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The Great Escape Oz APRIL 2023 Newsletter

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

THIS IS A RALLY HEALTH CHECK ON ENTRANTS AND CARS.

We have just over 125 sleeps before we all meet up in Dubbo for the start of The Great Escape Oz 2023 RALLY #20.

I hope all are well and preparing your cars, 4x4 or whatever and they are tuned and ready.

CURE4CF Foundation are excited and looking forward to RALLY #20 and wishing everyone safe travel and all the best in the rally.

REGISTRATIONS GET THEM IN NOW.

Please get your Registrations (Entry Forms in) as I will be ordering the DOOR STICKERS shortly and if you want your car numbers printed on the Door Stickers, get the Entry Forms in, otherwise if you miss out on having your car number printed on your door sticker, otherwise you'll need to visit Bunnings and buy the numbers. So save money and time and get those entry forms in. Entry Form Attached.

Important Notice on making payments: We have now set up **PayID** for ease of receiving payments in The Great Escape OZ, Beyond Bank account. (BSB: 325 185 A/C: 03855534)

Please use my phone number: **0413 704 104** to make your deposits and send me an email once done as Sharon can then send you a receipt. Please remember to put your car # as reference

What is PayID? Making and receiving payments is quicker and easier than ever using a PayID. Your PayID is a unique identifier linked to your transaction account and can be your email address, mobile number or ABN

RALLY ACCOMMODATION.

Book all your accommodations as beds are in short supply due to so many people getting out to do the tourist thing, and that's a good thing as many country towns need that boost following all the things that they have been hit with over the past 4 years.

4X4 VEHICLES NOW IN THE RALLY.

I hope there is further interest in joining the rally as it is now open to 4 X 4 Vehicles, I have been asked many times about the opportunity of using their 4x4 vehicle, well now it is open. All 4x4 vehicles will be in a class of their own, it will be the same course and control points, all regulations will be the same for all competing vehicles. We certainly have had some serious inquiries from new and returning entrants to bring their 4-wheel drive vehicles.

WELCOME BACK STRANGER

I have had a lot of interest and enquiries from new or entrants that have not participated in The Great Escape Oz for some time which is wonderful as these good 'old rallyites want to come back for the fun and friendship. I have had some great phone call conversations and pleasing to hear they want to return. So if you know someone who has had a spell for a few years give them a call or email and let them know that **in August 2023 is Rally Number 20 Dubbo to Karumba on the Shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria Nth Qld. 12 to 20 August 2023.**

I am continuing to send out letters/emails to past rallyites in the hope they just might want to come back and say hi to all those friends that they made way back then. So if they have disposed of their rally car, they can jump in the 4x4 and restart the fun and knowing they are competing.

CONGRATULATION ON THEIR RECENT MARRIGE

F-Troop has a new permanent member as the upcoming Commander of F-Troop Travers Graham married his lovely navigator Ally van Diggelen. We all wish them well, with health and long happiness and we will see them in August on the rally.

NEW RALLY BROCHURE TO HAND OUT TO YOUR SUPPORTERS AND/OR NEW ENTRANTS.

I would also like to thank Teresa Carlson from CAR 65 in getting the New Brochure printed and offering to send these out to people to help in their fundraising activities. We are hoping that this 'back to the future' brochure will spark interest in getting involved again or new entrants within the 4-wheel drive sector. If you need 10 or more of these brochures, please give me a call or better still send me an email with your postal address and I'll get them to you ASAP. trackboss508@gmail.com

CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR 20 YR ANNIVERSARY DINNER SO COME JOIN US

THE CLUB DUBBO - 82 WHYANDRA STREET DUBBO

If you are not competing in rally #20 well how about joining us in the celebrations in Dubbo on Saturday 12 August 2023 at Club Dubbo, for catering purposes please send me an email letting me know how many seats you would like to book as it will be a ticket event for those not on the rally. If you are keen on being there to say hi to all those friends you remember, send me an email as we need to know numbers for catering reasons. Please provide me with your name or names of those who are coming, send to my email address: Trackboss508@gmail.com

Welcome Dinner Tickets for those not on the rally: The cost will be \$60 per person, it will cover; Canape Platters on arrival, A La-Cart Dinner, the cutting of the 20 year Anniversary Cake which will be served with Ice Cream and fresh fruit garnish Tea & Coffee. Cash Bar.
DINNER FROM 6.30 PM.

THE GREAT ESCAPE OZ STREET PARADE. SATURDAY 12 AUGUST '23 IN DUBBO

Saturday we will be holding a Street Parade within the business area of Dubbo, this will be around 11.30/12 noon as this is the busy time within Dubbo. Registration and Scrutineering will be after the Street Parade at the car park area at the Dubbo Club. Could you please advise me by email that you will be attending/entering the Street Parade.

THE GREAT ESCAPE OZ BREKKIE SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2023

Day 1 of the Rally will be BREKKIE at the Tourist Office Car Park, which is behind the Library, where we started the 2016 rally. Non entrants who attended the Anniversary Dinner are welcome. Brekkie will be provided by The Lions Club of Dubbo.

FUN GAMES AND THYME NIGHTS FOR THE RALLY

We have a number of Theme Nights planned for the Rally. (THEME NIGHTS ATTACHED)

- **DUBBO 20 yr. CELEBRATION DINNER. DRESS IN BLACK and GOLD.**
- **CALDERVALE STATION. ARABIAN NIGHTS. COME AS A CAMEL ,A RUG SALESMAN, EXOTIC MASSAGE LADY.**
- **ILFRACOMBE,WELLSHOT PUB. FLOWER PEOPLE OF THE 60'Sand70'S. GET YOUR FLORALS and FLOWERS OUT, along with your BEADS, bring your voice as we have KAREOKE to keep you entertained.**
- **KARUMBA SUNSET TAVERN. LET'S ALL WEAR WHITE AS A CONTRAST TO THE BEAUTIFUL SUNSET OVER THE GULF, AT OUR AWARDS DINNER**

GAMES,GAMES AND MORE GAMES.

