

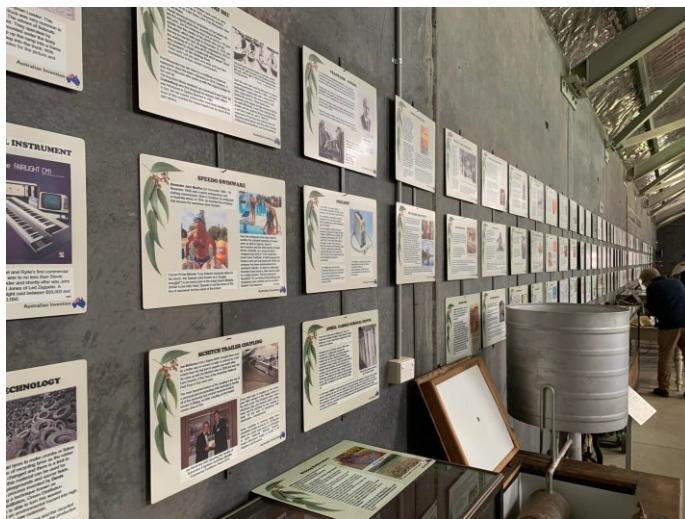


# Packard Panorama

Tuesday 3 May 2022

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**Yesterday** – We completed our first Rally Run. This was to Millthorpe where we visited the Golden Memories Museum which is filled with memories of Australia's past including inside & outside displays of working models. Surprised how many of the everyday things we use were invented by Australians.



A wall summary of some Australian inventions. Photo by Jeff Clarkson



Some members found some very interesting items under Lee Harris' '51 – keep an eye on them Lee. Photo by Jeff Clarkson

The shops in the village, included wine tasting, craft & cafes. We wandered between the Museum & the village at our leisure with some enjoying lunch and/or morning tea at the museum while others availed themselves of this fare in the village.

Afterwards we returned to Bathurst via Blayney & Newbridge. That evening we visited the National Motor Racing Museum where we enjoyed finger food and drinks sponsored and hosted by Bathurst Regional Council together with a brief welcoming address from the Mayor, with an equally brief response from our President Clynton Robinson.



Our president responding to the Mayors Welcome (Robert Taylor right). Photo by Jeff Clarkson.

**Forecast from the BOM Website** Morning fog then sunny. 21c and 0% chance of rain.

**Today, Tuesday –**

**REMINDER - Please park your car in the Muster area in the same spot as Monday's assembly.**

**Please show yellow card indicating your car number.**

*Assemble at Muster area 3.00 sharp for photo shoot. We will convoy to the back of the paddock to have group photos taken. If you are late you will miss the drone photographs which will have the Mount Panorama sign in the background.*

*Enjoy the day – Robert and Jan Stone*

Today provides us with a Rally Run to Abercrombie House, an 1870's Scottish Baronial Mansion where we can inspect the fine architecture & furniture &



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stroll through the magnificent gardens. Lunch in the garden is covered in your pre-paid entry fee.

Later, after returning from Abercrombie House, in the afternoon @ 3:45pm, drive around the iconic Mt Panorama circuit channelling your inner Peter Brock, Alan Moffat or (insert the driver of your choice) but remember, this is a public road with a rigidly enforced 60 kmh speed limit, no lines so keep left. This will be followed by a group photo.

**Road Etiquette** - Because of the number of Packards on the Rally it is important that entrants be in their cars and ready to leave dead on the appointed time of 9:30am. Remember that many of our Packards do not accelerate or attain the speeds that modern vehicles are capable of. Therefore, when travelling in convoy – leave plenty of space so other vehicles can overtake if they desire to do so – When leaving Bathurst, or entering other towns, convoys can become fragmented. Because of that possibility don't rely on following the Packard in front of you. Your "Navigator" should be clutching the Tour Diary in his/her hot little hand and giving clear directions.

