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## DECEMBER NEWS - 2019 AUTUMN JET TREK

### EVENT MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Hi Trekkers!

Where has the year gone?! We're working our way through our pre-event preparations before a sneaky Christmas break but not before we provide you with some more important event updates and information you'll need to be prepared for the 2019 Autumn Yamaha Variety Jet Trek in just over 15 short weeks!

In this newsletter you'll find a few more event updates, some details on registration & scrutineering, theme nights, info on event decals (they'll be in the post to you pre-event next year!) the full scrutineering list as well as the link to book extra guests and your accommodation. It's important to note that a large portion of the rooms we currently have held will be released back to the hotels before Christmas so we encourage you to book your accommodation ASAP if you haven't already done so.

Don't forget there's some awesome prizes up for grabs if you can reach \$1,000, \$2,500 or \$3,500 in fundraising before 14 December. There's more info and a sneak peak on the great prizes included in the newsletter too!

Please also note the Variety Queensland office will be closed for the festive season from Monday 24th December and will reopen again on Wednesday 2nd January with the events team returning from Monday 14th January. On behalf of all the team at Variety thank you so much for your support and all you've done to give more Aussie kids a fair go throughout 2018. We wish you and yours a very happy and safe Christmas and a fantastic new year! We can't wait to see you all in March!

**Erin Lazarou**  
Event Manager

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## 25 Reasons to Give This Christmas

You can give a young girl hope, opportunity and a fair go.



Right now, 25 girls from isolated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are getting ready to leave their families, so they can start secondary school in Townsville.

But they don't all have the basic items they need to succeed – like shoes, books and uniforms.

We're running out of time before schools starts in January. Your continued support will help get these girls ready for school.

You're not just giving shoes, uniforms and backpacks.

You're giving them hope, opportunity and a fair go. [CLICK HERE to learn more>](#)

Share with your network! Donors can allocate to an event participant and these funds are then attributed to your fundraising total!

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# FUNDRAISING PRIZES



It's our mission to make sure you cross the finish line in March not only feeling awesome after raising over \$2,500 and riding hundreds of kilometres, but looking awesome as well!

There are some cool fundraising prizes up for grabs over the next 5 weeks! You can't buy them - you can only win them for your fundraising efforts!

- Reach \$1,000 in fundraising by 14 December and you'll win a Jet Trek water bottle to keep you hydrated.
- Reach your fundraising minimum of \$2,500 by 14 December and you'll also win a waterproof Variety bag, perfect for keeping your phone and keys dry.
- Go above and beyond and reach \$3,500 by 14 December and you'll also win an exclusive Jet Trek beach towel.

Not sure where to start? Follow all our easy fundraising tips in your Jet Trek handbook [here](#) and don't hesitate to contact us if you need any help.

# REGISTRATION & BRIEFINGS

## REGISTRATION

Pre-event registration will take place at Bundaberg State High School from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Sunday 24th March.

ALL participants must attend pre-event registration in Bundaberg irrespective of whether you're a rider, road crew member or official. Further details including specific room & parking locations will be distributed early in the new year.

## VIRGIN PARTICIPANTS BRIEFING

New to the Variety Jet Trek?  
This one is for you!

Sunday 24th March  
9:00am - 10:00am  
Bundaberg State High School

Come along and meet the Variety team and our fabulous volunteer officials and get all the details you'll need to hit the water informed on Monday 25th March!

# SCRUTINEERING REQUIREMENTS

Below is a list of the mandatory requirements and safety gear you will be required to carry to participate in the 2019 Yamaha Variety Jet Trek:

## MANDATORY PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REQUIREMENTS

- PWC is a 2008 model or later and of sit down style
- PWC fuel capacity and extra fuel on board is at least 80 litres
- PWC is in seaworthy condition
- PWC is registered and participant can provide proof of registration
- Participants have a valid PWC licence or equivalent licence that meets Queensland PWC licence requirements
- PWC is covered by Third Party Public Liability and Property Damage as the minimum level on insurance
- Yamaha Variety Jet Trek decals attached as per the event decal list
- Additional jerry cans for the Stange Bay legs of the event
  - Non-supercharged PWC - minimum of 4 x 20L jerry cans
  - Supercharged PWC - minimum of 6 x 20L jerry cans

## MINIMUM SAFETY GEAR REQUIREMENTS

- V Sheet
- EPIRB
- PLB
- Flares (Two red and two orange hand held smoke flares) check expiry dates!
- Signalling device (mirror or similar)
- Vessel capacity label

