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TREK TRIPE

9th February 2023

TREK 2023 - UPDATE ON ROADS AND CAR TRANSPORT

THE GIBB RIVER ROAD: The continued unusual weather patterns have seen WA and the NT experience a record Wet Season. Whilst they are used to significant amounts of rain each year, "The Wet" this season has beaten all records.

Thanks to all those who have asked about the roads - to say there has been quite a bit of damage to roads and bridges is an understatement. The WA & Federal governments are throwing an enormous amount of resources at the problems, specifically at Fitzroy Crossing and also the Gibb River Road, both of which are economic lifelines to the communities they service. The highway at Fitzroy Crossing is now partially open, however the Gibb River Road is still closed, with a limited amount of local traffic allowed on some parts of the Gibb. The current opinion of our contacts at mainroadsWA is that the road will be back to fully operational in very late April or early May and Outback Car Trek should be fine to come through early June. Obviously, a lot can go wrong over the next 4 months, and we are watching the situation very closely (weekly) and keeping in close contact with the people on the ground in the area.

If anything changes, you will know about it ASAP.

CEVA: We finally received prices from CEVA last week (they now look pretty good), and we are working on the T's & C's of cartage as we speak.

Prices, subject to final confirmation, are:

Transport TO CEVA Perth Depot in High Wycombe	
Departing from	Cost All inclusive
Adelaide Depot	\$770.00
Sydney Depot	\$1130.00
Melbourne Depot	\$1050.00

Cars will need to be lodged with CEVA by the end of April, date to be confirmed.

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Transport Ex CEVA Darwin Depot in East Arm (Please highlight the correct leg)	
Travelling to	Cost All inclusive
Adelaide Depot	\$1150.00
Sydney Depot	\$1600.00
Melbourne Depot	\$1400.00
Brisbane Depot	\$1500.00

(These prices might change for over-height or over-length cars, to be confirmed in the booking sheet.)

Be aware that the WA government have several quarantine regulations regarding the transport of vehicles into WA. We are working with Quarantine WA & CEVA Perth to come up with a fact sheet, but a few of the bullet points include:

- Cars travelling into WA need to be clean, free of dirt/mud, seeds, grass, and food products
 - *This will mean all cars will need to be thoroughly pressure cleaned, including underneath, to be accepted*
- No flammable liquids or dangerous goods in/on the vehicle (including gas bottles, new or used jerry cans)
- Personal items are to be secluded to the boot space only, all seating areas must be empty of personal items
- Wagons, personal items to the boot space only without exceeding the window level as this will obstruct our driver's view
- Cars who fail any inspection will be refused entry into WA until the problem is fixed, and will incur a re-inspection fee of \$800

I hope to have a fact sheet and the Booking Form from CEVA and out to you shortly.

I have had an enquiry regarding cars from Broome back to Perth, and I have located a Broome based carrier who will be able to help at a price of \$1,150 per vehicle, transporting the cars back to Perth on a flat top truck. Can I ask anybody who is considering this as an option to let me know ASAP so I can let the carrier know volume of cars requiring transport, and I will put you in touch.

I will follow up this newsletter in the next week or so with much more information about Trek 2023, the Bright Smiles Charity Ride, and the Drive 4x4 The Doc.

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