

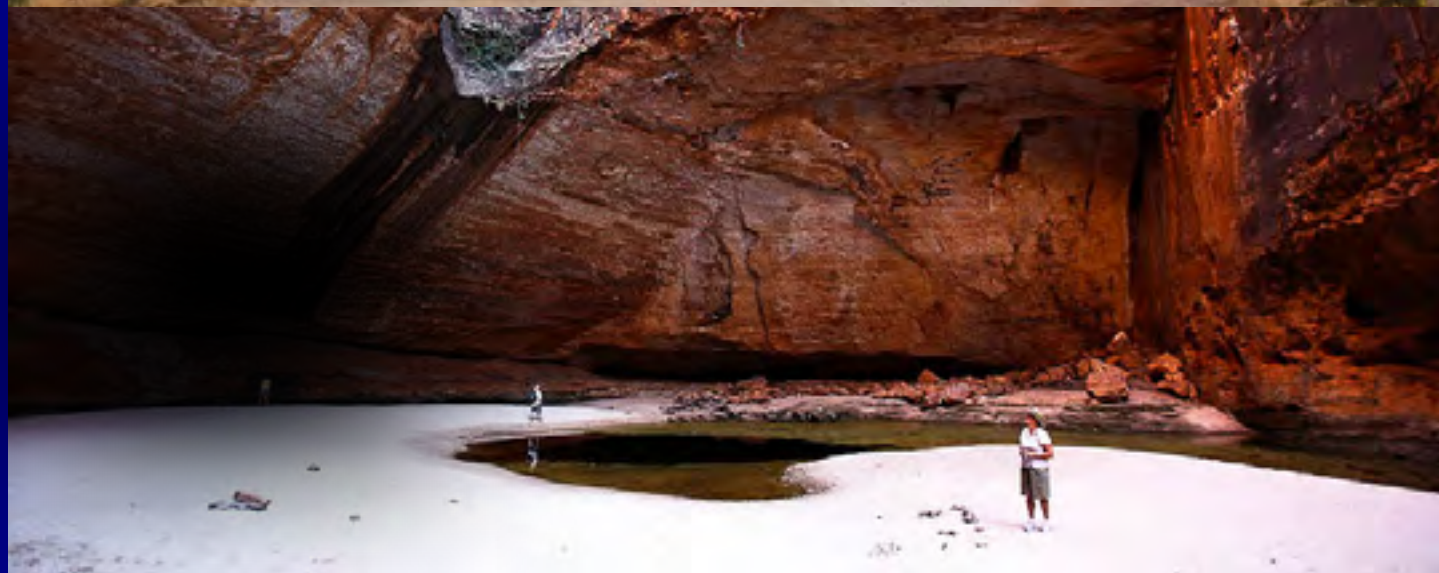
**A CHARITY ADVENTURE HOLIDAY WITH A DIFFERENCE - HELPING DISADVANTAGED AUSSIE KIDS**

**11 APRIL - 4 MAY  
2020**

## KIMBERLEY ADVENTURE

### 23 Day Kimberley Adventure

Self Drive Tag Along - Organised Event - Guided Tours - Part Self Catered -  
Eat Outs - Station Meals - Trailer & Small Off-Road Caravan Friendly  
*Correct at time of printing December 2018*





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**Welcome, Just4 Kids Trekkers to our first interactive Newsletter for the year, 2019 and our Trekkie Second Newsletter Magazine like this one.**

The last three months have been full on with our move into the new shed and storage area in Townsville. It has been a horrendous job for Mark, our Motor Trail Director, trying to get it done in the heat they experience in far North Queensland, together with the recent flooding.

In saying that, our next Motor Trail seems a long way off, but as we have learnt in the past, preparation to our vehicles and trailers is a slow process.

Our survey for the 2020 Kimberley Adventure will commence in 3 weeks to finalise our route to make the best use of our time in these remote areas. We will be surveying all our camping spots and overnight areas to make sure facilities are suitable for our requirements. To date, everywhere in the Kimberleys is very dry, believe it or not, the area has only had 50mm of rain in the last couple of months.

