



# MEET THE TREKKER

## FEATURING

# MADDISON BURNEY



Hey there Trekker! Let's take a moment to get to know a little more about you.

### Which of the charities will you be representing?

I will be representing the Peter McCallum Cancer foundation, but all three are important to me.

### What's your reason for supporting this charity?

Cancer is devastatingly toxic and turns your life upside down. When you watch someone so strong and full of life fade into the grip of cancer so quickly, it's something you don't want anyone else to go through. I would love to hear the breaking news in my lifetime that Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation or any cancer research facility really, has found the cure.

Hopefully we get the support through this fundraising campaign to assist them in getting one step closer.

### What does doing this Trek mean to you?

All three charities are working tirelessly to provide support, treatment and cures for people enduring cancer, mental illness and MS. All 3 of these illnesses are present in my life with family and friends, through loss or current struggles my loved ones face. There aren't many people that I know that aren't directly impacted by these three illnesses and doing this trek and raising the money is a way to make a difference in the future so maybe one day, it's not common and generations to come won't have to know the impacts these illnesses bring.

### What do you bring to the Base-d on a cause team?

A target for Ryan's insults and humour, it'll be day one when he realises he should have gone for a jog or do some form of physical preparation, so I'll be there for him to tease to enable him to hide his burning hamstrings to get him through.

My OCD organisational skills, I feel like these will come in handy throughout planning over the next 6 months. I'm a pusher, I push people, so hopefully that gets us all to the end and back in one piece.

### What are you useless at bringing to the team?

I am not good at puns or intelligent banter. I cannot carry anyone. I sleep walk and talk when I'm incredibly tired so someone will most likely have to be on guard in case I fall off a cliff. I'll be hungry all the time and constantly talk about how hungry I am. I'm not sure why I was invited to be honest haha!

### Who is most likely not to complete the trek?

I am going to go with Nords on this one, he'll be so tired from carrying all 3 of us that he will burn out and have to get air lifted off the mountain.

### Who is someone you look up to and why?

My older sibling Em. Em got all the emotions for the two of us and is never scared to express feelings or stand up for what beliefs matter the most, nothing keeps Em down for long despite any adversary that's faced.

Em has taught me that being yourself, despite anything the world can throw at you, is what will truly make you happy.

### The group has decided to sacrifice one thing each prior to the trip, what is yours?

I will not be shaving my head and I don't have a beard, so I think I'm stuck with no alcohol for the month leading up to the trek. I'll be the healthiest I've ever been!

### How do you need to prepare for the Trek?

I will not fail at this, I will do everything I possibly can to prepare myself physically. Not having the biggest physique going around, I may have to go on a pie diet to start and I am totally ok with that. Mentally it's a massive challenge but I think there is enough determination to finish it, even if I'm a mile behind.

### If there was one thing you hope comes out of this Trek what would it be?

That we made a difference and inspired people to give more of themselves to achieve something great in their lives.



Thanks for your time Trekker!  
We look forward to watching your  
journey.



### *A Little More....*

**Age:** 26

**Nicknames:** Maddz,  
Fattison

**Favourite food:** Mash  
potato, with a tonne of  
butter so it's yellow or  
lasagne or nachos.

**Fun fact:** I drank 2 litres  
of custard in 30mins  
because someone told me I  
couldn't. First one went  
down in 7 mins.

### **What is the favourite place you have visited?**

New Orleans was a big  
highlight, great music and  
fried chicken everywhere.

### **Tell me something about you no one else knows about you?**

I have a phobia of walking  
on decking in bare feet  
after I've been in a pool or  
spa. It feels WEIRD!

### **If there is one famous person you could take on the Trek, who would it be?**

Leaning towards someone  
that I assume would be  
good in a crisis... Bruce  
Willis maybe.

### **If you could choose a trek nickname what would it be?**

### **Favorite TV Show?**

Simpsons, was like a third  
parent growing up. It's  
taught me a lot of life  
lessons.

### **What is something you couldn't do the Trek without?**

My tree of life necklace.

### **What concerns do you have about the trip?**

That I won't see a  
mountain goat, that's a big  
one & not getting Dangers  
puns fast enough.