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First-timers join veterans to rally for kids with kidney disease

This year's Kidney Kar Rally has attracted a record number of new teams who will be competing with some of Australia's most seasoned rally drivers to raise funds for kids with kidney disease.

"We usually get about four new teams each year but this year we are pleased to welcome 16 first-time teams to this prestigious event," said Kidney Health Australia's Acting CEO, Dr Lisa Murphy.

A total of 65 teams will line up this Saturday in Griffith for the start of the rally which will wind its way through New South Wales and Victoria with a brief excursion into South Australia.

Teams will overnight in Cobar, White Cliffs, Tibooburra, Broken Hill, Renmark and Moama, before ending in Wagga Wagga on Saturday, 19 August.

The 11-day event is one of Australia's oldest charity car rallies and this year is aiming to raise at least half a million dollars to help children and young people with kidney disease.

It also funds the national kids' camp at the Gold Coast, which is held every year for four days and is free to 'Kidney Kids' and their siblings.

"The rally is Kidney Health Australia's major fund-raising event of the year and without it we simply would not be able to fund our support programs for kidney kids," said Dr Murphy.

"People can sponsor their favourite teams right up to the final day of the rally and I would urge them to visit our website, kidneykarrally.com.au, to make their donation."

The rally, which is now in its 29th year, brings together teams from all over Australia and any registered road vehicle, not just rally class, can take part.

The rally is a long-time favourite with many veteran drivers, as the details of each day's route are not revealed until the last minute which adds to the challenge of the drive

It's not too late to sponsor a team, go to www.kidneykarrally.com.au

Kidney Health Australia, formerly the Australian Kidney Foundation, is a national health care charity with a vision 'to save and improve the lives of Australians affected by kidney disease'.

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