

MG Car Club Autumn Weekend Away 2016

Operation Order (Opord)

Welcome Intrepid travellers.

Introduction

This year's weekend away takes us to the NSW Central West region, leaving Friday morning 29 April 2016 and returning home on the afternoon of Sunday 1 May 2016. There are 40 participants and 21 cars in 20 motel rooms. Our base of operations is the Quality Inn Ambassador in Orange for Friday and Saturday night, with excursions on Saturday. Meal arrangements and inclusions will be detailed throughout the Opord. We have a themed private main function on Saturday night, where games, trials and fun for all will be interspersed with prizes for various events. As usual we will be holding a raffle for the clubs charity. There will be easy and pleasurable driving along routes that provide some lovely scenery and not much horseless carriage traffic.

Preparation

Prior to departure please ensure you have clean underwear and money as the organisers will not have any spare. That said, please make sure you pay your tour fee of \$95.00 per person NLT Friday 15 April, otherwise you will be stoned in a public square prior to departure. *If paying by EFT please put AWA 2016 in the description.*

Noting that some of you will be travelling in cars that are "space challenged", I will be taking a ZT with lots of space, because Nome is travelling in another car, so if you need anything transported, please let me know.

Be sure to bring something along that can take photographs and / or video, be it a phone, iPad, tablet or dare I say, a camera. The best MG photo (with or without people) for the weekend (judged by the magazine editor, who is ineligible to enter), will be the **cover of the May Tappet Chatter**. We also have the capability to display a continuous slide show on a big screen for photo's taken up to that time on the weekend. I will have my laptop to load photo's on for Saturday night for the slide show. **There will also be a photo competition with prize.**

Bottled water will be provided and available each day.

If you have car trouble or are delayed at any point, please call me on my mobile **0415 400 044** so that I can assist or so that I am aware of your situation, that way we don't backtrack looking for you when all is ok.

Fuel Stops - There should be no requirement to fill up during the day, however I recommend filling up Friday after arrival in Orange, and Saturday after return from Forbes, that way no one should get low on fuel during the excursions.

The theme for Saturday night is **James Bond 007**. Simple, yet elegant. There are no expectations, it is up to you how much or how little you do. The entertainment will be loosely based on Bond.

A list of participants and mobile phone numbers is at the end of this document.

Don't forget donations for the Charity Raffle. You can bring them from home or get them on the tour.

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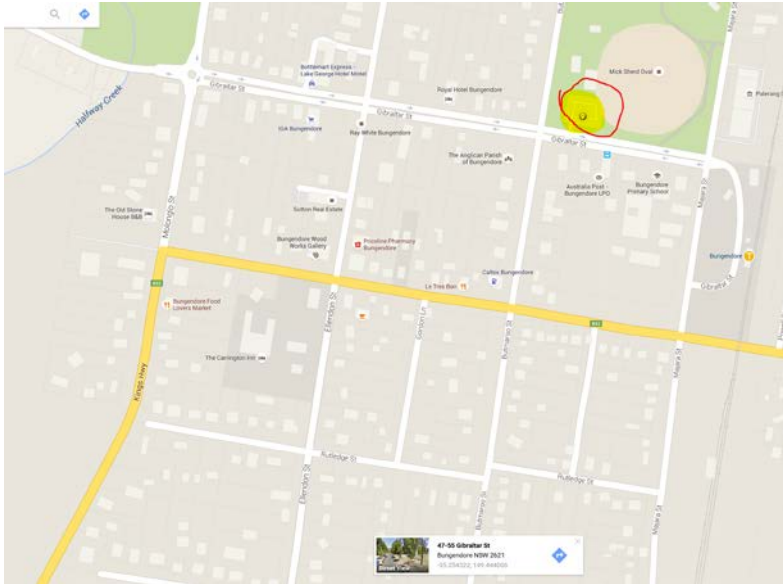
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Execution

Day 1 - Friday 29 April 2016

Friday morning, 29 April 2016, meet at the car park for Mick Sherd oval, **46(ish) Gibraltar Street, Bungendore** (where the red circle is. The yellow road is the Kings Highway) for an 8:30am brief and an 8:45am departure to Taralga for Brunch.

[Click each Map for them to become active](#)



*[Clicking on the route map will open with the route going via the Federal Highway. **We are going via Tarago and Tirannavale.**](#)*

Our first leg is Bungendore car park to [Taralga Hotel](#) via Tarago, Tirannavale, Goulburn, Tarlo and Chatsbury (the Blue line). It is 113 km. As we have slower cars like mid 19th century MG's and Austin Healey's, travelling at 80 Kph will take about an hour and a half. This will be the formula used for transit times for the entire weekend.

