Welcome to the September edition of Great News!

This month…2017 Coral Sea Adventure…30 years of the Great Endeavour Rally…a look into the 2017 starting line…Devils & Yowies preparing for 2017…and so much more!

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30 YEARS OF THE GREAT ENDEAVOUR RALLY

The Great Endeavour Rally is one of the longest-running and most successful charity motoring events in Australia, with a rich history dating back to the 1980s. In 2017 we celebrate three decades of adventures covering some of the most thrilling off-road tracks and visiting awe-inspiring regions few people get to see.

The first Great Endeavour Rally was held 9-16 October 1988 to raise funds and awareness to support people with a disability. Queensland has been the spiritual home of Endeavour Foundation since its formation in 1951, so the 37 cars drove more than 5,000 kilometres across the state from Toowoomba to Kooralbyn Valley via Birdsville and raised $30,000.

Over the decades, thousands of vehicles have covered hundreds of thousands of kilometres and raised millions of dollars.

The Great Endeavour Rally is Raising Dust and Dollars to support people with a disability, and there are always more great roads ahead.

Endeavour Foundation was founded in 1951 by a group of parents of children with an intellectual disability, and was already 37 years old when the first Great Endeavour Rally ran in 1988.

In that time, Endeavour Foundation had grown to provide services to more than 3,500 people in 19 non-vocational day services for adults, 25 schools, 12 workshops, 6 farms, 34 adult residential homes, 24 group homes, and 13 clinics across Queensland.

During the 1980’s, a key focus was on accommodation, with the understanding that living away from home gave independence to young people.

In the 1990’s, an emphasis was placed on families and communities, which led to closer work with parents to ensure they could be included in all aspects of decision making.

In the 2000’s, Endeavour Foundation became the largest non-government provider of direct disability employment in Australia.

So far in the 2010’s, 12 people have made history becoming the first graduates of the innovative program Latch-On®, obtaining Certificate II in Literacy & Technology in Australia, while Learning & Lifestyle support services have provided people with a disability access to Certificate II modules and courses.

This decade will also see the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), bringing with it a new era of choice and control. The NDIS focuses on the person with a disability across their whole-of-life. For the first time, people with a disability in Australia will get to choose where and how to access their supports, including daily living, home life, health and well-being, work, learning, and more.

RAISING DUST AND DOLLARS®
Register now at great.endeavour.com.au
2017 GREAT ENDEAVOUR RALLY: CORAL SEA ADVENTURE

Yeppoon to Hervey Bay via Cooktown

Join us next June for the adventure of a lifetime on the 2017 Great Endeavour Rally: Coral Sea Adventure!

Flag-off from the beautiful seaside town of Yeppoon and zig-zag your way through tropical rainforests on either the Rally Course or the Road Trip!

Travel through the iconic North Queensland coast, visiting famous rainforests, remote beaches, and renowned rally tracks, on this not-to-miss adventure.

2017 marks 30 years of the Great Endeavour Rally. Since its beginning, Great Endeavour Rally participants have raised over $9 million to support people with a disability along the rally route.

Register today and join us as we continue Raising Dust and Dollars.

YEPPON STARTING LINE

The 2017 Great Endeavour Rally: Coral Sea Adventure will be beginning its journey in the beautiful tropical Yeppoon! As the principle town of the Capricornia Coast, Yeppoon is situated north of Brisbane and close to the beef capital of Australia, Rockhampton.

The seaside town is famous for its beaches, tropical climate, and 27 close-by islands including Great Keppel Island. Yeppoon is also known for its community activities including the annual music event ‘The Village Festival’, which has seen the likes of Kasey Chambers, Pete Murray, and James Morrison; and the annual Yeppoon Lions Tropical Pinefest, a pineapple celebration that includes fireworks, a gala ball, a street parade, and a ‘Tropical Pinefest Ambassador’.

Typical of North Queensland, Yeppoon experiences a humid subtropical climate, which means hot summers and mild winters. The average June temperature is 13°C – 22°C, but has reached a record high of 29°C. Perfect weather for the 2017 Great Endeavour Rally!

