

The March 2012 Rally Is At:

Bathurst

The home of Motor Racing.



"Come, discover the place behind the race, Bathurst."

The Coromal Caravan Club invites you to join us at Bathurst on the 9th 10th & 11th March 2012. Come, Discover the world famous mountain for yourself as it will feature in our Navigation Tour whilst looping the City fringes. Then take a tour of an historic location most people are unaware of, it's The Chifley Cottage and then the National Motor Racing Museum, take in detailed views of the Bathurst plains from on top of Mt Panorama prior to concluding back at the show ground for Happy Hour. Saturdays evening's meal will be a BBQ provided by your hosts, Ian & Annette Weal. When Sunday dawns, yes dawns, we'll set off to discover a time gone by at Abercrombie House, an Estate that will astound you. At the conclusion of this tour we'll enjoy a cuppa prior to heading back to the show ground to farewell those whom need to depart today back to their respective destinations. The balance of us will take a trip to Ben Chifley Dam for a relaxing picnic lunch after which we'll venture back to Bathurst to kick back and relax at the show ground.

Want to know more, see the Itinerary over the page.

Some sites we intend to visit attract an entry fee.

These include: Chifley Cottage – (A) = \$10.50, (C) = \$7.50, (S/P) \$8.50
Motor Racing Museum – (A) = \$10.00, (C) = \$4.00, (S/P) = \$7.00
Abercrombie House – (A) = \$10.00, (C) = \$10.00, (S/P) = \$10.00
Abercrombie House Morning Tea - \$5.00 per person.
On offer – Tea, Coffee, Lime Juice, Water, Cakes & Biscuits.
(All served with China Cups & Saucers).
Saturdays Evening Meal - \$8.00 per person.

To avoid delays on admission I will be accepting all payments in advance, Cash Only Please. This will leave me responsible to fix up payment whilst you all proceed straight thru to the venue. You will be under no obligation to tour these facilities, however after our previous tour of Abercrombie House in 2005 I would highly recommend you do this tour, as this is one outstanding estate with real history, it will be the highlight of your weekend, very worthwhile. I will require definite numbers in advance for Chifley's Cottage so I can confirm numbers with staff prior to the weekend, so please advise when booking your rally attendance with Darryl.

Rally basics are:

Accommodation is at Bathurst Show Ground, Kendall Avenue, located between the Macquarie River and the Bathurst City Centre. From the East it is on your right after you cross the river. From the West it is on your left after leaving our city centre and before you cross the river.

Fees: Discounted site fee is **\$20.00** per couple per night. **Extras** are **\$5.00** per Adult per night. This is the Coromal Caravan Clubs discounted rate, no further reduction will be given.

Dogs will be allowed if on leads and under control as there are horse's etc. onsite.

Power will be available for all vans attending, however water connection will be limited.

Water will be available from an assortment of taps located around the facility.

Amenities: 2 x Hot/Cold Showers per gender and toilets are close by for all.

Communal undercover facility: There is a small area, however we'll probably need to erect the Club's Marquee if numbers attending require it.

Bookings: Will be thru Darryl. Payment needs to be **cash** to either Darryl or Ian once you arrive onsite, receipt issued. **Do not make payment at the office**, as this will confuse the issue.

Darryl will be responsible for allocating vans onsite, so please work with him on your arrival.

Special Mention: The question of van storage between Forbes and Bathurst has been addressed and achieved. You will be able to store your van at the Bathurst Showground for a once only fee of **\$5.00**. This will be in an area set aside for this purpose, you will not be able to leave located onsite without paying site fees, \$20.00 per night.

The Itinerary for the Bathurst Rally Is:

Friday evening: enjoy supper at the vans for early arrivals plus a laugh provided by "Wes Harrison", a sound affects vocalist. The album is titled "you won't believe your ears" and guess what, you won't. After you have laughed until your sides ache you'll be welcome to rehash the topics touched upon by Wes whilst enjoying a drink and making each others acquaintances. Annette will be the host as I am required to attend work, bugger.

Saturday Morning: is free time up until **10.00am**.

At **10.00am** we'll set off to discover the town via my Navigation/Observation Tour, which will start at the **Bathurst Tourist Information Centre**, so if you are out and about be sure to meet us here prior to **10.10am**. The tour will take you into Bathurst and then on an outer circle, consisting of around 55 klms of driving & will conclude at Burgess Caravan Centre just prior to lunch. You will be handed your tour instructions and town map at the start point. You will asked to observe items along the way and answer questions in the space provided, so bring along a pen. I will be on hand for any wayward couples to direct you back on track. I will organize to have all your questionnaires collected once you arrive at Burgess Caravan Centre. You are now free to browse and organise your own lunch back at the Show Ground.

Saturday Afternoon: **1.45pm** depart in convoy for our formal tour of the Chifley Home at **2.00pm**. At **3.15pm** we'll depart in convoy and head to the Motor Racing Museum for our **3.30pm** tour. At **4.30pm** we'll head to the top of Mt Panorama to take in the vista from on top of this magical mountain. Once finished we'll head back to the Showground for Happy Hour.

Saturdays Evening: **7.00pm**. **A BBQ consisting of Sirloin Steak, Sausages and Freshly Prepared Salads. This should fill you up. There will be a cost of \$8.00 per head.**

8.15pm. Navigation tour results. Be ready for a laugh as we discuss your results.

8.30pm. DVD presentation of our Cape York Trip. Darryl will be most pleased to share this info.