- PFD type 2 life jacket
- Sufficient anchor with at least 27m of rope (can double as tow rope)
- Tow rope at least 17m long
- One fixed or portable compass
- Buoyant & waterproof torch
- Minimum 2 x 600ml bottles of drinking water
- 2 x Cyalume sticks (provided by Variety Queensland)

#### **MINIMUM ROAD CREW VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

- UHF Radio
- Sufficient jerry cans to refuel PWC and on-board jerry cans back to capacity
- Yamaha Variety Jet Trek decals attached as per event decal listing

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# DECALS

Good news Trekkers! Decals for the 2019 Autumn Yamaha Variety Jet Trek have been ordered and delivered to the Variety office ready for mailing after Australia Post recovers from the Christmas postage rush!

Decal kits include all of the decals in the below list and will be sent to the key contact for each PWC or, for those sharing trailers, the person who's vehicle will be towing the trailer. If you're sharing a trailer with another Trekker and haven't yet let us know please email [erin.lazarou@varietyqld.org.au](mailto:erin.lazarou@varietyqld.org.au) as soon as you can so we can make sure the decals go to the right place!

The decal kit you will receive in the post prior to the event will include:

#### **DOOR PANELS**

Two extra-large decals to be placed on the front doors of your vehicle. These decals will include some text in a small grey box which will eventually be covered up with your allocated team colour and vehicle number - please do not trim/cut these decals, the space has been left for addition of team decals at rego & scrutineering.

### **SPONSOR DECALS**

- 1 x Yamaha banner to be displayed in the centre of your front windscreen
- 1 x Yamaha Motor Insurance decal to be displayed on your vehicle
- 1 x Yamaha Motor Finance decal to be displayed on your vehicle

### **PWC NUMBER DECALS**

2 x Rectangular decals with your PWC# to be placed on both sides of the front hatch of your ski. These decals have been left aligned with a blank space to the right for your team colour to be added later. Please do not trim these decals.

### **VARIETY DECALS**

- 2 x Large Variety - the Children's Charity decals for display on your vehicle
- 2 x Small Variety - the Children's Charity decals for display on your PWC

You will receive 2 x large colour block & vehicle number decals + 2 small colour block decals for your PWC at registration & scrutineering in Bundaberg.



\*\* Example of PWC number placement

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# DAILY DISTANCES & FUEL REQUIREMENTS

The 2019 Autumn Yamaha Variety Jet Trek is shaping up to be an amazing trip! To ensure everyone is adequately prepared we have included the daily on-water distances in the table below as well as some important information regarding fuel requirements.

DAY	ROUTE	AM KM	PM KM
Day 1	Bundaberg - 1770	101km	
Day 2	1770 - Gladstone - Yeppoon	85km	94km
Day 3	Yeppoon - Great Keppel Island - Yeppoon	55km	
Day 4	Yeppoon - Stanage Bay	181km	
Day 5	Stanage Bay - Mackay	177km	
Day 6	Mackay - Airlie Beach - Hamilton Island	133km	33km

## Important note regarding fuel

There is no fuel available between Yeppoon and Stanage Bay or Stanage Bay and Mackay. Those on non-supercharged PWC will need to carry a minimum of 40L of fuel on these two days. Those on supercharged PWC will need to carry a minimum of 60L per PWC on these two days. **There will not be the facility to refuel jerry cans in Stanage Bay** (PWC will be the only thing refueled in Stanage Bay) so you will need enough full jerry cans for these two days before you leave Yeppoon. This will form part of the scrutineering requirements. If you are unsure please contact the Variety office to discuss prior to the start of the event. You can reach Erin, Craig or Sam on 07 3907 9300.

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# ACCOMMODATION

We continue to hold a number of rooms at each of our overnight venues however **the bulk of these rooms (with the exception of Hamilton Island) will be released back to the venues before Christmas 2018** so we encourage you to **book your accommodation now** if you haven't already. You'll find each of the venue details, room types and bedding configurations listed in the online booking page [here](#) .

If booking rooms for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights in Bundaberg, please ensure you select the same room type for all nights otherwise your booking may not be valid.

All accommodation bookings are non-refundable.

