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Event Director's Update – John Paine

It is good to have one Event under my belt following the successful running of the 30th consecutive Kidney Kar Rally held last month. This is a unique event that caters for a wide range of participants and their varied reasons for entering and fundraising. I believe from the feedback that I have received and the experiences I gained from this year that there are several important areas that need to be addressed to ensure the ongoing success of this event.

Reflecting on my first KKR there will be some things we will be implementing now for 2019 which will address an important issue of the need to be transparent regarding the costs of running a long distance event vs the amount raised for the Charity. I am pleased that the new Management Team at Kidney Health Australia share the concerns that have been raised in recent Media reports on the topic of funds raised by some Charities and we want to make sure we are achieving best practice targets.

To address the issue of transparency and to share the responsibility of running the annual KKR a Special Rally Advisory Committee meeting was held in Sydney 22nd September 2018 to discuss various options regarding a revised Governance Structure. Attendees included senior managers from Kidney Health Australia and a range of participants and officials from this years' Rally.

A subsequent meeting was convened 13th October 2018 to form a new Rally Advisory Committee and to set the following funding model in motion;

- \$275 (Incl. GST) "Early Bird" Registration Fee per Car if paid by 31st March 2019. This fee becomes \$330 (Incl GST) from 1st April to close of entries 30th June.
- \$1,200 (Incl. GST) per person Entry Fee to cover participants' costs, such as meals, entertainment, photography.
- Minimum Fundraise \$3,000 for Rally Entrants & \$1,000 for Back-Up or Kruiise.

Rallitrax Pty Ltd has a contractual arrangement with Kidney Health Australia to not only organise and run the annual Kidney Kar Rally but now has taken on more responsibility with managing certain rally expenses as delegated by KHA. This new process will also form part of the role of the new Kidney Kar Rally Advisory Committee (or RAC) who have volunteered to assist Rallitrax with these non-operational tasks. This will empower the Event Organisers and the Advisory Committee to have greater input and control over how your Entry Fees are spent.

Entrants Vehicle Registration Fees (\$275 incl.GST) per Kar plus a Disbursement Fee calculated at \$1,200 (Incl. GST) per person will be payable to Rallitrax Pty Ltd to cover various costs associated with running the Rally

including the cost of providing meals, support officials, merchandise, photos plus some event promotion and an exciting safety innovation with the Rally incorporating RallySafe monitoring.

These costs are the responsibility of each Entrant and they will be managed by Rallitrax and the Advisory Committee which comprises representatives from existing Kidney Kar Rally entrants and officials.

Tax Invoices can be raised by Rallitrax Pty Ltd should you wish to obtain sponsorship from your support businesses to cover these Entry Costs.

All your fundraising donations will be paid directly to Kidney Health Australia. These improvements to the Governance structure will bring us in line with other similar Charity Car Events and allow Entrants to advise potential sponsors and donors the percentage of their donations that will contribute to the Charity. KHA is implementing an improved Fundraising system as well as to their Web site.

The Rally Advisory Committee has a new look comprising; Ken Downie, Peter Lanyon (Sir), Gus Thompson, Shane & Vicky Lisle (nee Colley), David Edgley, Peter Ward (Rat), James Tracey (Morton), Alex Mueller, George Papadopolous (Yogi), Pam & Dick Graham (S1) & Chris Adams (S2).

RallySafe;

This is an Australian designed all in one advanced safety and tracking system that allows Event organisers to not only respond to emergency situations using the latest GPS technology but to monitor each cars whereabouts in case they stray off course. It is especially important to allow communication in remote areas of our massive country where mobile phone coverage is poor or still not available. It even can take the place of your existing Trip Meter. Event safety is not an optional extra for the Kidney Kar Rally organisers or Kidney Health Australia. Website: <https://rallysafe.com.au>

I have attached a copy of the new Entry Form with this email to help you decide if you should enter the 2019 Rally starting in Port Macquarie on August 9.

Now that these improvements have been approved by Kidney Health Australia the Rally Organisers and the new Rally Advisory Committee are committed to making the 2019 KKR one not to be missed and one that will surely lay the foundations for years to come.

Top 3 Fundraisers 2018:

The final results for the top three fundraisers as at the close of fundraising 31st July 2018 were;

1 st Kar# 2009	XPlant – John Clout & Kerry Flinn	\$45,257.30
2 nd Kar# 68	The Artline Team -Mick & Barbie Kluver	\$34,625.00
3 rd Kar# 1313	Hi Quality Group – Adam Hallinan & Todd Clark	\$33,813.79

NB! Both the 2nd and 3rd placed teams had donations paid to KHA after the close date which took them over \$40,000 each. These late funds will be carried forward to their 2019 efforts subject to them achieving the 2019 minimum Fund raising amounts which I am sure is not a drama.