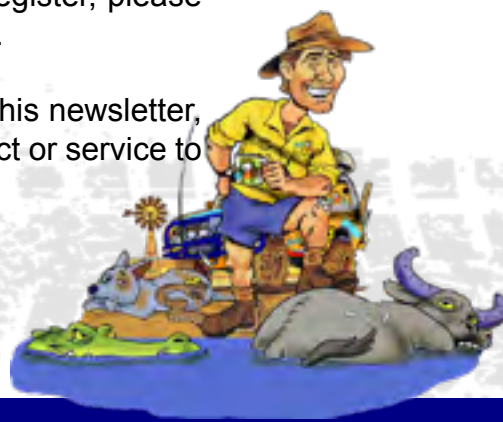


So now is the time to start checking your vehicles and making a "to do list" if needed. This is a Bucket List trip and it's less stressful to double check and fix things in your workshop and not on the side of the road in the dust or mud during the trip. This will be the best 23 day adventure trip you and your family will experience and knowing well in advance that everything is ready to go and have confidence in your vehicle and equipment will make your trip more memorable.

If you have any questions about your vehicle and what is required for the trip, please do not hesitate to speak to Mark Louez, our Motor Trail Director or myself, Rod Williams, Chairman, we are always happy to help.

If you have already registered, thank you, if you intend to register, please do not hesitate as you may miss out as numbers are limited.

PS Don't forget to check out our sponsors on the back of this newsletter, they may have something you need or advice on their product or service to assist you in your preparation.





# TOWNSVILLE FLOODS

AS TOLD BY J4K MTD MARK LOUEZ



## A One in 1000 Year Flood.

**Normally It doesn't Rain in Townsville very often. So normally it's a blessing when it does!!!**

I arrived home from holidays on a hot February Friday night thinking 'how good is this'. After being in a 3-year drought it was wonderful to see the heavens open and deliver the welcomed rain.

We had no idea of was, that over the next 10 days, most of the areas around the Townsville city surrounding area were to receive nearly 2 meters of rain. Townsville was locked in between hot monsoon upper trough and cooler air trying to go north. Instead, it sat there for 9 days with a tropical storm and barely any wind other than the odd 100k gust.

The dam was draining at 50% spill wall height and only low lying areas were being affected. Once the Ross River dam reached 248% full the gates opened to 100%. Once they were at 100% drainage capacity it meant millions of cubic meters of water headed downstream, increasing the already flooded areas well beyond what the land was capable of managing. A one in a 1000 year flood.

Over 80,000 people in the region were affected. 400 homes destroyed, 2,000 flooded and many more damaged. 2,500 cars were written off. 18,000 insurance claims have been submitted. Many homes were without power. The overall damage is estimated at \$900 million and the western rail line to Mt Isa will be closed until end April.

I was fortunate not to live far from where the J4K vehicles are stored so I was able to turn on our Engel fridges, powered by Betta Batteries following our Desert event. Last charged 3 months ago all 3 were still 12.8 volts. As the city was shut down for days and no supplies into Townsville for over a week, we were able to save our food thanks to our Engels and Betta Batteries. Our first lot of food arrived by barge from McKay and the RAAF a week later.

A special thanks must go to the emergency and support services, and 3000 army personnel. And a special thanks to our sponsors, Engel and Betta Batteries. Thanks for your on going support.

**Mark Louez J4K Motor Trail Director**

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# Supporting our Aussie Kids AURIZON COMMUNITY GIVING FUND

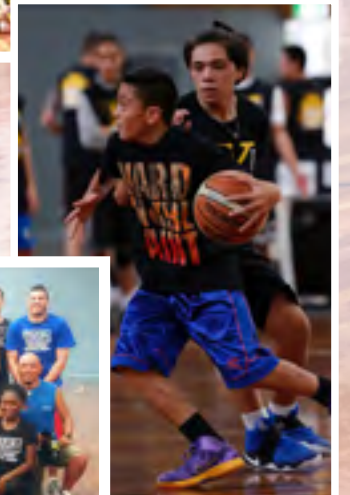
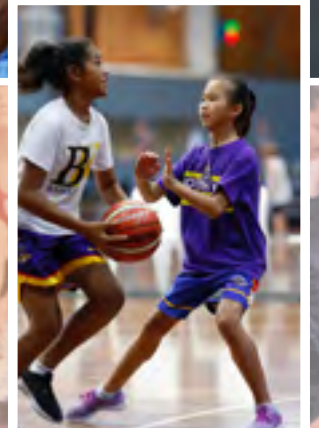
**Just4kids** Children's Charity supports Aussie youth on various levels during our motor trail events as well as throughout the year with our grants programme.

