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### Rally Details:

#### Where:

Tweed Heads, NSW, Australia

#### Headquarters:

Billabong Big 4 Caravan Park

#### Accommodation

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#### When:

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May to  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024

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## Numbers Capped at 200 People and Close April 16

The tour committee has been working feverously to create the best options in both food and experience for this event, not an easy task with both distance and the post Covid price hikes in just about everything! Having said that, in some places, we also have restrictions on how we cater for meals and tours. Tropical Fruit World is a prime example where we will be splitting the group in two. So, with these considerations in mind, the committee has agreed to restrict the number of participants to 200 maximum.

We have lots of people who have indicated they are intending to enter and have even booked their accommodation already, however not submitted an entry form! 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. We are, as of writing this newsletter, sitting at 161 participants, so there is only room for 39 more people so if you have been sitting on your hands (or know someone else who has), waiting to decide if you want to come and have fun in the sun in the stunning Tweed Valley, now is the time to finalise your entry.



## Final Dinner and Bus Options

We have booked the final dinner at the Waterside Function venue. This will be a “fancy affair” so bring your veteran attire or dress up please (nicer than smart casual, not “formal”).

We are working with the local bus & coach operators to try and organise ferrying entrants from both Twins Towns and the Billabong Big 4 to the Waterside. It is only a 10-minute drive but solves any concerns re finding the venue or sorting a “Plan B”. If you would please check either box (yes or no) on the meals form, that would be appreciated and give us an idea of numbers so we can work out both a cost to you and the number of coaches required.

## Embracing Period Dress!

Tuesday afternoon is, as mentioned above, our Display and Community Education Day, followed by the Gas Light Parade. This is the ideal opportunity to show off our period attire and add to the education of the students and community of the landscape that pre 1916 motorists and passengers lived in day to day. Queenslanders are well known for embracing period costume on all days, however for those looking for just one day – this is it!!!!



## 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:

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## Meals & Tour Packages

The meals and tour form ([link here](#)) is a simple online process and does not require payment through this method. If you have any trouble just call Russell 0422 219 911 or his US cell 747 434 0056. Payments can be made either via the direct deposit, PayPal or a good old fashion cheque in Australian dollars.

**Sunday** - day one 26<sup>th</sup> May is registration from 1:00 – 4:00pm in the Greenmount Villa at the Billabong Big 4. Your rally pack will be chock a block full of goodies including an embroidered Tour Cap and individual Tour Banner for your vehicle.

The Welcome function will be in the Horizons Room at Twin Towns with stunning views over the mouth of the Tweed River and the Pacific Ocean. This will be an up market cocktail affair that will be sufficient for your evening meal and as part of the package your 1<sup>st</sup> two drinks are included.

**Monday** is full to the brim! Final registration will be from 8:00 to 9:00am at the tour start in the car park of the Junior Football Club on Fraser Drive (see map in your tour booklet). Morning tea is at the award winning Husk Gin Distillery, before travelling to Tropical Fruit World for lunch in the courtyard. This includes a house and tractor train tour of the 88 acres of various fruit trees and a sampling of some of the exotic and native fruits.

That evening we will be back at the Horizons Room at Twin Towns Club for "Date Night" with grazing tables full of enticing foods and your 1<sup>st</sup> two beverages as a part of the package. You will enjoy the fellowship of those you already know and then in a fun filled affair, get to meet people from all over the world that you have never met before. However, they share your passion in brass era vehicles and no doubt other pursuits!

**Tuesday** - We visit the Currumbin Valley Public school for morning tea and an educational morning with the students and teachers. We then travel to the heart of Tweed Heads and will park in the Chris Cunningham Park adjacent to the ANZAC Memorial for a display and educational afternoon. All the local schools are invited as well as the general public and we will be joined by the Local Area Command and the Police educational unit. Lunch will be on you own in the local restaurant and Café. The Gas Light Parade will commence at 5:30 after which you will return to your accommodation and dine out on you own.

