



GE NEWSLETTER April 2018

TRACK TALK - NEWS FLASH

The much anticipated 2018 Great Escape from the historic **Kurnell (Botany Bay)** to the lovely **Isle of Bribie**, a stunning coastal region in Sunny Queensland -- just up the road from Brisbane and down the road from the Sunshine Coast is fast approaching, the start of the course has been changed.

THE 2018 GREAT ESCAPE IS NOW STARTING FROM WINDSOR NSW

Same DATE - Rego Sunday 9 Sept. Start 10 Sept '18

Finish Bridie Island 19 Sept '18.

This years' GE will be called the PIONEER RALLY, as we start from one of Governor Macquarie's (the good Governor of NSW) towns.



Why Windsor? I was having problem after problem with Kurnell / Cronulla, mainly regarding accommodation, no suitable motels / hotels and catering was proving to be a challenge. After looking at all the factors and balancing them up, it was not going to provide us with the facilities and atmosphere we look for at the start of the Rally.

As Windsor was on the 2018 GE course due to its' location at the foot of the Great Dividing Range, it is pioneer town with lots of heritage buildings and history, it sits on the magnificent Hawkesbury River and the rich Hawkesbury Valley (which was discovered by Europeans in July 1789) and it was the food bowl for the then very young colony, it was the perfect choice to start from. The heritage listed Macquarie Arms Hotel was constructed by emancipist Richard Fitzgerald in 1815. Windsor is the third oldest place of British settlement on the Australian continent.

So, I hope you liked the short history of Windsor and why we are starting from Windsor, sorry Kurnell.....

There are a couple of motels in town, some pubs and I am trying to get some camping /swag sites just near the Speed Boat Club (this is where they start the famous 'Bridge to Bridge Water Ski Race' which is over 60 years old. I am currently seeking permission from the club to use their toilets and showers.

Windsor Accommodation:

- Motels; Windsor Budget Motel 02 4577 3626: Windsor Motel, both are in town. Alexander the Great Motel is about 5 klms out of town. 02 4377 5555
- Hotels: Macquarie Arms Hotel, The Rex Hotel and The Fitzroy Hotel.
- Camping/Swag to be advised.

2018 GREAT ESCAPE COURSE:

- Windsor. Sunday 9 Sept Rego/ Scrutineering, Welcome Dinner.
- **Day 1:** Monday 10 Sept Rally Start Windsor
- **Day 1: Monday 10 Sept overnight Broke.** River Flats Estate 02 6579 1063. It is an operating Olive Grove there are approx. 30 double beds at the property, other beds in other properties around Broke. You can swag at River flats, we will be having dinner and brekkie at the property.
- **Day 2:** Tuesday 11 Sept from Broke to Moonan Flats. Victoria Hotel Moonan Flats, limited beds, can swag. 02 6546 3165.
- **Day 3:** Wednesday 12 Sept from Moonan Flats to Bellbrook. Bellbrook Pub, no accommodation at Pub. Swag near pub. Limited accommodation at Bellbrook Cabins 0490 004928.
- **Day 4:** Thursday 13 Sept. From Bellbrook to Taylors Arm. (The PUB with no BEER) Accommodation at Taylors Arm Pub and swags. 02 6564 2100.
- **Day 5:** Friday 14 Sept. From Taylors Arm to Tenterfield. Tenterfield Motor Inn Accommodation, 02 6736 1177. Craig's Caravan Park, has free camping area, next to motel. Also, the motel has large grounds where you can swag but no bathrooms.
- **Day 6:** Saturday 15 Sept. Tenterfield Motor Inn as above.
- **Day 7:** Sunday 16 Sept From Tenterfield to Cherrabah (near Warwick) Accommodation at Cherrabah all rooms. 07 4667 9177.
- **Day 8:** Monday 17 Sept From Cherrabah to Moonie. Moonie Crossroads Hotel/Motel Fuel, Camping and Swag area. 07 4665 0200
- **Day 9:** Tuesday 18 Sept From Moonie to Cooyar. Cooyar Pub. Accommodation at the Pub and swags out the back 07 4692 6185.
- **Day 10:** Wednesday 19 Sept From Cooyar to Bribie Island. Accommodation Bribie Waterways Motel 07 3408 3000. There are other motels on the Island along with hotel and 2 x caravan park: Bongaree Caravan Park Cabins 07 3408 1054 and Bribie Island Caravan Park with cabins 07 3408 1134.
- **Awards Dinner Bribie Island RSL.**

As I have indicated this will be called the Pioneer Run/Rally as we start in the Pioneering Town of Windsor which is at the foot of the Great Dividing Range (GDR). I will give some history of the GDR within the road book, so you will need to be on the 2018 rally to get your history lesson. During our course we will come upon other names of mountains and spur ranges, but they are all part of the Great Dividing Range, so lots of tracks that are not used often, great scenery and more trees than the world needs to clean the air. When we drop down from Cooyar to Bribie we are still coming off the GDR, the range is an important part of our weather system with most of the good rain falling on the eastern side and precious little good falls on the western side for the farmers. As we head into the area around Moonan Flat we go into the beautiful Barrington Tops which is mainly State Forest and National Parks, there are some spectacular views around this area and many of the other areas we travel through. Last year we had long distance drives with inland beauty, this year

we go through high country with skinny tracks hanging on the side of the mountain country, so care is needed.