Here is where we will stop for **Brunch** sometime after 10:00 am. This is included in the Tour Fee. Coffee and Tea will be on the boil when we arrive and Brunch about 15 mins after that. We plan to depart around 11:30am, however if everyone is fed and watered prior to this time we can set off earlier.



[This is what the Taralga Hotel looks like \(so you don't drive Past\)](#)

Our next stop is 2 hours away (at 80kph), more detail of which will be given on the day. So expect to arrive there at around 1:30pm. The opportunity to get snacks and drinks is available here. At this stop (activities are included in the tour fee) we will spend about an hour before departing around 2:30pm for afternoon tea at the Beekeepers Inn, which is also included in the Tour fee.



[Click this Map to see where the Beekeepers Inn is.](#)

This is the Beekeepers Inn. It is on it's own on the road to Orange

[The Beekeepers Inn](#) will take about 20 minutes at 80kph, so I expect we will all be sitting down and noshing on coffee (or tea) and slice at 3:00pm. This is included in the tour fee. There are a number of rooms here with historic and antique items from the Inn's and the regions past, which all are welcome to have a look at. Don't forget to go down to the basement. There is no real time limit here as we will be only 20 minutes (yes at 80 kph), from our resting place for the evening. Just remember that **pre dinner drinks will begin at 5:30pm**. Nibbles and some red and white wine will be provided.

Lodgings

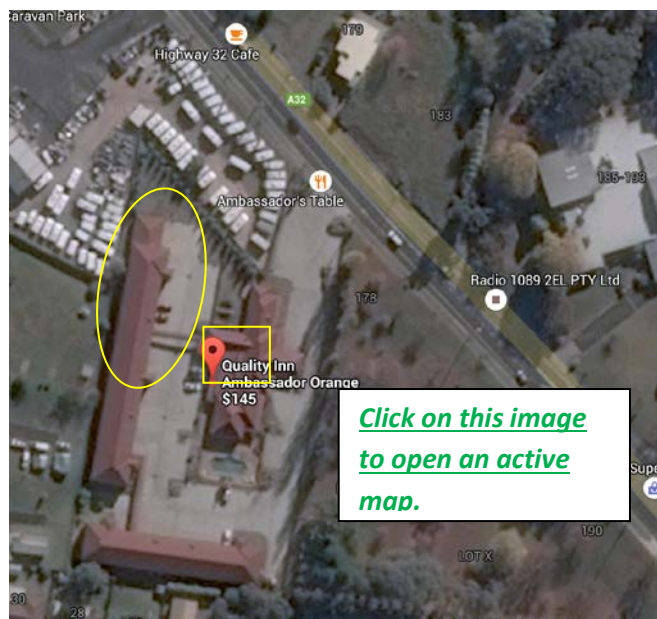


Street View, Logo and Rooms

We are staying at the [Quality Inn Ambassador](#), which is on the left hand side as we drive into Orange on the Mitchell Highway (just passed Bunnings and Supercrap Auto, also on the left).

The Tariff is either \$145.00 per night with breakfast, or \$135.00 per night without breakfast. Advise the staff of your preference on check-in. Our rooms and car parks are not visible from the street and road noise is minimal.

Pre dinner drinks will be in the carpark.

