

BUNDABERG CANEFIELDS CLASSIC TOUR - 2009

MAY 1st - 5th 2009

The following arrangements are suggestions for those attending the rally and wishing to share in the journey. To allow for flexibility, a time schedule has not been set.

Friday, 1st May:

Meet at Service Station at Nudgee Beach exit on Gateway Motorway at 8.45 am for 9.00 am departure. It is proposed to use the 4-lane hwy so that we can travel at our own pace in the left lane. The first stop will be at Nambour for morning tea.

Enjoy the view of the Glasshouse Mountains before passing the Caloundra exit, Ettamogah Pub and the Sunshine Motorway exit. When you cross Eudlo Creek, take the Nambour exit to the left, passing the Big Pineapple, and continue on to Nambour. At the traffic lights before Petrie Creek at the northern end of the main street, Currie St., turn left under the Railway Bridge to Petrie Park for morning tea.

The next leg of our tour is to Gympie.

After morning tea, return to Nambour main street, turn north traveling past the Nambour Show Grounds, taking the old highway to Yandina. Here you will cross the Sth. Maroochy River, and turn right at Fleming Street and proceed to the motorway. At the top of the Eumundi Range we approach the "horror stretch", and 90 kph applies for most of the way from here to Gympie. On the outskirts of the city, take the Tin Can Bay – Tourist Drive – to the right, and proceed to the Mining Museum ("duck pond park") for lunch.

After lunch, it on to Maryborough and then Hervey Bay.

The highway north from Gympie is 2-lane, and unexciting. Watch out for the 'fairies' at Bauple Mountain and a speed trap in Tiaro. Further north, don't miss the exit for Maryborough, or you will be on the way to Bundaberg. The route through Maryborough to Hervey Bay is well signposted.

As you approach Hervey Bay, at the roundabout take the second exit to Boat Harbour Drive, continuing straight on until the traffic lights at the intersection with Denmans Camp Road, where you will turn left. Then turn right into The Esplanade at Scarness, and enjoy the tourist strip to the Urangan Pier. The Urangan Motor Inn is just before this on the right.

Saturday, 2nd May:

An early morning walk on the beach is in order before we depart for Bundaberg at 9 am.

Follow Elizabeth Street (becoming Booral Road) past the Airport towards River Heads. However, we turn right, back to the Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road. Turn left towards Maryborough, turning right at the Torbanlea turnoff. This route takes us through forest country, and the village of Torbanlea to the Bruce Highway north. At Childers, continue through the main street. Toilets are available here in a small park on the right near the Post Office.

We next pass through the tiny village of Apple Tree Creek where the road divides - to Gin Gin or to Bundaberg. Make sure you take the Bundaberg exit. Entering Bundaberg, you pass the Airport on the right, and Sugarland Shopping Complex on the left. You are then in Takalvan Street where you may find your chosen Motel.

There are lights at the Takalvan and Walker Streets intersection – turn right here into Walker Street, and follow to the Rail Crossing. The Registration Point and Morning Tea are on the left after crossing the line, in the P.C.Y.C. precinct.

Enjoy the weekend!

BUNDABERG to HOME

Monday, 4th May:

From 9.00 am at the static display at the P.C.Y.C., you will be able to say your farewells and have morning tea before leaving at 10.30, returning home via Gayndah, Kingaroy, and the Brisbane Valley. Kevin Eeles has kindly arranged for us to detour through Gayndah to view a world-class display of Citroens. We will lunch in Gayndah.

Follow the highway south to Childers, and just before reaching the main street, take the exit right to Biggenden. This is new territory, Biggenden being the main centre of population we pass through. When you come to the intersection with the Burnett Highway at Ban Ban Springs, turn right for 28 kms to Gayndah. (We may stop to look at the Springs on our return).

Following lunch, we will view the Citroens and when we can extract Kevin, we will head south on the Burnett Highway to Murgon, Wondai, and Kingaroy. We are hoping to arrange to have dinner together on Monday evening, and meet with John Miller, a former Club Member, who is looking forward to seeing us all.

Tuesday, 5th May:

Return home to Brisbane at your convenience via the Brisbane Valley Highway. Some may prefer to travel through Kilcoy - others may wish to go through Esk - but we hope you all have had an enjoyable time.

TRAVEL SAFELY!

For security, please list the mobile phone nos. of fellow-travelers.

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