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The Great Escape Oz April 2021 Newsletter

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

Mini Rally in the Riverina region coming on the Long Weekend in June

Saturday 12, Sunday 13 and Monday 14 June 2021.

Last year we had 2 highly successful Mini Rallies, 1 in the Mudgee area and the other in the Hunter region, both rallies ended up with 25 cars, realising at that time we were under COVID-19 restrictions, so had to limit it to 25 vehicles. I named them **"TO THE BUSH FOR THE BUSH"** following all the things that had been thrown at the bush, including COVID-19.

The Riverina Mini Rally will not have those restrictions, so we anticipate at least 25 vehicles on the June Long Weekend. The restriction on this mini rally is the beds, as they are small towns/villages or stand-alone pubs and outside of camping there is not much else available.

Lloyd Lbohlin or "Lloydee" as we know him has done wonderful groundwork in putting this together, so a Big Shout Out for Lloydee. Now although it's a Long Weekend and we have stayed away from the rivers etc. as beds will go quickly due to everyone and their dog hitting the road to do something, so please, book yourself a bed, **BOOK EARLY**.

The brief plan is; If you are coming in Friday 11, stay at Balranald Hotel 03 5020 1607. No brekkie at the hotel but you can get something to eat at the BP Servo.

Saturday 12 Noon pass through Mungo NP, stop at the information centre, then onto lunch at Pooncarie Hotel. After lunch back on the track to Ivanhoe, for overnight.

Saturday 12: Ivanhoe Hotel has 6 rooms online bookings (booking.com) or 02 6995 1320. Also Caravan Park 02 6995 1187 has 8 cabins book by phone. Lloydee tells me the Caravan owner has other property in town for accommodation. Brekkie at the Ivanhoe Café.

Sunday 13: Leaving Ivanhoe, we head to Mt Hope Royal Hotel for lunch, then onto Merriwagga Black Stump Hotel for dinner, accommodation and brekkie, ph. 02 6965 4457 There is further accommodation at Goolgowi Royal Mail Hotel phone 02 6965 1406

Also the Goolgowi Motor Inn 02 6965 1138. Goolgowi is about 20 klm from Merriwagga and there is fuel at Goolgowi.

Monday 14: Following brekkie we will travel from Merriwagga to Carrathool Family Hotel for Lunch and finish. If you want to stay overnight before heading home Phone 02 6993 5117.

A further reminder that you need to book early, rooms will be held till the end of April, don't forget to mention you are part of the Riverina Mini Rally for Cystic Fibrosis.

The Riverina Mini Rally entry form is attached, I am putting a small fee of \$50 per vehicle to cover some of the costs. Like the Mudgee and Hunter Mini rallies last year I was hoping new people would come and see what charity fun rallies are all about. You do not need to have a rally, the family car is fine, corrugated roads yeh, river crossing nah.

Make sure you have a full tank of fuel before you start and fill up on the way where possible. Your meals are your responsibility we have planned with various venues for catering, you order and pay, likewise with your drinks and book your Accommodation early.

You will receive a TRACK BOOK at the briefing prior to the start in Balranald, this will include all the normal instructions for each day, if you are unsure of how it works, please just ask. Make sure you have water for yourselves and the vehicle and some basic tools. Develop a thyme for the car and the team, dress up, show off, be load and beautiful as it's all part of the fun and it is an important part of the friendship and Spirit of The Great Escape Oz.

Complete your entry form and return it to me with payment so we know the numbers.

RAFFLE TICKETS/FUNDRAISING

As you are all aware we have raffle tickets designed to assist with your fundraising for the September 2021 rally. Books of 50 tickets at \$2 per ticket, sell a book and \$100 goes to your fundraising total. Some car/teams are selling 2, 3, 5 & 6 books! This giving them the opportunity to increase their fundraising dollars via the raffle tickets. What I would like to see is at least 1 book being taken up by each car, it would add to your total and add to the overall total for CURE 4 CF.

Great Prizes. It will be drawn at the Welcome Dinner on Saturday 18th September '21 at Nuriootpa. Winners will be notified and will go up on our website.

If you have family and friends who will sell tickets for you, then get them involved and they can put the funds raised from tickets sold to your car.

Raffle Prizes.

- **1st Prize. Jura E8 Black Fully Automatic Coffee Maker from the Famous Swiss Manufacture. The Jura E8 Black Auto Coffee is a practical choice for brewing coffee inside a modern kitchen—with 12 different speciality option to suit varying tastes. VALUE \$2000. Donated by Harvey Norman, Echuca.**

- **2nd Prize.** Hisense, an impressive 65-inch 4 K Ultra H D Smart TV
Features innovative key picture technology, enjoy all the clarity and detail on the large screen. VALUE \$1400.
Donated by Peter Roulstone Harvey Norman. Mount Gambier
- **3rd Prize.** Fuel Voucher to use throughout Australia. You tell us your preferred Fuel and we mail you the card. VALUE \$250

THE GREAT ESCAPE OZ 7 DAY RALLY 18th to 25th September 2021

The Mini Rallies have played their part and have offset in some way while we have waited for borders to reopen and getting back to moving around.

We are all ready to go on **18th to the 25th of September 2021**. Here is an overview of the adventure and fun in front of you. Starting in the Barossa and finishing in Augathella Qld via Birdsville for the GEO Wacky Races GEO style. We travel into Broken Hill have brekkie in Silverton where they made Mad Max and then we overnight in Tibooburra and go to the drive-in theatre. A great opportunity for those that have never travelled to the corner country! We will have a game of golf at Cameron Corner, all equipment provided, just bring your own faults. This is where the borders on NSW, SA and QLD, join. That's if the gate is open. Enjoy a team relay around the trig point of longitude 141"east and latitude 29"south and where the famous Dog Fence passes through, always a Cold Beer available at the store. It is just a great experience as you pass through the open gibber plains—where you can see for miles to sandy undulating land. Then off to Innamincka for overnight before rolling on to Birdsville where we will kick up some dust and that's in the bar. Next day for lunch at a reclaimed town, pub only called Betoota, continuing onto Windorah for an overnight then onto Quilpie for lunch before we start heading up to Tambo, which is famous for the TAMBO TEDDY for another overnight stop. Prepare for some fun times at dinner in the pub, oh no not more races, yea chicken races. Then next morning on the home run but first we have lunch at the wonderful Caldervale Station, where all the stockman and women ride horses to muster the cattle and there is over 25,000 head of cattle, then a short WACKO into Augathella for the Awards and Final Dinner. If you cannot get fun and adventure out of that round up, then you are hard to please.

See Ya down the track

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