



## The Gibb Challenge - Matso's Mules by Liz Janney

**No road too long, No mud too thick, No dust too dense, No bum too numb!!!!**

In 2014 Uniquely Broome was one of the sponsors of the Matso's Mules team. I also joined them as support vehicle on their journey along a 700km dirt road at 20kms an hour and sometimes less. They call it The Gibb Challenge! The Matso's Mules is made up of a dedicated team of bike riders: Peter Martin, Cathie Martin, Doug Austin, Craig Burgess & Terry Matthews. Plus the team support crew of Haley Allan, Helen Mary Martin & me (Liz Janney). It was all about fundraising for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

They say it is all about having a good time, riding your push bike along the dusty corrugated Gibb River Road for 5 days. At the end of each day, camping under the stars, having a few drinks, queuing up for the shower if there is one and being fed by an amazing group of volunteers who work tirelessly to make the journey easier. Oh I forgot, they also dug the holes for the portable loos and looked after the rubbish.

The Mules were a popular team as we had the deliciously cool Matso's Ginger & Mango Beer to hand out at the end of the hot and dusty, bone crunching ride each day. It wasn't all about the ride though. Everyone worked hard to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. We had sausage sizzles, lots of donations from friends and family, plus a fantastic raffle with amazing prizes from Broome based businesses.

In the end the Matso's Mules raised \$16,957 and were 5th in the time keeping (24hrs 7 mins). The Gibb Challenge (70 teams) in total was getting close to the \$500,000 mark.

So this year dig deep if you see a Matso's Mule.  
The principle beneficiary in 2015:  
The Kyle Andrews Foundation. [www.kyleandrewsfoundation.com.au](http://www.kyleandrewsfoundation.com.au)

The Gibb Challenge is from  
17th - 21st May 2015 - riding along the Gibb River Road.  
check out the website for info  
[www.thegibbchallenge.com.au](http://www.thegibbchallenge.com.au)

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