



Packard Panorama

Wednesday 4 May

Sponsored by Rydges Mount Panorama Bathurst

Yesterday – Was a pleasant Rally Run to Abercrombie House, where we inspected the fine architecture and furniture and strolled through the magnificent gardens. This was followed by lunch in the garden.



Some Packardians enjoying a light lunch at Abercrombie House. *Photo by Jeff Clarkson.*



Glorious display of Packards at Abercrombie House. *Photo by Jeff Clarkson*

Later, after returning from Abercrombie House, in the afternoon we drove around the iconic Mt Panorama circuit but couldn't channel our inner Peter Brocks, Alan Moffats or whoever, because the circuit is a public road with a rigidly enforced 60 kmh speed limit. A group photo followed.



A few Packards lined up ready for the drive around the track. *Photo by Jeff Clarkson*

Please visit the Facebook Group for more enticing pictures and a video on the run around Mount Panorama.

Evening – After being bused to Restaurant Ninety two, we enjoyed the degustation menu which included a welcome glass of Prosecco. For many it was our first real experience of “Fine Dining”. Hope you were impressed and, more importantly, thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the meal/s.

Otherwise some enjoyed dining at Rydges or any one of the many fine establishments available in Bathurst.

Forecast from the BOM Website Temp of 20C. Sunny. High (80%) chance of showers, most likely in the late afternoon and evening. Light winds becoming northwesterly in the middle of the day then becoming light in the evening.

Today, Wednesday is Concours Day in Russell St in the CBD where all rally cars will be displayed. Packards will depart from 9:45am sharp from the usual staging area. Russell St is surrounded by a shady park and beautiful historic buildings. 30th April to 8th 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.

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 9:45am. If need be, stop and ask a Marshall. With the Concours venue relatively close by directions being handed out. Follow them closely. We don't want any Packards endlessly circling Bathurst looking for their Packard brethren.

The Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum is opening especially for the Packard Club, between 12:30pm and 2:30pm. It is just a short (4 minute) walk from Russell Street down to Howick Street to the Museum. Please take advantage of this short window of opportunity to view this amazing unique Fossil and Mineral Museum. Cost will be \$10 per person. (See Brochure in your Rally Bag) Please remember to wear your Lanyard.

Evening – Later an early start to an evening of “fun” will commence at 5:00pm with PACA's AGM with a Cash bar in the Panorama Room followed by the buffet dinner @ 6:30pm also with a Cash bar for those who have selected this option on their Rally Activities Form. Technical and Craft Groups will follow on after dinner

Tomorrow, Thursday – Tomorrows Rally Run is to Oberon to visit the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway. Lunch in a carriage, followed by a visit to the “Truck & Tractor Orphanage” and the Gairloch garden in Oberon. Costs, including all entry charges and lunch was covered in your selections from the Rally Activities Form.

Evening - At your leisure

Hard luck Stories – So far!

Many cars went the wrong way: their own own way; the wrong way; the Highway and missed a very good photo shoot that was waiting for them. Oh dear tsk, tsk, tsk. Please be aware that the road directions are for a purpose that you may get value fro.

One car, Chris Ryan asked for anonymity protection for his car which he ditched (but not by choice), he was towed out before our local volunteers reached him. All is well, although he might need a drink.

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 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!**