Congratulations to the hard work put in throughout the year by John Clout and Kerry Flinn pictured below from XPlant and to the runners up; well done on your fantastic fundraising.



Outright Rally Winners 2018:

- 1st Kar# 80 Just Kidney-ing Around – Mark Duggan & Robert Greenough
- 2nd Kar# 54 Grimace Too - Peter Lanyon & Deb Wilt
- 3rd Kar# 747 Learning to Fly - Dean Bint & Stew Watt

Only 2 points separated first place from the runners up who were tied on points with 2nd place being awarded to Grimace Too as their entry was received before Learning to Fly highlighting the importance of getting your entry in ASAP for 2019.

A discount also applies to Early Bird Entries received before 31st March 2019.



Rally winners Mark Duggan & Rob Greenough.



Runners – Up Peter Lanyon & Deb Wilt

The 2018 Kidney Kar Rally raised over \$544,000 which will contribute to the running of the annual Kids Camp to be held next year. With a new Governance structure led by the Rallitrix Event Director and the new Rally Advisory Committee our goal is to increase the Rallies’ contribution to supporting the Kids Camps run by KHA and improve the Event “Fun factor”.



From small – “Beaver Jnr”



To big – Highest Virgin Fundraiser “Hi Quality Group”

Website updates:

Kidney Health Australia are developing a new event website is being for the Kidney Kar Rally. This website will provide access to new fundraisers technology and reduced fees. The new website also be a great asset with marketing the event and includes social media. The website will be live from early December.

Rob and Alex

Fourteen-year-old Alex was a competitive swimmer. She liked riding her bike. She was young, healthy and active. Her dad, Rob, says, “We never thought for a moment she had a problem with her kidneys. It came out of the blue. We were in shock.”

A specialist at the Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne confirmed the devastating news—Alex had no kidney function at all and she needed treatment right away.

To say it was a shock doesn’t begin to cover it. “I looked at my child. She was fit and healthy. It was impossible to comprehend,” says Rob.

Rob and Alex have always shared a special bond. Alex is Rob’s only child and he is her primary carer. Her mum lives close by and they see each other frequently. Only a few months earlier, Rob and Alex had travelled to Europe, where they had a trip of a lifetime. Rob felt he was seeing his daughter become a mature and confident teenager. He was proud of her adventurous spirit.

Suddenly, the future that he’d hoped for her was gone. Alex faced surgery, dialysis and the agonising search for a compatible donor. It was almost impossible to take in.

Within 48 hours, Alex had surgery to prepare her for dialysis, and she spent the next three weeks in hospital.

Alex had to adjust to some radical changes in her daily life. She learned how to connect herself to a dialysis machine, keeping her wound-site clean and safe from infection. Alex was able to have dialysis at home—at first, five nights a week for eight hours. But it often made her sick.

Alex did her best to keep up at school, despite the nausea, diarrhoea and headaches, but it was impossible. As well as often feeling ill, she had to make regular visits to the hospital in Melbourne. It was a three-hour round trip each time.

It would have been entirely understandable if Alex had begun to feel sorry for herself because only a transplant could save her from dialysis and its side effects. And who knew how long it would take to find a compatible donor? “I had lots of scans and blood tests and Alex came with me to every appointment,” remembers Rob. “I was so happy when it was confirmed—we were compatible and I would be able to give her a kidney.”



Both Alex and Rob began to prepare for the surgery, but beforehand, there was a precious chance for Alex to relax, have fun and enjoy herself.

Each year, as many as 130 children with kidney disease get to spend four days away together out in the fresh air. Many lead isolated lives as a result of their condition and treatment. Coming to camp gives them a feeling of fun and freedom they don't otherwise get.

At her first camp, Alex made friends who were able to reassure her about the surgery and her recovery afterwards, because they'd already been through it.

It was a vital boost for Alex before her transplant.

Although Rob was a suitable donor, there was no guarantee that the transplant would be a success. The two surgeries would take place in different hospitals. Rob's kidney would be removed in the morning and taken to the children's hospital where Alex would go into surgery in the early afternoon.

The night before, Alex—brave and positive as ever—was excited. If it all worked out, her life was set to change all over again.

The surgery went smoothly and, as Alex slept afterwards, her dad's kidney—now her kidney—started functioning. But there was still a long way to go.

Recovering from transplant surgery is a lengthy and difficult journey. But Alex and Rob were able to recuperate at our Kidney Transplant House, close to their transplant hospital free of charge.

"It was amazing," says Alex. "I could have stayed there forever!"

Staying at our Kidney Transplant House helped Alex and Rob recover. Alex's transplant was a success and she's now preparing for an important occasion—her kidney birthday. In September Alex and Rob took part in the Melbourne Big Red Kidney Walk, and in October it was one year since her transplant.



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