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THE 2010 JUST4KIDS CAPE YORK SURVEY

What a fantastic journey. When you set out on survey into an area that you have not been to before you never quite know what to expect. It doesn't matter what people tell you, or the photos you see—you have to DO IT !!

From the moment we headed out of Cairns and up into the skinny part of Australia, it was a full on adventure. Apart from the incredible locations, the pristine creeks and rugged coastlines - it was the amazing people we met. From Weipa where we will be joining the local community to help raise funds for Isabella King and her family, to dining with the kids of Laura and Lakelands Schools, to Seisia and Thursday Island where we will lunch with the TI School and the local community and run a couple of auctions to help buy a new wheelchair for an 11 yr old with cerebral palsy. Then back down to Cooktown to have a "healthy" breakfast with the school, and be on hand to help kick start the new skate board park for the local teenagers in conjunction with Cook Shire Council, Endeavour Lions, NQSF and the Nth Qld Cowboys. Its all happening and you will have a fantastic time. We have organised accommodation, meals, functions and some tours. There will be a page on the website very shortly for optional extra tours which I am sure you will want to do on your lay days in Seisia and Cooktown, including fishing charters, river cruises, helicopter sightseeing, Island hopping, and many many more things to titillate your sense of adventure. The choice will be yours on the route you opt to take on some days and the tours and day trips available are endless. You will be fed by our Chuck Wagon, "Master Chefs" Wayne and Shannon and their 2 helpers. True Blue Catering is well known to those of you who have done the Toyota Fraser Fishing Expo as they run the bistro during the TFFE where they cater to over 2,000 people every day for a week. We have set them a challenge though—doing it mobile. Thanks to Ron Meddings at Go Anywhere BBQs that should not be a problem as he is building a special trailer with BBQ, cool room and freezer just for J4K and the 2010 Cape York adventurers.



YOUR CHALLENGE.

Procure as many business cards as you possibly can. We would love to build up our mailing database and we need your HELP.

YOUR REWARD

A TJM Recovery Kit valued at over \$350 to the person who sends the most to :-

Kerin at 60 Claymore Cresc,
Sorrento 4217 by 30 June 2010



Special thanks have to go to **Warwick Grimwade from TJM Cairns** who showed us just how its done on the Old Telegraph Line—good fun if you are well prepared as we were. Warwick will be giving us hints on preparations in our future Trail Boss Newsletters.

Special thanks also to **Lucian at TJM Mt Isa**. His supplier **Black Widow** have sponsored us with 3 hrs. These will be an essential part of your equipment if you do the OTL.



ON AND OFF ROAD. WORK OR PLAY.



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FOR THE 2010 JTS ELECTRICS JUST4KIDS MOTOR TRAIL

THE CAPE YORK SAFARI

FRIDAY 20 – TUESDAY 31 AUGUST 2010

The JTS Electrics Just4Kids Motor Trail is heading to the top of OZ in August 2010. To give you an idea of our itinerary and to capture the buzz for a great 12 day trip that you REALLY must come on, this is where we are heading.

Day 1 – **Cardwell to Cairns** sees us depart from CARDWELL, following our Meet and Greet the night before. We will saunter through the banana and cane fields and visit a school or two on the way to our first overnight stop, Cairns.



Day 2. **Cairns to Laura**. After TJM and the Deputy Mayor flag us off from Cairns we head to Laura via Black Mountain along with the best tucker shop on the Cape. Laura will provide us with some amazing rock art along with the local culture. We will have dinner with the Laura and Lakelands Schools and join them for a soccer match. Later you can enjoy Kevin's hospitality at the Quinkan Hotel. Camping only available in the Quinkan Hotel camp grounds.

Day 3. **Laura to Weipa**. On the way drop into Musgrave for a coffee before we lunch with our chuck wagon beside the beautiful Archer River. We will be dining at the Albatross Hotel with Irene and Claus as our hosts, before involving the locals in some fundraising for 6 year old, Isabella King who needs our help. Isabella received shocking injuries from a dog attack in October and will require ongoing medical treatment for many years. The whole Weipa community have rallied to support Isabella and her family which includes 7 month old twins. J4K will be there to do what we do best – to help support the local community

Day 4. **Weipa Lay Day**. Terri Garlick from the Weipa Bait and Tackle Shop has organised a charity fishing day with all funds raised going to Isabella King's Trust fund. The discounted charter rate payable by the J4K fisherpersons will be donated to Isabella's fund. If fishing is not for you, there is a very interesting mine tour which runs twice a day. Prices available and payable by entrants and officials as an optional extra.



Day 5. **Weipa to Twin Falls**. After an historical info night about the Telegraph Line by our guide and hosts, we refuel at Bramwell Station just 30 km north. This is also where you will have the option to travel on the challenging Telegraph Track, or continue on the Cape York Development Road to our Tucker Truck and our overnight stop at Elliot and Twin Falls. The walk around the falls from Saucepan Ck, Indian Head Falls to Twin Falls is amazing and should be on the agenda for all age groups. Toilet facilities are available and it is a safe location for all. Although only 70 kms north from where we started, it is expected that those who choose to do the Telegraph Line will not arrive at Twin Falls until dusk.



Day 6. Twin Falls to Seisia. An exciting day, or should we say a TOP day, as that's where we are heading. After crossing the Jardine River by ferry, the 90 second ride sees us head to Bamaga and the Tip. The waters that rush around the very tip of Punsand Bay are quite amazing. After the Kodak moments and our program interview, we have lunch with the chuck wagon chefs at the Tip camping group and visit the Croc Museum before heading into Seisia and settling down at the Seisia Resort and Tourist Park for a fabulous night. Dinner will be served by our "master chefs" at 'THE LODGE'.