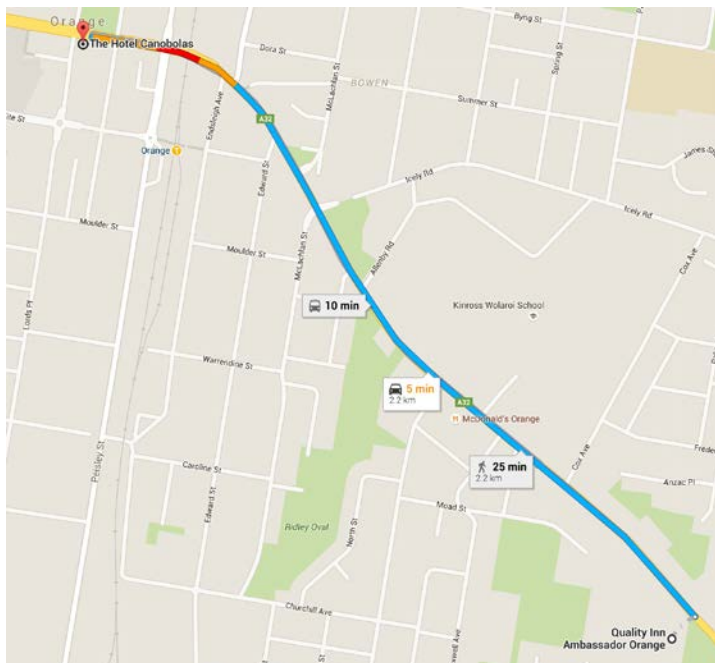


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We will be in the yellow circled part of the hotel. Dinner is in the yellow square. When parking, can I request everyone reverse in. This will make it easier to empty the boot, and it is better for photo's (this is not a hotel requirement, just my request). It also makes it easier to depart in the mornings.

Dinner on Friday night has been amended, we are now dining at the Canobolas Hotel (yep - pub food). Menu's are available here: [Steakhouse menu](#), [Bistro Menu](#), [Woodfired Pizza Menu](#) (these documents will open in a new browser window). The Canobolas Hotel is a smidge over 2km from the Ambassador where we are staying. I will be taking my car to the dinner and can fit 4 others in with me (Peter Dx + 3). It will take just under 30 mins to walk, and it is a nice walk.

We are booked in to arrive around 7:00pm and order around 7:30pm, but the ordering time is not hard and fast. Dinner is not included in the tour fee as there is such a wide selection from which to choose.



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It seems vintage car clubs often visit!

and so ends day one!

Day 2 - Saturday 30 April 2016

Today will see us travelling to Forbes via the Escort way, through Boree, Cudal, Toogong, Eugowra and finally onto Forbes. It is 120 km and at 80 kph should take 90 minutes. So departing the motel at 9:00am should see us begin to arrive from 10:30 am onwards. The road is all sealed and in good condition, however, there are a couple of "I think I can" hills. All cars should make it to the tops of these hills, but some will take longer than others, and therefore add a little time to the calculations above. At this time of day the sun will be at our backs and crisp clean air to our fronts which will make for a fantastic topless drive along roads with some lovely scenery



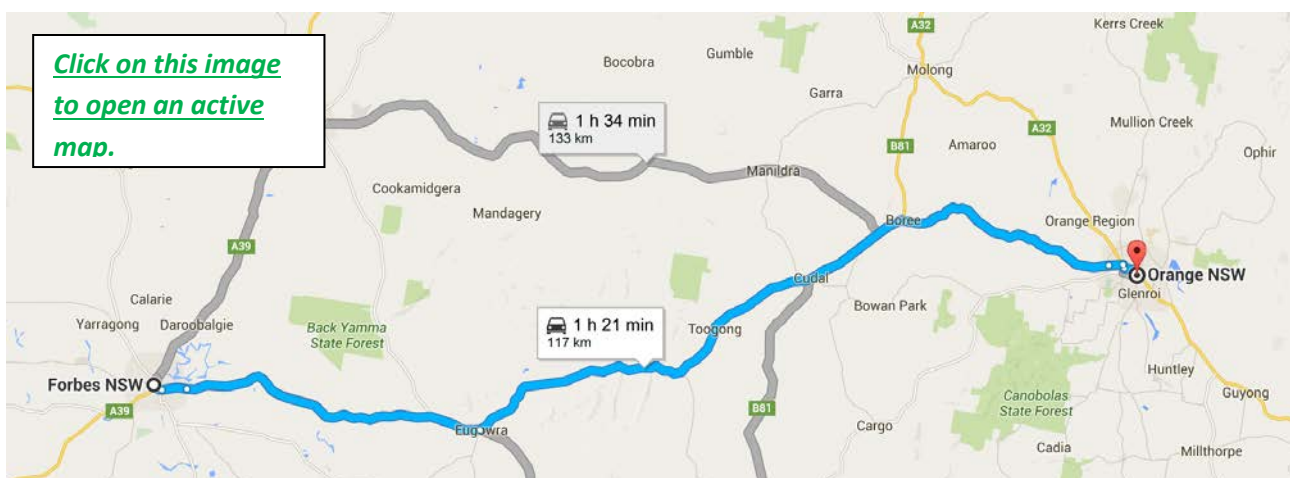
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Our activity (included in the tour fee) in Forbes has a coffee shop in place where morning tea can be obtained if desired (morning tea is not included in the tour fee).