We recently procured a grant with the Aurizon Community Giving Fund which will help support the Indigenous Youth Mentoring and Role Model Programme. This mentoring will assist young people to believe in themselves and focus on positive outcomes.

For 3 days in May (13th-15th) Brian Kerle with some of his experienced coaching staff will conduct clinics in both Mt Isa and Cloncurry. These clinics will be held in the Mt Isa Basketball Stadium, PCYC and at Mt Isa High School.

Brian expects to reach at least 80 12-17-year-olds at the clinics, and 20 (estimated) at the PCYC mentoring sessions where his message of life skills, sport and opportunities will be shared. Brian expects to share this message as well with 100 students at the local High School.

In Cloncurry, both Brian and his staff coach will look at mentoring sessions with similar ages as in Mt Isa at the PCYC and at the local high school.





# J4K CHARITY UPDATE



## If you read our last Newsletter you will Remember Issac. J4K Bike Donor to the rescue... Issac set to hit the road

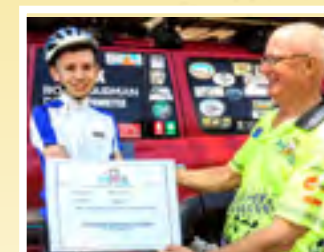
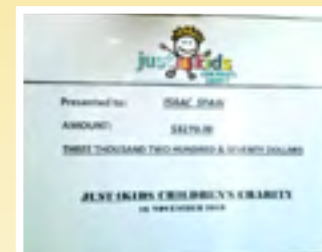
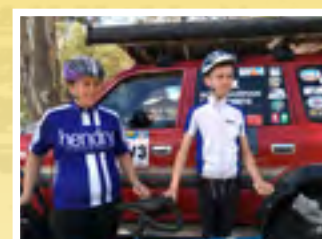
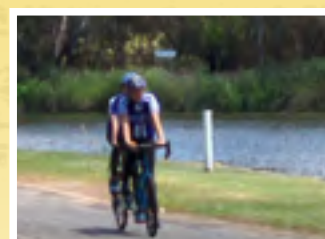
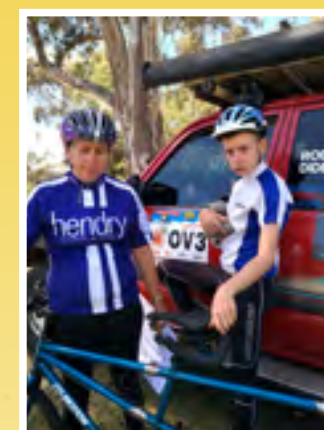
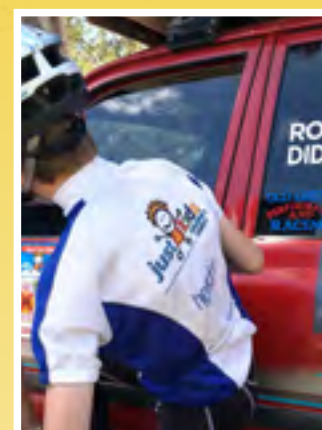
A GEELONG teen will ride more than 500km from Bright to Benalla on a tandem bike. Isaac Spain, 13, who lives with autism, has struggled to ride with his family.

Now, thanks to a generous donation from a local cycling group and charity Just4Kids, Isaac will ride the grueling nine-day Great Victorian Bike Ride on the back of an imported tandem bike with his Dad.

