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The Great Escape Oz November/December 2022 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.

Important message to Rallyitives who have email addresses within BIG POND

Over the last 6 months I have been having extreme difficulties in getting emails out to people who have their email addresses with **BIGPOND**. If Newsletters or other correspondence are sent out to BIGPOND, within bulk mail we get bounce back, it only happens when it is emailed out using the bulk mail out system. So if you have a team member using big pond within their email address, could you please onforward this Newsletter as if we get bounce back, I then need to send the big pond addresses out singularly and that takes time. We are looking at a system to overcome the problem, but until then it would be appreciated if you could help in the distribution of Newsletter. We had success in sending out the October Newsletter, but we want to maintain that success, so just check with your team member who has their email account with BIGPOND and make sure they received the November/December Newsletter.

WE ARE THINKING OF YOU, WHO HAVE BEEN EFFECTED BY THE RECENT FLOODS.

To all our rallyitives who have been effected by the serve weather we have had over the past 8 or 9 months with floods in 4 states and in some areas up to 2 floods in the time frame and some with up to 3 floods over a 18 month period. We feel for the farmers who have battled drought for some years and then to get this double dose of extremes is soul wrenching for people on the land. Remember the farmers support us in opening up their farms so we can pass through or get on some farm tracks and have some fun.

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 clase of their own, it will be the same course and control points, all regulations will be the same for all competing 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 you are competing.

CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR 20 YR ANNIVERSITY SO COME JOIN US.

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, just register send me an email and get it in as it will be a ticket event for those not on the rally, more information is coming over the next month or so, stay tuned for more exciting news. If you are keen on being there to say hi to all those friends you remember, send me an email saying you are keen to be there, and I'll communicate with you on the arrangements for the day and evening.
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WE HAVE CARS AND PEOPLE LOOKING TO BE INVOLVED.

As 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 Ellinworth**, 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 highly successful fundraiser during his time and wants to join a crew for Rally #20 next year
- **Photographer:** we need a photographer/video person for the rally .Please send me details of anyone you may know or who may be interested.
- **Rally Car for sale** , you may remember John and his son John McNab, check out our website for photo's.

With all of these adds or enquiries could you please come back to me, and I'll put you in touch with prospective person.

RALLY TRACKS DONE AND DUSTIED.

So a big thank you goes out to Mal Boardman who spent just under 4 weeks with me doing the survey for the 2023 rally. He is keen as mustard to make sure his track notes are well put together, he has shown great interest in how the rally comes together and where the pitfalls are, and ways of getting around these issues. He has very good bush and rally understanding and is always asking questions to increase his knowledge. Mal has been involved within Workshop vehicle for over 10 years and is very well known to those who require his skill and service, but well-liked by everyone on the rally. In 2023 there are many new areas we were going into areas, so that makes it exciting to all involved.

I would like to further thank Craig Yates (CQ) for his assistance as we spent a week together after the 2022 rally, trying to get going on the course for 2023, but unfortunately most of that time was spent in Lighting Ridge due to flooded roads and we could not get going due to continuing rain, certainly the intent was there but the gods had different ideas. It's always fun with CQ and that was no different.

So in the coming weeks I'll start the first draft of putting the Track Book together and doing a second call to finalise the catering of the rally. All positions are now in place with Officials. Let's hope the severe weather holds off for the 2023 rally

BREKKIE AT DUBBO FOR THE START OF THE RALLY.

The Lions Club of Dubbo will be doing Brekkie for the Start of the Rally outside the Tourist Office in the Car Park Dubbo

NEWS FLASH NEW BROCHURE FOR THE 2023 RALLY.

Within the coming weeks we will have a new Great Escape Oz brochure for the rally they will be mailed out to entrants to use at their fundraising activities along with attracting new entrants. I would like to thank Teresa Carlson for her assistance in getting this much needed promotional tool for new entrants and advertise that 4x4 are now in The Great Escape OZ. It's back to the future with the brochure, it is the same type of brochure we used up to 2016, but CFA decided cut them out, so our promotional information has been via word of mouth, social media and website, not always successful.

So if you are interested in getting hold of some of these brochures which will also help in your sponsorship and fundraising, you need to email me your postal address and the brochures will be mailed to you. Trackboss508@gmail.com

THE WELCOME DINNER SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2023

CLUB DUBBO WHYLANDRA St DUBBO.

BELOW ACCOMMODATION FOR THE RALLY IN ALL TOWNS FROM START TO FINISH.

The CLUB DUBBO own 2 motels quite near to the Club.

- I have booked a number of rooms at All Seasons Motor Lodge 78 Whylandra St,

P: 02 6882 6377

- They also own Akuna Motor Inn 109 Whylandra St Dubbo 02 6885 4422
- NRMA DUBBO HOLIDAY PARK Whylandra St 1800 824 820

Both motels and caravan park are in walking distance to the Club

ACCOMMODATION/CAMPING FOR THE GREAT ESCAPE OZ 2023 CAR RALLY.

Accommodation available in all towns, but you must get in early, I have given you options.

Sunday 20 August Karumba. Ash's Holiday Units 07 47459132, End of the Road Motel, 07 47459132. Gee-Dee's family cabins 07 47459433, Gone Fishing holiday units 07 47459502, Jay Seas holiday units 07 4745 9414. Karumba Point Sunset 07 47459277. Karumba Point Tourist & Holiday Park 07 4745 9306

Saturday 19 August Normanton. Gulfland Motel and Caravan Park 07 47451290. Central Hotel 07 47451215, The Purple Pub/Motel 07 4745 1324

Friday 18 August Cloncurry. Leichhardt Hotel/Motel 07 47421389. Gidgee Inn 07 4742 1599. Wagon Wheel Motel 07 47421366. Cloncurry Caravan Park Oasis 07 47421313.

Thursday 17 August Winton. Winton Outback Motel 07 46571422_North Gregory Hotel 0746570647. Winton Roadhouse Cabins & Caravan Park 07 46570404.

Wednesday 16 August Ilfracombe. Wellshot Hotel 07 46582106. Ilfracombe Caravan Park & Cabins 07 46581510

Tuesday 15 August Caldervale. Caldervale Station. No accommodation everyone will swag.

Monday 14 August Mitchell. Mitchell Motel 07 46231355. Cambridge Motel 07 31802170. Major Mitchell Caravan Park Camping & Cabins 07 46236600.

Sunday 13 August Grawin. Sheeppark Inn 02 68293932, this will incorporate Glengarry Hilton accommodation and both locations free camping.

Friday, Saturday 11 and 12 August Dubbo. Book if you are requiring accommodation on Friday 11 August '23

PLEASE BOOK EARLY, LIKE NOW!

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sharon and I would like to wish everyone involved with the rally in any capacity over the past 22 years a wonderful and joyous Christmas and hope 2023 is a healthy and successful year to you and your family.

BEST WISHES TO ALL.

TERRY and SHARON

Expression of interest for the rally attached -Please fill in and email return to me.

See 'Ya down the track
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