



7TH HCCA INTERNATIONAL TOUR

BATHURST, NSW AUSTRALIA,

FRI 30TH AUGUST TO FRI 6TH SEPTEMBER 2019

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Rally Details:

Where:

Bathurst, NSW,
Australia

Headquarters:

Mt Panorama Raceway
Pit area

Accommodation

Headquarters

Rydges Hotel
Conrod Straight
Bathurst

When:

Friday 30th August to
Friday 6th September
2019

Searching for grants.

On the very good news front for this historic Tour, after extensive work by the Tour Committee, representatives of Bathurst Region Council, Destination Country & Outback, Destination New South Wales (DNSW), the NSW State Governments premier Tourist Agency, looks like coming on board with substantial financial assistance to support the HCCA International Tour.

After demonstrating the power of Brass Era & Veteran touring to inject heavily into region economies, we are awaiting an announcement that hopefully will see DNSW agreed to assist the Tour committee with particular aspects of the tour organization.

We, the Committee, are very grateful to the team at DNSW and Bathurst Regional Council and the General Manager of Destination Network Country & Outback for their support of this fantastic event and the work undertaken in the application process.

This is a real step in the right direction for future tour sponsorship opportunities. Traditional sponsorships will never be replaced, however, with the ability to clearly define and demonstrate the "visitor nights" and positive economic impact on local areas by projecting expenditure in local economies both while on tour and in the process of travelling to and from tours, Local and State governments are recognising the financial impact of the collector car movement and opening the ability to access funding that has not before been available to tour organisers.

RV & Trailer Parking at Mount Panorama

The area at the back of the Mount Panorama Pit Complex in the center of the track will be available for RV accommodation, camping & trailer parking. See the video link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoxvK8tg-al&feature=em-share_video_user that shows the proximity of the parking to the pit area and the Tour Headquarters.

Please note: car trailer parking will be No Charge for the week of the tour! Again see the video link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoxvK8tg-al&feature=em-share_video_user. However we would like to know who requires this service, so please email me to confirm.

Caravan, RV & Camping - Chris & I are negotiating a fee for the 8 days of the Tour with Bathurst Regional Council for participants. We have reserved 50 dedicated powered sites close to the great amenities available in this area, so if you wish to be adjacent to the Pit Area & close to Rydges but have your RV or Camper, there will be a dedicated booking system established in the next couple of weeks. We will email a link once that is live.

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Rally Routes

Mount Panorama

Our home for a week will be the pit area and corporate facilities above Pit Straight. However drivers be warned, Mount Panorama is a public road and regularly patrolled by police who do a great trade for the NSW economy, booking speeding vehicles on the historic track, so unless you are itching for a framed speeding fine, beware it is limited to 60km per hour (35mph)

If you have not already gone on line and booked your accommodation at Rydges be quick as it is filling out fast!

Accommodation headquarters will be the Rydges hotel directly alongside Conrod Straight on the Mt Panorama race track. Click this link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoxvK8tg-al&feature=em-share_video_user to see a short video of the Rydges accommodation and the overview of the track & the facilities.

Whilst the accommodation is filling it is not full yet! So please use the link below to book accommodation if you wish to stay at the Tour Headquarters. Rydges has undercover parking, the majority of which is locked up at 10.00pm each evening and has rooms from singles to 4 bedroom apartments.



Rydges has established a dedicated booking web site for the HCCA Tour so there is no need to ring & mention the tour, just book on line through the web site. If you are booking with a Credit Card that expires post October 2019 then there is no deposit required.

<https://www.rydges.com/private-page/hcca-7th-international-tour-2019/>

Nick Howell from Cambridge, UK was 1st!



I'm not much into "rally numbers" but Nick was by far and away the quickest on the emails and became the 1st official entrant on the Tour.

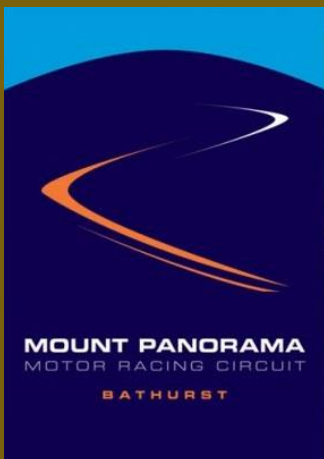
Nick, featured here in a photo by photographer, Malcolm Ranieri, driving his 1909 Cadillac Model 30 Demi, was very quick to reply when the entry form was first dispatched in November. Nick is one of a procession of international entrants slowly rolling in, which should make for a very interesting and diverse tour. At this point in

time Cadillacs' are still right up there with Model T Fords as the dominate entrants, however there are quite a few unusual makes which will make for an interesting lineup in pit straight on the Sunday.

Sponsors:

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

We would like to Thank



International Visitors gathering in Sydney

I've had plenty of requests on getting everyone together in Sydney and heading together to Bathurst.

So at this very early stage we are proposing to have everyone meet at Central Railway Station at the bus zone on Eddie Avenue (any cab will get you to Eddie Ave, Central) at **10.00am Thursday 29th August.**

If there are sufficient numbers (minimum 30 per bus) we will organise a guided bus trip to Bathurst, via Featherdale Wildlife Park where you can:

Feed a Kangaroo, & Emu, Cuddle a Koala, Pat a Crocodile (and admire a 15 foot "Saltie" from a distance) See Tassie Devils, Quolls, Bilby's & Wombats. View some of the most poisonous snakes in the world from the safety of a glass pane.