Departure from this activity will be between 12 midday and 12:30pm for a short drive to the [Forbes Services club](#). A detailed map from our activity to lunch will be provided on the day. The Forbes Services Club has a [Bistro](#) for those who would like something substantial or a [Cafe](#) for those who just want something light. The club is aware we are coming and you are free to choose which venue. This meal is not included in the tour fee.

There is no time limit for Lunch because there is nothing else planned until pre dinner drinks at 5:30pm in the motel car park once again.

You can either spend some time in Forbes, and return to Orange the way we came, or travel to Parkes via the Newell Highway. Parkes is 34 km from Forbes and at 80kph should take about 40 mins. The Newell highway is quite heavy with transport trucks such as semi-trailers and B-Doubles. From Parkes you can return to Orange via the Orange road, which is 100 km and will take approximately 1 hour 15 mins at 80 kph. This road is all sealed but in places is a little neglected.



You can also travel back to Orange and lounge in your motel room, check out the Orange shops or:

Travel to Lucknow (6 mins from hotel);

to the Wentworth Gold Mine;

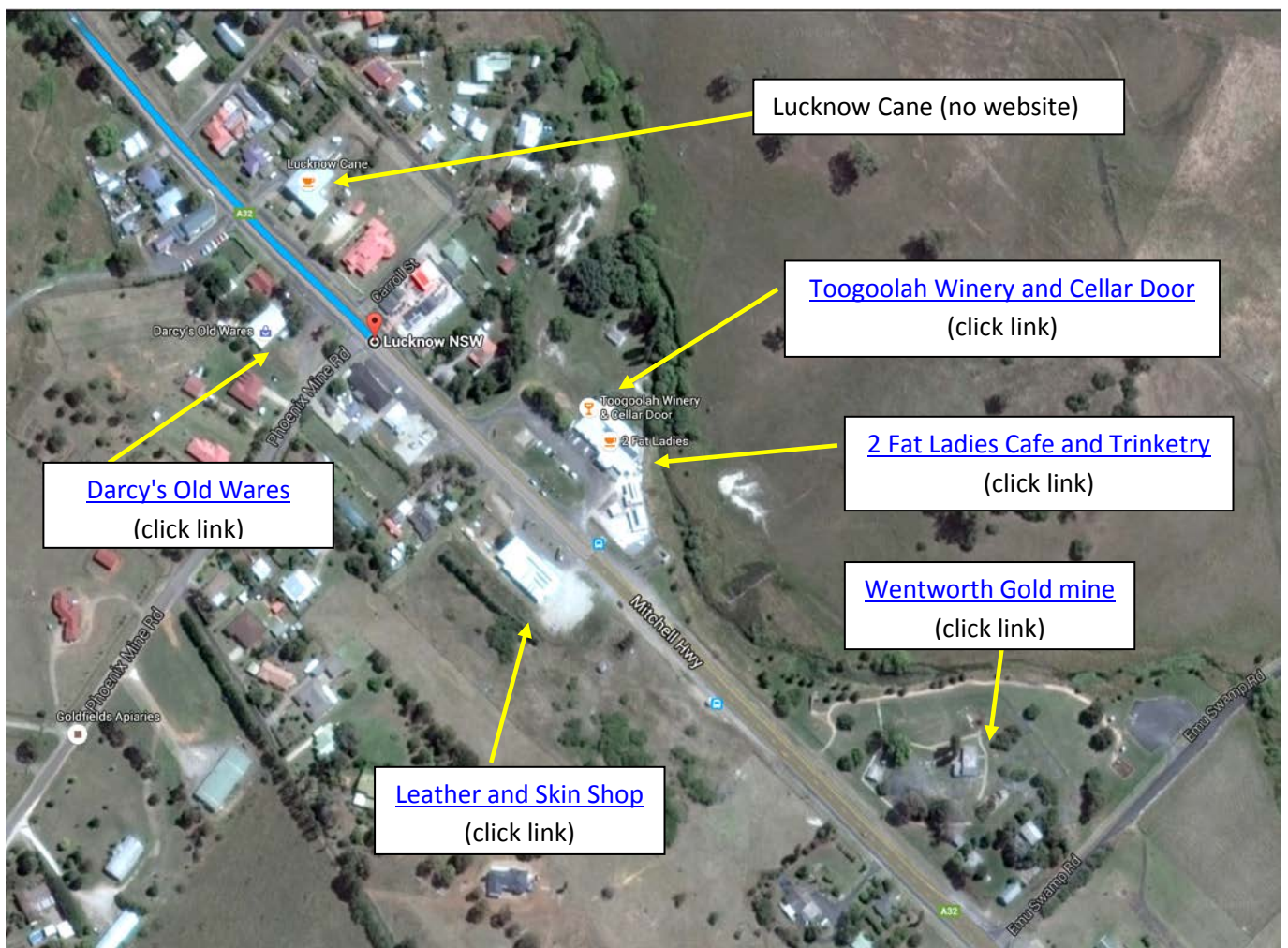
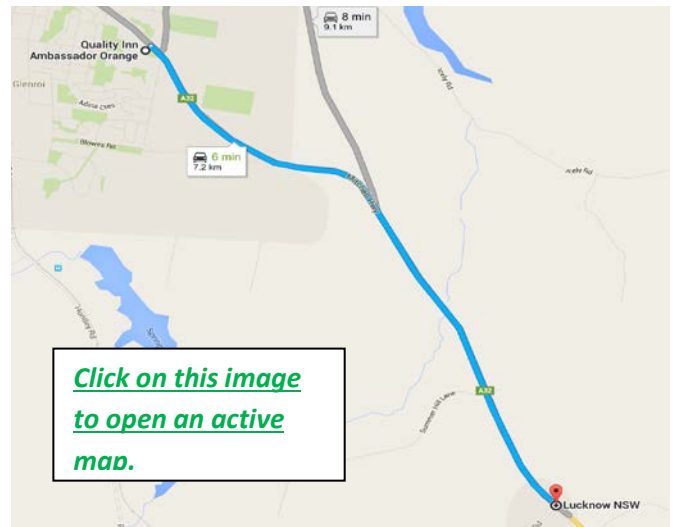
to Darcy's Olde Wares second hand & antique shop;