## **A note about Stanage Bay Accommodation:**

You will notice Stanage Bay is not included in the online booking page. Accommodation at Stanage Bay is in shared holiday houses and bedding is limited. Some event participants will have to camp, toilets along with hot and cold showers will be available for these people . Room and bedding allocations for all available holiday homes is being managed by Variety Queensland and will be on a first in, first served basis. To register your name on the list for Stanage Bay accommodation please email [erin.lazarou@varietyqld.org.au](mailto:erin.lazarou@varietyqld.org.au) with a list of all participant names and your PWC number. Beds will be allocated over the next couple of weeks and confirmed with participants accordingly. We will do our best to ensure participants are housed with people they know or are travelling with during the 2019 Jet Trek event. In fairness to all participants, Stanage Bay bookings will not be taken over the phone.

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# PROVISIONS LEVY

The provisions levy for the 2019 Autumn Yamaha Variety Jet Trek includes:

- Pre-event welcome dinner in Bundaberg on Sunday 24th March
- Lunch daily (including the lay day on Wednesday 27th March)
- Dinner daily (including the lay day on Wednesday 27th March)
- Return road crew ferry transfers from Yeppoon to Great Keppel Island on Wednesday 27th March
- Return road crew & luggage transfers from Airlie Beach to Hamilton Island
- Ticket to the final night dinner at Hamilton Island consisting of a 3 course meal and 6 hour beverage package
- Secure overnight trailer parking in Bundaberg, Agnes Water, Yeppoon & Mackay
- Coach transfers from Yeppoon accommodation to evening function
- Return coach transfers from Hamilton Island Marina to Reef View Hotel
- Secure PWC parking in allocated mooring area at Hamilton Island Marina
- Entertainment throughout the event
- An official Jet Trek merchandise pack

## **Early Bird Levy**

Adults - \$756 Kids - \$457

\*applies for all provisions levy payments made in full  
before Monday 14th January 2019

## **Standard Provisions Levy**

Adults - \$840 - Kids - \$508

Applies to all payments made after  
Monday 14th January 2019

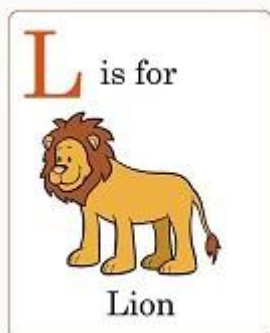
**All provisions levy payments are due before Friday 8th March 2019.**  
Payments can be made securely [online here](#).

*Weekly, fortnightly and monthly payment plans also available - please contact the Variety office on 07 3907 9300 to discuss these options.*

# THEME NIGHTS

## **SUNDAY 24TH MARCH BUNDABERG**

Our first official Jet Trek function will be our pre-event Welcome Dinner on Sunday 24th March. We won't be kicking off our theme nights just yet though. Instead, please wear your 2019 Jet Trek event shirt or, if you're one of our Jet Trek Legends - wear your 2019 Legends Shirt!



## **MONDAY 25TH MARCH AGNES WATER**

What better way to kick off the 2019 Jet Trek theme nights with one that shows just how creative you are?! Come dressed in an outfit that starts with the first letter of your first name. The locals in Agnes Water won't know what hit them!

**TUESDAY 26TH MARCH  
YEPPOON**

Add some extra flair to your team's theme or go all out and create a whole new costume. Either way...you'll need a tutu because it's TUTU TUESDAY!



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**WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH - YEPPOON - NO THEME NIGHT  
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH - STANAGE BAY - NO THEME NIGHT**

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**FRIDAY 29TH MARCH  
MACKAY**

Have you joined up with other Trekkers to form a team? Night five is the opportunity to show your true colours.

Wear your team shirts and we'll make sure there's someone on hand with a camera to take some group photos!

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**SATURDAY 30TH MARCH  
HAMILTON ISLAND**

We'll have limited luggage space on the boat from Airlie Beach to Hamilton Island but, let's be honest, hawaiian shirts don't take up much room anyway. Our final night is smart casual with a hawaiian twist!



# PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU

We love helping our fabulous supporters with their fundraising activities as much as possible but we also need your help! Our logo and our brand mean a lot to us and they help to define us all as a collective group of wonderful volunteers, fundraisers and staff all with the common goal of helping to give Aussie kids a fair go.

In order for us to provide you the highest level of support possible, we do have a few things we need to ask of you to ensure we also meet our national guidelines and keep everyone on track with consistent branding and clear messaging about the incredible things we're all doing for the kids.

