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Welcome to the September edition of the ADR Newsletter. In this issue we take leave from the normal reports on projects we have undertaken and instead, look at a very important fund raising event that ADR is very proud to be involved in. Remember we enjoy hearing from our readers. To make a contribution to the newsletter please send your feedback, questions, articles, comments, or testimonials etc. to us by email: adr@ausdr.com.au.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDNEY KAR RALLY

And so it began, the 25th Annual Kidney Kar Rally (16-24 August 2013). The rally is a major fund-raising event for Kidney Health Australia and ADR was there as part of the team entry of Kar 54, known as Grimace Too, entered by Peter Lanyon as driver and his daughter Deb as navigator. Peter is a highly regarded and well respected Project Manager at ADR and it is our great pleasure to support this very worthwhile cause.



Kar 54 – Grimace Too, ready to take on the rally.

The major beneficiary of the fund-raising is the Kidney Kids Camps. These camps are designed for young people, living with kidney disease or a kidney transplant, to have a little 'time out' from the rigours of their medically-involved lives and give the family unit a break from this demanding routine.

Peter's eldest daughter, Jodie, was a Kidney Kid from the age of 6. She had 2 kidney transplants throughout her lifetime, both unfortunately succumbing to her original kidney disease. She was constantly on dialysis until her passing in 2000 at the age of 22. Jodie is the reason for Peter's continued participation in the rally.



Peter has been participating in the Rally for 25 years.

"To me, the rally is both an adventure and a challenge" Over the years, there have been many "disasters", but, rest assured, they have all been overcome with the help of many other rally participants, family and friends. This year was no exception. It seems that no matter how well your car is prepared, luck still plays a major role. The "disaster" list for this year reads as follows: front wheel bearing collapsed, trip meter gives erratic readings, big end bearing in engine beats like a bass drum, hole in the fuel tank, engine badly overheating, diff uttering terminal growls, and the hood lining flapping in the breeze like a tent in a desert wind storm. The good news is, we made it through every day and were there at the finish of the event. Despite the challenges along the way, over the years, the rally has taken me to most parts of Australia. It has shown me the country at its best, from the red plains of Central Australia, Uluru and Kakadu, the Nullarbor, the Gulf Country of Queensland, outback NSW, the high country of the Alps and Victoria, Tasmania, and lots of places in between. It has also shown me the worst, the fury of Mother Nature and real disasters as we've travelled through areas ravaged by bushfire, flood, storms and wind. It's very heartening to go back to those places to see the communities re-built and the bush regenerating. I am grateful to ADR and to all the sponsors and supporters of the entrants in this year's Rally. Together, we have raised over \$470,000. To raise this sort of money and to have fun along the way is a wonderful feeling."

Peter Lanyon

This year, the rally started at Tamworth in NSW and finished in Armidale. Normally, this trip would take about an hour, but when you throw in the fact that it takes 8 days, and you visit Bundaberg along the way without travelling along many bitumen roads, it makes it very interesting. Peter is no stranger to the rally and the rigours of the Australian outback. He is the only entrant who has competed in every rally since its inception in 1989.



Grimace Too in action on various terrains throughout the Rally.

ADR is very proud of Peter and our involvement in this charity event, and hope that our readers would also like to support this important fund raiser. If you would like to participate in next year's rally, or would like to sponsor or help in any way, please give Peter a call on 0413 842 452. Your adventure awaits!

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