

# THE RED DUST

# REVIVAL 2022



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NEWS



## OUR NEW BADGE SOLD OUT!

*Thanks to everyone who purchased a car badge celebrating the Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival 2022. They sold out in two weeks and we'll make decision shortly on another run. Lots of people have emailed to get on the list for the second run.*



# WHAT'S HOT FOR THE RED DUST REVIVAL

**With less than 10 months to go until the Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival 2022, we thought that it was time for a newsletter to give everyone an update on how the event is taking shape and what you can expect from Perko in 2022. Lots to read and not many pics. Here goes!**

## SPONSORS ARE BACK ON BOARD

Since we announced the dates for the next event a year ago, our first task was to get all the sponsor support in place so that we could afford to have another run around the lake. The City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder has once again been fantastic and without the services provided by the City the Red Dust Revival would simply not be possible. Statewide Oils and Shannons Insurance were also sponsors from 2019 and both organisations committed enthusiastically to support another event if we were crazy enough to organise it. Thanks to both Statewide and Shannons providing sponsorship well in advance we are able to equip our volunteers with Fedora sun hats and white dust coats so that the Red Dust Revival has the right period look. The Red Dust Revival is a no "high viz" event, of course, so if you want to dress like the rev-heads of the 1920s or the 1930s then go right ahead!

## RAISING FUNDS FOR CHARITY

As anyone knows who was at Perko in 2019, we were surprised, delighted and terrified all at the same time when thousands and thousands of people trekked to the Goldfields to enjoy the Red Dust Revival. An aerial photograph showed hundreds camping sites spread through the bush and onto the claypan itself. In our debriefings the first question we asked ourselves was whether we wanted to run another event at all? Whether we should just scale things back like the old days when a run around Perko was our little secret weekend, or whether we should enable the event to grow? Our organising gang resolved not to go back to Perko unless we could gain local support with the organisation. The Variety Club of the Goldfields which did such a great job with the pizza bar at the 2019 event said that it was prepared to give it a go provided they could raise funds for charity. We agreed. After all, we've never charged for entry or camping at previous events but we were repeatedly told we were crazy for not doing it. The benefit is that we can provide more facilities. We are all very happy that everyone can have a week of fun at Perko and in exchange, the children's charity can help kids in our community. For more info on what Variety does in WA take a look at <https://www.variety.org.au/wa/>.

## INSURANCE, ON-COSTS AND ALL THE OTHER STUFF WHICH MAKES AN EVENT

We've also had a close look at our event on the track. Ross Oxwell evaluated the event sanctioning bodies in motor sport and we have decided to operate under the rules of the AASA. This is an Australian organisation which provides everything we need to ensure that we are adequately insured for the event. You can see what they are about at: <https://aasa.com.au/>. It has also meant that we've been able to keep the participation costs low. We are very mindful that people spend a lot of time and money to prepare cars and bikes for Perkolilli and we want the participation fees to remain affordable. Entry fees are pretty much the same as previous years. Motor car participants will fill out their entries with a PDF or printed entry. Entries will open soon.



## CAMPING (TENTS, CARAVANS, TRAILERS ETC.) AND COMPETITOR ENTRY FEES

### FOR THE LAKE PERKOLILLI RED DUST REVIVAL 2022

Variety has structured a schedule of fees for camping and entry. Basically, it will be \$75 per person to camp for the week (event competitors have a reduced fee in recognition of their efforts and expense to bring their cars and bikes) and \$15 each person for a day entry — so it is very inexpensive. Now wait for the biggest news of all .... as well as toilets, access to showers will be available onsite and are included in the camping fee! This will be the first time ever. No more sneaking into Kalgoorlie for a shower. It all sounds very civilised. Also, as part of your camping charge, there will be a water tanker and more skips for rubbish. We'll have paid security so that we can prevent the problems with the half-wits running amok (people who attended last time will know what we're talking about). Variety in the Goldfields has an impressive track record of organising events in remote locations so we are confident that they will do a great job. Many thanks to Ash Trow, Paul Burgess and the Variety group for their work.

#### COMPETITOR ENTRY (FOR CARS)

Competitor Entry Fee includes one car, (includes one event programme)	\$280
2nd Competitor Entry Fee (includes one event programme)	\$230
Camping per competitor entrant includes toilets and showers and daily entry	\$25
AASA Competitor Licence (if NOT already holding an MSA or AASA licence)	\$25
Camping for the week (non-competitor) (includes toilets and showers and daily entry)	\$75

#### General Public admission and camping fees

Daily Pass  
 \$15 per adult  
 \$10 children 12-15  
 Under 12 free  
 \$50 2A x 3C Family per day

Weekend (two day) Family Pass \$75  
 2 adults, 2 children 12-15  
 Under 12 free

Weekly Admission & Camping fee  
 \$75 per adult  
 \$30 children 12-15  
 Under 12 free  
 \$250 2A x 3C Family for the week

Competitors Note: Entry fee covers track fees, competitor insurance, track set-up, volunteer uniforms, and cost of officials etc. Motorsport Australia or AASA licences are accepted.

