



THE GREAT ESCAPE OZ ESCAPADES
Raising funds & Awareness for Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

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The Great Escape Oz September/October 2020 Newsletter

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

I hope everyone and their families are well and although some of us are in lock down, it is difficult but there is a reason and without getting involved with the politics of the reasons, we have just got to remember the outcome of this is going to affect us all short and long term, and we must '**REMEMBER WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**'

Maybe it is a lucky omen that our 2020 The Great Escape Oz was cancelled due the Covid-19 and I am certainly not saying that Covid -19 was a good thing. The 2020 rally would have been in Broken Hill area around this time and surely you would have seen the TV News coverage of the rain they had earlier this week around the Hill and further into Queensland, where they had the best rain in 7 years, we didn't want another 2016 where I was forced to change the track 7 days out 9, not an easy task and certainly not a cheap task. Great that the rains came and better we were not in the middle of it.

So April 2021 is the month I have chosen for **THE GREAT ESCAPE OZ and the DATES ARE SAT 10th to SAT 17th April** - so put that in your diary organise a team, start preparing the car, put someone in charge of fundraising and you are on your way to the best fun you will have in clothes, doing it all for **CYSTIC FIBROSIS via CURE4 CF FOUNDATION**. There is nothing that should stop you now, borders will open within the coming weeks hopefully many businesses will get going and fundraising can start. If you need a **Fundraising Letter of Authority**, then please register and I can forward the authority to you, but I must have your registration first before I can forward the new Fundraising Letter of Authority.

In the next Newsletter I'll have all the overnight stops/accommodation for the April dates. I have changed a few locations as they were getting to exie. Many of the locations closed down due to border closures and lack of business, so I am hoping that they will be ready to care for us in April 2021.

Any technical information required please drop me an email or phone call and I'll respond to your request. Most of that type of info is on our website along with anything you want to

know about The Great Escape Oz, CURE 4 CF Foundation, Photos galore and past Newsletters. Go to:

<https://thegreatescapeoz.com.au/Events%20Rule%20requirements%20201PDF>

There you will find Event Rules & Requirements, Vehicle Tips & Tricks, ENTRY FORM 2021.

JOHN (FROGGY) SELTH, is on the mend.

Now Froggy has had many successful years in all kinds of motor sport and rallying, it's his sport and he loves it. If there is surveying to be done, he is there, many of the tracks he has done in some form or other. His knowledge is second to none, there are many areas he knows it like the back of his hand, he gets excited when he finds a new track or something totally different, he is great to have him on your team. So I don't think he is too far away from being back on the road.

Froggy has had some bad months, nothing to do with Covid-19, its his mobility which has been a problem for years, but over the past 12 mths something needed to happen as he was in constant pain. So I am going to let Mrs Froggy (Kaye) explain his medical fight back.

For Froggy getting from A to B has always included a motor and the faster, more powerful the better because walking has long been problematic. Early in July he underwent 4 hours of surgery to improve blood flow in his left leg. Whilst he recovered quickly from the operation it wasn't successful in that his foot was painful and walking even a short distance proved increasingly difficult to the point he could possibly lose his leg. At the beginning of September he was admitted to the Royal Adelaide Hospital for 4 to 5 hours of surgery to unblock the vein below his left knee to increase blood circulation and make walking less painful.



10½ hours later he woke up in ICU with veins harvested from his right leg transplanted into his left leg. In true Froggy fashion he's bounced back exceedingly quickly having been flown from Adelaide to Yorketown Hospital via the RFDS and now recovering at home walking using a rollator (a 2-wheel walking frame) and already planning getting back to surveying for the 2021 Great Escape Oz event. When he was in the RAH one of his wonderful nurses told him she had 6 patients with 6 legs: Froggy had both of his, one lady had none and you can work out the rest! Certainly early days yet, baby



steps for now nevertheless counting the days when he can get out and about on his newest set of wheels affectionately known as the Fastest Indian.

Thanks Kaye Mrs. Froggy, I hope they got all the vein harvesting correct from the correct "leg".

