

GRIFFITH NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE TOUR

2-8 OCTOBER, 2023

NEWSLETTER #3 (MAY 2023)

Welcome to Newsletter #3 for the 2023 National Veteran Vehicle Tour in Griffith. Included below is some important updates related to the upcoming tour, as well as some updates to frequently asked questions.



Tour Director Update

I am pleased to report that plans for the Griffith National Veteran Vehicle Tour from Monday 2 October to Sunday 8 October 2023 are currently having finishing touches made after most of the committee members spent a very productive week in Griffith after Easter to finalise the week's events.

We have been able to organise some great runs and visits to very interesting places.

Below are some of the highlights of the activities and places we have planned for you during the Tour.

Monday 2 October 2023

The Mayor of Griffith City Council, Councilor Doug Curran has agreed to sponsor the welcome function at the Griffith Pioneer Park Museum, this is a world class museum featuring the history of Griffith and surrounding area.

Entrants are invited to arrive at the Museum between 8.30am and 10.00am and place their vehicles on display while they enjoy a day in the Museum. The registration desk will be set up in the Museum for entrants to collect their rally packs, route instructions and information required for the week. The Mayor will officially welcome entrants at 3.00pm and afternoon tea will be served.

Entrants arriving after 10.00am will have to park outside the museum as the Museum opens at 10.00am to the public and due to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements no vehicles will be allowed to enter or leave the Museum between 10.00 and 3.00pm. This will be a wonderful day and there will be food available to purchase during the day.

Tuesday 3 October 2023

We visit Whitton for morning tea and tour of the Whitton Museum followed by lunch at the Whitton Malt House and guided tours of the Cotton Ginnery and Voyager Malt House will be available.

Wednesday 4 October 2023

Leeton and Art Deco buildings are both products of the 20th Century. Guided Tours of the main street will be available. Other Art Deco buildings include the Historic Roxy Theatre, Museum and Art Gallery, Hydro Motor Inn. Other places of interest include a Motorcycle Museum and Rocking Horse Museum.

- 4.00pm TAVCCA Delegates meeting at the Griffith City Council Chambers

Thursday 5 October 2023

We showcase the beautiful City of Griffith and the surrounding areas. You can visit some of the interesting places around the city which include winery's, gardens, Fruit Salad Farm, Collier and Miller Engineering and many others. For those who like walking there is a National Park nearby and walks around the City area or you can rest, and service your car.

Details of organised Tours will be available soon.

- 5.30pm – Assemble at the Tourist Information Centre for a vehicle display before the gas light parade at 7.15pm. Food will be available from vendors in the car park or the Exie Club is approximately 100 metres away. There are plenty of restaurants available in Griffith if you wish to dine out before or after the gas light parade, refer to the Restaurant Guide book that you will receive in your tour kit, bookings are essential.

Friday 6 October 2023

Today is a driving day leaving Griffith and driving to Barellan for morning tea and look around the town, famous as the home of tennis champion Yvonne Goolagong. The lunch stop will be in Weethalle where you can view the spectacular silo art and Fat Bob and the Blonde. Rankins Springs is the next stop where you can buy a coffee or beer and check out Wally's Junk Yard gallery before returning to Griffith. There will be an optional short run that day.

Saturday 7 October 2023

Today is a shorter run visiting Beelbanger and onto Yenda for morning tea. From Yenda we drive to Lake Wyangan for lunch where there is plenty of shelter sheds and area to enjoy a picnic. The afternoon is free time to visit more wineries or other places of interest that you could not visit on Thursday.

Sunday 8 October

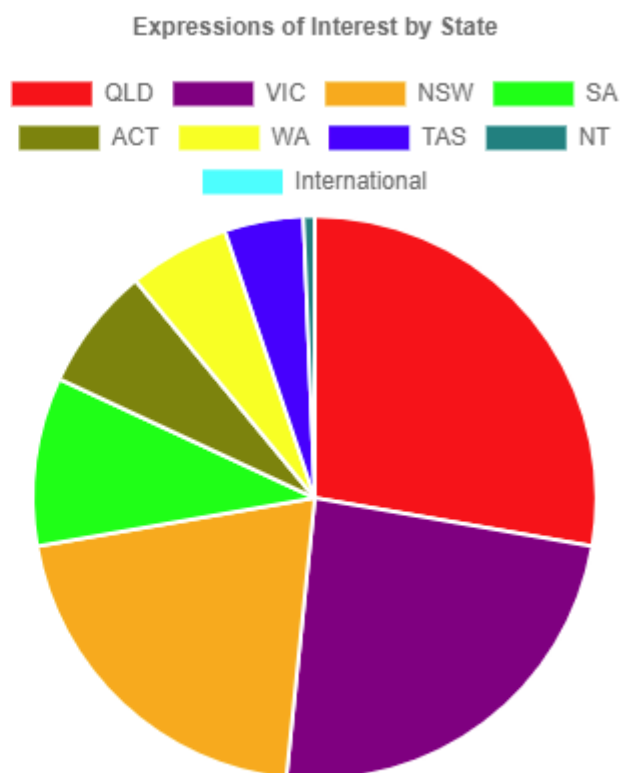
This morning is an opportunity to walk the main street and check out the Citrus Sculptures before the Celebration lunch at the Yoogali Club.