Lucknow Skin & Boot Barn;

Two Fat Ladies Cafe;

Toogoolah Winery & Cellar door;

Lucknow Cane.



You can also take a drive up [Mount Canobolas](#) for a scenic view over the Orange environs.

At 5:30 -6:30pm, pre dinner drinks will again be held in the car park. Nibbles and some wine will be provided. Dinner is planned as 7:00 for 7:30, so folks can get changed for dinner between 6:30 and 7:00pm if you desire.



The Theme for Dinner is **James Bond 007**

Dinner is included in the tour fee, including some wine.

There will be a table and seating plan at the door as you enter. Please conform to the plan.

Nothing is Sacred, anything is fair game. You can dress up or not, the choice is yours.

The evening will be full of fun and fervour, games and competitions, merriment and mirth

There is no finishing time for the dinner, so those who wish to party till dawn can do so in a quiet and responsible manner.



Day 3 Sunday 1 May 2016

After a leisurely breakfast we will depart the motel at 9:00am heading southwest to the [Trading Post](#) at Canowindra for morning tea and cake (might be muffin). This is included in the tour fee. The Trading Post is a wonderful nick nackery, which I am sure the ladies (and some of the men folk) will enjoy scurrying from room to room. Their stock abounds with non traditional, unique and olde style fair. A great place to wile away some time

Canowindra is just over 60 km, however the road is very up and downy, so we have allowed 90 minutes for this transit. There are some magnificent vista's to be seen as we drive along a mountain ridge back-road that is in quite good condition. It is an easy drive and very pleasant. Plan on departing at about 11:30 am

As Cowra is only 30km from Canowindra, which is too close for lunch, so we will push on through Cowra to Boorowa for lunch at the [Superb Bakery](#), the [Shamrock Cafe in the Boorowa Hotel](#), the [Town Clock Coffee shop](#) or the [Pantry on Pudman Cafe](#). Many choices all within a hop skip and jump of each other. There is a lovely park 50m walk from the Bakery with tables and chairs and a lovely spot to eat lunch.

Boorowa is 107km from Canowindra which will take approximately 90 mins at 80 kph, which should put us there at about 1:00 pm.



Click on this image to open an active map and then zoom in so that at the top of the frame is Pudman street and at the bottom of the frame is Queen Street. You will then be able to see all the eating choices.

The park is on the bottom left corner of Queen street and the Lachlan Valley Way.

Boorowa is approx 130 km from the south side of Canberra (or 90 mins at 100kph), if you don't stop at Yass for a coffee. At 80 kph this should take 110 minutes.

More detailed information will be provided on a daily basis while on the expedition.

If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or requirements please do not hesitate to contact me at

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