LMI 2010: CONVOY, ACCOMMODATION, PARKING & BARGE DETAILS

CONVOY:

You will be able to travel at your own pace whilst knowing that other Islanders are within a few kilometres of you. Travelling in convoy is a good idea for several reasons:

- We can transfer people and gear to other vehicles in the event of a serious mechanical breakdown, or other misadventure, en route. This is particularly important Northbound as certain gear is essential for the trip.
- It keeps the group together and ensures we all arrive at Gladstone in good time to help with the many tasks associated with collecting supplies and loading the barge.
- You will be in a position to receive or render assistance in the event of minor breakdowns; thereby keeping everybody moving.
- Convoy drivers will receive an LMI Convoy Pack containing maps, route numbers, distances and mobile phone contacts for other convoy vehicles.

Towers and Lifts:
Ray tows Capricorn - Keith tows Tigger - Tom tows the red box trailer - Michael tows the compressor trailer. Paul will be the reserve tower.

Rendezvous, Route and Distances:

The convoy will depart Canberra at 5:15 am on Saturday 26 June. Convoy vehicles will rendezvous at the intersection of Kuringa Drive and the Barton Hwy from 5:00am for an on time departure. We drive for 12 hours and spend the night in Condamine. The total distance up and back is 3,154 Km. – see the maps and “Are we there yet?” tables.

NORTH BOUND ACCOMMODATION:

The Trip Coordinator has booked accommodation for the upward and return journeys. Note that your accommodation costs are NOT covered in your trip fee. Northbound accommodation is at the Condamine River Caravan Park, Wambo St Condamine. 07 4627 7179

~ $20 pp
SECURE PARKING:
You will need to store your car whilst we are on the Island. Curtis Ferries provide secure parking at the Marina in Gladstone. Parking costs are:

$70 per car  ($5 per night)
$42 per trailer ($3 per night)

It’s a good idea to have a bag of clean cloths, shampoo etc ready for your return, for your first shower in 2 weeks! There’s a hot shower at the Gladstone Marina car park.

BARGE: CURTIS FERRY SERVICES
We’ll have to arrive in Gladstone at 12:00 noon and pick up the food for two weeks, unload our gear into containers and then load the barge around 7pm on the Sunday, have dinner (usually at the Gladstone Yacht Club), and while away the time for a 12am departure. You will need to bring your sleeping mat, pillow and sleeping bag to bunk down on the floor of the ferry, along with toiletries (& sea-sickness tablets for those who get sea-sick), and a change of clothes in which you can get wet, for unloading the next day. The ferry will arrive at LMI around 7:30am on Monday. Unloading by AIRIB is tide-dependant and needs to be done at pace. Please note that setting up communal gear will occupy most of that day and as a general rule is to be attended before personal camps are set up.

The barge will return at 6pm at LMI on the 10th July for loading and the journey back to Gladstone. Please don’t leave Gladstone until all unloading jobs- such as returning crates to the Supermarket or taking recycling to the depot- have been distributed among the group.

SOUTHBOUND ACCOMMODATION:

GWYDIR CARAPARK & THERMAL POOLS
(10 hrs S of Gladstone, 10.5 hrs N of Canberra)
Address: Newell Highway & Amaroo Drive
Moree  NSW  2400  Phone: 02 6752 2723  Mobile: 0427 522 723  Fax:02 6752 2723
GPS: South 29° 29.4 East 149° 50.58
Email: gwndmcdonald@bigpond.com.au  Hosts: The McDonald Family
~ $21 pp