Camping fee includes provision of toilets and showers, rubbish collection (skip bin) and 24-hour security.

The Lake Perkolilli Motor Sports Club Inc. has rejoined Motorcycling Western Australia and entries for the bikes will be completed online. Greg Eastwood will be communicating directly with all the bikers who have submitted expressions of interest to tell them about how that system will work. Take a look at <https://www.motorcyclingwa.org.au/>. Entries will open soon.



## ENTRY FORMS TO COME OUT SOON

Everyone in the last 12 months who has submitted an Expression of Interest to enter a car or motorcycle will receive entry forms shortly. Remember, the EOI was only a way for us to gauge how many people were intending to come and how big an event we were organising. You will still have to submit and pay for an entry to be considered as an entry. An EOI is not an entry.

## BIG NUMBERS MAKING A BIG EVENT

When we sat down to plan the event, one of the big questions was how many entries could we cope with? It seemed that the Red Dust Revival 2019 was so good that people from all over Australia and some from overseas wanted to come. We've extended the event by a couple of days and capped it at about 100 cars and 40 motorcycles. This is two and a half times the number of cars as last time and the same number of motorcycles.

Some of the vintage motorcycle fraternity have asked whether they could do demonstration runs like the cars. Greg consulted with the riders and decided to keep the same racing format for the bikes rather than including demonstration rides as this seemed to be what most people were interested in. On the car side of the event, we've had to look at how everyone can get track time. Some cars last time had more than half a dozen drivers. If every driver had the same amount of track time, with two and a half times as many cars, some people who had spent more than three years building cars would not get a lot of runs. So, we have said that the track time will be determined by the car and not the drivers. Each car will have a certain amount of time on track and it is up to the nominated drivers to decide who uses that track time. Ideally, if each car has two drivers then they will have more than enough time on track. Ross and Lynn Oxwell have a lot of experience putting together race car fields so if you have any questions about this, just ask them. I think the new system will be fair for everyone.

We've made a big deal over the last 12 months about authenticity. We've been stressing that if we are flooded with entries and we have to make the tough decision on refusing some people, then the cars which most reflect the golden era of Lake Perkolilli racing from 1914 to 1939 will be given entry and the cars which don't comply will have to miss out. So where are we at with anticipated entries? It currently stands at about 115 Expressions of Interest. If we allow for the cars which may not get finished or where the person's circumstances have changed and they are no longer able to come then we all hope that we don't have to refuse anyone who complies with an entry. Whatever happens, I think we'll have the largest ever pre-war race meeting re-creation in Australia!

## DUSTY BOOKS

Another feature of 2019 was the Red Dust Racers photographic book which we put together after the event. It was an absolute winner. Printed and bound in Western Australia with photography by Sharon Smith and some amazing local photographers, we sold over 400 copies. We've had print quotes to make sure that we can afford to print another book for 2022. It is possible to do another publication if we have the same level of sales. Sharon has agreed to get down and dirty once again and capture the spirit of Perkolilli. This time round, entrants will be able to opt to order copies of the book with their entry, and order forms will also be available to the event. Cost is about the same as last time. Once again, the plan is to get the book out before Christmas. So if you don't want to miss out, order the book up-front.

## TELEVISION STARS

Nigel Quick from the television series Desert Collectors did a great episode on the 2019 event and he's planning to come once again to record the spirit of Perko. Both Outback Truckers and Desert Collectors episodes of the last event have been on television worldwide. Nigel said that the most recent sales of his Perko episode was to Russian and South African television. It was dubbed into Russian. I don't know what they'd make of the crazy Aussie antics!



## SAFETY AND SECURITY AT THE RED DUST REVIVAL

We never thought we'd need to talk about this. How times have changed. A large public event like the Red Dust Revival inevitably attracts the occasional anti-social group who don't respect other people's property or the most basic safety rules. To make sure that everyone with the right intentions has a good time, part of your entry and camping fees will be spent for providing 24 hour professional security to the camping grounds, pits and the track. We didn't want to have to do this but after a couple of bad experiences in 2019 we think that this is very important. It will mean everyone can have a good time in a relaxed atmosphere.

It also means that we will be able to enforce the safety requirement that people camp away from the track in the designated areas. People will be able to sleep at night without fear of motorbikes coming through the camp. Simply put, if you don't want to behave like a reasonable human being, don't come.

