch the 18th November 2018. The event will start from the Bellarine Peninsula, out Geelong way, and will finish within a few hours drive of Melbourne on the Sunday.

The route and overnight towns are currently being worked out, but please save the dates into your diary now.

AIRLIE BEACH

Make sure that your accommodation at Airlie Beach is within the town area. We have buses arranged to sweep the town to take you to the final night dinner.

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THANKS TO PHILLIPS FOOTE

It was good to see so many people turn up at the Sydney drinks night on Wednesday, a huge amount of fun was had by all. And a big thank you to Howard Dredge and staff at the Foote, who always put on a great night.

JUST CUTS AT LUNA PARK

As previously advised, there will be a media event held at Luna Park on Wednesday May 30th to promote the Trek & the RFDS. The idea is that we have 8 Trek cars and crew gather around the park's world famous smile, and the Just Cuts team will be available to cut the hair of passers by, commuters, local residents and Trekkers on the back of the Just Cuts Ute.

The RFDS & Just Cuts marketing departments are pulling out all stops with Local and National media outlets, to get them to come along and cover the event. It will be timed to coincide with the breakfast TV shows and drive time chat & music radio stations, plus the event will be saturated across the social media channels. Just Cuts ambassador and Trekker Grant Denyer is one of the morning stars on 2DAY FM and Grant has promised to give us a few plugs.

Thanks to all those people who have volunteered to come along with their cars – it is very much appreciated. We are fine for car numbers, what we need now is people to turn up offer moral support. We will run a sausage sizzle breakfast, and the Luna Park coffee truck will be on hand to make sure you get your morning caffeine fix.

A big vote of thanks to Warwick Doughty and the entire Luna Park team, and of course to Denis McFadden and the Just Cuts girls & guys who tirelessly support the RFDS.

Please let me know ASAP if you are able to attend as a supporter – we need the numbers.

CUT-A-RAMA IN TAMWORTH

Cut-A-Rama will be at the Tamworth Hotel in Marius Street on Saturday 2nd June from 6 pm, registrations will start at approximately 4 pm. Directly across the road from the Tamworth railway station, and a hundred metres from the main street, the pub has recently undergone a very sympathetic refurbishment and will be the perfect spot to start Trek week.

Owner Luke Prout has very generously offered to donate \$1 to the RFDS for every beer sold on the night!

ACCOMMODATION IN TAMWORTH

The start line and breakfast will be at the West Tamworth Leagues Club, and the Mercure Resort at the leagues club still has quite a bit of very reasonably priced accommodation available. Give them a ring if you still haven't booked yourself a room. 02 6765 1200.

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IT'S NOT ALWAYS WHAT YOU KNOW, IT'S....

For many years the wonderful folks at Telstra have been providing free of charge not only Sat Phones for the officials cars, but other communications capability, and of course the guys in T16.

Over those years, the landscape at Telstra has changed, and multiple restructures have seen the managers we have received support from either retired, or moved into roles where they no longer can help us.

Do you have any personal contacts reasonably senior at Telstra that you can help us make contact with? Our fear is that in the coming years we will run out of people we can appeal to in an effort to get the support to continue. Somebody with a personal relationship can often break down walls that are otherwise impenetrable.

CEVA AT AIRLIE BEACH

The booking form for you to complete and return to CEVA is at the end of this newsletter.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- **TEAM CX DINNER**

The annual Team CX Dinner is on again at North Curl Curl, the date for this years event is Saturday 28th April. Seats are in short supply, and are snapped up pretty quickly. You can get yours at:

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/team-cx-10th-anniversary-dinner-auction-tickets-43147350888?utm_term=eventurl_text

- **Craig Sloane & Gregg Frater – Car F100**

Craig, Gregg, and friends are hosting a night at the Mulgoa Wool Shed on Friday 4th May. Dinner, drinks, and live entertainment are all included in the cover charge of \$100 per head, or \$190 per couple. All profits from the evening go to the RFDS, and it is shaping up to be a huge night. Get yourself along there if you can.

