

28th Australian National Model A Ford Meet



“A” Rally through the Cane Fields

Maryborough Queensland

Sunday 1st – Sunday 8th September 2024

Hosted by the Model A Ford Club of QLD

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Thank you for registering your Early Bird Form – We now have 150 EB forms so we are hoping this will translate into at least 150 formal registrations. The countdown is well and truly on so if you would like to be reminded just go to the following and see our countdown calendar in action.

<https://modelafordqld.wixsite.com/website/countdown-calendar>

TOURS

At this stage we are planning

Monday 02/09/2024 - two Whale Watching cruises with departure times, for those taking the bus transfer, from the HQ at 7.15am & 12.15pm. The run to Hervey Bay Boat Club will be about 45 minutes so you should have time for a coffee (free tea, coffee, and biscuits available on board as well) before you board at 8.30am & 1.30pm respectively for your 4-hour cruise. If you intend to drive yourself, make sure you arrive and be ready to board at 8.30am & 1.30pm sharp. Board the bus for the return journey to HQ at 12.30pm & 5.30pm. Your Boarding pass will be available at reception.

Tuesday 03/09/2024 – two Bundaberg Distillery & Hinkler Hall of Aviation tours with both leaving HQ at 7am for the journey to the Bundaberg Showground, where the Bundaberg Car Club will be providing both morning tea and lunch. We will arrive there about 9am for morning tea then one bus will depart 9.45am for the Bundaberg Rum Distillery with the other heading for the Hinkler Hall of Aviation for tours starting at 10am. Both groups will return to the Showground for lunch arriving at 12 noon and leaving again at 12.45 for the alternative destination for tours starting at 1pm. You will then board the bus for the return journey at 3pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday will involve organized tours to OLDS Engineering. We have included in this newsletter details of this tour, including cost, proposed times, safety requirements, along with the one hundred years plus history of this wonderful local business. One of their recent and more notable contracts, was to manufacture the wheels for the Diamond Royal Jubilee State Coach (initially known as the State Coach Britannia) Eventually, it became a commemoration for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and was used for the opening of State Parliament and to carry King Charles 111 and Queen Camilla to Westminster Abbey for their coronation. This amazing Coach, built by Sydney craftsman Jim Frecklington, with Olds Engineering taking on the job of making the wheels.



SELF GUIDED OPTION – a great option is to be inspired by walking the 2 km Mural Trail over 10 city blocks and view 40 great murals, or the Walk Tour Discovery Trail to see a fascinating city and its colourful past. Maryborough captures this history in its beautifully restored buildings and houses and has arguably the state’s best display of homes from the 19 & 20th centuries.

These are great self-guided options to either do individually or mix and match while stopping at one of the many coffee shops. Additional detail attached.



The Mural Trail starts with this beauty at the information Centre. It is a replica of the original Peace Cake made by bakers, Stellmach & Sons, for the Maryborough Victory Ball held on 29 April 1919 to celebrate the end of World War 1. The replica is made to the same dimensions as the original, containing four tiers and standing about 1.5 meters high and 61cm in diameter.

This Mural is of the Maryborough Crest, which was officially fixed for the city on 3 June 1985 following representations to London can be found in the Town Hall Green, Adelaide Street.



Our next newsletter will be sent out in January and will contain the official entry form, which will be followed by the order form in February. These documents will have a return date of 30/04/2024 and we ask everyone to return them by then if possible. It would be a great help.

Good health and see you in 2024 - "Happiness is a day in your Model A."

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