



TOUR to the SUNSHINE STATE

14th – 17th August 2024

NOTICE OF THE EVENT

1. Description

The Tour will be conducted by the Historic Rally Club of NSW/ACT Inc. (HRC) under Motorsport Australia Permit Number 424/1708/01.

This is a non-competitive Social Tour, and it is a requirement of Motorsport Australia (MA) that this event will not involve any form of competition or activities of a competitive nature involving the timed movement of a vehicle.

The HRC has adopted a *Code of Conduct* for participants to minimise the Tour's impact on other road users and local residents. Further details are provided below.

2. Requirements for participation

All participants must be a member of a Motorsport Australia affiliated Car Club.

HRC membership is \$25 (available on the HRC website).

Participants' vehicles must be road registered and the number of people in each vehicle must not exceed the legal registered carrying capacity of the vehicle. Unregistered Vehicle Permits and Trade Plates will not be accepted.

Drivers must hold a current civil Drivers Licence from an Australian authority. Provisional Licences and Learners Permits are not acceptable.

3. Organising Team

Tour Organiser and Road Director	Ian Richards	0458 467 255
Assistant Road Director	Winton Brocklebank	0418 278 466
Entries Secretary	Dave Johnson	0493 812 474

All correspondence to the Entries Secretary at hrcroadtours@gmail.com.

4. Course Details

The Tour will start at Murwillumbah NSW at approx.10 am on 14th August 2024, and will be run over four days. The Tour will finish at Kallangur, Queensland, at approximately 5 pm on Saturday 17th August 2024.

The Tour will offer both a Regular course (including some sections of gravel road) and a Tarmac course. Both courses will encompass these locations:

Day 1: Murwillumbah to Lismore via Nimbin

Day 2: Lismore to Toowoomba via Woodenbong and Aratula

Day 3: Toowoomba to Toowoomba via Leyburn, Texas and Warwick

Day 4: Toowoomba to Kallangur via Nanango and Kilcoy

Both the Regular course and the Tarmac course are approximately 1,700 km with the Regular course comprising approximately 35% gravel.

Participants should indicate their course preference on the Entry Form, but they are nevertheless free to swap between the Regular and Tarmac courses during the tour.

5. Road Book

The courses for each day will be given in the Road Book for the Tour with details of lunch break locations, rally and other landmarks of interest, and finish of day locations. Opportunities to swap between the Regular and Tarmac courses will be identified as well as opportunities to short-cut in the event of any delays.

The Road Book will contain instructions for BOTH the Regular and Tarmac courses. The Road Book for the whole Tour will be issued at the Start.

There will be a full set of maps so that you can follow where you are going but the full course will be route charted to minimise navigational challenges.

The Road Book will contain a full list of any abbreviations that are used in the route charts.

Further details of times, locations and distances will be provided in an *Event Guide* to be published approximately one month prior to the tour.

6. Entries

Entries open on the publication of this Notice and close at 8 pm on Sunday 4th August 2024.

Entries may be limited to a total of 40 vehicles.

Entry is open to any financial member of any Motorsport Australia affiliated Car Club.

The Entry Form is available on the HRC website and can be downloaded, completed (clear lettering please) and forwarded to the Entries Secretary on hrcroadtours@gmail.com. It must be completed in full, including the details for all intending participants in the vehicle.

The option exists to participate in one, two or three days of the tour.

The Entry fee is \$350 for the full 4 days and \$290, \$220 and \$130 for three, two and one day options respectively.

If you have a preferred Vehicle Number or one that is affixed to your vehicle that you are entering, please insert it on the Entry Form and we shall endeavour to allocate that number to you for the Tour.

7. Vehicle Check and On-going Condition

Entrants must complete a *Self-assessment Vehicle Safety Check* within 14 days prior to the start of the Tour. This form will be available on the website and must be forwarded to the Entries Secretary when completed.

A valid Pink Slip issued for the vehicle in the month prior to the start shall be acceptable as an alternative to the *Self-assessment Vehicle Safety Check*.

It is the responsibility of the participants and/or drivers to ensure the vehicle is in a roadworthy condition both at the start and during the Tour.

Each participating vehicle will be allocated a Vehicle Number for the Tour and two sets of the number are to be affixed to front and rear windows to enable the vehicle to be identified by officials, including the sweep vehicles, and other participants in the event. Please ensure that the front and rear windows are clear of any other conflicting numbers so that no confusion can exist.

8. Extra Equipment in Vehicles

The roads to be travelled do not require the fitting of a sump guard under normal driving conditions.

Essential equipment is a reliable resettable distance measuring instrument (Terratrip / Monit / Carrvas or the like or Phone App like 'Rally Tripmeter').

Recommended equipment:

- first aid kit
- fire extinguisher
- compass
- 5 watt UHF CB radio
- warning triangles
- drinking water

There is no restriction on other equipment that may be carried. A Navman, TomTom, Garmin or Smartphone with Google Maps could be beneficial.

Communication with the organisers during the event will normally via the Smartphone App 'WhatsApp'. It will assist if you have it loaded and are familiar with its use. It is essential that you indicate on the Entry Form which mobile phone(s) should be used for such communication (maximum 2 per vehicle)..

9. Accommodation

It is participants' responsibility to book their accommodation. A separate Accommodation Guide is available. Participants are encouraged to book accommodation as early as possible.

All accommodation is at the expense of participants.

10. Social Dinners

The principal social event will be a dinner in Toowoomba on the Thursday evening. A programme of interviews of motorsport celebrities will be arranged for the evening.

Casual Social Dinners are planned for the other evenings of the event, including at the finish, and where possible in separated private eating areas.

In all instances, meals and drinks are to be ordered and paid for by participants, generally at the relevant Bistro or Bar.

All meals throughout the Tour are at the expense of participants.

11. Code of Conduct

How you behave on the road reflects on all motorsport and could impact our future use of public roads. This not a timed competition. Drive carefully and be courteous to all road users at all times.

The *Code of Conduct* is available on the HRC website and you are encouraged to make yourself familiar with it and to observe it during this Tour. The Code will be reproduced in the Road Book.

This Code has been suggested by participants from earlier tours both for the benefit of newcomers to motorsport and to jog the memories of long-term participants.

Notwithstanding the NSW Traffic Acts and their regulations, Motorsport Australia has adopted Policies prohibiting the use of Alcohol, Drugs and Illicit Substances at their sanctioned events. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden until touring activity is concluded for each day.

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