- **RFDS Coffee Cups**

Another initiative of the CX Team is the sale over eBay of the insulated coffee cup shown here. They are a just the sort of item that should be in everybody's car (or kitchen). You can but them by clicking on this link - [Keepcup RFDS logo](#)



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THE 30TH TREK IS TAKING SHAPE

What I can tell you is that the 30th Trek will be a longer Trek than normal (12 or 13 days) and it is designed to get us to places we simply can't get to in one week. You will be able to fly in and fly out crew approximately half way if you wish, and yes we will be heading north of the start line.

As is the custom, all will be revealed at this years final night dinner on Saturday June 9th.

Now might be a good time to block out your diary for the 2 weeks beginning 3rd and 10th June 2019.

CAR FOR SALE

1971 Falcon XY Wagon, NSW Reg. Aug, 2018
351 Cleveland V-8
Ford Top Loader 4 speed Gearbox
Ford 9" Limited Slip Diff, Braced Axle Housing
Modified Heavy Duty Suspension
Full roll Cage
Race Seats and Harness in front
Single rear centre seat. (Have original rear seat to accommodate 4 passengers)
Aluminium Roof Rack with dust lights and beacon
Long range fuel tanks
Aluminium Bull Bar



This car has completed many Outback Treks, goes and handles very well.

Asking \$10,000 ONO

Any questions please call Erik Johnson... 0408 450497

HELP – USED CARS NEEDED !!

In the most recent editions of Trek Tripe I have asked people who had a car for sale to let me know, so I could update the classifieds newsletter. I have a number of people new to the Trek looking for cars.

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DID YOU KNOW THE DOCTOR IS 90 THIS YEAR?

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AND REMEMBER:

ONLY **56** MORE SLEEPS



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Party Like there is no tomorrow

INVITATION

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THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

Held at: **Wool Shed Mulgoa RD Mulgoa**

Date: **Friday 6.30pm 4th May 2018**

Cost: **Single \$100.00 per head (\$190.00 per couple)**

**Includes Dinner, Beer, Wine and soft drinks
And entertainment by 3 band and solo artist.**

Bookings: **CRAIG SLOANE 0418 255 169**

Please complete and Email to: craig@consolidatedpoker.com.au

Name/s:

Phone:

Amount

Please make cheques payable to **RFDS OUTBACK TREK CAR F100**

EFT payments:

BSB: 082778 Account: 117009447

A ticket or Tickets will be sent to you once payment is received.

***ALL PROFITS FROM THE EVENING WILL BE DONATED TO THE ROYAL
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THE 2018 OUTBACK CAR TREK CEVA CAR CARRYING – BOOKING SHEET SATURDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 9TH 2018

DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE TREK OFFICE

EMAIL TO emma.wallace@cevalogistics.com

FAX TO 08 8347 2085 PHONE 08 8348 5860

Consignors Name _____

Consignors Contact M _____ W _____

Destination Depot _____

| FROM | TO | Per Car |
|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Airlie Beach | Sydney | \$ 1,325 |
| | Melbourne | \$ 1,415 |
| | Brisbane | \$ 665 |
| | Adelaide | \$ 1,550 |

These prices ***include*** GST and any fuel surcharge that might apply in June, and are for vehicles within the following maximum dimensions:

L 5.2m, W 1.9m, H 2.1m.

Prices for vehicles outside of these dimensions on application to Emma Wallace, contact details above.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Flammable liquids and Dangerous Goods will not be moved with the vehicle.
- The front seats of the vehicle must be empty of personal effects and spare parts so the driver has complete access and complete vision.

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Vehicle Rego: _____ Trek Number: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ Vehicle Model: _____

Does the vehicle have any attachments to the roof: **YES** **NO**

If yes, please specify attachments and height: _____

PAYMENT DETAILS

Card Type: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Cardholder Name & Signature: _____

NB: All CEVA depots are open Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm

CEVA USE:

Booking Number:

Confirmation Sent (Date and Forum):

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