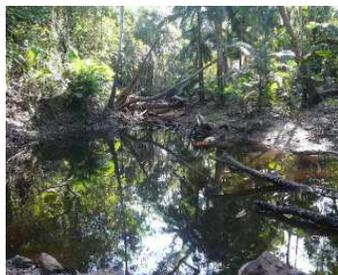


Day 7 Seisia to Thursday Island is a rest day of sorts. Proportion of your "tour" payment is for our special excursions, including the ferry trip to Thursday Island. You really do need to experience the region.

Thursday Island is a beautiful Island with history going back over 200 years. You will visit the early gun placements going back to the sailing days of Captain Cook. Don't go past the Pearling Museum where you will be tempted to buy a locally grown pearl from the 200 year old Pearl Nursery. Ladies, these will make your mouth water, and guys, your credit card will take a beating. Perhaps you should wait for our lunch time auction with the Thursday Island School as we have pre selected quality cultured pearls that you can bid for. There is a 1 ½ hr bus tour available which will take you to all the sites and will be the best way to view this amazing Island. Bus tour is an optional extra. Prices available.

Day 8. Still at the Top. This is your day What would you like to do – rest? I don't think so!

Go 4x4 driving. Charter a Chopper. Fish the ocean or fresh water rivers. Explore part of the Coastline. Buy local artefacts. Visit the 2nd World War Aircraft and read the amazing stories. Photograph the wildlife. Catch up with the locals. Or just stay put at Seisia Resort. It's your day, therefore your call. There is a "things to do" list with website links available for bookings which we strongly advise you do early as this is peak tourism time at the Cape. Optional extra tours are payable by the individual entrants and officials, including fishing charters and boat hire.



Day 9. Seisia to Bramwell Station. After exploring and relaxing for a few days at the Top end we head back down the main Development road crossing the famous Jardine River again on our way to Bramwell Station, the largest Cattle Station on Cape York. Bramwell is well set up with a bar, good camping grounds and top hospitality. We will split into 4 groups this day, depending on what you want to do. Group 1 and 1A will travel the north end of the Old Telegraph Line and then either go to Captain Billy Landing (CBL), or if you are running late, Group 1A must go straight onto Bramwell Station. Group 2 will take the Development Road and have lunch at CBL before heading for Bramwell. Group 3 – the keen fishermen amongst you – will head directly from Seisia, down the Development Road and into Bramwell Station where you will follow the route instruction to fish on the Olive River which is on Bramwell Station land. Wendy does not allow this with most groups but has given us the green light to catch the large Barra that lurk there. BUT beware – Crocs also live in the Olive River, so please, no children on this part of the adventure. It is also a great 4x4 track.



Day 10. Bramwell Station to Musgrave Roadhouse. After a sleep in we are off down the Cape York Development Road to Musgrave Roadhouse. You can enjoy a late breakfast at Bramwell before we head off and hopefully be regaled with the “one that didn’t get away” stories. We will have morning tea with our Tucker Truck and lunch at the Archer River Roadhouse where we refuel before travelling through Coen (and quarantine) and then overnighing at Musgrave.

Day 11. Musgrave to Cooktown. After a camp fire night and tales from the bush some of which are quite bizarre and a good sing a long with Ron, we will once again head down the Development Road into Cooktown. Before we get there, we will take a detour for lunch to the Lions Den Hotel. This iconic Hotel has earned itself quite a reputation over the years and you can eat and run if you wish (bet you don’t) or linger longer before heading for the Cooktown Caravan Park where we will dine in the Camp Kitchen before joining the locals at The Top Pub for a bit of fundraising for the kids of Cooktown. They desperately need a Skateboard/bike park and J4K, along with Cook Shire Council, the Cowboys, North Qld Sports Foundation and the Endeavour Lions, are going to help them get one.



Day 12 Cooktown Lay Day. We will do the Healthy Breakfast Programme with Cooktown School and the local community. You will have time to visit the museum, Captain Cook’s Lookout or explore the Endeavour River by barge, photographing, crabbing or fishing (all optional extras) before we enjoy our final night dinner function at the PowerHouse Information Centre in the beautiful Cooktown Botanical Gardens.

Day 13. It’s all over but a very rewarding day because you will have achieved so much. Doing the Cape is an extensive trip as you will have driven over many difficult roads, set up camp in some out of the way places, and no doubt challenged your personal self as well. It will also be time to share experiences with your fellow entrants and contemplated “I should have done it”.

Don’t be disappointed. **REGISTER NOW** and be part of the adventure. 2010 Just4Kids Motor Trail Entry Form is available on the website www.just4kidsmotortrail.com.au and email to admin@just4kids.org.au or fax to 0747 59 1459. For all enquiries phone 0427 991 900.

ZOE GIRDLESTONE 1990—2009

J4K DOING WHAT IT DOES BEST—HELPING KIDS

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the passing of Zoe last week. You may recall that J4K donated a laptop to Zoe for her to use during her many stays in hospital. Zoe suffered from cystic fibrosis and unfortunately became very ill and passed away last Tuesday. Shirley, Tony and I attended the celebration of Zoe’s life with her family and friends on the Gold Coast this week. Many thanks to the Townsville Rodders Car Club and Joyce Mayne Townsville who made the donated laptop possible. Zoe was just 19 years old and engaged to be married to Chris.



Lisa Hamlyn tells us that Cooper is doing very well. They have an appointment in Brisbane this month with the specialist and she will keep us informed as to his progress. The boys attended Reading Bug Parade. Codee was a council worker and Cooper was Diego from Dora the Explorer.

CHRISTMAS EDITION

What’s in next month’s Trail Boss?

- The Parent Retreat
- Functions in Cape York
- News from Nth Qld Sports Foundation
- And many more photos and articles