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The Great Escape Oz July 2021 Newsletter

G'day to all Rallyitives and those that are interested in joining our trusty group.

THE GREAT ESCAPE OZ CAR RALLY FOR CURE4 CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

SATURDAY 18TH TO SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Hold on folks, it looks like we are in for another roller coaster ride as states and territories shut their gates and cities are in LOCKDOWN and we are left wondering if the "new normal" is anywhere near normal. School kids during holidays can't do much, and that is sad. Families have had holiday plans canned—so it is a dog's breakfast.

However, we will not let the latest changes and challenges shake us from our goal. So in saying all that we are still in the ready position to go in September 18 to 25, 2021. Remember, Nuriootpa (Barossa) to Augathella Qld via the famous Birdsville.

Mini Rallies were extremely mini. Although a lot of work went into holding a Riverina Mini Rally mainly by Lloyd Ohlin (Lloydie) we only got 2 starters, Froggy and Bluey, well done boys, nothing keeps you boys away. The lack of numbers was caused by Victoria shutting the gate and over 160 mm of rain in the area. I know others organised a mini rally in the Hunter when they realised, they could not go and others in the Riverina did their own version of a mini rally, so things were happening. The reason for these Mini Rallies was to bring people together as it is over 18 months since a lot of us have seen each other. Remember what I said about these Mini Rallies, "to the bush for the bush" and I praise those that got out and did things.

You know I look at what is happening around Australia and that is a "dogs' breakfast". 90% plus of the population want to get the jab, but stock control of the jab is very poor, that section of the pandemic have been handled so badly, shame on the government. Australia has got an anciles heel, which is a real worry, that is Queensland and its very quick decision of just shutting the Borders anytime there is a small outbreak. The reason for this happening is lack of funds within QLD health to put in place a reasonable tracing program. NSW spent over \$80 million dollars about 8 years ago by developing software and systems to be used by government, but could be adapted for other uses, such as tracing and QR codes. NSW Health showed Victoria Heath how to get there quickly which proved to be very worthwhile, but QLD could not care less, so the easiest way of overcoming the problem in QLD is to close

the borders, don't worry about businesses going broke, as long as Anastasia Palaszczuk goes to the Opening Ceremony in Tokyo, what a fool. God bless Gladys. That is my political rant of the month

RAFFLE TICKETS

Now Raffle Tickets, what is going on, it is such an easy way to get your fundraising going and great prizes to win. \$2 a ticket 50 tickets to a book, a \$100 to your fundraising total for your car. Take the book to work, take it to your footy club, get the extended family to take a few tickets, who knows they will love you when they win. The raffle will be drawn at the WELCOME DINNER 18th September 2021 at Nuriootpa (Barossa Valley).

RAFFLE TICKETS

Send me an email with your car number and postal address and I will send you a book with all the details of what you need to do when you have sold the book, then I will send you another.

Get your sold Raffle ticket butts back to me ; FILL'M IN AND GET'M BACK TO ME, SO WE CAN LOAD YOUR FUNDRAISING TOTAL.

MICHAEL THOMPSON

Michael was the fuel tanker driver from Quilpie who found me on the Cordello Downs Track slumped unconscious in a dry creek bed. He found my note on the steering wheel of the Hilux and got things cracking with alerting Cordello Downs Station of the situation and then set out to find me. Well later this month Michael is receiving an Award from the Trucking Industry for saving my life. This Prestigious Award is the Bridgestone Highway Guardian Award it will be a Virtual Presentation on the 27 July '21. I have given the presenters notes and spoken with them; they have asked me to speak. It is on Zoom; I am not sure if it can be viewed by others than those involved with the Presentation.

BROOKS FAMILY (CORDELLO DOWNS CATTLE STATION)

You will meet Michael during the rally, at Cordello Downs where we are having lunch in the historic Wool Shed as the Brooks family are catering for the rally. So you will get to meet all the people on the ground who saved my life.

Rally Theme Nights.

Now add further FUN to your rally by getting dressed up which could be your alter- Ego in the many different nights and days you have to impress.

2021 THEME NIGHTS FOR THE GREAT ESCAPE OZ RALLY FOR CF.

Saturday 18th September to Saturday 25th September 2021

- Sat 18th Sept. Welcome Dinner. The Vine Inn Nuriootpa, Barossa Valley A full on Night for Cystic Fibrosis.
We are part of the CF Army Fighting for CF CURE. All for the Fight Against CF. We are declaring war on CF. Whatever cloths suits the night, with lots of RED for CF. Face paint on the table to use on yourself or for others to use on you. Be careful who you sit next too.
- Sunday 19th Sept. PHB Broken Hill. Pizza on the Balcony. Following a movie thyme ' The Italian Affair' Verde Bianco Rosso.

- Monday 20th Sept. Tibooburra Monday Night at the Movies, Drive-in Theatre, but you do not need to drive.
- Tuesday 21st Sept. Dinner at Innamincka Hotel, nothing planned.
- Wednesday 22nd Sept. Dinner in the Birdsville Community Hall prepared by Don and Lyn Rowlands and his mob. Also another brand of racing so be prepared for some fun in the dust.
- Thursday 23rd Sept. Western Star Pub at Windorah, with a Western touch on 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly'.
- Friday 24th Sept. Tambo and the famous CHICKEN RACES at the Royal Carrangarra Hotel. Punt ,buy or just watch, you have never seen anything as funny as the QLD Chicken Races on the Green at the back of the Pub.
- Sat 25th Sept. Awards Dinner evening at Augathella Palms Hotel, **Augathella. We have gone from the RED for Cystic Fibrosis at the** Welcome Dinner to the Breeches, Bustries & Bowlers as we celebrate the safe and successful THE GREAT ESCAPE OZ Rally for CURE4CF FOUNDATION.

Rally Crew and Official Crew Members Form (Attached)

2021 Great Escape Oz Entry Form (Attached)

See y'a down the track

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