Sunday Morning: 8.40am, Depart showground in convoy. You'll need to enjoy an early breakfast and leave the washing up as we will be touring **Abercrombie House at 9.00am**. This means you'll need to be up, fed and have journeyed about 11klm prior to **9.00am**, our groups booked time. Once the gate is closed it remains closed and no late arrivals get past the locked gates. This estate from a bygone era will amaze you, as it is immense and very impressive. Once the tour is complete we'll enjoy morning tea prior to departing for the showground.

Sunday Lunch: For those whom want, we can take a tour to the Ben Chifley Dam complex to view the water sports or drop in a line and have a picnic lunch prior to heading back to the showground to relax.

**That's the Itinerary for the Bathurst Rally.
I have composed more info on Bathurst
and the Navigation Tour over the next
two pages, so please read on.**



Our Group congregated on the front lawns of Abercrombie House on 6th of November 2005.

Bathurst's biggest and best tourist attraction would have to be the Mt Panorama Racing Circuit.

Motor Racing began as early as 1911 in Bathurst with motor cycles utilising public roads. From 1931 to 1937 the Auto Cycle Union held annual events at what was known as "The Vale Circuit". We will drive around this old circuit as part of our Navigation Tour, which will occur on the Saturday.

In 1938 motor cycle races transferred to the Mount and on the Easter Saturday, 16th April 1938 the circuit was opened for the 150th Australian Celebration Tourist Trophy Races. On the Easter Monday, the 18th April 1938 the first car race was held at the Mount. It was the first Australian Grand Prix. In 1939 the Mount hosted the Motorcycle Australian Grand Prix.

Due to the war, racing declined, so it wasn't until 1946 that racing returned to the Mount. It was in 1963 that the first long distance endurance race was held at the circuit. This race, the "Armstrong 500" was to cement motor racing as a culture to Bathurst and Mount Panorama. The event was known as The Armstrong 500, The Gallaher 500 and then the Hardie Ferodo 500, the three main sponsors of the 500 mile race as it was then. In 1973 it was lengthened to a 1000 kilometre race, so it was then known as the Hardie Ferodo 1000, The AMP 1000 and The Bob Jane 1000.

Today it is The Super Cheap Auto 1000, as they are the current sponsors, however Bathurst Council likes it to be referred to as, "The Great Race". Many a driver has made his name on this great circuit, one that has the respect of any international race driver whom has ever competed here.

Now it is your turn, come to Bathurst on the 9th, 10th & 11th of March and take a **60** klm an hour tour of the circuit for yourself. You'll really come to respect the courage or stupidity of the guys that for 6 hours on a Sunday in October blast their way around this circuit time and time again to achieve the recognition as the best in their sport when the chequered flag falls.

The National Motor Racing Museum has been located at the base of the Mount on Murrays Corner. We intend to visit this Museum during the weekend. There is an admission fee and you are under no obligation to join in, however it may well be worth the time and dollars to see the history of motor racing concealed within the walls out of site. For the real enthusiast, there is plenty of authentic race memorabilia to be obtained from the Museum.

Note, improvements are made to the circuit and inventory each year, so if you think you know the circuit, Think again, It's vastly different to years gone by.

Bathurst has another identity aside from car races. Bathurst is the oldest inland settlement west of the Great Dividing Range, hence there are some lovely old building and a lot of history in the city. The tour of this particular estate, Abercrombie House, will be conducted on the Sunday Morning and will take approx. 1.45 hours, so you'll need to be up and going early Sunday, hence limiting the Alcoholic in take Saturday evening would be a good idea.



Navigation Tour Information for – 10th March 2012.

10:10am - Please assemble at the Bathurst Tourist Information Centre Carpark.

10.15am - Run through on procedure & details of Navigation Tour.

10:30am - Our 1st Vehicle will depart and then each other vehicle at 3 minute intervals.

The whole idea of the tour is to give you a **fun** insight of our city of Bathurst. By following the tour notes you'll be guided comfortably around our city and discover some of our main tourist attractions. You'll be required to complete a questionnaire as you proceed, hence each vehicle requires a pen, so if you don't have one be sure to ask for one. I will have the questionnaire collected at Burgess Caravan Centre on the conclusion of the tour.

Obviously each vehicle will require a working trip meter and you'll need to be aware of how to use it. You will be required to reset the unit many times along the route to keep in touch with points of interest, so if you aren't aware of how to operate yours, drag out the manual and learn how to operate it now. If yours doesn't work consult me now so I can make arrangements for you to still participate. **Be sure to reset your trip meter when requested to.**

Please, let's be courteous to our fellow road users when answering a question, resetting the trip meter or observing a location of interest. Be sure to utilise your mirrors at all times and veer totally out of the flow of traffic prior to stopping.

Prior to departing the Tourist Information Centre you'll be handed your tour route sheets, your questionnaire sheet, a city map and a pen should you require one. With the notes and a city map you should be able to navigate your way around the route, however, should you get hopelessly lost I will be on UHF channel 18 or mobile no. 0402388659 to assist any geographically challenged participants.

Scoring - The results of the questionnaire will be calculated to determine the winner of the navigation tour. That's right, there is no speed to be taken into account, just conclude within 90 minutes of your starting time, travel the total distance, don't deviate as your total recorded distance is marked and **be observant from the moment you enter The Tourist Information Centre until the conclusion of the tour at Burgess Caravan Centre** and you will be in the running to take out the winners laurels. For this reason, be sure to hand in your questionnaire at Burgess Caravan Centre once you're attempted to answer **all** the questions.

That's an insight to my navigation tour and should be all the information you'll require prior to the event. Looking forward to seeing you ready for an interesting challenge.

Regards,

Ian Weal

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