



## **GREAT ESCAPE NEWSLETTER APRIL / MAY 2019**

### **COWRA TO CANBERRA 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019**

**The Great Escape is now in its 18 th year and it remains one of the best car rallies you'll ever go on, as you enjoy what it does for you, as we take in what is offered from our Great Southern Land.**

#### **The Wonders of Australia.**

You enrich yourself from the beauty you see, you engage yourself with the wonderful like-minded people you meet, and you gratify yourself in doing the GE in the fact you are raising important funds for people with CF -- who would love to do the GE – but not always possible.

The natural/beauty and heritage of 'our backyard' makes it so exciting to go out and find, we just want more, and that's what I intend to give you each September.

Australia is an extraordinary land and we witness its beauty, its ruggedness and its power and how many things can happen from droughts, to floods and fire and this can happen all at once, just in different parts, as we have seen over the past 6 mths.

Each of the states and territories have their own beauty and charm and what I try to put together a combination of that in the areas I map out for each course.

Take for instance we have done many tracks in South Australia, from the natural beauty of Kangaroo Island and the breathtaking Flinders Range, to the states many wine regions and other hidden gems ---so there is still lots more to discover and explore in South Australia – and we will.

Then of course there are the tropical waters of the Queensland and the various islands that we have visited, and then there is the NSW Coast Line and there is certainly more of that to come.

Moving away from the coast we have some of the most dramatic landscape in all of Australia, where we have been and seen the awe inspiring national wonders of the Northern Territory, with the majestic Ularu to the magnificent rock formations of Kings Canyon.

We have travelled with and crossed over the old and new rail tracks of the Ghan --- whatever way you look at this, it is an engineering master piece; this area that the Ghan travels through is the heartland of Australia.

It was a great passion from many Great Escape rallies for many years to go to Tasmania and I followed through with that in 2014, so we did the ultimate Tasmania course and we had a ball, -- had a ball and saw the untouched wilderness, matched with the beauty of the coastal towns and expanding wine regions.

Then of course the high country of Victoria and the beauty of the north western corner and the Grampians out of the historic town of Ararat. Then the Great Ocean road and the rolling hills around that area.

You may ask why I am writing about all of this. Well as I said this is our 18<sup>th</sup> year of the Great Escape and I am looking at things leading up to our 20<sup>th</sup> Great Escape in 2021, with a few things in mind. We have covered a lot but there still many more places to discover.

### **Its all about Cystic Fibrosis.**

Remember we are doing this for the betterment of lives with people living with Cystic Fibrosis.

### **Great Escape 2019 get on board.**

So I thought I would give you something to think about, but while you are doing that lets talk about the here and now and that is the 2019 Great Escape from Cowra to Canberra a distance of 170 klms but we are going to take 9 days to get there, some may say Track Boss is really going to get us lost this time, but no just the long way round and maybe some small mistakes that will lead us in getting lost, but its all in a days fun on the Great Escape.

Still some more track work to finish off and then the “Highway to Hell,” whoops the tracks for this year will be finished.

### **Attachments and important information.**

I have attached GE Entry Forms to this Newsletter along with the Track Book cover which can be used as a brochure or a presentation Poster as it gives all the info need on where we are going and then they can go to the website to find out more or follow me on Facebook @trackboss508. Once you register all the info you need will go out with the Welcome Pack along with the technical detail and how the rally works, these are all good and informative fact sheets.

Now as I say in Newsletters going out, as we start to get closer to flag off, don't forget to take at least 1 x 20ltr Jerry Can for extra fuel and depending on what car you have if you can fit 2 x 20 ltr all the better. As country towns get smaller it seems the first thing to go is the servo as they are holding fuel and paid for it with low sales, so they just pull out, and we are heading for a few of those types of towns. I will advise where you can get fuel within the Track Book, but you need to have enough to get to the next town with a servo. Also don't forget to have at least a 5 ltr of water for both you and the car.

Now for the new entrants and those that want to make sure they have all the relevant paper work from both me and CFA. You may recall I asked in the last Newsletter have all the cars that are registered have they received all the elements within a Welcome Pak.

Many of the old timers who have done many Great Escapes are taking their time in registering, so I hope you can speed that process up as it puts too much pressure on the back end of the Great Escape year, better if everything is spread out, not pressure at the last month.

So, I would like to put out there the correct steps in entering a car and what follows; please keep this handy so you have a full understanding of the process.

1. If a person is interested in joining the GE or a person is coming back next year, they will receive an Entry Form, Tips and Tricks and the General Rules and Requirements, these are fact sheets. You will then be followed up by me.
2. The completed Entry Form comes back to me, Track Boss.
3. Once I have the completed Entry Form, I'll then send the Welcome Pack ---- this includes:
  - The Welcome Letter
  - Fundraising Declaration Advise Form, this is to be completed and sent back to CFA, once they have this advice form CFA will send you the Authority to Fundraise letter, they will need to know the events/activities happening.

- A further copy of the Event Rules and Requirements.
- A further copy of the General Rules and Requirements. Just in case you have misplaced either or both above requirements.
- Remember the Authority to Fundraise letter from CFA is an extremely important part of your fundraising responsibility, as this is a requirement of the Charities Commission.
- A list of your potential crew members. Please send back to me. Track Boss.
- Remittance forms [ this should be sent with receipt details to Robyn at CFA }
- All receipts will be sent to the person on the remittance form or sent to the car principle if no info is supplied. Again, all this will come from Robyn at CFA to each vehicle.
- A report from Robyn will be sent to the car principle once a month giving details of the donations.
- Any questions on donations should be directed to Robyn at CFA.
- By following through on the above this will keep track on monies allocated.

Don't forget about the theme nights so that needs to go into your planning, they were highlighted in last month's Newsletter.

If you want any events/activities promoted please provide details, times, dates etc so we can get it up on the web and in the Newsletter.

Attached you will find;

- Entry Form for 2019 Great Escape, Cowra to Canberra.
- The Great Escape poster/presentation sheet. Copy and put them up in town, servos, butcher shop, town notice board etc.
- Golf Day that the Campbell Boys are holding, join in or copy the idea as a fundraiser.

### **Rally Cars Available.**

#### **Car number 1.**

There is one famous Rally Car available for sale the Pink Two-Two or (22) Ford Falcon all tricked up for rally, ready to go, only driven by a heavy- footed middle age lady called Roz Thomson. Roz has moved to Townsville due to serious illness in the family

and has had to sell the old Two-Two. It is in Shepperton Vic and the asking price is \$4,000 or Near offer. Linda McDermott has the keys. Please respond to me if you are interested and I'll pass your details onto Linda.

### **Car number 2.**

This rally car is not for sale but is available to be used for the 2019 Great Escape, so if you are looking at getting involved with the Great Escape, this could be the way you get involved, so why not give it a go, you might just like it. It is a Holden Station Wagon and has done rallies so most of the gear is in the unit. This is owned by Ben Mayhew; Ben was coming this year but due to changing jobs he has had to put being an entrant on hold as he cannot fundraise with a short lead time. So again, please respond to me and I'll pass your info onto Ben and he can discuss the finer details.

### **Accommodation GE 2019.**

As I have said in earlier email, we are going to very small towns/villages this year on the Great Escape, so if you have not been successful in securing a bed, don't forget to bring your swag

See'y down the track.

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