**Wednesday** - Burringbar / Kingscliff / Cabarita. This is the "Big Day Out"! On this day we offer for the smaller vehicles to have morning tea in Kingscliff, and the larger more adventures vehicles to have morning tea in Burringbar. Both communities are looking forward to hosting us. Burringbar has a very large antiques store with all manner of items, and you are nearly guaranteed to find something you "must have"! We then will all join up for lunch in Cabarita.

**Thursday** - Choose you own adventure! This is an opportunity to go and adventure the Tweed Valley and other world famous attractions. Please see the attractions listed on our web page for more details / choices that you can book individually.

**Friday** - We again visit the award winning Husk Distillery for morning tea and there will be an opportunity to come back and visit and sample their fantastic Gins and other beverages. We then travel to the small community of Tyalgum for a "country meal" in the quaint Tyalgum Pub, then travelling back to Tweed Heads.

The Committee is again planning the potential of a Coach trip in the evening - this time to the one of the Gold Coast's most raved about attractions, The **"Australian Outback Spectacular"** ([link here](#)). Depending on interest levels, we will charter a coach or two to take us the 1 hour ride to a fantastic show and three course dinner. We will again need a clear indication of numbers to gain a group discount and coach rates. The entry cost for the show and meal is AUD\$110pp and the bus trip would be additional. To give you an estimate of cost, please indicate on the meals form if you would like to participate in the event.

**Saturday** – This will be good run to Murwillumbah, before setting off back to Tweed Heads and doing the customary pack up and get gussied up for the Final Dinner. Murwillumbah is a fantastic community full of arts & crafts and, we have timed our visit to coincide with the monthly markets, - be sure to wander through the container gallery in the arcade!



**In summary** - As alluded to earlier in the newsletter, as we are all aware, prices of everything have skyrocketed since COVID. We have, as a committee, negotiated the best price points we could without compromising quality and experience. The cost of this tour is on par with the 2019 International Tour in Bathurst, with inflation taken into consideration over the last 5 years. Again, like Bathurst, it is a **"one in - all in"** meals

package as it includes everything. So, the meals & tour package runs out at \$448 per person. However, it will be a fantastic quality event that you will be sure to enjoy.

Remember please to be sure to indicate if you would like to add a coach pick up and return to the final dinner, and interest in Outback Spectacular on your meals form.

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## Tour Merchandise for pre-order

We are in the process of finalising the optional/additional merchandise order form with pricing and sizes. This will be sent to you shortly. Please note you will need to pre order so we can have the items you choose ready for you at the start of the tour! At this point we are offering:

- Additional Tour cap (NB: there will be one in you tour bag)
- Chambray Shirt - Male / Female cut – choice of light or dark Blue
- Polo Shirt Male / Female - Blue
- Additional Tour badge (NB: there will be one in you tour bag)
- Additional Tour banner (NB: there will be one in you tour bag)

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## Thermos and Mugs! Green is good!

After much committee discussion, it was decided that most of our entrants would have received a mug and thermos from other tours and another one for the kitchen cupboard probably wasn't high on the needs list. So, to be "green", we are asking you to BYO mug and thermos. Whilst most days have an organised morning tea stop, Wednesday will be a BYO mug and thermos (hot water) as we will be stopping in a park environment and the committee will be supplying the morning tea (incl tea bags, instant coffee & milk). In addition, we are sure the local groups, businesses, schools, and environment would appreciate it if we didn't use disposable mugs on other days.

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## Entering Australia from Overseas

For those overseas travelers, you will need a VISA or **ETA (Electronic Travel Authority)** to enter Australia. Do it now, so you don't forget! For instructions (thanks to Beverly Tomb), please see our tour website for more details.

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## Pre Tour of Brisbane

All entered international entrants have been sent information on the Pre Tour of Brisbane – to be held on the Friday afternoon and Saturday (24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May) prior to the tour. If anyone one else would like to join this event and get to know our international members, please feel free to contact us directly and we can link you up with the tour host and the itinerary.

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## Looking Forward to Seeing You Soon!

With just over 11 weeks to go, we certainly hope you're all getting excited to come to the Tweed Valley. We'll be releasing the final newsletter in early May to give you all our final bits of information and keep an eye out for the merchandise form in mid-March.

See ya' soon,  
Russell