



A Weekend In The Country

23-24th March, 2019

Saturday 23rd March - Day 1 - Hartley to Bathurst

- **Meeting at 11.00am** at **The Lolly Bug**, 2297 Great Western Hwy, Little Hartley, NSW 2790.
- **Leaving by 11.30am**, we will travel the Great Western Highway onto Jenolan Caves Road/Oberon Road. This is a scenic drive so please beware of tourists. The road is narrow, and if we have timed it correctly, we should have no oncoming traffic. There are limits on traffic from 11.45am to 1.15pm.
- We continue through the **Jenolan State Forrest** and then ascend the **Great Dividing Range (1250m)**. At the 35km mark starts a steep descent on a narrow road. Speed is a maximum of 40km!! This is a lovely scenic drive.
- In the valley we will drive through **The Grand Arch Cave**, a brief moment to listen to the Astons! Anyone needing a pit stop this is the place, however, parking can be difficult.
- Onto **Oberon**, a very winding and narrow road, but at the 100km sign it is a clear and picturesque run into the **Oberon** township. Over the **Great Dividing Range (1355m)**, through Edith, over the Duckmaloi River past the Goulburn and Shooter Hill turn off.
- We follow the signs to the town centre, into Ross Street then **Oberon Street**. Fuel is available and parking is in the main street. There is a choice of three small cafes and the RSL club, Bistro 59. Parking is near the black awnings of the **Monkey Bean Café** on the left. Toilets are in the main street next to the bakery.
- After a light lunch we head off to **Bathurst**. Drive to the end of the road at the T-section and turn right to Bathurst on O'Connell Road, at the roundabout 2nd exit to Bathurst. This is approx. 35kms.
- For those who would like to visit **Mayfield Gardens** turn off 12kms down the O'Connell Road. Turn left onto Mayfield Road, drive a very short distance and follow signs to the gardens. There you can park, have a coffee, visit the shop, or pay an entry fee and walk the gardens at your leisure. Re-join the road to Bathurst by driving out of gardens the same way, turn left and continue onto the **Bathurst Heritage Motor Inn**.
- Onto Bathurst travel through the hamlet of O'Connell, past the Scotts School, over the railway bridge, downhill to a large round about, and take first left onto Sydney Road, Great Western Highway.
- Driving through Bathurst (on the Great Western Highway) drive past Hungry Jacks, Bob Janes, the car wash and Repco and turn left at the lights into Stewart Street (Great Western Highway). The motel is only 100m away on the left hand side.
- **Club members will need to book their rooms individually, mentioning that they are with the Aston Martin Owners Club. Members will pay individually for their meals.**
- **The Bathurst Heritage Motor Inn phone number is (02) 6334 3433.**





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Sunday 24th March - Day 2 - Bathurst to Hill End

- After breakfast and check out we visit the **National Motor Racing Museum**, adjacent to the race track. A fee applies to enter the museum. A coffee wagon should be on site and perhaps a local paper photographer. This is a chance to drive the Mount Panorama circuit but please, beware of speed zones!!!
- We then regroup to drive to the historic town of **Hill End**, 80kms from Bathurst. Travel along William Street to the ambulance station and turn right at the traffic lights and head east. Over the Evans Bridge, at the 2nd set of traffic lights after the bridge turn left into Gilmour Street, follow the road to the roundabout, go straight through and head to **Sofala**, 43kms away.
- Passing Wattle Flat, look out for charming, old historic (derelict buildings). On to Sofala, turn left at the bottom of the hill at the intersection. The Turon River will be on your right. Further on to a white one lane bridge, please use caution and obey signage.
- **Hill End** is 35kms away through rural areas, locality of Sally's Flat. Most of this road has no advisory speed signs, is narrow and requires your attention. It is a scenic and historic part of NSW.
- **Hill End** is the lunch stop. We suggest a stop at the **Royal Hotel** for a drink and stretch, have a walk around the town and envisage what it would have been like back in the 1860's. The choice is yours as to where you have lunch.
- A recommended choice is the **Hill End Tea Gardens/Café**. They have a selection of homemade cakes, slices, pizza, pies and good coffee, (only one toilet, hence the stop in town centre). We can drive into the owner's yard and walk around the garden. They have cute chooks!
- For those history buffs a visit to **History Hill** and through an old mine is available. There are a few metres of unsealed road to access the entry.
- **For the journey home there are three options:**
 - From Hill End drive to Mudgee and then head to Sydney via the Castlereagh Highway. At Lithgow head either down Blue Mountains or Bells Line.
 - Hill End to Sofala, turn left to Ilford (great drive). Drive to intersection and turn right onto Castlereagh Highway. Same choice as above from Lithgow.
 - From Hill End drive the same route back to Bathurst, on Great Western Highway to Lithgow and again same choice as to directions to your home.



RSVP: Please RSVP to John Sullivan secretary@amocnsw.org.au by Tuesday 19th March, 2019.

Parking: Plenty available at destinations.

Cost: Members will make their own hotel bookings and pay for their meals over the weekend.

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