

**28th Australian National Model A Ford Meet-
“Rally through the Cane Fields”**

Maryborough QLD Sunday 1st – Sunday 8th September, 2024

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN OUR “Great Sandy Marine Park Paradise”



As your host the Model A Ford Club of Queensland National Committee can report that work is well underway to make sure your attendance will be one full of activity, so as to make sure you have a fun time while on the Fraser Coast. This is a vast region and is home to many attractions including K’gari (Fraser Island) Great Sandy National Park. We won’t have time to do all, but do encourage you to consider extending your stay, and maybe doing one of the many K’gari day tours from Hervey Bay, of even a stay at Kingfisher on the island. If you do you will visit the largest sand Island in the world and the only place in the world where rainforests grow from the sand.

Enough on Fraser, as this update is to give you a taste of the two Bus excursions we are arranging.

One will be a Whale Watching Tour where you will board a bus in Maryborough and travel about 60km to the boat harbor in Hervey Bay, where you will board your vessel for a four-hour tour and hopefully meet one of our friends above. You will have the option of driving yourself to Hervey Bay, but be aware the tour won’t wait if you are late, as it must leave at the departure time.

Hervey Bay borders the Great Sandy Marine Park which was awarded Biosphere Reserve status by UNESCO in 2009, and is known as the Whale Watching Capital of Australia. It is renowned for viewing the Southern Humpback whale between July to November, with the population on the rise and recovering after a history of whaling. In May, they leave their rich feeding grounds in Antarctica and undergo a 5000 km migration to their breeding grounds north of Fraser Island, in Whitsundays. At the beginning of the season, adult individuals are likely to be seen, while mothers and their calves arrive towards the end. They use the Hervey Bay site as a ‘whale nursery’ for resting and socializing, for about five days, before they undertake their long migration back to Antarctica. Hervey Bay is one of the few places in the world where multiple mothers and calves join together in one pod and has become world famous for its incredible whale encounters, in particular a behavior called “mugging” where the whales lift their heads out of the water to take a good look at you.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE



The second Bus excursion will be to Bundaberg to visit the Hinkler Hall of Aviation and the Bundaberg Rum Distillery.

CRAFTED TO PERFECTION SINCE 1888

The Distillery was born in 1888, when seven Bundaberg locals decided with a stroke of genius to take the by-product (molasses) from the growing of sugar and open up a rum distillery.

It was their ingenuity and determination that has gone on to define the character of the Bundaberg Rum Distillery and everyone who works there till this day. Though not without its trials; multiple fires and floods forced the Distillery to close and rebuild.

Many are under the impression that the Distillery just make one rum – Bundaberg Rum Original and yes, they continue to make it the same way they always did. What you might not know is that at the distillery they have a team of master distillers, that continue to experiment, craft and blend every day.

At the end of the tour, you will be given the chance to test taste some of what they offer.

HINKLER HALL OF AVIATION



The Hinkler Hall of Aviation celebrates the adventures and achievements of Australia's pioneer Solo aviator Bert Hinkler. Become part of the story through glide and flight simulators, movie theatrettes, six display aircraft and a vintage motor vehicle, and the many unique museum exhibits and interactive displays right at your fingertips. Explore Hinkler house and be impressed as you view the immaculately restored original Armstrong Siddeley vehicle from his Tour of Triumph in 1928.

KEEP YOU EYE OUT for Newsletter 3 in which we will provide further information about our planning.

In the meantime, all the best and remember **“HAPPINESS IS A DAY IN YOUR MODEL A”**

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