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Rally Details:

Where:

Tweed Heads, NSW,
Australia

Headquarters:

Billabong Big 4
Caravan Park

Accommodation

Headquarters

Billabong Big 4
Caravan Park

When:

Sunday 26th May to
Saturday 1st June, 2024

Contact us:

Rally email:

info@hccasea.org

Wildlife in the Tweed Valley

The Tweed Valley is synonymous with Australian Native Wildlife, Koala's, Kangaroos, Possums, Goannas', Echidnas etc and if you need to see anything "dangerous", I promise a trip to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary will complete your every desire!

Having said that, we will be travelling through a number of areas where native animals are known to inhabit and "cross the road" regularly. The attached photo was taken from the front seat of our 1910 Maytag on our reconnaissance trip last year. We will travel across this Koala Zone and a few others on a number of days throughout the tour. So please be careful and mindful of the native animals and if you do stop to see any of our unique wildlife in the flesh, please remember to be considerate of other motorists and pull over in a safe place and be very careful exiting your vehicle to monitor where other vehicles are in the road space. Also note all wildlife is just a tad wild, so please don't go trying to handle them!



Registration & Hospitality Room

Registration will be in the Greenmount Villa inside the Billabong Big 4 Complex, Sunday 26th May 2:00pm – 4:30pm and again at the start on Monday from 8:00am to 9:00am. This Villa is located within the gates of the Billabong Complex and instructions for entry for registration and the Hospitality room will be in future newsletters.

If it does not drip oil, it has none!

As with any veteran car tour, oil leaks from our vehicles cause concern for accommodation providers, and as such, Chris and I have been collecting boxes for some time, to lay under vehicles. If you have a drip tray or a box or old carpet, it would be great if you can BYO

Please remember that whilst we like to know that our cars have oil, others do not necessarily understand and would appreciate your efforts to minimize any oil spots & drips whilst we are there, thank you.

Sponsors:

As with all rallies you cannot run them without the generous support of financial and logistical sponsors.

We would like to Thank:

Tweed Valley Council



The National Trust NSW – Paul Butler Bequest

Tweed Valley Area Police Local Command

Rally Committee:

Russell & Chris Holden
0422 219 911

Rhonda & Ross Guthrie
0427 175 099

Andrea Holden and Tom Killingback

Display Day and Gas Light Parade is a GO !

Tuesday will be a true educational day for both the entrants, public and the school communities of the Tweed region! The day will start with a trip to a small regional primary (Kindergarten to year 6) school for morning tea and an interactive experience for the students. We are in the process of preparing “teaching aids” for the faculty staff so that the students are primed with questions for the Tour participants. After the school educational exchange (as I’m sure the students will teach us a thing or two also!) we will travel to the main street of Tweed Heads and assemble after lunch in the Chris Cunningham Park at the Jack Evans Boat Harbour for a display and public education experience in Brass Era vehicles.

We are working closely with the Tweed Local Area Command and will also hopefully have a Highway Patrol Vehicle on hand and the Police Education section there to explain the high-end vehicles and policing methods. This will also provide a distinct lineage of the advancements of the motor vehicle from 1900 to 2020’s - again all of the local schools will be invited to participate in the educational experience.

At the conclusion of the display, the vehicles will be marshalled for a Gas Light Parade to demonstrate to various lights used on Brass Era vehicles and to provide contrast with the modern vehicle lighting. The committee is working closely with Tweed Local Area Command and greatly appreciate their assistance in providing this opportunity to demonstrate the vehicles in a twilight setting.

Please ensure that **your lights are in working order** as this is required under our conditional registration laws.

Entry Form

The entry form link <https://www.hccasea.org/entry-form> is a simple online process and is not complicated, and does not require payment through this method. If you have any trouble just call Russell 0422 219 911.

Entries are filling quickly so if you have not entered please do so soon. We have lots of people who have indicated they are intending to enter and have even booked their accommodation already. It helps the committee plan events and numbers more accurately if the entries are earlier rather than later, we will cap numbers on a 1st in best dressed process, so get your entry in, please.

Payments for entry can be made in one of 3 ways,

Directed deposit to

- 1: Horseless Carriage Club Sth East Aust
BSB: 112 879
Acc: 441 921 331
Reference: Use your name as the reference
- 2: PayPal which is best for International entries
info@hccasea.org
- 3: Or a good old fashion cheque (Australian only) ! – please make the Cheque out to HCCA South Eastern Australia and post to PO Box 786, Mudgee, NSW, 2850

Day one: Tropical Fruit World & Date Night!



Day one will be a good one 😊 - after leaving the start we will climb for about 3 kilometres to the top of the ridge and follow this for a while with sweeping views of both the ocean and the farming community framed by the mountains behind. After a morning tea break, we will travel along the old Tweed Valley Way and then up into Tropical Fruit world.

This is our lunch stop and is combined with a Tractor Train journey through the 80+ acres of native and exotic fruit plants, which will be followed by a tasting of up to 10 different fruits.

With the numbers we are envisaging, we will be splitting the group into two, the 1st will do the Tractor Train Tour and Fruit Tasting, while the other have lunch again with fabulous views of the valley. Then we'll do the *dos-a-dos* and the 2nd group will do the Tour and Tasting while the 1st group has lunch.

Upon arrival back in Tweed Heads – and your accommodation, we'll assemble later that evening back at Twin Towns Club Coolangatta for a *"get to know everyone"* evening, loosely call *"Champagne, Shrimp & Shenanigans"* or otherwise known as *"Date Night"*, a fun affair where you'll get to meet all the other entrants, share stories and build friendships, in between enjoying a fantastic grazing table and an open balcony with views of the bay and the Pacific Ocean.



Twin Towns Club

As a number of our events will be held at the Twin Towns Club, we are suggesting that you consider the option of joining Twin Towns Club – it is worth your while! even for just the one evening. Membership (\$10) provides a discount for meals and drinks upon each and every visit and for those that are arriving early Saturday 25th we are suggesting meeting at Twin Towns at 6.30ish in the Bistro for an easy “un-official” dinner option. You can join online (link below) and this will save queuing up to join at the time

Join Twin Towns: <https://www.twintowns.com.au/membership/>