## BIG BIRDS IN THE SKY

Jim Williams and Muzza Wood are once again coordinating the heavier than air objects in the big blue sky. Fingers crossed that the Tiger Moths will make it this year, but even without the biplanes there will be a lot of people flying in and camping under their wings. If you are an aeronaut, contact Jim or Muz to get the lowdown on what's happening.

## NEVER BEEN TO PERKO BEFORE? HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Lake Perkolilli is a pleasant 45 mile drive from the bright lights of Kalgoorlie, just after the ghost town of Kanowna. Lots of mining developments beyond Kanowna, out Kurnalpi way and further on has meant that only the last section is on gravel. You then turn off the Kurnalpi Road on a track which meanders to the clay pan. This track gets really dusty and it is single lane. With any luck, it will have some road base on it during the next 10 months to reduce the dust and it will be made wider to enable emergency vehicles to exit the clay pan if necessary. It is a two wheel drive track unless it rains.

When you drive out onto the clay pan you will see directly ahead of you the world's oldest original motor racing track. Thanks to Variety Club there will be a village created on the claypan with facilities including toilets, showers and food and beverage outlets. If you can't be bothered cooking, you'll never go hungry. If you can't keep your beer cold, then Variety will have ice cold beverages for sale.

To the left, verging the trees, will be the pits area. This will be three times larger than previous events to cope with the extra vehicles. We'd prefer people park their race cars and bikes in this area and take their 4WDs and tow vehicles to their camping sites. This way, the pits will look amazing. Behind the pits is the oldest camping area which we've been using since 1997 when we first ran an event at Perko. In this area, we'll give preference to the competitors and their families and friends so they can be close to their cars and bikes. There is no camping in the pits.

Car trailers will be in a designated area on the clay pan. The aircraft dispersal area will be to the far right, so that they are secure. People who bring historic cars but do not want to compete on the track will have an area so they are not mingling with white 4WDs.

Camping for spectators and those who can't be accommodated in the old camp ground will be to the left and the right in the bush before you drive onto the clay pan. There is tons of space to camp. Some people prefer to get away from it all. Some prefer to establish their own small community of friends. Last time we were surprised when a couple of people turned up with old interstate tourist coaches decked out as campers. They couldn't get them off-road to park in the bush and so we allowed them to park on the clay pan behind the salt bush. Then other people thought they'd do the same and the camp started to extend onto the clay pan. Can everyone camping who doesn't have to have a solid surface please keep off the clay pan this time round?

One of the requirements of our track license is the need to separate the public from the track at all

times. As we are running demonstration events, we don't need huge expensive barriers around the whole track but it means that people will not be able to camp in the bush around the track itself. Please do not try to bush bash and set up in other spots in the scrub around the clay pan as we'll have to ask you to leave and we will have the right to do so.

As discussed previously, there will be toilets, showers, water and waste disposal provided as part of your camping fee. If you have your own toilet, shower and water and take your waste away, that is great but you will still have to pay the camping fee. It's for a good charity.

The track will be separated from the village area and the pits by a low fence to keep people and animals off the track. With any luck, we'll have some tiered benches (like at netball courts for the mums and dads) which can get a slightly elevated view of the track.

The track will be open each day for practice up to Thursday. On Friday and over the weekend the main public spectacle will be the handicapped events where people will see cars of similar speeds timed to have massed finishes.

Unlike 2019, the Lake Perkolilli Motor Sports Club Inc. will have control over the track during the day and after the activities have finished in the evening. This means that non-competitors will not be able to drive on the track. OK. So this sounds like big brother taking all the fun out of it for people who just want to be able to drive around the track with their friends. Those damned "fun police" are killing the event I hear some people say. Unfortunately, some of the after hours got a bit out of hand last time and the track got cut up more than during the day. We don't want the event marred by incidents on Perko which are out of our control and, as organisers, not covered by our event insurance. One bad pile-up could be enough to bring the Red Dust Revival to an end. Also, we'll be using all the time up to 5pm for the event so there won't be time for a free-for-all on the circuit which we have set up for the event. If you are coming as a spectator, please don't expect that you'll be able to drive on the track. This also applies to quad bikes, trikes, bikes and other off-road gizmos.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE RED DUST REVIVAL

Lake Perkolilli comes to life before dawn when the coffee pots start boiling and the smell of frying bacon starts wafting across the camping areas. There is always someone who starts an unmuffled car or bike engine to break the silence. Aah, the music of motors to wake the late risers!

Mick Rust's Kalgoorlie Motor Works will get its first customer (don't worry - there is no charge) while the coffee and tea is being poured around the camp. Mick offers his tools and bits and pieces which you never thought of bringing at his bush workshop — and free advice! As Mick says: "We are all part of the Perko brotherhood — and that includes women, too!" It is a tradition at Perko to drop in to see Mick and have a yarn.