His Dad said in a statement recently to Just4Kids;

*"Isaac exceeded our expectations on The Great Victorian Bike Ride and rode each day willingly and without requiring any coaxing. This will definitely be an opportunity and event that will remain with fond memories for life and we are ever so thankful for the contribution from Just 4 Kids that enabled this dream and vision to become a reality. We look forward to continued use of the tandem for weekend family rides, one to one quality time just with Isaac, weekends away and hopefully longer trips such as the Great Vic Bike Rides or other family riding vacations."*

*Isaac continues to enjoy the benefit of riding on the tandem as all the factors that previously caused stress and anxiety whilst riding on his own have been eliminated with the tandem. He is always happy, chatty, calm and relaxed when on the bike. We are extremely grateful for the opportunities the tandem has brought to not only Isaac, but our entire family, as we can now enjoy bike riding again as a family. It has also given us a greater scope of activities that facilitate getting Isaac into and enjoying the great outdoors whilst managing stress and anxiety in a healthy and safe way."*







## THE WEST FAMILY HEAD WEST



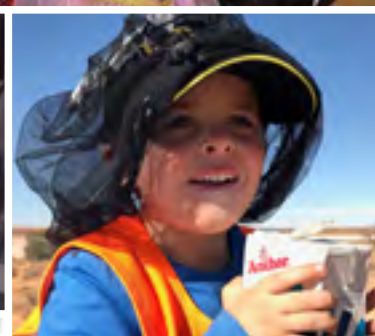
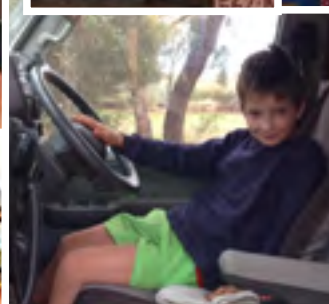
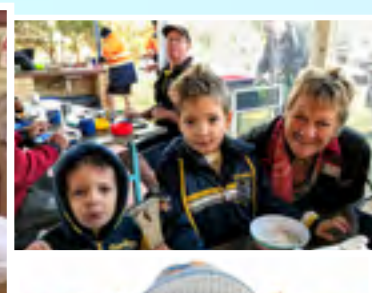
Deciding to take your children out of school for a period of time for a family holiday can be a daunting process. Britt West, professional working mother of two boys believes the benefits are well worth it.

“My husband and I have decided to take our children out of school for 6 weeks while we go on a family holiday through the Kimberly and down the coast of Western Australia.

Instead of learning in the classroom for that time, we will be teaching them on the road” Britt West said.

The Western Australia school resources was obtained from the website Travelling Australia with Kids <https://www.travellingaustraliawithkids.com> This is an excellent resource that teaches children through the experiential learning process. You never know, the parents will probably learn a thing or three as well!!