- 12.00pm Celebration Lunch at the Yoogali Club

Vehicle Numbers / Expressions of Interest

We have limited the number of vehicles to 200 due to restraints on venues. We now have 156 expressions of interest. Even if you think you might attend, submit your expression of interest so we can keep you up to date! Submit your expression of interest at <https://vccaact.org.au/griffith-national-veteran-vehicle-tour-2023/expression-of-interest/>

State	Count	Percentage
QLD	43	27.6%
VIC	37	23.7%
NSW	32	20.5%
SA	15	9.6%
ACT	11	7.1%
WA	9	5.8%
TAS	7	4.5%
NT	1	0.6%
International	0	0%
Total	156	100%



Entry Forms

The entry form will be available soon once final details have been confirmed with a number of venues that we will be visiting throughout the tour. The entry form will be available on the website, with payments to be made via direct deposit. Information related to entry forms will be emailed to everyone who has submitted an expression of interest, as well as being made available on our website.

Trailer Parking

We are finalising an option for trailer parking during the tour for those that may require it. Confirmation and further details will be provided in a future newsletter closer to the tour.

Backup Service

We have had discussions with local tilt tray services to see what services they provide in the event of a break down. We are also working with members of the local car clubs for assistance in being able to transport tour participants back to collect their own cars and trailers if their vehicle fails to proceed.

We encourage entrants to subscribe to a roadside assistance program such as NRMA or Shannons who offer roadside assistance at reasonable costs.

We also hope to provide information on workshop / machining facilities should they be required.

Confirmed details will be provided in your tour kit that you will receive.

Facebook

We have created a Facebook page! This will allow us to keep you updated with information between newsletters. You can follow the tour page at <https://www.facebook.com/griffith2023>

Reminder—Pre-event

Barellan Clydesdale and Good Old Days Festival

A reminder that there is an optional event before the official start of the tour being the 'Good Old Days Festival' to be held 50km from Griffith in Barellan on Saturday 30th September and Sunday 1st October 2023.

In 2022 the Good Old Days Festival event roared back to life after a two-year hiatus and set a new single day attendance record as one of the nation's biggest gatherings of draught animals. More than 10,000 visitors from every Australia state soaked up the sunshine at the local showgrounds to enjoy, learn and experience Australia's authentic pioneer heritage.

Have We Missed Something?

Is there something you would like to know that we have not covered? Reach out to either the tour director or tour secretary using the details below or through the Contact Us page on the website at <https://vvccaact.org.au/griffith-national-veteran-vehicle-tour-2023/contact-us/>

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Location Spotlight – Barellan, Weethalle, and Rankins Springs, NSW

Each edition we will aim to showcase a surrounding area or location that we are planning to visit during the tour. In Newsletter #1 we covered Griffith itself, and in Newsletter #2 we highlighted Leeton, in this edition we will have a closer look at Barrellan, Weethalle, and Rankins Springs which we will visit on the Friday of the tour.

The country town of Barellan is located 52 kilometres from Griffith. It is a quiet wheat town with characteristic silos, and functions primarily as a service centre for the surrounding agricultural area. Barellan is noted for its warm hospitality and the can-do attitude of its residents. The town is home to Wimbledon Champion Evonne Goolagong-Cawley OAM, who grew up and learned to play tennis in Barellan. In Evonne Goolagong park you can see The Big Tennis Racket, a 13.8 metre 20:1 scale model of Evonne's battered wooden signature Dunlop racquet.



Weethalle is a small farming town on the Mid Western Highway, 60 kilometres west of West Wyalong (and 50km from Barellan). Visit the Weethalle Museum and see antiques from the district and a display of local history. When visiting, stop by at the Road Kill Grilz for a coffee and a photo of their mural. Further down the street are Fat Bob and the Blond, a curio shop and Fat Bob (Harley Davidson) living in the shop. The Blond is Heather, the owner who has interesting stories to tell about her travels on Fat Bob through Australia. Weethalle is also proud of their silo art painted in 2017.



Rankins Springs is a village with population 208 at the 2021 Census, with main agricultural activities of the district around Rankins Springs being the growing of crops such as wheat and oats, and beef-cattle and wool-production. The history of Rankins Springs is a story of two settlements 10 kilometres (6 miles) apart. The earlier locality was situated near a water source at the junction of several roads and operated essentially as a hotel, store and post-office, with adjoining paddocks on freehold land. The later village of Rankins Springs developed around the terminus of a railway branch line completed in 1923.



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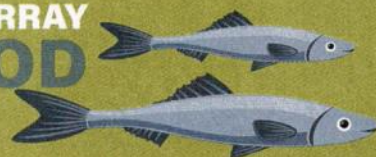
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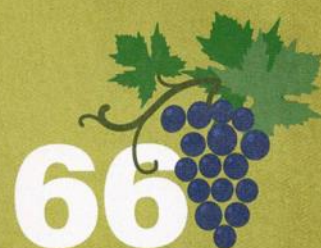
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