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Subject: FW: RT LAUNCH 2016 TUE 22 MARCH 16

Hi all

Rail Trails for NSW is having a relaunch at Parliament House on 22 March. I spoke with John Moore. He is keen to raise the profile of rail trails as we head towards the next state budget. He is after 4 reps from each rail trail and has asked for responses by next Wednesday.

Could you please let me know if you can make this event and I will send the names to John.

Regards Geoff

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From: RAIL TRAILS FOR NSW <rtfornsw@optusnet.com.au>
Date: Wednesday, 20 January 2016 5:59 pm
Subject: RE: RT LAUNCH 2016 TUE 22 MARCH 16

Dear RT Chairman

Update for the Launch on 22 March.

REASON FOR THE 2016 LAUNCH

Extract from our letter of invitation to the Minister:

"We have noticed that there has been a cooling off of enthusiasm of the Rail Trail Teams from the time of the budget announcement that only a \$5M Pilot was allocated. The aim of the Launch is to reignite their passion to have "their" RT built . All seem keen on the idea to attend. This was certainly the case for the Launch and Workshop in 2014. It is a good networking time and the sessions we run will be informative and will bring everyone up to date. The Guest speakers we have will be motivational."

2016

This is the year to "Make it Happen".

Quoting from Minister John Barilaro MP letter to us of 24 July 2015 "after mentioning the State's strong financial position he went on say:

"In appreciation of the need for further investment into regional tourism infrastructure in order drive the overnight visitation, the Government has also committed \$300 million for a Regional Environment and Tourism Fund".

At a recent meeting he inferred that this is where the RT funding would come from.

We will have an update from Owen Fitzgerald from the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Pilot RT. The last meeting was held on Monday 11 Jan 16 in Tumbarumba in the Council Chambers. There were about 7 government depts with members from Sydney attending. He was very impressed with the work they are doing and all are working on "getting it done and done right" ASAP. He will give us a detailed brief at the Launch. As well we have invited Jenny Davis from the Dept of Industry who is leading the Team to speak and also on how they will process future applications.

We have invited Mr Gary Smith the Chairman of Flight Centre to speak at the Launch as he is an enthusiastic speaker on Cycle Tourism.

My long term army friend the Hon Fred Nile MLC made the bookings for us as he did in 2014. He is supportive of RTs. Tuesday 22 March the date of the Launch was selected as both houses are sitting on that day.

The draft outline of the programme for the day is:

Location the Jubilee Room with the Parkes Room to help set up

0900h Welcome and Launch by Greg Aplin MP on behalf of the Premier - the Premier was not available.

We have invited Min John Barilaro MP to speak to us during the day.

1030 - 1100h Morning Tea

1230 - 1315 h Lunch

1530 - 1615 h IN THE FOUNTAIN COURT AREA - (when question time finishes) - Afternoon Tea with the RT members and members of both houses.

The invitations will be sent to all members of both houses. In 2014 we had about 35-50 Parliamentary members join the RT members, Mayors and Councillors from throughout NSW where a RT was being requested. Informal speeches were made by the then Minister of Transport and Don Page MP and others.

A display of marketing type photos of RTs was set up. Chan 7 from Parliament House media arranged for a TV interview and 2GB did a phone interview with our members.

1700h approx - close of conference and drinks at the leagues club.

NUMBERS ATTENDING

The room we have it the Jubilee Room. It is a magnificent and historic room which has recently been renovated as part of the Parliament House work.

It is limited to 80 seats. We currently have a potential invitation list submitted by the Rail Trail Teams - this includes their own Team and Mayors, Councillors and Tourism Centre Executives etc. The total is 108 plus the RT Executive from Sydney and guest speakers another 15.

Therefore I am going to ask for your help by nominating the people from your RT Teams and Councillors etc you would like invited.

I have allocated 4 positions to all RT Teams to invite their own members and councillors. In some cases only 3 names were submitted. That totals approx 60. If you would like to invite say 5 then or less than 4 please let me know and I will try to help.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE LAUNCH

Please bring your RT banner and councillor banners - this made a big impression on all attending in 2014. I will let you know of a new idea with with an A2 poster soon as we are have a trail one made. Also the display boards we used are still to be found, the staff hope they are still in the building with all the work going on - I will know that in early March. As mentioned above we will be once again asking the Parl Hse media unit based in the House to cover the Launch at afternoon tea. Chan 7 regional ran a very good story from the the day and 2GB did a very supportive 10 minute interview with Tim Coen Dep CM and Media officer.

ACTION

1. Please send to our Project Officer, Lyn Scott lyn-a-scott@bigpond.com PLEASE NOT TO ME - the names and emails you would like invited. Please check with the member he/she is keen to attend. By the latest next WED 27 JAN 16.

2. Our aim is to send the formal invitations out next Wed the 27 Jan 16.

Let's MAKE IT HAPPEN IN 2016.

Regards

John

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