We also recommend Hama Mapes >>>



## Must have items for kids travelling Australia

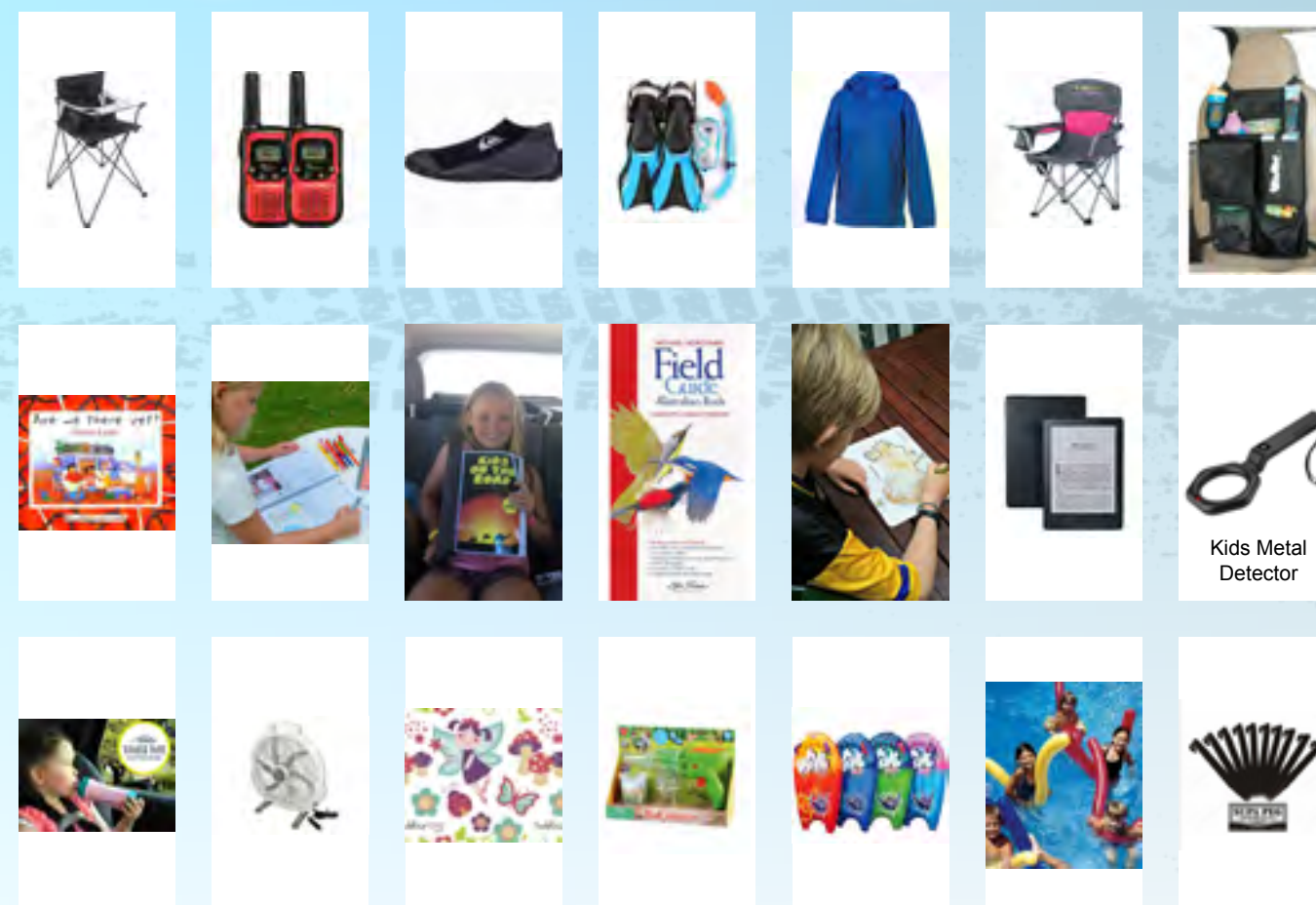
**What are your must have items for kids travelling Australia?** This is a question that we get asked here at TAWK a lot, so we often ask our members for their input and to find out what their kids are using on the road. Here are some of the items that they have suggested. Some are typical things that you think they might need and then others..... not so much!

AND of course, if you have something that you'd like to suggest to the list of must have items for kids travelling Australia, then please let us know and we will add them. It all helps other families.

I've tried to make sure that the items can be bought in Australia, either in store or online.

In no particular order, here are the suggestions from other families as to what they think are 'Must have items for kids travelling Australia'.....

TAWKers suggestions for Must have items for kids travelling Australia





# Do you really need a Reason to Vist the Fraser Coast

Fraser Coast RV Park – Suitable for all types of RV's, Campers, Roof Top Tents, Camper Trailers, Caravans ...

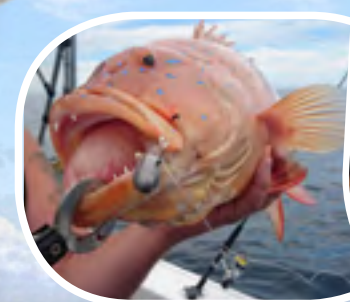
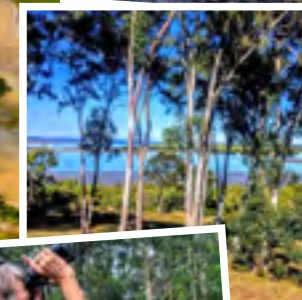
Immerse yourself in nature at our sprawling property with 40 acre nature reserve where kangaroos abound & 41 bird species identified. Great stop over for visitors to Fraser Island, just 3kms from ferry service & 10kms from Hervey Bay Airport. Or stay in luxury in Mango Lodge, wheelchair accessible solid timber slab cabin with deep open air claw foot bath overlooking 100 year old mango tree.

So you've hooked up your big rig and you travel for miles only to find yourself parked right next door to your neighbors. The husband complains, "it's too difficult to park", and the wife complains "there's no privacy". So come and visit us and enjoy everything the Fraser Coast has to offer. You will feel like you really are on holidays. A great getaway from it all, yet just a stones throw from Fraser Island and Hervey Bay.