Beds, will be scarce on the rally, as many of these villages are small with very limited accommodation so get in early book, in some places you may need to share with another team as there are bunk houses, so get together and book.

Petrol in some areas is difficult, so carry a 20lt Jerry and keep your tank filled up when you can. The Australian bush towns are getting smaller and smaller, so the local fuel stations are holding less fuel and we find that access to petrol stations is becoming limited. In some instances, the Aussie country town story is a sad story, as banks, schools, gas stations, post office, pubs and sometimes police stations close, which then makes it hard for everyone in the area. The little village was their version of what is now called Facebook, where they would meet, get their provisions, have a beer, a cup of tea, get the mail, go to the bank and just catch up to have a yak, nut'ing wrong with that, Mister Mark Face Book.

I hope your team is working together in preparing the car and the important element of fundraising. There are many ways of doing it, such as; BBQ outside Bunnings or other retailers, make sure to ask first. Poker runs with bikes or cars over a weekend or a day, raffles, a fun run (walking that is), Balls (but not cricket), sponsors from your own local suppliers; butcher, grocer, service station, tyre retailer, along with your imagination and the easy way of getting your family and friends involved is you set up your page on GRASS ROOTZ and they just add bits to it. People in NSW can now get money back on certain types of bottles, (**return and earn**) so get a campaign going of collecting bottles and getting the money for your fundraising, there are 1000's of ideas, its which one works best for you.

To set up your fundraising via Grass Rootz, click on the following link:

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/cysticfibrosis/great-escape-2018>

For more information on The Great Escape 2018 visit the below site. You will find information on the Great Escape along with the link to download the Poster and the Entry Form.

<https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.au/get-involved/events/events-listing/cfa/the-great-escape>

If you want something to show your sponsors or prospective entrants what a great time you have and how much fun you can experience on the GE, download this You Tube clip of the 2015 Great Escape, I think it says it all and more! Who wouldn't want to join us after watching this! (In google Search type in "the cystic fibrosis great escape 2015 you tube"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzwI3-ZZZHU>

We will be having theme nights on the rally, which is normal so don't forget to get your mob into the act and dress up, they make great pictures. All these themes have not been put in place yet, as I look at which theme works best in the various venues we will be using.

Windsor, night one, will be a PIONEERING theme so get out your old cloths get in the spirit.

Bribie Island, will end our 2018 Pioneering Theme with a magnificent Governors Ball, so now you need your pukka gear for the night.

I'll let you know about the other theme nights in coming Newsletters or Info Sheets.

Get your money into CFA early as it takes the pressure off everyone on Registration Day.

If you know of others who are interested in getting involved, get them to send me an email or give me a call. Never let an opportunity slip by as we are always looking for new Rallytives! Who knows what skills and antics they might bring.

The areas we are going into this year will be cold so prepare yourself, remembering that beds will be scarce in some areas.

I am off to Almaty, Kazakhstan on 22 April '18 for 10 days to manage a full medical educational CF workshop to improve the life expediency of the very young children who have CF and the new born within that country. I have worked on this project for 2 years, involving the national government, the local health dept and it's all coming together next week. I have established a great international CF medical team to fly in from London. They will upskill the local medical/clinical staff, educate regional GP's about early diagnose so they can get the child to the clinic. This gives the CF professionals at the CF clinic the opportunity to introduce the early management plans which plays an extremely important part in achieving better outcomes for the child.

I hope you are using this time of the year to get things cracking in getting your team together and start preparing the car and of course the most important aspect of why you work so hard for CF --- raising funds for CF.

Stop the dreaming, get moving – take the first step to make it happen, fill in the entry form, write out your cheque or send it electronically to Cystic Fibrosis Australia for registration, its probably on your BUCKETT LIST, well let's get it off there and tick it as done. You will not be disappointed, and you may even come back next year.

Join the fun and adventure and come on the GREAT ESCAPE FUN CAR RALLY FOR CF.

This unique car rally has it all with great tracks, loads of adventure and it will inspire you as you discover some parts of the best back yard in the world. Australia,

Now the things you need to remember:

- Get your entry form in, as the earlier you get it in, it puts you in a better position as far as Place Getters.
- Please include your registration cheque with your entry form, as that helps CFA pay their upfront costs.
- All fundraising money should be forwarded to CFA as you receive it, it spreads the work load and helps CFA manage their costs.
- Car in good condition, so you are near ready to go.
- Check over the Scrutineering Sheet prior so you're good to go on the day.

- Remember Registration and Scrutineering Day is Sunday 9th September '18. Location WINDSOR NSW.
- Get your car number approved, get a theme, paint up the car and wear costumes.
- Don't forget to send your money to CFA as it comes in, getting it in early eliminates a lot of admin on registration day.
- Put your smiling face on and get things moving, team, car, repairs and funds and get to the start line. EASY.

Please pass this around as I will not catch everyone. Anyone showing interest please pass on my details, so I can answer all the easy questions and sort out the hard ones.

Remember, to use the software tools at hand, which I have outlined earlier in this Newsletter

Please find attached a couple of brochures relating to fundraising activities carried out by some of our Rallytives. Let them know if you are able to get involved in the fun!

See ya' down the Track,

Track Boss

Terry Stewart

The Great Escape Fun Car Rally for Cystic Fibrosis Australia.