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Latest News

Entries are Open....

The J4K and Motor Trail website is now open... you can see pics from the 2007 Motor Trail as well as a taste of what is to come in 2008



Registrations for the 2008 GAMT can now be filled in online or you can download the form and fax it to us.



There are other general information guides for participants and an Order Form for the official 2008 GAMT merchandise.

Please have a look at our site at - www.motortrail.com.au



The TrailBoss Newsletter

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THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN motor trail

Townsville to Cardwell 8th—17th August 2008

The Survey Team have put together what we feel is the best trip ever. You will breakfast with the Nth Qld Toyota Cowboys in Townsville on Friday 8th August and from there travel far and wide to attend our Gala Dinner Presentation night at the beautiful Port Hinchinbrook Resort and Marina at Cardwell on Sunday 17th August.

What fun you are going to have in between.



"Trafalgar" Olympics

Our route will take us out to an old fashioned pub night in Ravenswood, with a live band and ghost stories from the past. Then onto Charters Towers where we will be guests of honour at the Mining Industry Ball. The Ball will be themed and we will let you know in plenty of time so you can organise your glad rags. We will be visiting old friends at Pentland after spending the night at Trafalgar Cattle Station, where your hosts Jenny and Roger will ensure a terrific afternoon competing in our own Olympic events.

From Trafalgar and Pentland we travel out through some great country following fence lines through private properties kindly agreed upon by the owners.

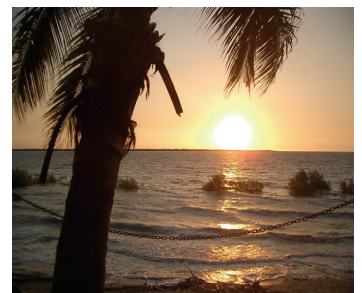
Everyone was so accepting of us and it was amazing how well we were known through our relationships we developed on the 2007 GAMT. Before arriving in Richmond, we will lunch at "Lammermoore" with the kids from Cameron Downs School. At Richmond we will be attending a community function around the shores of their man-made lake. A Beach Party with music, sand and, of course, the Aussie BBQ. Then onto Julia Creek, once again traversing some wild outback Queensland tracks with a couple of interesting "water holes" to keep you going through the day.



"Iffley" School House

On our way to Normanton and Karumba, you will enjoy morning tea around the dam at "Millungera" Station. This is the largest land hold cattle station in Queensland. We have been invited to be lunch guests of Heidi and Clint at "Iffley". We were stunned at the beauty of this little oasis in the middle of the dust and flat plains that make up this area. Have those cameras charged up!! Then onto Normanton and Karumba –

oooooh the sunset!!!!



A Little Romance at Karumba

A lay day in the Karumba/ Normanton area will be fun packed. We don't want to spoil anything, so you will just have to wait and see what we have in store for you. Anne from Carpentaria Shire is organising an evening function that I'm sure you will remember for a long time. Once again, our fundraising will assist the kids of the local communities.

Cobbold Gorge – what can I say. Different, spectacular, awe inspiring – are all words that leap to mind. Your hosts Gaye and Simon will make your stay at Cobbold very special.



This will be you in 2008!!!



Serious 4WD Equipment



FOR SALE ITEMS

If you have anything for sale, eg cars, equipment, parts, etc. please email it to kerin@just4kids.org.au for the next Newsletter