“To the Bush for the Bush” HUNTER REGION MINI RALLY

The second MINI RALLY is coming up following the success of the first in the Mudgee region.

Salute to Spring Mini Rally and Spring -with Wildflowers- the screech of the Bird Life, it's just a great time of the year and I have something to Crow about: The Great Escape Oz Mini Rally Hunter Region; **BE THERE**

The Great Escape Oz Mini Rally 24-25 October 2020 Hunter Region.

Life is seeming a bit monotonous at the moment and now more than ever, we're craving freedom, excitement and adventure. Well get on The Great Escape Oz Mini Rally, normally a fundraiser for CURE 4 Cystic Fibrosis but due to covid-19 we cannot do our normal thing but our main 7 day rally will be back in 2021 on 10 to 17 April 2021 Barossa to Augathella Qld via Birdsville.

Please read all the important information for the Mini Rally

The MINI RALLY, no fees, no fundraising just helping the bush, getting people together and showing them what fun car rallying is all about and welcome the new Spring bush/wildflowers.

So just outlining the requirements for the Mini Rally.

- Any type of vehicle, family car, rally car or whatever can enter, must be registered.
- No entry fees
- You pay for your food and accommodation.
- Accommodation, but you must book early.
- **EVERYONE NEEDS TO COMPLETE AN ENTRY FORM, this relates to Covid-19.**
- **No entry form, no rally.**
- Please get your entry sheet back to me as I need to know how many Track Books, I need printed, along with name tags.
- **You must give me all names of the team in the car and their phone numbers and email addresses.**
- **All these points above are so important to be understood and carried out.**
- **We must make it Covid-19 Safe.**

IMPORTANT INFO TO HAVE AT HAND.

Accommodation.

- **Gresford** Friday 23 Oct. The Beatty Hotel, Park St East Gresford. Limited rooms available 02 4938 9451. You can swag out the back of the pub.
- **Gloucester.** Saturday 24 Oct. Roundabout Inn 02 6558 1816 limited rooms. Also Buckets Way Motel 02 6558 2588. Also Kings St Motel 0427 982 080. There is also a Caravan Park in town
- **Pokolbin.** Sunday 25 Oct Potters Tavern/Brewery Resort again book early. 024991 7922. Other motels around.

Catering

All meals will be at your expense, there is a small café next to the pub at Gresford East for brekkie if needed.

Lunch Sat will be at the Bank Hotel in Dungog

Dinner on Saturday night will be at Roundabout Inn Gloucester and brekkie next morning or 2 cafes in main street.

Lunch Sunday Potters Brewery Resort Pokolbin. We will have a Presentation and Q & A.

Mud Map.

Saturday.

Setting off from Gresford East we will head out on a variety of tracks including some bitumen as we head towards Dungog for Lunch, 3 fuel stations in town.

After lunch, from Dungog we go into some very pretty country, with sheep cattle and mining as we get closer to Gloucester. Some great views from around the Barrington Tops then into **Gloucester for dinner and fun at the bar telling of your experiences of the day.**

Sunday.

After a hearty brekkie at Gloucester we start to go down through some lovely farming land and very small villages which I 'll give history of in the Track Book, then we get into the heart of the Hunter Wine Country and onto our lunch and presentation at Potters Hotel, Brewery and Resort, Pokolbin. Obviously, you will get far more detail within the Track Book.

I WOULD LIKE TO PUT OUT THERE A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO PETER MARGETTS AND MALCOLM BOARDMAN, WHO HAVE SURVEIED THE TRACKS AND MADE LOTS OF SUGGESTIONS IN PUTTING THIS MINI RALLY TOGETHER.

See'y down the track, take care, stay safe.

Please find attached entry forms.

- ✓ **The Great Escape Oz Mini Rally 24—25 October'20 Entry Form Hunter Region**
- ✓ **The Great Escape Oz Full Rally (7 days) 10 – 17 April 2021**

See ya' down the track.

Terry Stewart

See the folk you enjoyed the Mudgee Mini Rally at the top of the closed Bridle Track.



