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Less than 5 months to the adventure of a lifetime. Join the J4K family on this year's fantastic event and travel through some of the best country in Queensland. 30 cars have already registered and we are nearing our limit, so please get your Registration form and car entry fee into us as quickly as possible to secure your place. Accommodation is a priority so please do not hesitate another moment to make sure you are there when we visit Lawn Hill National Park, see the Min Min lights at Boulia and be prepared to conquer "Big Red" at Birdsville before travelling across the Salad Bowl of western Queensland to finish in St George for our final night gala dinner and presentation. In this economic downturn, now is the time to explore your own country and be surprised. Its amazing, and you will want to come back





oh what a feeling!





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Meet another great person, Dave Downie, or on his 4BC Fishing Show, better known as "Nuggett". Dave very kindly invited Mark and Kerin onto his fishing programme to have a chat about this year's J4K Motor Trail. Mark and Dave have a long standing friendship through their association with the Toyota Fraser Expo and he was only too happy to let us chat away about this year's event. He is very keen for J4K to become involved in a Fish Tag a long - be careful, Dave, of what you wish for!!!





## Fundraising walk - Mikayla Rose Adams

Stephen Evill from Advanced Manufacturing and Georgia Ryley from Regional Development and Services took a 36.5 kilometre 'Home from Hospital' fundraising walk on Saturday 13 December for the Mikayla Rose Adams Trust in partnership with Just 4 Kids. Walking from the Wesley Hospital, where Mikayla has her treatment, to the Adams' house in Thornlands took the pair from 4am until 12:15pm.

Georgia and Stephen would like to thank everyone for their sponsorship, along with Steve's wife Kirsten and Georgia's partner Tyler for their support during the walk.

Thanks also to Robyn, Wayne, Mikayla and Brae for putting on a much-needed post-walk feast!











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Toyota North Queensland Cowboys and Hummel have combined to support J4K in Qld. The Hummel manager and Paula, Townsville manager, have gone the extra mile in supporting J4K in the North. Hummel's three outlets now have J4K collecting or donation points at the Cowboys Leagues Club store in the city, and two outlets at the Toyota Nth Qld Cowboys grounds.









A big thank you to **Fiona** also, the Community Relations Manager at Cowboys head quarters. Fiona has arranged for J4K to be the beneficiary of the Community Day at the home game on  $28^{\rm th}$  March.

J4K had their own stand during this home game which was manned by David Soelberg and Rod Hardacre, Fat Bastards and our Motor Trail Director, Mark. Fiona is also working with us for the Bush Kids Ball at Mt Isa along with roping in a Cowboy player to come along with us during the Great Western Outback Fundraising Muster in August. We want to say a huge thank you to the Toyota Nth Qld Cowboys for their generous support and we wish the team much success in 2009.









Hello all and welcome to another edition of the Just4Kids newsletter. As always there is a great deal of activity that has been happening throughout the State as the Charity gears up for the our 2009 Motor Trail event, and I encourage you to follow our progress through the articles in these newsletters and also via information put on our website. Last edition I had the pleasure of announcing the commencement of our Youth Assistance Program which will enable the charity to develop stronger fundraising and collaborative links with youth in need, initiatives to assist them and organisations providing support to on behalf of disadvantaged youth. Last edition we added the Royal Children's Bush Health Scheme (Bush Kids) and the Mikayla Rose Adam's Trust to our list of charitable priorities for 2009. As you may be aware Bush Kids operate throughout the region in which we will be travelling as part of the 2009 Motor Trail and will be taking part in the event with us, while also hosting their gala ball in Mount Isa to time with the launch of the Motor Trail. Please see the article in this newsletter on the Mikalya Rose Adam's Trust to see some of the activities that this Trust is undertaking. This brings me to my announcement for this edition of the newsletter – it is with great pleasure that the Board of Just4Kids can formally announce that our third priority focus activity for 2009 will be the Just4Kids Parent's Retreat'. Many of you will be familiar with the Parent's Retreat from past years and all the hard work that has been undertaken to make this wonderful idea a reality by Jim and Gwen Liddle. Through the Youth Assistance Program, the Charity will formally link with this event, both in name and in support to enable this very worthwhile activity to expand and develop in 2009. More information will be provided shortly about our support of the Parent's Retreat but in the meantime should anyone wish to find out more about this project, please don't hesitate to contact the Charity. I wanted to finish by simply saying thank you to all of you who receive this newsletter, it is through your hard work, support and input that this Charity has come about, is growing and will continue to thrive enabling us to brighten the lives of so many children who are touched by disability, illness or disadvantaged. PHIL BINDER, PRESIDENT.



## **VEHICLE TYRES** - Mark's Tips sponsored by TJM Townsville

Just like wearing good foot ware, your vehicle needs the same, along with a spare set of thongs in case you pick up a bindi!!

Please check your car hand book before trying a different mix of tread as it could effect the safety and handling of the car.

**ROAD CONDITIONS.** For the first three days the road surface is quite hard and stony as we traverse a few hills and ranges on our way to Lawn Hill and also after Cloncurry. The area is heavy into mining lead, zinc, gold and uranium with a lot of old mining areas. Stay on the road. I went off road once and picked up a steel stake (large bindi). Not wanting to go into the desert with only one spare I had to do an additional 400 kms to a tyre centre and cough up \$300 for a tyre and a night's accommodation. It was an expensive exercise.

The remainder of the roads are quite okay for the surface apart from 200 kms outside Birdsville in S.A. (of course). We will have Peter backing us up along with Lucian Brown from TJM Mt Isa (our Sweep). Donations are accepted by anyone who helps another.

In brief, have 80% tread minimum, 6 Ply tyres and two spares please.

Check your jack, wheel brace, piece of wood for jack, tyre anchor/chock, spare valves and caps and a good quality Air pump and tyre gauge. All this equipment is available from TJM.





For 6 years Di and Keith Clarris have been quietly raising funds for the Just4Kids Motor Trail. This year you will notice their **Dexion** logo on the front of your trail shirts. A very big thank you to Di and Keith for their invaluable sponsorship of our clothing merchandise. Now all we have to do is stop Keith stealing them!





The Brisbane Meet and Greet at Mark and Tammy Van der Togt's home last month was a fantastic success. Mark cooked all afternoon and into the evening, Tammy entertained her guests, and the rest of us spent a lovely afternoon renewing friendships and making new ones.



We welcome John, Kellie, Roisin and Shannon McQuaid on board for 2009...











As previously promised in our February Newsletter, the Just4Kids Motor Trail is going to Cape York in 2010.



Thanks to Anthony Gomes, Editor Cape Yorker Magazine and Warwick Grimwade, TJM Cairns, the survey team will be heading off in October to set the route to the Top - Cape York!!