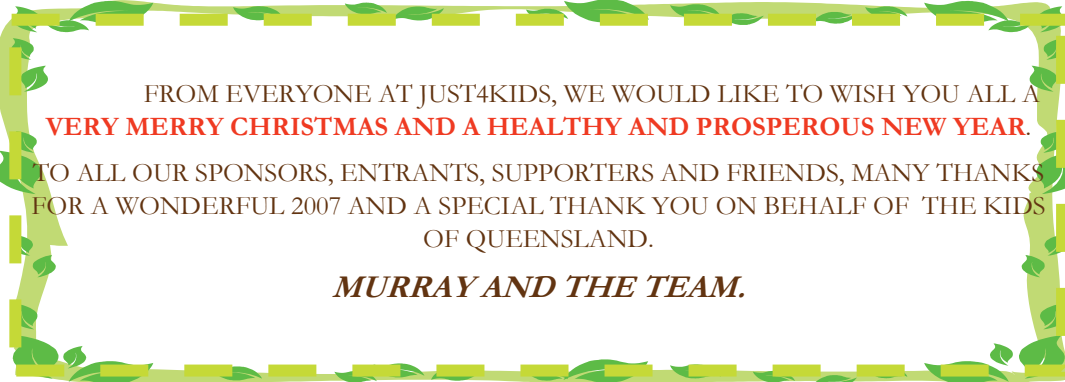
From Cobbold we travel through some truly beautiful country, along roads steeped in history. Take a little time to note the Points of Interest and marvel at your lunch stop at Blencoe Falls. It's a long day but worth it when you reach your destination. After a BBQ dinner with the local Coast Guard you will be directed to the Port Hinchinbrook Resort and Marina



2 nights here? Yes Please!!

Richard and Justin have gone out of there way to make your 2 night stay a memorable one. Once again, we don't want to spoil anything but lets just say it will be a wonderful way to end your journey and a fitting reward for all your efforts of fundraising for the disadvantaged and disabled kids of North Queensland.

Kerin



FROM EVERYONE AT JUST4KIDS, WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, ENTRANTS, SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS, MANY THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL 2007 AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE KIDS OF QUEENSLAND.

MURRAY AND THE TEAM.

TRAIL TIDBITS

From all the team at J4K, we would like to wish **Gwen Liddle** a speedy recovery. Gwen has had a stint in hospital with a burst appendix but is now on the road to recovery.

Also **Nyssa from WIN Maroochydore** who looks after our on air promo schedules. We hope you are feeling much better Nys, and will be back on your feet again soon.

Mike and Claire, Car 555, from Australian Explorer, are now managing our website. They are revamping it and once these two website wizards are finished it will look a million dollars. Please visit their website—it is amazing www.australianexplorer.com.

Jim Liddle has prepared a 2008 Calendar from photos taken on the 2007 GAMT. It looks terrific and he will be mailing them out to our entrants and officials very shortly. If anyone would like a copy please contact Jim and for the cost of a note, to be donated to J4K, we will organise that for you. Thank you so much Gwen and Jim for your support.

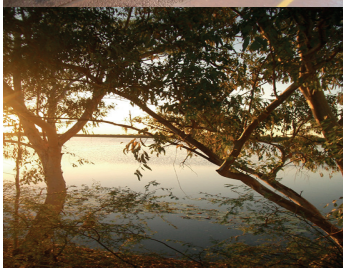
For all your communication needs see the guys at **OLBIS** and ask them for the J4K discount.

Want to keep cool, call Harry and he will twist **ENGEL'S** arm and get our special rate.

Thanks **Harry and Ingrid** for manning the M B & Music stand and a special thanks to Alvin and Helen for supplying the Site.

J4K Partnerships growing strong, **TJM, ENGEL and J4K** shared a stand at the Toyota Mud Bulls and music, congratulations on raising nearly \$3,000.

Mark has completed the **J4K 2007 GAMT DVD**, free when you register or \$10.00 a copy, your in it, so to protect yourself you had better order one NOW, just e mail your credit card details to J4K and we will do the rest.



Thank you to
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TOYOTA

oh what a feeling!

"We loved the GAMT 07. From start to finish, it had a great sense of camaraderie, openness, friendliness, and keenness to become involved in the small communities that we interacted with. We loved the music on the way (especially the opportunities to dance). The memorable highlights for us were the fellowship with all the other participants (we love youse all!), the morning teas, the final night, somehow Muttaborra school lunch stands out and yes – we liked the comfortable accommodation and great variety of meals. Most importantly, we came home physically tired but with recharged batteries in terms of feeling the need to contribute to these great causes and to try to make a difference for those in need. Moreover, we also can't wait to be part of GAMT 08!!!" **Jim and Gwen Liddle, Car 78**

