THE LEGACY OF LEN BEADELL LIVES ON!

Outback legend Len Beadell may no longer be with us, but his legacy lives on. A talented surveyor, road builder, bushman, artist and author, Beadell is often called “the last true Australian explorer”. He was responsible for opening up over 2.5 million square kms of the last remaining isolated desert areas of central Australia in the 1940’s and 50’s and his books are mandatory reading for modern day adventurers.

Award-winning tour operators, Global Gypsies, are honouring his memory by running an escorted, self-catering “Tracks of Len Beadell Expedition” in July.

On this exciting 14-day, self-drive ‘tag-along-tour’, a small group of four-wheel-drivers will experience the outback - independent but not alone - as they travel in a convoy led by one of WA’s most professional guides. Global Gypsies Director, Jeremy Perks, eco-accredited former tour guide of the year, experienced bushman and qualified mechanic will provide 4WD tuition and mechanical support.

Re-tracing Len’s tyre-treads, the adventure will begin in the goldfields hub of Kalgoorlie, head east towards the Great Victoria Desert and Laverton, take the Anne Beadell Highway to Neal Junction, travel north on the Connie Sue Highway to Warburton, tackle the Gun Barrel Highway through to Carnegie Station and conclude in Wiluna. In addition to the 4WD challenges, there will be guided bush-walks, star-gazing evenings, Len Beadell information sessions and bush skills and 4WD seminars.

“Don't be fooled by the term ‘highway’. The tracks we will be travelling on will be rough and corrugated and suitable for robust 4WD vehicles and heavy duty off-road camper trailers only,” says Jeremy.

Tour dates are from July 22 – August 5, 2015, and convoy numbers are strictly limited. Cost is $1980 per vehicle (1 or 2 people) and includes the services of a professional guide, camping fees, national park fees, Welcome Dinner and numerous activities. Those wanting to take a 4WD course before they depart will save $100 if they book their training when they book the tour.

Global Gypsies specialises in escorted self-drive 4WD ‘tag-along-tours’ to the outback. They also escort small groups to such exotic overseas destinations as Botswana, The Great Silk Road, India, North and South America and run training courses in four-wheel-driving, towing and tour-guiding.

For more information, contact Global Gypsies on (08) 9341-6727 admin@globalgypsies.com.au or www.globalgypsies.com.au

Caption for attached photo: The Global Gypsies escorted self-drive 4WD expedition in July will retrace the tracks created by legendary outback figure Len Beadell (photo courtesy Beadell family)