## Campsite

Plenty of wide open spaces for you to camp. Camp sites \$30 per night, powered sites \$40 per night, self sufficient \$20 per night. Further details on pricing and to a [Make a Bookings CLICK HERE](#)

- Bush Kitchen with gas cook top, sink, fridge, toaster, kettle. Large fire pit for groups.
- Is it pet friendly? – YES provided restraint used, no chasing kangaroos, rabbits.
- Where is the nearest bottle shop? – At Urangun, next to Airport, 10kms away and behind BP fuel stop.
- Do you take Eftpos? Yes and there is an ATM at the River Heads Shops, 3kms up the road.
- Do I have to book a ferry to get to Fraser Island – YES as there are limited services. The ferry booking office is at the River Heads Shops. Also IGA for groceries and supplies, Chemist, Real Estate and VK's Cafe which is a lovely little cafe overlooking the Mary & Susan Rivers out the back.
- What are the ferry times? – Departs River Heads 6.45 & 9am, 3.30 & 6.45pm – leaves Kingfisher Resort 7.50 & 10.30am, 2, 5 & 8.30pm.
- Can I get a massage? yes at East Booral, 5 minutes away, Swedish, remedial, deep tissue, lomi lomi, reiki, reflexology & facials. Also couples massage available in room @ Mango Lodge
- Are the midgie's bad? – depending on the weather conditions, if it is still and it has rained and it is hot, they can be about, more prevalent in summer. Recommend the use of moisturiser on your skin. Skin so soft by Avon, works well. Other spray on brands also good. Light a mozzie coil around your camp at 4pm to difuse them. We are in a natural environment where 40 acres of the property is bushland so you can expect bushland conditions. No different than anywhere else in this natural setting.
- Can you sell me some gas? Sorry no, but there is gas available at the IGA up the road.
- Do I have to bring my own firewood? No, we have lots of sticks around the property.
- Can I light a fire anywhere? No, we have a large fire-pit beside the bush kitchen and smaller designated spots around the grounds for you to use.
- Where is the nearest dump point? At the Hervey Bay Tourist Information Centre on the Hervey Bay Maryborough Road. (20kms) Access is via key 9am to 5pm every day.
- Can I get some takeaway food delivered? Yes via menu log.
- Is there phone reception? Yes a very good strong signal.





# Fraser Cost RV Park & REPCO Service Centre Hervey Bay Are Leading The Way, in helping Just4kids with badly needed funds with their CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE program!

Just 4 Kids Children's Charity has now been registered in Qld for "Containers for Change". Bottles/plastics and cans that have the 10c refund label them. (Cans can be crushed)

So any person having a drink over the Holiday period can drop off there empty cans/tins and bottles at the designated "Containers for Change" areas and quote C10030269 and the value of the returned containers will be donate back to Just 4 Kids Children's Charity

If you would like to donate your proceeds. Simply label your bags with the following Number C10030269 and help the disadvantaged outback kids of Australia.

<https://www.containersforchange.com.au>

Collect eligible containers

Return your containers to a depot

Quote the J4K Motor-Trail ID to donate C10030269



## It's On Again! Join us the Just4Kids Team @The TJM Townsville Open Day,

Tony the local Manager said there has been a lot of new hot products to hit the market over the last 12 months. So come grab a snag and view the exhibitors inside the store and chat with the agents on hand. See the static displays, check out the latest **Mickythompson** range and take home one of our **2020 Kimberly flyers**, one can even register on the day. Mark the MTD will be there to answer all your queries. **TJM Townsville Open Day 18th May 2019 See you there!**



## Barrett communications have serviced our, Just4Kids Motor Trail, Barrett HF long distance radios for many years now.

**Martin Johnson**, Business Development Manager for Barrett Communications has been our main contact and support person, who has now currently moved to Malaysia as their manager for South East Asia Barrett Division, We wish him great success, thanks Martin, Your long term support for Just4Kids Motor Trail has been of great importance to us, Allowing us to keep track from the front line to our tail-end Charlie, Sweep. Our main radios are currently with **John Stodart**. Barrett's Senior Service Technician in W A being serviced for our next Kimberley Adventure Trek in April/May 2020... Mark J4K MTD