We have a number of games that we play or get up to on our travels, but we would like to add to our list. Yes of course I'll find a suitable location on the track where our French Maids can provide the rally with a Bonnet Party. Twister is GOOD get together activity and maybe we can do that at **Mitchell**. Then on the track we can find a suitable place to have HOLE in ONE GOLF SHOT.

If anyone else has some suggestions for games either on the track or better still at an overnight stop, please email your suggestion and rules how it operates.

A good opportunity to boost the funds raised for Cure4 CF while on the road!

WE HAVE CARS AND PEOPLE LOOKING TO BE INVOLVED.

I have had a lot of interest from people who are very keen on coming on the rally but no response to help out. I have put this in the last 2 Newsletters, and nothing has been picked up. I have said in earlier Newsletters, I hope I can help in matching people with other people and forming a team in a car,(I am not the matchmaker). We have a new team who is looking for a team member and we have people wanting to join a team. So any further interest please send me an email and we'll help to join the dots.

- **We have a Sydney driver** who has a car ready and is looking for a team member.
- **Ken from Ballina** is looking to team up with a car/team.
- **Sharon Ellinsworth**, as this is the 20th Rally, she would love to come on the rally but needs a ride, please advise if you have a spare seat.

- **John (Mule) Milne** from Finley. Mule is a very experienced rally man as he did many rallies with us also a successful fundraiser during his time and wants to join a crew for Rally #20 in 2023

If you are able to assist, please come back to me, and I'll put you in touch with prospective person. Trackboss508@gmail.com

What to do in getting home from Karumba, this is important, please read and consider.

I know you are all big boys and girls now, but I thought I'd give you a hand in getting back home, I guess many of you are thinking about getting home from Karumba, it does not matter where you live it's a long way home. Rather than organising your car to be picked up and loaded in Karumba as that may be a long wait and expensive, I am suggesting that you drive to Cairns in convey, get the car on a car carrier in Cairns then fly home.

CONVEY TO CAIRNS, leaving Monday 21 August '23.

Those interested in joining that convey contact Teresa Carlson: cf.cure@hotmail.com She intends to make it to Cairns that night a distance of around 750 kms it is the Savannah Way a reasonably good road with plenty of towns along the way for fuel, food and rest. These towns are Croydon, Georgetown, Mount Surprise, Mount Garnet, Atherton, Cairns.

If some wish to break the journey down to 2 days, I suggest you stay overnight at Georgetown, 382 kms from Karumba and 384 kms from Cairns. Accommodation in Georgetown, a good halfway point.

If you are thinking of driving to Cairns, you need to decide early so you can book accommodation, as beds go quickly. Some may be getting a flight on Tuesday 22 August, again get in early.

CONVEY HEADING SOUTH, LEAVING TUESDAY 22 AUGUST '23

Those interested in making up a convey heading south, this will head toward Cloncurry and depending on your destination you can continue across to Winton, Longreach and follow that down to Charleville, Cunnamulla onto Bourke and beyond. You can branch off at Cloncurry and head to Boulia, Bedourie, Birdsville and beyond. Just give Pete an email to advise you will be joining him. **Peter Margetts in car 99** petermargetts4@gmail.com

CONVEY HEADING SOUTH, LEAVING MONDAY 21 AUGUST '23

Likewise those who are going to drive home via Longreach etc, **Mal Boardman Workshop 2** malcolm.boardman@hotmail.com could be leaving on Monday, depending on a couple of things he will be leaving either Monday or Tuesday on his way home to Maitland, Hunter area so again form a convey and you can branch off when needed. Anyone who is definitely leaving on Monday, please advise and I'll put your email address out there in the next Newsletter.

GOING TO THE TIP, CAPE YORK.

After we finish the rally in Karumba, Sharon and I and 3 others, all 4-wheel drive vehicles are heading up to the top of Australia, Cape York. If others are interested, please contact me by phone or email, preferably in a 4-wheel drive as we are using the bush roads. There is very limited accommodation when I booked some months ago, so you may be swagging.

SPARES TRUCK.

At this stage we will not have a Spares Truck with us this year. Over the last near 10 years Scott Mundy has provided a truck to do the rally and used as a Spares Truck. He has provided the vehicle free of charge and the last 3 rallies he has had to hire a truck to do this as all his trucks have been extremely busy, so we say

A BIG THANK YOU TO SCOTT FOR HIS SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS



IN NEED OF A SPARES TRUCK

If anyone has a small truck who knows someone who would like to donate it for use on the rally, it would be away for around 15 days, truck design would be small pan-tech say 3 or 4 tonnes, used for carrying swags, auction items and other spare rally equipment, they are not heavy items.

I have been asking around, no luck at this point, if you do know someone, please email me with the person contact details, this would be greatly appreciated.

CHARITY GOLF DAY SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023.

Troy and son Nathan Campbell (Car 66 Rolling Red) have their 11th Annual Cystic Fibrosis Charity Golf Day on Sunday 21 May '23 at the Griffith Golf Club. Shotgun Start at 10 am 4 person Ambrose. Everyone invited but get in early. Contact Troy 0413 458 116. Brochure attached.

See 'Ya down the track.

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