

4WD4KIDS 2011

"Hunt in the Hunter" 16-18 April

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Happy New Year Netsmen!

Firstly, Solidarity and Happy New Year everyone! I hope your year will be action packed and full of vitality! Just like New Year resolutions that seem to get forgotten ... I say every year that we will be better at communication and again I am Mr Silent! I apologise for that but it is hard to get to all the things I have going on but I eventually do get through my list depending on what is coming up next. Well guess what, the 2011 4WD4KIDS is very fast moving up the ladder and is set to start in Newcastle on the 16th April and finish in the Hunter valley on the 18th April.

[Survey near complete and accommodation locked in!](#)

During the past couple of months I did manage to team up with Keith Lang of Netsville Constructions and get most of the survey done amongst some rather wet forests. And you heard it here first; we got bogged twice needing to call in our stand by rescuer "Bear" to pull the Triton out of one hole! (I might point out that this never happened before Keith came along!!). But with that in mind we have some great tracks that are passable in the wet and weather should not worry us. Final survey will happen sometime in January.

It's a little closer to Sydney than last year's event in terms of kilometres but not as "Netsville" as old Mogo town was when it comes to accommodation.

However, it is similar to the accommodation we are used to and there is plenty of it. There is a lot of fun to be had at our base of "Ayres Rock" and camp fires will play a big part this year. Yes ... our base is "Ayres Rock" but we don't have to travel quite as far as you think! Our "Rock" is the old Leyland Bros World near Karuah.

There will be more news as to the Start and Finish locations as soon as things are locked in.

[Brochure and Entry Form](#)

The 2011 entry form and a generic brochure are also now available. Both the brochure and entry form will be uploaded to the NETS website in the next couple of days. If you need either in the meantime please email me back and I'll forward you a copy.

[New Recruits](#)

As you know we have a very busy business to run as well as co-ordinating this event. We love doing it but we know that we are limited with our time and where we struggle is trying to drum up new entries. I know of quite a few Netsmen who have said they have more cars coming along and thank you to those concerned.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could forward our emails or send a brochure to anyone that you think may be interested in joining us. Those who have been before know how much fun we have, especially the kids.

Alternatively, you can forward us their details and we will send an introductory email and ask if they would like to be on our mailing list.

As I have always said double the entries and we double the funds raised for NETS. People bring people.

[Show of hands!](#)

With that in mind, one of the hardest things we have to do is estimate numbers for accommodation and meals. It would be greatly appreciated if all those contemplating entering could let us know so that we can start the long list of entrants that I know want to go.

We also have to outlay for the accommodation within the next couple of weeks so to ensure we aren't out of pocket,

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we need to know that there is enough interest in the event for us not to lose money.

Meals/Accommodation prices

We will be able to let you know the price for meals/accommodation within the next couple of weeks. It will again be very reasonable and will be no more than last year.

A.M.E JEFF'S WALK 2

Those who were on our event last year will recall being introduced to a gentleman called Jeff Johnson. I met Jeff while he was walking from Gulf to Gulf (Port Augusta to the Cape). Last Christmas I met up with him and asked what he thought about walking east to west to raise money for NETS. Well ... the challenge was accepted and Jeff will set off to walk from Byron Bay to Steep Point, WA the weekend after our event. The reason behind the start date ... he wanted to wait until he turned 70 before he left (lunatic!!).

But the good news is that he will be under the watchful eye of Brian (Bear) Mooney who is not only supporting him on the walk but co-ordinating the whole deal. Gary (Big Hat) Schweikert has also jumped on to support and film the entire trip and help co-ordinate it as well. This is a huge undertaking by the three gentlemen mentioned and will hopefully raise lots of funds and awareness for NETS right across the country.

I do thank them all for their enthusiasm and involvement; however, they do need any help they can get. As you can imagine there is a lot of equipment and supplies that are needed to get them across the country safely and we are looking for sponsorship for certain things needed to support this task. If you can help or are interested in walking with Jeff or even following Bear for a few days in your own 4WD, please give Bear a call on 0407 938 186 or Gary on 0419 033 675. I will have Bear do a list of all the things required and email to everyone. If you can help or know someone who might that we can talk to, please let Bear know.

We have a very professional sponsorship proposal drawn up which can be sent to potential supporters as well. You will receive all information on the walk soon to bring you up to date with where we are.

Meanwhile I have a 4WD event to get organised and any contacts or assistance will also be accepted! My number is 0418 165 264.

Once again Happy New Year and I hope it provides the pleasure you all deserve.

Bring on **4WD4KIDS 2011!**

Regards,
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