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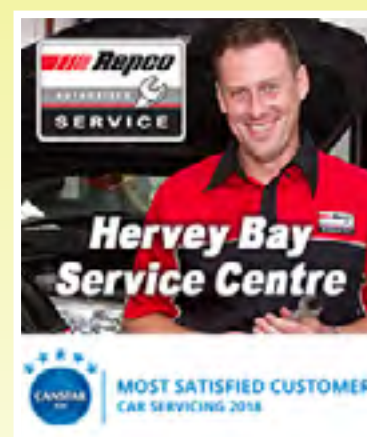
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## Kimberleys TOURIST HOT SPOTS

### ITINERARY AND NON ITINERARY TOURS AND TOURIST HOT SPOTS

As the Just4Kids Kimberleys Adventure tag along travels our designated route there will be many opportunities for you to take small diversions off the beaten track to experience some of the wonders of the Kimberley.

We will be taking you to as many interesting places as possible as part of our route but we have several lay days where you can either travel to a place of interest or, if you prefer, book a tour to somewhere that you may have on your bucket list. Amazing spectacles such as Horizontal Falls, the Bungle Bungles, Mitchell Falls and Lake Argyle will require a pre organised flight booking from Broome. You will need to do this well in advance of our departure date from Alice Springs.

Our survey team of Rod and Di will be departing from Alice next month to do the final survey. As soon as they return we will have the finalised dates for the different locations we will be visiting and our lay days. Once these dates have been emailed to our registered entrants we strongly suggest that you phone and book the tour you would like to take. It is much easier to cancel a tour than to be disappointed when that tour is full. The time of the year we will be travelling is busy and tours will fill fast.

As for the independent drives you can take when we are accommodated for a couple of days, then the world is your oyster. Get out your maps of the area and decide where you would like to take a day trip. Apart from the iconic places we have mentioned, there are the pearl farms such as Willie Creek Pearl Farm and Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm to mention a couple. The quality of the pearls that can be purchased at the pearl farms is of the highest quality and are sort after world wide.

At El Questro, we will organise an itinerary tour for you but there are many other things available to do there. Check out their website but there is no need to book anything there at this point. From Broome you can take flights to all the iconic places mentioned above. There are also many day tours. From the Broome Explorer Bus, a visit to the Hoochery Distillery, the pearl farms, Turtle Bay Kayak Adventure Tour, Broome and surrounds half day 4WD adventure and a must for everyone, the Cable Beach Sunset Camel ride.

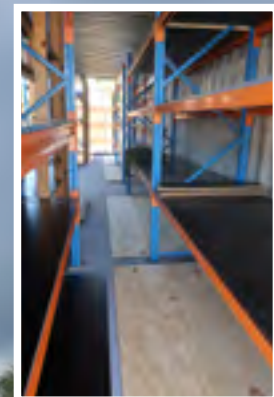
These are just a few of the many wondrous things to make your Kimberley adventure a trip you will remember forever.





# JUST4KIDS NEW SHED

Scott West and Mark Louez J4K MTD,- ( Oh what a feeling ) with the roof on.  
With support from the West Family in Townsville J4K items are now stored under cover in containers with vehicles under the big roof.  
The shed was erected by Scott and Mark just before the heavy rains and flooding,  
All about timing, or is it Good Luck! Thank you West Family for your on going support.



The Fridge, you want it we carry it!



Catering, Ready for the Kimberleys!





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# CIVIL MARRIAGE CELEBRANT

## JUST DO IT! DONATE TO A GOOD CAUSE

In April 2020 a Charity Tag A Long is heading your way.

Just4Kids Childrens' Charity is a registered Charity 1507 supporting Youth who are disadvantaged or with disabilities. As part of our fundraising activity en route we will be offering the services of a Celebrant. Anyone interested in this service for Renewal of Vows or ready to take the plunge, call Glen Rowe, our mobile Celebrant.

Please consider joining us for what would be a wonderful occasion to share with many new friends to celebrate your special day. If you would like to participate in this novel event and donate to our worthy cause, please contact Glen on 07 4723 9922 or email: [glen@celebrantservices.net.au](mailto:glen@celebrantservices.net.au). prior to the event, minimum of two months notice required.

This ceremony would have to co-ordinate with our Motor Trail Route, together with our stopover venues and dates.

