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Brett Comiskey has first hand experience in the Don River Dash, **INSET: The event has partnered with Comiskey Mining Services for 2022. (PHOTO Supplied)**



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DON RIVER DASH WELCOME PLATINUM SPONSOR 2022

HUNDREDS OF motorsport competitors and spectators alike are set to enjoy a bigger and better Don River Dash in 2022 thanks to a new partnership with Australian earthmoving equipment company Comiskey Mining Services.

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Kye Camilleri (16 years old) and Jaak Long. (PHOTO Supplied)

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**COMISKEY MINING SERVICES
– PLATINUM SPONSOR
FOR THE DON RIVER DASH**

Race preparations are well underway with registrations soon opening for the event that will be held at the Bowen Showgrounds from 9 to 11 September this year.

Comiskey Mining Services (CMS) Managing Director Brett Comiskey said that he had first-hand experience with the dynamic event.

“I have raced the Don River Dash before, and we have team members and customers that love racing and watching the event.

“Our Co-owner Brendan Camilleri has also raced and this year his son, Kye, is old enough to graduate from

navigator to driver. He’s beyond excited,” Brett said.

“We wanted to be a part of this growing icon in a big way. It’s a good family weekend. Many of our employees, like the Long family compete and each time we’ve been we’ve made a lot of friends,” Brett said.

“The people in Bowen are so welcoming and the destination itself is great for a post-race holiday, not to mention, the awesome track.

“With borders no longer closed this year is going to see more competitors, better racing and a bigger weekend!”

Committee Member and Racer Talbot Cox said the Platinum Sponsor partnership with Comiskey Mining Services is hugely important to the event’s success.

“Our event relies on the dedication that companies like Comiskey Mining

Services have to their communities.

“It’s huge for us to be able to partner with a Queensland company that really understands how special this event is. The Committee is so excited for this year’s event,” Talbot said.

The Don River Dash is unique for racing bikes, buggies and cars through the highly varied terrain of the Don River, with some added jumps. Its reverse grid format means that racers are constantly trying to overtake each other. All this means the Don River Dash is an unbeatable challenge for competitors and a constant spectacle for those in the crowd.

Competitors can register via ofroadracing.com.au for vehicles and ridernet for bikes when registrations open later this year. Potential sponsors can call 0428 855 295 to discuss partnership options.

More than a Memory

JACK DE LACEY

An incredible journey to create lasting memories of loved ones, local Bowen resident Cheryl Stanton has spent most of her life dedicated to many school students in transitioning from high school to work in their senior years.

Gaining apprenticeships, traineeships and school based traineeships was a passion for her whilst working at Bowen State High School.

After the passing of her father, it was soon realised that assisting families to share their stories before they are lost became paramount.

“I have always enjoyed taking photos and capturing memories of families and friends with photography,” Mrs Stanton said.

“My husband and I have elderly parents with Alzheimer’s and dementia, and it sort of brought to the forefront that their stories may be lost.” “If you can capture those moments and those stories in a book, it is a bit of a legacy to leave.

With that in mind, ‘Focus on a Memory’ was born, giving those with stories to tell, the chance to put it into words

“Short of going to an actual autobiographer, there is very limited opportunity for people to create a book without it costing a fortune.

the process follows over 100 prompting questions, across five different categories, of which those questions will be answered over a period of time, in order to get the

best and most articulated stories that people form all walks of life have in their repertoire.

“Whether it be family, school, married life, travel and entertainment-based questions. When I look at my parents’ life, they might be a lot different to someone else’s parents, so there is a real range of questions and stories.

“It is a lengthy process, but that is to really open their minds and thoughts to the questions and how to respond to those questions.

“I am sure all families can relate to the many stories they hear from their parents and grandparents.

“The laughter and passion, love and sorrow, heartbreak and despair, success and hardships, fun and adventure and the many tidbits of everyday life along the way.

“These are the stories that should be told, and these are the stories that will be lost in time.

“Every moment creates a memory, and every memory makes a story.”

Stories so unique to the character of being, solidified in a way that preserves a lasting memory, in a process so simply constructed, by a Bowen resident so dedicated to life’s progressions.

Cheryl Stanton stands at the forefront of those qualities, ‘Focus on a memory’ is proof of that.

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Founder of ‘Focus on a Memory,’ Cheryl Stanton. (PHOTO Supplied)

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