

CROWS NEST VETERAN CAR RALLY -

25th. to 27th. August 2020



This is a mid-week 3 day Hub Rally based at the Crows Nest Caravan Park.

It is envisaged that you will need to arrive on Monday 24th and leave Friday morning 28th. to fit in the three days of rallying.

The Caravan Park is well-appointed and well run and provides cabins, some on-site vans, powered and unpowered sites, drive-through sites, parking for our trailers and a Camp Kitchen and barbecue and meeting area and laundry facilities (and a swimming pool) and free WiFi. It also boasts a proper restaurant on-site which serves the surrounding area and the C/V Park.

Crows Nest has a service station, a separate motor repairs workshop, shops, cafes, a small supermarket, a very fine bakery and a well-known 2nd hand furniture shop to browse in. And south along the Highway are some tourist attractions, shops and fuel outlets.

DAY 1 involves a total run estimated at 112 kms, travelling west through Haden and on through Peranga and Quinalow to Maclagan and returning via a more southerly route via Goombungee. It's an interesting and pleasant drive now that the drought is over and offers some interesting historic features. Lunch arrangements are yet to be settled but are most likely to be in Quinalow or Maclagan.

DAY 2 is a quite different day. We travel west to Mt Darry then south to Oakey to spend perhaps an hour to an hour and a half at the Oakey Army Air Services Museum for an interesting guided tour of their exhibits – including some very interesting early aircraft from the early years of the 20th Century. From there we head east for lunch at the Meringandan Pub – famous for their food – particularly for their steaks! Then it's back to Crows Nest via Goombungee and Bergen for a 4 pm finish. Again it's just over 100 kms for the day.

DAY 3 is different again. First we head north-west to Cooyar along the New England Highway. The traffic is not heavy on a Thursday. I have checked it out and will be up there to confirm it before the March Club Meeting. Lunch is at a nice café in Cooyar, then home via a south-western route through Highgrove, Kulpi and Rosalie, then east through Goombungee (from a different direction) and then to Crows Nest – again a bit over 100 kms. and expect to be back around 4 pm.

The routes are not totally level but have been planned to minimise challenging topography and that has been achieved reasonably well – but there are a few hills that cannot be avoided.

For those with a little adventure left in them, we're investigating the prospect of visiting Taabinga Homestead near Kingaroy on the way home on Friday, thence home via Yarraman.

SOME CABINS AND POWERED SITES HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY BOOKED FOR US AT THE CARAVAN PARK - BUT IT IS IMPERATIVE TO BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO LET ME KNOW YOU'RE COMING SO I CAN ENSURE ENOUGH PLACES ARE KEPT FOR US AT THE CARAVAN PARK AND SO I CAN PROVIDE NUMBERS FOR THE LUNCH VENUES AND THE ARMY FLYING MUSEUM.

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I look forward to seeing you on the Rally – and if you have a spare seat, invite a member whose car is not going.

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