

A.B.C.C.C. "TOUR OF DISCOVERY" – Sunday 26th June.

We meet at the Lilydale Lake car park from 9:00 am, for a prompt departure at 9:30 am. as we have a very full program for what we hope will be a very interesting and fun filled day's outing. Following just a short 10 minutes drive we arrive at what is one of the best private collections of pre-war sports cars (mainly British) with one of the best men's sheds you'll wish to see. John has not only an interest in classic and vintage vehicles but also enjoys breeding white peacocks which I'm sure if you ask nicely, he'd be happy to show you.



By 11:00 am. we must be on our way as the good people of Gembrook are expecting us at their Arts/Crafts and Gourmet Foods Market Day between 12:15 and 12:30 pm. We will travel through the beautiful Sherbrooke Forest to Belgrave from where we head on to Emerald, Cockatoo and finally Gembrook. Here we will probably be met by the Local Press as we have been invited to put our cars on display at the Puffing Billy Station. (A good thing as street parking on the day could be a problem). Puffing Billy arrives at 1:00 pm. so we will have about an hour to check out the local craft and produce stalls as well as watch the train's preparations for its return journey before settling down for lunch. Come 1:30 pm, the Hospitality committee has organised for us to have the exclusive use of one of the station's waiting rooms and has also offered to provide us with a light lunch at no cost. I also would suggest that you might like to supplement this with some picnic items of your own either brought from home or purchased from the stalls or local bakery etc. . .

Just across from the Station is David Peck's private museum "The Motorist" which he has very kindly offered to show us through. David has put together a very interesting collection of early motoring memorabilia as well as some very impressive motor vehicles. If you haven't as yet seen his vintage "Brass" Studebaker Limousine, you're in for a real treat. He also mentioned that the 'Local Opportunity Shop' attached to the foyer of



his museum will be open on the day and I can recommend it as I picked up a nice pair of vintage cuff links at a very fair price on our last visit. He has also offered to 'put the urn on' for free coffee on tap.

At 2:45 pm, Puffing Billy leaves the station for its return journey and for those who are interested, we have been offered a free 20 minutes ride through to Cockatoo. We thought a few of the cars could travel back to Cockatoo to bring back those who had taken up the offer. This would be a great opportunity to possibly bring the grandkids (if you haven't done this before) as the Gembrook folk are promoting their day as "Family and Kids Friendly".

Leaving, to make our way home, we suggest that a very pleasant drive would be to take the road to Launching Place and drive back along the Warburton Highway to Lilydale and beyond.



As the people of Gembrook are being so hospitable and so looking forward to our club's attendance, it would be wonderful if we could put on a really "bumper" display of fine British Classics for their and their guests enjoyment. You may even consider bringing more than one of your classics.

It is important that you let us know if you intend joining us on the day's outing as their Hospitality Committee will need to know numbers in advance for their catering purposes.

Remember to wear your NAME TAGS (catering) and to bring a camera.

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