INFORMATION SHEET WESTERN SYDNEY HISTORICAL TRUCK CLUB

We would like to thank you for your inquiry in joining us for our trip into the past exploring the beautiful drive down the Old Hume on Highway 31. This was the standard run out of Sydney until the RTA and Government began bypassing it in the late 80's. Our plan is to recapture the past and try to relive the old days where the trucks were louder, smellier and slower, the roads were rougher and the drivers were definitely tougher.

Our aim with this run is to enjoy driving our trucks in a relaxed atmosphere with no strict guidelines. You can leave the group and rejoin at any time, stay at Yass or head home, it's up to you. We purely want to run the old road in a leisurely manner, share a few photos and B.S, and thought it would be a bit more fun to invite you all along. A small amount of profit made from the entry fee will be used to help sustain the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club (WSHTC), while the other monies raised will be donated to help special needs children via Aspect Autism Australia.

All entrants will be required to meet on Saturday 27th April in the industrial estate (opposite Uncle Leo's truck stop in Casula/Crossroads near Liverpool) and assemble early so that the first trucks can depart from 6:00amwith entrants asked to be there by 7:30am at the latest. **You must enter Beech Road off Campbelltown Road** (not Camden Valley Way end) to receive your entry bag and truck number.

Please note that all trucks must be entered and all entrants will be issued with a truck number that needs to be fastened to the windscreen of your vehicle. If you come in a car, no matter what the age, entry will not be required. Also, entry is only required for trucks driven on the run so any towed vehicles don't need to be entered. We have a cutoff of thirty years as per Historic Registration requirements. The run is only open to old commercial vehicles.

Departure will begin at 6:30am where we will turn out of the industrial estate and onto Camden Valley Way to head toward Bringelly and Catherine Fields. We have decided that, due to safety reasons, we will turn left onto Narellan Road at Smeaton Grange and then right onto the Camden by-pass where we will head to Razorback and begin the climb up past the memorial.

After descending Razorback we'll invade Picton, negotiate the 'Hole in the Wall', and climb up the hill through Tahmoor, Bargo, reminisce as we pass 'Bimbos' and then cruise up towards the freeway where we'll take the Yerrinbool turn off. Please note that the Yerrinbool section has a low bridge of 4.1 metres and anyone who thinks that they are higher are encouraged to continue to the freeway.....or stay toward the back!!

After passing through Yanderra, Yerrinbool and Alpine, we hit the freeway for about a kilometre or so before we turn off at the Mittagong exit where we head down to Cutaway and up through to Berrima. Unfortunately at this point we have no choice but to travel on the freeway for the next 40 kilometres until we reach the Marulan checking station. Please note that it is compulsory to go through the checking station if your truck fits the criteria and we have no exemptions, so any truck could be pulled in to be weighed or checked. Therefore it is critical that your Work Diaries are in order and your trucks are mechanically sound. All trucks must be legally registered and roadworthy. Trade Plates are prohibited!! Not far past Marulan we will veer off onto the Goulburn exit where we expect to have a warm reception by the locals. We need to turn off into Union Street (which becomes Reynolds Street then Sloane Street) and by-pass the main street as per local authority requirements. Then back up past the Big Merino before re-joining the Freeway.

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We will continue back on the Hume past the Federal Highway exit until we reach the Breadalbane turnoff. From here we'll turn back onto the old road to run The Cullerin range and into Gunning where we will stop for lunch. This will be held at the Gunning Showgrounds where you can purchase a feed from the Lyons Club at the grounds or wander into to town for something different. Rules at the grounds are listed with the site map and must be adhered to. After lunch we will depart Gunning and head a few kilometres to Veterans Road which is the 20 kilometre stretch of private road that the owner has agreed to open the gates once more so that we can enjoy his acquisition! Finally, we negotiate another five or so kilometres of freeway before turning onto Yass Valley Way and complete our trip into Yass.

Once again, dinner will be at the Soldiers Club in Meehan Street Yass from 6:00pm where we will enjoy a catered meal in a private room followed by a slide night with everyone encouraged to bring any old photos on disc or in albums, preferably originals, showcasing their early years in transport. We will endeavour to show as many as possible. Meal is \$25 a head with kids under 12 at \$10 a head. You're not obliged to eat with us to join the slide night but we do need payment up front via the entry form if you are intending to.

The weekend will finish off with us holding a parade through the main street of Yass and then heading down through Gasoline alley to meet at the Caltex Truckstop at Yass at 9:00am where we'll present a few trophies before we depart to make our way back home. The early finish is to assist entrants in getting home, or closer to home, at a realistic hour on the Sunday. I'm sure a lot of us heading north will retrace our footsteps as we head home.

ACCOMMODATION IDEAS

There is other accommodation in Yass including the Caravan Park but the ones listed below are the ones we have spoken to and are all okay with trucks on their premises. Mention that you are there for the truck run when you book.

Car/Small Truck Friendly -

- Hi Way Motor In Yass Budget Motel Accommodation
 305 Comur Street, Yass 2582 (02) 6226 1300 www.hiwaymotorinn.com.au
- Thunderbird Motel 264 Comur Street, Yass 2582 (02) 6226 1158 www.thunderbirdmotelyass.com.au
- Colonial Lodge Motor Inn
 Yass valley Way, Yass 2582 (02) 6226 2211 info@coloniallodge.com.au

Rigid truck/Prime Mover Friendly -

- Hamilton Hume Motor Inn
 9 Laidlaw Street, Yass 2582 (02) 6226 1722 www.hamiltonhumemotorinn.com.au
- Sundowner Motor Inn
 Cnr Laidlaw & Castor Street, Yass 2582 (02) 6226 9900 www.sundownerswaggers.com.au
- Yass Motel 38/40 Laidlaw Street, Yass 2582 (02) 6226 1055 yassmotel@yahoo.com.au

Semi Trailer Friendly -

 Australian Hotel Motel 180 Comur Street, Yass 2582 (02) 6226 1744

NOTE: There is plenty of room behind the Soldiers Club to park semis and the parking area also backs onto the Australian Hotel Motel. You could also drop your trailer and bobtail to a different motel if needs be.