

PETER WADDLE MEMORIAL RALLY FEBRUARY 7TH TO 14TH 2016 – TASMANIA

BACKGROUND

Next year the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tasmania) celebrates its 60th Anniversary. The Club is keen to have members of kindred clubs join them on some of the celebratory events in 2016 and specifically this one for veteran vehicles.

The Tasmanian Club is an all embracing club and provides for all vehicles 30 years old and older. Therefore in order to attract the veteran vehicles they hold one specific veteran event each year, known as the Peter Waddle Memorial Rally. It is generally a weekend event held on the first or second weekend in February and is held in different parts of the state by rotation.

With the interest shown in recent years in crossing Australia in veteran vehicles from West to East and from South to North, it was decided by the Tasmanian Club, as part of their 60th Anniversary celebrations, to emulate these events, in a smaller way, by running a veteran vehicle rally from the far northwest coast of Tasmania to the far south. It was therefore logical to make this into an expanded Peter Waddle Memorial Rally as it is an appropriate way of remembering a stalwart of the Club, celebrating 60 years (and the basis on which the Club was formed for veteran and vintage vehicles), the weather is generally at its best and school holidays have ended.

THE EVENT

The Peter Waddle Memorial Rally 2016 is to be modeled on the UK events that run from John O’Groat’s to Land’s End. Meeting and staying at the Tall Timbers Resort in Smithton on Sunday 7th February (participants are to make their own way there from their individual start points) prior to Monday morning, when the cars will travel to the Marrawah wind farm at the historic Van Diemen’s Land Company property of Woolnorth. This is about as far northwest as you can get. This is where the rally officially commences for the run through to the far south of Tasmania at Cockle Creek via the Central Highlands and finishing in Hobart on Saturday the 13th February with a celebratory dinner. A special badge will be struck for the run.

Because of the logistics of the event and the fact that most, if not all, vehicles entered will be 100 years old it is planned to have a Tail-end Charlie from each of the three sections. They will also be able to assist and share in getting some of the slower vehicles to and from the start and finish. For entrants coming from the mainland the entry to Tasmania via the ferry at Devonport will provide an ideal starting and finishing point for the rally.

An event such as this requires a block booking for most of the available accommodation in the towns that are being traversed. This has been done but as the rally is being held during the peak tourist season, the accommodation (reserved at the corporate rate in most cases), can only be guaranteed until the end of September. We have followed the model of staying in the one venue where possible and our evening meal will also be held there.

Victorian VCCA members Andrew and Frances McDougall have already booked their slot for the Rally. We would like more mainland members to join them.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY 7th February:

Overnight Tall Timbers. Welcome evening barbecue.

MONDAY 8th February:

Travel to Marrawah via Bass Highway and then commence the journey to the south.

Accommodation and dinner (own cost) at Beachway Motel, Ulverstone.

TUESDAY 9th February:

Morning tea at Deloraine,

Lunch at Breona.

Accommodation and dinner (own cost) at (Great Lake Hotel), Miena.

WEDNESDAY 10th February:

Morning tea at the Steppes.

Lunch at Bothwell.

Accommodation and dinner (own cost) at New Norfolk

THURSDAY 11th February:

Travel to Port Huon. Run organized by southern members.

Accommodation at Kermandie Motel.

FRIDAY 12TH February:

Run to Cockle Creek.

Picnic lunch.

Return to Kermandie Hotel.

SATURDAY 13th February:

Run to and around Hobart with meals, including rally dinner organized by southern section.

SUNDAY 14th February:

Return home.

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