We will be travelling through Yeppoon two years after Cyclone Marcia hit and devastated the town. We are looking forward to starting the Great Endeavour Rally while helping out the community!

Our local Yeppoon teams will be helping to plan out an exciting flag-off venue, so keep an eye out for more information to come!

THE WORLD OF 1988

- Bob Hawke was the Prime Minister of Australia
- World Expo 88 opened in Brisbane
- The Olympics were held in Seoul, Korea
- Home and Away & A Current Affair debuted
- The Nintendo Game Boy was released
- Nike coined the slogan “Just Do It”
- CDs outsold vinyl records for the first time
- The 8-year Iran-Iraq War ended
- The Berlin Wall stood (fell 1989)
- Text messaging (1992), Google (1998), Facebook (2004), and YouTube (2005) didn’t exist

DONATE TO A TEAM

If you can’t participate in the 2017 Great Endeavour Rally, but would like to donate to the cause, jump online and donate to one of our teams here.
Chris Gunther registered his car, The Devil’s Ride, just 8 weeks before he and navigator Joel Rooskov began the 18-day adventure that was the 2016 Super Endeavour Rally.

"With only 8 weeks to build the car from chassis to running entry, we were pushed to the limits just getting to the start line in time," Chris said.

But Chris and Joel were determined to not only participate in their first Super Endeavour Rally, but to also support Endeavour Foundation.

"After looking at various rally’s and charities, Joel and I thought Endeavour Foundation does a lot for the community, which has a valuable outcome for the individuals and communities alike, as the area is underfunded and underrepresented in the community and we wanted to make a small contribution to this," Chris said.

It was this drive to support people with a disability that encouraged them to enter, but it was the people and fellow rally participants that proved to be one of the greatest highlights.

"The biggest highlight was meeting people from all different walks of life that share a common interest. The people are what makes the trips and Endeavour Foundation have assembled a great bunch of big hearted people that are there to support each other and the greater cause," Chris said.

It was the new friends gained, and the chance to continue to support people with a disability, that made Chris register for the 2017 Great Endeavour Rally as soon as he could.

"After the 2016 Rally we registered immediately, we had a great time with a great bunch of people and we were really taken back by what it means to the beneficiaries of Endeavour Foundation, as such there was no choice but to do it again," Chris said.

And fundraising for the 2017 Great Endeavour Rally has already begun for The Devil’s Ride:

“We have one simple goal in relation to fundraising and that is to get as much as possible. At this stage our major sponsor Wahlstrom Financial Service are committed to $4,500 for which we are very grateful. We are looking to hold a golf and race day in the latter part of this year with a number of well-known celebrities to help raise awareness for the Foundation and the great work they do,” Chris said.

12 months is a lot longer preparation time than 8 weeks was, and it is clear that the extra time is being put to good use!

"Work is underway on the car for next year with the car fully dismantled to take an all new engine and driveline and strengthen a few areas that caused us grief in the 2016 Rally. More pictures will surface soon on social media, so keep a look out!" Chris said.

Grant attended the Jimna One Day Rally in February 2016 and was convinced he needed to sign up.

“We really enjoyed the Jimna rally, navigating our way around the course. It was a fun day and helped us understand how the rally works (even though we had two flat tyres at once!),” Grant said.

After not being able to participate in the 2016 Red Centre Adventure, Grant is excited to join the 2017 Great Endeavour Rally and support Endeavour Foundation.

“I have been wanting to enter the Rally for some time. I have my two brothers who work in Endeavour Foundation Workshops, they have both done the rally and I have seen what a great time they have had”, Grant said.

Grant, along with his two sons, will be entering the 2017 Coral Sea Adventure with a 1977 Ford F100 four-wheel drive that they have rebuilt. The car will be used for sponsorship as part of their fundraising for the rally.

“We are asking our suppliers for some sponsorship, running raffles, organising night golf, and more,” Grant said.

While he is most looking forward to spending time with his sons and meeting other entrants, Grant is looking to raise funds to support a cause close to his heart.

“The Foundation does such a great job supporting my two brothers and their friends and I wanted to give back to the Foundation in some way,” Grant said.

Welcome to the Great Endeavour Rally, Yowies!