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2018 DAY TOURS

Wednesday 21st March 2018: AWOONGA DAM, BOROREN, TURKEY BEACH

With our passengers on board, we begin our journey south before detouring at Mt Larcom into Yarwun where we will take the "back road" leading us back to the highway at Calliope. Continuing along the Bruce Highway we shall soon reach our morning tea stop at the Lake Awoonga Recreation area. Here you will have the opportunity to enjoy one of the short walks or just sit back and enjoy the peaceful waters surrounding the dam. A little further south, Bororen will be our destination for lunch today. Many of you would probably remember the days the trains would stop at Bororen to allow travellers partake in a famous Bororen Pie. Today though, the Bororen Hotel is just as well known for its country hospitality and fine food, and we have been assured of a hearty lunch. After catching up with your many friends over lunch, it will soon be time to reboard our coach for our journey home. We shall visit the sleepy little fishing village of Turkey Beach as we continue our return journey to Rockhampton.

Depart Northside Plaza 7.15a.m.; Puma George Street 7.30a.m.; Gracemere 7.45a.m.

Cost: \$97.50 per person Includes Morning Tea and Lunch.

Don't forget to bring along your fold up chair for your morning tea break

Tuesday 24th April 2018: FOOTLIGHTS: "BEST OF BRITISH"

Our day trips to Footlights are always so looked forward to and with April being a significant month for the British Royal Family, we felt a "Best of British" theme would be most appropriate. Our hosts at Footlights are organising a special show and preparing a 3 course roast lunch for us. This will be a perfect chance to celebrate the official birthday of Our Majesty Queen Elizabeth together with the jubilation of welcoming a new Royal baby for The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Morning tea will be enjoyed at the Lions Park The Caves, before we continue our travels via the Barmoya area onto Footlights where lots of fun and frivolity will await us. Our journey home will take us through the Tanby and Cawarral areas. English novelties and competitions together with some well-known British songs playing as we travel along will complement this day. We shall have a prize for the best dressed Male and Female in an English Theme. This will be judged by our Footlights Hosts, so why not show us how creative you can be.

News Flash: *We may even have the Royal Wedding between Prince Harry & Meghan Markle to celebrate. At the time of this going to print, a wedding date has not been announced.*

Depart Northside Plaza 8.30 a.m.; Puma George Street 8.45a.m.; Gracemere 9.00a.m.

Cost: \$105.00 per person Includes Morning Tea, Footlights Show and 3 course roast lunch.

Don't forget to bring along your fold up chair for your morning tea break

Tuesday 15th May 2018:**RIDGELANDS, MARLBOROUGH**

This is another popular day tour which we have not done for some time. Travelling west along the Capricorn Highway, we detour into the Garden of Remembrance at Neerkol before taking a short drive past the Capricorn Sandstone Quarry, which has had a lucrative resurgence in recent years. Just imagine that much of the sandstone seen in some of Rockhampton's early majestic buildings and Cathedrals would most probably have come from this deposit. Continuing on we pass by the Stanwell Power Station before again joining the Capricorn Highway for a short distance before heading towards Ridgeland. Our friends of the Ridgeland C.W.A. will cater a scrumptious morning tea for us to enjoy. After catching up and hearing some of the history of the area, we shall reboard our coach and travel through some lovely farming country before reaching Marlborough for lunch. With tummies full, we will reboard our coach for our journey home to Rockhampton, having a look at the new estates developments on the way.

Depart Northside Plaza 7.30a.m.; Puma George Street 7.45a.m.; Gracemere 8.00a.m.

Cost: \$110.00 per person **Includes Morning Tea and Lunch.**

Don't forget to bring along your fold up chair for your morning tea break.

Wednesday 6th June 2018:**KILBURNIE HOMESTEAD**

Queensland Day today and what a day we have planned for you! We commence our day by travelling through Mt Morgan, detouring into the Dam before continuing on to Dululu where we shall enjoy morning tea. From here we pass through the little town of Jambin before arriving at Kilburnie Homestead. Established in 1883 by John Campbell, and still in the family four generations later, Kilburnie is an operational cattle station with a fascinating history. We shall be welcomed by our hosts Fiona & Allan Hayward, Kilburnie's present day custodians. Both Fiona and Allan are passionate about their heritage and we can be assured of a very interesting visit indeed. A camp oven lunch of soup, stew and damper will be served. Soft drinks and souvenirs will be available for purchase on the day. To complement our day, we will be entertained by Allan with some live music!! All too soon it will be time to depart Kilburnie and travel back home via the Callide Dam, Goovigen, Rannes and Wowan. We are confident today will be a day which will bring back memories from long ago for many of you.

Depart Northside Plaza 7.30a.m; Puma George Street 7.45; Gracemere 8.00a.m.

Cost: \$85.00 per person **Includes Morning Tea and Lunch.**

Don't forget to bring along your fold up chair for your morning tea break.