Check out the fundraising guide below to find more useful fundraising tips to get you one step closer to raising even more money for Aussie Kids.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY!](#)

[FUNDRAISING GUIDE](#)

## Use of Variety Logo and Content

- The fundraiser must label their events as 'an event supporting Variety – the Children's Charity'
- The fundraiser must make it clear the event is in support of Variety, rather than being directly organised by Variety - the Children's Charity.
- The Proudly Supporting Variety logo should be used in all fundraising promotions and on all printing and advertising material. This logo cannot be modified in any way. To obtain a copy, [register](#) your fundraising activity with us.

- The charity's title, Variety – the Children's Charity, must be used in its whole phrase for headings. The charity may be referred to as Variety in basic content thereafter. Variety – the Children's Charity is not to be referred to as the Variety Club or any other name in marketing material.

Any marketing materials or advertisements must be submitted to Variety for approval prior to advertising your fundraising event. This includes any printing, artwork proofs, online Facebook pages and website advertising. Approval can be given within a day in most cases. Please email this to [info@varietyqld.org.au](mailto:info@varietyqld.org.au)

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# EXTRA GUESTS

Do you have friends, family, sponsors or supporters who'd like to come and mingle with the Trekkers and see what it's all about? If they live nearby to one of our overnight stops please feel free to invite them along to dinner as we pass through or event to our final event celebrations on Hamilton Island! **Additional guests can be booked securely through our online booking page [here](#).**

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# AUCTION ITEMS WANTED

Do you, a friend or family member own a holiday apartment, fishing charter boat or a corporate box at the football? Maybe you have a contact at an airline, the direct phone number to a celebrity or access to dinner at a nice restaurant....if so, we'd love to chat and let you know how these contacts can help to **boost your fundraising!**

Variety – the Children's Charity is always on the lookout for auction items to help raise more funds to give Aussie kids a fair go. The proceeds from auction items donated by event participants are split with the purchaser and credited (50/50) back to your very own fundraising tally.

If you think you may have an item, experience or idea that could work as an auction item please get in touch with Erin on 07 3907 9300 or [erin.lazarou@varietyqld.org.au](mailto:erin.lazarou@varietyqld.org.au)

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# WHITSUNDAY ESCAPE?

Whitsunday Escape has the largest and most diverse fleet of bareboats available to hire in the Whitsundays, with boats that can take from 2 up to 12 people. Cruise or sail the islands to relax and unwind and explore the beautiful Whitsundays at your leisure. [Contact the friendly team at Whitsunday Escape](#) to discuss your requirements whether it's a post Jet Trek adventure or a holiday at another time - be sure to mention you're a Yamaha Variety Jet Trek participant to claim your **10% off + a free Stay Aboard the night before your holiday.**



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# FUNDRAISING IN ACTION

Some of our Trekkers have had great success with fundraising activities recently...

"South Coast Trekkers" Luke Johnston, Kevin Todd, Warren McCoid and their mates held a fantastic ride day from Lake Illawarra to Nowra Ski Park. This was their second fundraising day and the 17 riders had a great time on the water, raising in excess of \$600 for the kids!

Peter, Kim & Bianca Thomas along with a few fellow Sydney Trekkers organised a trivia night with over 70 guests in attendance. The night raised just over \$3,600 for the kids!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING MORE AUSSIE KIDS A FAIR GO!





# HIGH FLYERS CLUB

The Variety Jet Trek High Flyers Club is made up of Trekkers who are the Trek's highest performing fundraisers and have shown extraordinary commitment to raising as much as possible to help Aussie kids in need. A huge thank you to each and every one of you for your tremendous efforts for the kids.

Keep the below in mind when you are setting your fundraising goals for 2019 and don't forget Melissa, our fabulous Community Fundraising Coordinator who is here to help you every step of the way. You can email Melissa at [melissa.mcmahon@varietyqld.org.au](mailto:melissa.mcmahon@varietyqld.org.au)

## **High Flyers Levels & Benefits**

<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Bronze</b> \$3,500 - \$6,999	<b>Silver</b> \$7,000 - \$14,999	<b>Gold</b> \$15,000 - \$24,999	<b>Platinum</b> \$25,000+
PwC Decal with High Flyers level	★	★	★	★
Featured on High Flyers honour roll every evening of the Jet Trek	★	★	★	★
Recognition throughout Jet Trek	★	★	★	★
Invitation to end of year celebration	★	★	★	★
Facebook feature		★	★	★
Website feature			★	★
Framed team photo			★	★
Flag with High Flyers level				★
Framed door panel				★

Thank you again for all you do for Aussie kids in need! As always please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Your Variety Jet Trek Team

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