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## Outback Car Trek Update

### THE NEW TREK ROUTE:

Thanks everybody for being so patient. As you know, last month I announced that to mitigate potential COVID threats, I would be redesigning the route to keep wholly within NSW.

I can now advise the new route, as per below:

- Saturday 5th June **CUT-A-RAMA** at West Wyalong
- Sunday 6th June Hillston
- Monday 7th June Broken Hill
- Tuesday 8th June Cobar
- Wednesday 9th June Dubbo
- Thursday 10th June Gunnedah
- Friday 11th June Inverell
- Saturday 12th June Port Macquarie

**PLEASE** remember to cancel any accommodation bookings you might have made along the old Trek route - let them know you are **not coming** so they can re-let your room.

Part of the juggling act of redesigning the route was finding venues where we could fit the maximum number of people within the applicable COVID-19 capacity limits. Venue limits vary from town to town, but we have a **maximum capacity** limit on any night of the Trek of **200 people**. This includes the final night dinner in **Port Macquarie** - we will not be able to accept any guests at the dinner, and we hope you understand.

**At the time of writing this update, we **only** have space for six more people to register for the Trek. Have you submitted your Entry Form and Entry Fee yet?**

Entries are not accepted unless accompanied by the Entry Fee. As previously advised if you entered the 2020 cancelled event and wish to come on the Trek this year, you are still required to re-enter the 2021 Trek. You have not been automatically re-entered.

**Disbursement fees** are still in the process of being set for this year, they have been held up due to the evolving nature of the route. I will have the final disbursements figured out to you by the end of the week. Any entry, disbursement fees and donations you paid in 2020 **have been rolled over** and will go towards this year's event. And check your shock absorber turrets as well.

Mike Browne & I drove most of the route last week, and much of inland NSW has received lots of rain. Normally barren gibber deserts are now a beautiful bright green as far as the eye can see. Much loved as the rain is, an unfortunate by-product are **corrugations** on some of the roads, principally between Hillston & Broken Hill, and Broken Hill and Cobar. Before you leave home I suggest you make sure your **shock absorbers** and springs are in excellent condition (bushes also) and that you carry spares just in case.

Your **Safety Check Forms** are required to be submitted to the Trek Office by 15th May. The form can be downloaded from the website, and must be signed by an authorised mechanic who is **not the person** who built or maintains your car.

Wednesday 9th June is **State of Origin** night, and we will be watching the football on the biggest screen in Dubbo - at the **Devil's Hollow Brewery**. Buses will be put on to get you to and from the Brewery to make sure we don't miss any of the action on the **6 metre tall** screen.

**Auction night** is on the Thursday 10th June in Gunnedah, and we need many more items to help make the night a success. Please **dig deep**, and ask around your friends and colleagues to see what you might be able to donate. Our mid-week auction normally raises around \$50k for the RFDS and we don't want this year to be any different - do what you can to help, please.

We will have a healthy contingent of **Virgins** again this year, about 30 people have decided to take the leap and see what all the fun and frivolity is about. They will be easy to spot by their **green name badge**, so please go out of your way to give them all a hearty Trek welcome, and help them enjoy their week. I still have a couple of people keen to come along as a crew member - if you are short a person please let me know.

### **FUNDRAISERS:**

Dunheved Golf Club next Tuesday 27th April is the place to be for a sensational morning of fun at the annual **Big Dog Golf Day**. The day kicks off with a healthy breakfast and wonderful coffee around 7:00 am and finishes with a sensational lunch. There are only a handful of tickets left so get in quick. Even if golf is not your go, there is much more to the event than swinging a club, so come along and find out **how much fun** you can have on a golf course. Ring John on 0418 296 262 or Rob on 0413 857 412. (I think there might be some hole sponsorship packages available also.)

Bucketty's Brewery is the venue for the annual **Team CX night**. As they say on the invitation: *"Aviation may have its wings clipped but the RFDS are busier than ever and need our support. Bucketty's, Brookvale's latest micro brewery have kindly agreed to host a relaxed night with craft beer, wine, food, and music. There will be a darts and pool comp, a few auction items including the famous **Dungog eggs**. Should be a fun night. Kicking off at 6pm till late, its not to be missed."* You can get your tickets [HERE](#):

Trekkers will fondly remember entertainer extraordinaire **AMANDA POLLOCK** from the 2019 Trek to Darwin. Amanda won't be on the Trek this year, but her partner Justin has entered in Car 186, and Amanda will be supporting the event with a couple of concerts she is running in the coming weeks. The first is a barefoot bowls day at **Pittsworth Bowling Club** on Saturday 29th May, followed by an evening at the **Spring Ridge Pub** on Wednesday night 31st June. If you can be in the area, please join!

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**COVID TRACING** means that we need to keep an up to date email and mobile record for each and every Trekker. To make sure our email records are up to date please make sure your fellow crew have received their own individual copy of this email, and ask them to contact me if it has not been received by Tuesday morning.

I will get another email out later in the week - stay safe everybody, and **I look forward to seeing 199 of you in West Wyalong!**

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