Tuesday 3rd July 2018:**"CHRISTMAS IN JULY" FERNS HIDEAWAY**

Ho! Ho! Ho! and it's back into the forest we go!! Everyone looks forward to this day!! So get in early so you don't miss out!! Christmas in July festivities have become very popular in Australia in recent years, with the cooler weather being a little more pleasant to enjoy a traditional hot Christmas lunch. We shall begin our day with a Christmas themed morning tea at one of the lovely beaches along our beautiful coast, before proceeding onto Ferns Hideaway where Genevieve & Marto together with their staff will again serve us a delicious hot lunch. Combined with Marto's entertainment, a good time can be assured. So why not dig out your Christmas attire and come join us as we again venture into the forest for another relaxing day out.

Depart Northside Plaza 8.00a.m.; Puma George Street 8.15a.m.; Gracemere 8.30a.m.

COST: \$93.50 per person **Includes Morning Tea and Lunch.**

Don't forget to bring along your fold up chair for your morning tea break.

Wednesday 1st August 2018:**DISCOVERY COAST: AGNES WATER / TOWN OF 1770**

This is another of our very popular day tours brought out of temporary retirement. Autumn is such a beautiful time in our area and we could think of no better time to spend a day visiting this unique pristine area. Morning tea will be enjoyed at the new refurbished park area at Miriam Vale. This is a real credit to all who planned and implemented this area. It is not hard to see why it is well utilised by the locals and travellers alike. It is always worth a little wander through this area with

a couple of very nice little shops well worth having a look through. After our cuppa, we reboard our coach for the drive into Agnes Water. Our first call will be to the Museum where Carol and her volunteers will be waiting to welcome us. After this opportunity to learn more of the history of this lovely area we shall reboard our coach for the short drive to our lunch venue. It will soon be time to depart this beautiful place, but not before a little more exploring.

Depart Northside Plaza 7.00a.m.; Puma George Street 7.15a.m.; Gracemere 7.30a.m.

COST: \$111.00 per person Includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Museum Admission.

Don't forget to bring along your fold up chair for your morning tea break.

Wednesday 12th September 2018: MT CHALMERS, KEPPEL SANDS, THOMPSONS POINT

We have another interesting day for you today, visiting the quaint little township of Mt Chalmers for morning tea. The Historical Museum here is a real gem and you will be able to peruse the many photographs and memorabilia depicting the very lucrative area that this once was, with gold discoveries in the 1860s being the catalyst for settlement and prosperity. The Keppel Sands Hotel beckons us next for lunch, before we rejoin the Emu Park Road and travel towards Rockhampton. We will detour and take a look and see at Thompsons Point situated near the mouth of our Fitzroy River. Some of you may have joined us on our last trip here way back in 2013. We shall pass by some of the finest grazing country and the well-known property "Fitzroy Vale", now owned by the Acton family of Wilpeena Station. Thompsons Point was one of many ports in our area, with Broadmount being to the north and Port Alma to the south. Today, remnants may be still seen of the railway line which operated from Nankin to Thompsons Point and Broadmount. We hope to have Mr. John Fletcher from the Rockhampton & District Historical Society on board with us today.

Depart Northside Plaza 8.30a.m.; Puma George Street 8.45a.m.; Gracemere 9.00a.m.

COST: \$89.00 per person Includes morning tea, admission to Mt Chalmers Historical Museum, lunch.

Don't forget to bring along your fold up chair for your morning tea break.

Tuesday 11th December 2018:

PRE CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Something different is being planned for today. It is much like baking a Christmas cake or pudding where you throw a little bit of this and a little bit of that in. For our last day tour of the year we intend to commence our day by exploring some of the new initiatives along the coast. So much has happened and continues to happen. We will travel along the new bypass road into Yeppoon passing by some rural areas. Any one of our beachside parks will make a lovely spot for our Christmas themed morning tea, before we continue along the coast to Emu Park and Zilzie. Our lunch today will be hosted by one of our local hotels, before we reboard our coach and take a country drive through the Nine Mile and Alton Downs area.

Depart Northside Plaza 8.30a.m.; Puma George Street 8.45a.m.; Gracemere 9.00a.m.

COST: \$90.00 per person Includes morning tea & lunch.

Don't forget to bring along your fold up chair for your morning tea break.

EXTENDED TOURS 2018

Please register your interest in these tours. A detailed itinerary can be forwarded to you once all confirmed.

Tuesday 29th May 2018 to Sunday 3rd June 2018:

5 nights Bunya Mountains & Rainbow Beach

Friday 20th July 2018 to Sunday 22nd July 2018:

R.M. Williams Outback Spectacular Weekend

Wednesday 22nd August 2018 – Sunday 2nd September 2018:

11 nights Gulf Tour – Visiting Charters Towers, Undara Lava Tubes, Cobbold Gorge, Georgetown, Normanton, Karumba, Burketown, Lawn Hill Gorge, Cloncurry, Winton & Longreach

December 2018: (Dates yet to be confirmed):

Pre-Christmas Markets tour