

# NUT TRUCKERS SHITBOX RALLY

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Team Nut Truckers story and courageous journey to raise funds for Cancer

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Photo credit: Jim Kellar Newcastle Herald

## Nut Truckers

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Kurt Speirs  
Mat Gilbert

Cancer is devastating, and almost everyone has seen the impact of the disease up close. Last year in Australia alone, approximately 50,000 people passed away from the illness, and another 162,000 were diagnosed. To help in the fight against cancer, and in support of Red Insight's newest team member HSEQ Consultant Kurt Speirs, we are proud to announce Red Insight is sponsoring the Nut Truckers Team in the 2023 Autumn Shitbox Rally.

The Nut Truckers are Mat Gilbert and Kurt Speirs, two guys with three nuts on a wild ride. Their trusty 1999 Toyota Camry will be making up one of the 250 cars taking part in the convoy from Newcastle to Townsville, via Betoota, sleeping under stars and celebrating life to raise awareness, gain support and raise funds for the Cancer Council.

Gilbert is a cancer survivor, having completed rounds of chemotherapy for testicular cancer, and further treatment after scans had shown the cancer had spread less than a year later. The news of the second battle with cancer was delivered to Mat and his wife only days after learning they had conceived their second child. Kurt's dad is also a cancer survivor, developing the illness in 2009, requiring radiation treatment over Christmas. In both cases, the Cancer Council was able to provide advice and support in turbulent and unpredictable periods.

To date, the Autumn rally has raised just shy of \$2 Million for cancer research.



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1999 Camry donated by ReDriven

The Nut Truckers alone have contributed over \$38k to that total. Our fundraising efforts have included Nut Stock, a gathering of local original acts at the Wicko for a festival, where 300 punters came through the doors. Just a few weeks ago, a trivia night at Swansea Hotel kicked the fundraising up a notch, bringing family, friends, sponsors, and the community together to see the pair off.

The Camry, decked out in white, with black and yellow speed stripes (akin to a Japanese police car) was graciously donated by the team at ReDriven. The Australian Youtube Channel, specialising in second-hand cars and recommends the do's and don'ts. The team has no doubt been put to the test with this challenge.

The Shitbox Rally is a unique fundraising event that challenges teams to drive a \$1500 car across Australia's most challenging terrain while raising money for the Cancer Council, specifically the research it supports. Since its inception in 2010, the rally has raised over \$27 million for cancer research, making it the largest community-led fundraiser for the Cancer Council in Australia. In addition to

raising funds for cancer research, the Shitbox Rally also promotes community spirit and raises awareness about the importance of cancer prevention and early detection. Participants come from all walks of life, and many have personal connections to cancer. By coming together to support this worthy cause, they inspire others to get involved and help make a difference.

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Donations are still open if you're able, please, give generously to this fantastic cause. Follow the Nut Truckers ([shitboxrally.com.au](http://shitboxrally.com.au))

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