Visit Featherdale @ <https://www.featherdale.com.au/animals/>

The bus would then travel to the Quarantine facility to join with any Brass Era Cars that are going to be driven to Bathurst, then travel over the Blue Mountains to Katoomba to see the 3 Sisters and Megalong Valley probably staying at the famous Carrington Hotel over night and then on to Bathurst via the historic Hydro Majestic for morning tea.

Bathurst to Bundaberg (Bundy)

The Queensland Branch of the Veteran Car Club is hosting the National Veteran Tour in Bundaberg, Tues 17th - Mon 23rd September. Tour director John Handley is travelling from Bathurst to Bundy in his Veteran (probably his 1910 Flanders? or Daraque, he has a few). This tour will be progressive over a 6 - 7 day duration driving the 1000km (700 miles)

At this stage the draft itinerary is:

- Bathurst
- Dubbo
- Gilgandra
- Coonabarabran,
- Narrabri
- Moree
- Boggabilla
- Goondiwindi,
- Dalby
- Kumbia
- Kingaroy
- Ban Ban Springs
- Biggenden



It will be a progressive tour with a luggage trailer and plenty of backup with accommodation in cabins and caravan parks along the way and group dinner each evening. If you are interested in seeing some of the regional beauty of South Eastern Australia in a Brass Era Car, then John can be contacted via email at john-handley@hotmail.com for more details of this wonderful trip if you would like to join him.



New web site live!

Check out the HCC Bathurst International Tour web page at www.HCCABathurst2019.com.au for all the updates and current newsletters.

Email: info@HCCABathurst2019.com.au

Itinerary coming together

With just over 8 months to go, the 7 day tour is starting to take shape. Bathurst has some hilly areas and as we can't "move towns and attractions" closer together, there will be a couple of long days. So please consider leaving your small cars at home!

Chris and I have had a number of visits to Bathurst and the "how & where's" are falling into place nicely. Bathurst Regional Council have been more than helpful and the enthusiasm for the event coming to the region is wonderful to see.

Runs will be between 80 – 130km. Don't nail my foot to the floor! but this is what it is looking like at the moment.

Thursday: Optional bus pick up in Sydney for International guests (see Above)

Friday: Registration will be in the garage area of Pit straight (10am-5pm), with a short optional shake down run at about 2.00pm around Mount Panorama and the local area. This will be followed by the official Mayoral Reception (drinks & canapes) at the Bathurst Raceway Museum adjacent to Pit straight and 200 meters from the Rydges hotel.

Saturday: Millthorpe (morning Tea) Lucknow & Orange (Lunch) Followed by ***Date Night!*** (watch this space!)

Sunday: Short orientation run around Bathurst, then "Show & Shine" in Pit Straight. The National Race museum, as part of their Father's Day event, is selling track rides in both original 70's and retro race cars, incl the Famous Ford GT, Holden 327 Monaro and Mini Cooper-S. For the ladies a Period Costume hat making seminar and workshop

Monday: Scenic drive to Tarana (morning tea), then Oberon (Lunch) followed by dinner and movies

Tuesday – Period Costume Day!: A short tour to Abercrombie House for morning tea followed by a picnic lunch on "sky line" at the top of the mountain. 4.00pm for markets in the park and a Gas Light Parade at dusk. Period Costume would be great for this event.

Wednesday: We have locked in Mayfield Gardens, this iconic 85 acre of garden is spectacular!

Thursday: Georges Plains, Newbridge (morning tea) Blayney (Lunch). Followed by the 2nd of our seminars, this one in the Garage complex on Pit Straight.

Friday: Short tour in the morning, Followed by the Formal (yes Formal or period costume) dinner in the Corporate reception area upstairs in Pit Straight.

Saturday: farewell breakfast and an opportunity to thank the volunteers!

PayPal

In what we think is probably a FIRST (certainly here in Australia it is) we introduced PayPal to alleviate the problem of international entrants have to pay in Australian \$\$.

Well that worked great at first until PayPal decided we were getting too much money in and stopped the account! They did not like a "Club" non for profit or not, using PayPal to receive funds. So after extensive conversations and document after document, we now have changed the account to an Incorporated body account and the PayPal system is again up and running.

Once we get the meal form sorted (after nailing down final catering options) we will again encourage International & national visitors to utilise the PayPal system to pay for the meals package.

Thank you

Thanks to those people who have already offered to help at or before the rally, it is really appreciated. And for those that are considering, please do –many hands make light work and a more enjoyable rally for everyone.

Next Issue

We will be planning the next newsletter for April 2019, just after our trip to Bakersfield, or earlier if need be....

Pre & Post tour events:

Don't forget that there is plenty to do in OZ and these include both the Pre & Post tour events:

For those travelling both interstate and internationally, we are coordinating with a number of other Events either side

- The Queensland Veteran Car Club National Tour
Tues 17th Mon 23rd September. The VCCA Qld will also be providing pre & post Qld tourist & veteran activities.
- Bathurst to Bundy (see details above)
8th August - 16th August see the article earlier in the Newsletter
- The Model T Ford Club of Australia, National Tour
Marlborough QLD. 29th September
5th October 2019
- Sydneysiders tour of the City
- Mudgee a guide to Country Life and boutique Wine