RECIPE FOR A GREAT AUSTRALIAN MOTOR TRAIL—Keith and Di Clariss Car 49

- Start with: A fun loving group of participants out for a great 10 day adventure.
- Just add: Great accommodation (usually hot showers and warm beds)
- Food laid on in copious quantities (I defy anyone to go hungry)
- Great undiscovered roads just waiting for us – lots of outback dirt tracks with a bit of blacktop thrown in.
- Safety – because the complete course has been pre-surveyed and you set your own comfortable pace – It is not a race or a timed event.
- Fun and laughter 24/7 with an extraordinary bunch of people.
- Companionship with like minded individuals.
- A sense of being able to give something back to the community and to see where money raised is being spent.
- Mix all this together, throw caution to the wind (well at least let your hair down) and have the best motoring holiday you possibly have ever had.



Testimonial Kevin Yates, Communications

"I had the time of my life on this years event. I got to meet new people, make new friends and help brighten up the days and lives of all the people we met during our trip. There was no better feeling than seeing the look on both parents and children's faces when we turned up and enjoyed each others company over a scrumptious meal and then surprise them with some of the fantastic donations that Just4Kids made along the journey. In fact I feel that I got more out of the trip than I put in as I got to experience what life was all about again, and for that I can only thank you and the rest of the J4K team with a special mention to my best mate Peter Carnsew who invited me along, and all the down-to-earth people we met on the rally."



From Caroline – Car 55 The Bridezillas

"What a trip I did not know what to expect and it all turned out better than I could have thought. Our fellow partners in crime never failed to surprise and amuse with the constant changing of clothes and games. Horse racing on hobby horses at the gates of a Yerilla property whilst a farmer looked on in stunned amazement (photo attached) was great fun for all the kids as well as the so called grown ups. This was followed by a modest morning tea (photo attached) for which the lady bringing the hot water for the tea and coffee had driven from 'just down the road' a short 120 klms distance. A couple of local lads displaying their hand-line catch and when asked said that 'this one was not as big as the one they got yesterday'. Boy they breed 'em' big in QLD.



J4K LOOKING AFTER OUR KIDS WITH AUTISM

The ABAQ Programme was devised in America to help the development of autistic children. J4K has obtained a grant to fund the study of Autism and to look into ways of developing this programme further.

Currently we are supporting three children and their families with the ABAQ Programme. In next month's Newsletter, we will give a more detailed description of this programme—how it works and the people who run it.



Mark WIN Townsville has set up a pro active **Townsville Working Group**, comprising Fern from TEL, Jenny from Sporting Wheelies and Natalie from The Bulletin. They are doing a great job and any one wanting to come to a Townsville J4K meeting please call Mark on 0429 090199. They meet on the 1st Monday of each month at 5.30 pm. ALL WELCOME!!!



Laurie Griffin will start up in **Rockhampton** in the new year. We will let you know when he has a meeting organised. We had to force him out of the Princess outfit though.



FUNDRAISING - The best way to come on the GAMT is to raise funds with the help of friends, sponsors and supporters. Book your local Pub, hardware store (Bunnings), run a golf day or sell your door and bonnet space \$500 a panel is common and sponsors love the awareness. **START NOW**



We have some flash secure collection tins, so please call 0427 991 900 and we will get one to you. Just ask your corner store, local pub, work place or recreation club. Most businesses are community minded and we will give them awareness in our Newsletters.



REGISTER NOW

H E N D R A

Due to special arrangements with home stay accommodation and unique isolated locations during the 2008 Motor Trail, **CAR LIMIT FOR 2008 IS 30 CARS**. Please register your entry **NOW** and avoid disappointment. Call Kerin on 0427 991 900 or visit our website for the 2008 Entry Form— www.motortrail.com.au





We are very excited to announce that **PORT HINCHINBROOK RESORT** and **REEF HEADQUARTERS** are onboard. J4K prides itself in offering special services on location during the Event. Reef Headquarters will give reef education packs and update schools with services that are available for teachers and students during the 2008 Great Aussie Motor Trail

