## HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB OF AMERICA SOUTH EASTERN AUSTRALIA

THE CARRIAGE

May 26th to June 1st 2024

# 8th International Tour TWEED VALLEY



#### Meet Fred



Fred, our mascot frog, will be seen throughout the tour, expertly performing many functions, the most important being keeping us all on the correct route.

## TWEED BILLABONG HOLIDAY PARK (Tour Headquarters)

The Billabong Holiday Park has now reserved all their cabins for entrants to our tour but only till October 25th.

Contact the park by email or phone to secure your accommodation NOW. Be sure to advise them that you are with the HCCA Tour and do not book on-line, as the dates will show as unavailable.

Details are on the Tour webpage.



## **Tour Itinerary**

The committee is working on the final itinerary but currently we are looking at:

**Sunday** Registration

Welcome Cocktail Party

Monday Tour to Tropical Fruit World

Date Night

Tuesday School visit and

display afternoon

Gas Light Parade

Wednesday Touring day to Tyalgum

Thursday Choose Your Own Adventure

(or additional drive day to Uki)

Friday Touring day to Pottsville

Saturday Touring morning to

Murwillumbah

Tour Farewell Dinner

## Which Vehicle Should I Bring?

Tweed offers some of Australia's most spectacular scenery. It has it all: ocean views, mountains, grazing lands, even distant city vistas. All this comes at a cost.

For panoramic scenery you need elevation, and Tweed certainly has that.

The committee had concerns that some of the hills would be challenging for smaller vehicles.

As a test, we traversed the major hills in a single cylinder REO and it completed the task without too much stress.

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#### **Dates to Remember**

#### August 2023

Newsletter No 3 Entries open (Aug 28th)

#### November 2023

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#### February 2024

Meals, activities and merchandise orders open

Newsletter No 5

#### **April 2024**

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#### May 26th 2024

Tour Registration Welcome Function

#### **TOUR WEBSITE**

For information on the tour and any updated information regarding accommodation and before/after tour options etc. click on this link and start getting excited.

www.hccasea.org

## Which vehicle? (...continued)

However, the committee must also be mindful of other motorists and not clog up the roads often used by Tweed locals which causes their frustration with our hobby.

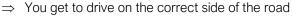
Therefore, we recommend if you have a larger Pre 1916 vehicle that you consider bringing it to the Tour.

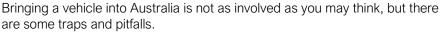
An added benefit of bringing a larger car is you may want to offer your back seats to International and Aussie swaggies.

## Shipping Your Own Vehicle to Australia

For many, driving your own vehicle on a tour has many plusses.

- ⇒ Guaranteed a vehicle for the event
- ⇒ You know your own vehicle
- ⇒ Your car can get an "AUS" bumper sticker"





Contact Russell Holden for advice and assistance if you are considering bringing your own vehicle.

#### Choose Your Own Adventure

The Thursday offers an opportunity to relax for the day or to custom your tour to sample some of the many experiences in the region.

Here are some suggestions:

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

currumbinsanctuary.com.au/

Snorkle with Turtles

watersportsquru.com

Catch a Crab Oyster Farm

catchacrab.com.au

River and Rain Forest Lunch Cruise

tweedecocruises.com

Seafood Rainforest Cruise

tweedescapes.com.au

Swim With Whales

coolyecoadventures.com.au

#### Whale Watching

coolangattawhalewatch.com.au

Cushy Deep Sea Fishing

cushyfishingcharters.com.au

Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk

rainforestskywalk.com.au

Gold Coast Motor Museum

goldcoastmotormuseum.com.au

Tweed Regional Gallery

artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au

## A Visit in Detail — Tropical Fruit World

The plan for Monday is a leisurely drive to Tropical Fruit World. There is plenty for us to do so we will arrive early, following a quick morning tea stop.

Here we will find more than a tourist attraction, and more than a commercial farm. We will take the orchard Tractor Tour and sample native and exotic fruits, all grown on the property.

The uniquely Australian fruits include Davidson plum and Finger limes. Our group will be split in two for lunch so we will have time to see it all.



Click on the picture to discover the Tropical Fruit World Story and see why 2 million people have visited this local attraction. Be sure to scroll down to the video for an understanding of the philosophy on which the business was built.

#### AT A GLANCE

Important things to know or do.

### Eligibility

The event welcomes all vehicles manufactured prior to January 1st, 1916

It is not mandatory to bring a veteran vehicle.

## **Expressions of Interest**

If you have not done so already, register your EOI on the Tour website to be included in all future communications

### Book Your Accommodation NOW

It is most important that you book your accommodation ASAP. Refer to Newsletter No1 and the Tour website

### Trailer Parking

The Organisers are currently organising trailer parking convenient to the accommodation venues.

#### **Contact Details**

Website: www.hccasea.org Email: info@hccasea.org

## **Organising Committee**

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## SECURE ON-LINE ENTRY SYSTEM

Our on-line system will make tour entry simple.

Essentially it is an on-line shop. You will be able to select your options, place them in your shopping cart, move to the checkout and use your Credit Card to pay in your local currency.

The online system will manage your activity, meal and merchandise selections. It will even keep track of dietary requirements.