Soon, everyone is getting fuelled up and ready to go. Grab a spot under a tree or in the line of tents along the fence. Our sponsors offer that incredibly valuable commodity on Perko — shade.

Grab a drink during the day at the village, then after hours drop in to the Variety Club bar after the track closes for a pizza and a beer. It is the social centre of the Red Dust Revival. When the power is turned off, most people return to their camps to get some rest before another day of fun at Perkolilli.

The Red Dust Revival is what you make it. Perkolilli is not Paris. It can be hot and dusty with willy willies blowing through the camp during the day. It can be windy overnight when the desert cools and the air pressure equalizes across the vast expanse of the Goldfields. It's an uncompromising place. It can be uncomfortable and it is not for everyone but the experience is unforgettable.

On the Monday after the event, the trucks come in and remove everything that we have brought to the clay pan and it is once again left alone. Please help us by removing all your rubbish. Leave only your footprints . . .



## VOLUNTEERING

We require 85 volunteers over the course of the Red Dust Revival so if you can assist, please get in touch. There are a range of duties which can be great fun and give you a unique view of the Red Dust Revival.

Thanks to our sponsors, you will be presented with an embroidered white dust coat and a Fedora sun hat. Some people volunteered last time just to get the volunteer gear, then cleared off. Please don't volunteer unless you are prepared to help out for a significant amount of time over a few days. If you can help, please get in touch with Ross Oxwell. We love our volunteers!

## AN ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGE

We've only been able to re-create the motor racing carnivals of the 1920s and 1930s at Lake Perkolilli because the clay pan has been off the beaten track. This has meant that the race circuit has been kept flat and smooth. We've made it famous by running the Red Dust Revivals but this has come at a cost. It is now well known and more and more people are visiting Perko to drive it in their modern car or off-road vehicle. This is damaging the track surface.

People with little understanding or appreciation of the unique treasure of the Perkolilli track have driven on the clay pan after rain when the surface becomes soft. When it dries, this leaves ruts which are bad for old cars at speed. Please don't go to Lake Perkolilli and drive on the track after rain. This is particularly important in the next 10 months.

If you've visited Perko recently you will notice that some earthworks have been done. This work was not done by anyone associated with the Red Dust Revival and we have asked that it be removed and made good as soon as possible. Please respect Lake Perkolilli so we can continue to use this great national treasure.



# WHO RUNS THE LAKE PERKOLILLI RED DUST REVIVAL?



The Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival 2022 has been created by old car and motorbike enthusiasts Greg Eastwood, Hugh Fryer, Graeme Cocks and Ross and Lynn Oxwell. It covers costs and any surplus funds from the admin is carried over to the next event expenses. To enable competitive motorcycle events on the claypan for the 2019 event they formed the **Lake Perkolilli Motor Sport Club Inc.** This is the official club of the motorcycle competition. The historic motor car events will be conducted by the club under the Australian Auto-Sport Alliance. For the first time, **Variety The Children's Charity** is a beneficiary of all the fun we'll have at the Red Dust Revival. Thanks to Ash Trow and Paul Burgess and everyone who will help out and contribute services and time. Lake Perkolilli itself comes under, and is managed by, the City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder and we thank the city for its support. We're all committed to preserving Perko as it is.

**THE LAKE PERKOLILLI RED DUST REVIVAL IS RUN BY ENTHUSIASTS  
FOR ENTHUSIASTS**

## BEWARE THE DUST DEVILS!



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19 TO 25 SEPTEMBER 2022  
IN THE GOLDFIELDS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**



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### IMPORTANT EMAIL CONTACTS

Questions about Scrutineering/Compliance of your car:  
Hugh Fryer [hmfryer4@gmail.com](mailto:hmfryer4@gmail.com)

THE BIKE GUY For the Same Questions is:  
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Like to Volunteer? Contact Ross Oxwell  
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GENERAL ENQUIRIES (One of Us will give You an answer)  
Try emailing [perkolillimc@gmail.com](mailto:perkolillimc@gmail.com)

Variety arrangements – Ash Trow  
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Other matters of importance, Compliments, whinges etc.  
Talk to Graeme Cocks [gacocks@iinet.net.au](mailto:gacocks@iinet.net.au)

ENTRIES FOR 2022 WILL OPEN SHORTLY. IF YOU HAVE SUBMITTED AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST YOU WILL BE EMAILED DETAILS OF HOW YOU CAN ENTER. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW ON THE FACEBOOK PAGES AS WELL.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A WAY FOR PEOPLE FOR WHO ARE COMING AS SPECTATORS TO PAY IN ADVANCE FOR ENTRY AND CAMPING. DETAILS ARE YET TO BE FINALISED. WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP EVERYTHING AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE SO BEAR WITH US.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE FINALISE SOME OF THE DETAILS!



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