**Evening** – Your Rally Participation Form choices were from either:

The degustation menu at Restaurant Ninety Two which included a welcome glass of Prosecco otherwise a cash bar. Buses will be provided to & from the venue.

**REMINDER - Bus for restaurant 9inety two leaves Rydges at 6.30 sharp. Returns leaving restaurant at 9.30 - Contact- Jan & Robert Stone**

Or dine at RYDGES or any of a number of Bathurst's fine eating establishments at your leisure.

**REMINDER - Bus for Panther's leaves Rydges at 7.00. Returns leaving Rydges at 9.00. Contact - Margaret & Jeff Clarkson**

## Tomorrow, Wednesday

**REMINDER** - Please note later starting time (9:30am Muster for 9:45am flag off).

Please park as per Monday & Tuesday.

**If you are entering the Concours Judging please display your red card.**

All Packards, please complete your identification card (has Packard details) which is in your Rally bag & display for visitors to Russell St.

All evening activities are in the Panorama Room on the 7th floor.

Have fun – Robert and Jan Stone

As this is Concours Day. Bathurst Regional Council is closing off Russell St in the CBD for all rally cars to be displayed. Russell St is surrounded by a shady park and beautiful historic buildings. 30 April to 8 May is Heritage Week in Bathurst and many of these heritage buildings will be open for inspection. Cars entering the Concours d'Elegance will be judged by a team of Judges led by Noel Shorter. Lunch is at your leisure at one of the many cafes and restaurants within walking distance.

**Evening** – An early start to an evening of “fun” will commence at 5:00pm, with PACA’s AGM in the **Panorama Room** with a Cash bar followed by the buffet dinner @ 6:00pm also with a Cash bar for those who have selected this option on their Rally Activities Form. Technical and Craft Groups will be following on after dinner.

## Packards through the Ages

Here are some items of interest that may astound you. We have not referenced these, so if you think otherwise, that's OK.



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A 1903 stunt which bought the Packard Company a lot of useful publicity. "Old Pacific" a single cylinder 12hp Packard drove from San Francisco to New York for the first time, taking 61 days.

In 1910, to ensure best practice among drivers, Packard operated a chauffeur school.

In 1912 a Packard 3 ton truck was the first commercial vehicle to drive across the USA. Taking 46 days from New York to San Francisco.

In 1916 The V12 engined Packard Twin Six was launched. It was the first Series produced 12 cylinder car in the world. The most powerful US car to date.

In 1919 Packard had a reputation for speed. Enhanced by Ralph de Palma achieving a mile in 24 seconds at Ormond Beach Florida then World Land Speed Record in his Packard 905 at 149.5mph.

In 1923 Al Capone, Gangster and Bootlegger, ordered his first armoured Packard. Other members of the criminal fraternity followed suit.

## Hard luck Stories – So far!

I'll just mention a couple: Noel Shorter has been plagued by flat tyres (remember Noel, they are only flat on the bottom); Geoff Chessell's choke liked to stay where it was.

**Become a Contributor to this esteemed journal!** Contributions are eagerly sought from Rally participants. Occurrences of any type related to the Rally, the People, or the **Packards** are welcome but should be limited to one or two paragraphs, preferably with photos. The more entertaining or, preferably embarrassing, the better! Because of time constraints, your contributions should be emailed to Mal Harris at [ozstatman@gmail.com](mailto:ozstatman@gmail.com) no later than 8:00pm to have a "chance" of being selected for publication the next day. Any Rally related stories, together with attached photos, are welcome. **Have your "by-line" featured in this erstwhile publication!**

## Of Great Importance for our Club

For the more social minded Members here is link to our Club Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PackardAustralia> where you can view our current rally activities as they occur. Just request to join the group, send me or give me your email when you bump into me [jeff\\_clarkson@bigpond.com](mailto:jeff_clarkson@bigpond.com). Why it is important, it can help promote awareness of our Packard.