

## **Post National Gathering – Tour Itinerary 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

### **Sunday 20 October**

Lunch before departing at own expense

1330 Depart Hilton Hotel Brisbane for the Sunshine Coast. For those who have not been to these parts you will enjoy the vibrant and beautiful coastal resorts and see why so many from the southern States make the journey to these parts to escape the winter.

1500 Check into Novotel Twin Waters, Maroochydore  
Free time to enjoy something of the atmosphere or after such a busy weekend you might want to chill out.

**1900** Dinner in the hotel with members of Sunshine Coast. This of course will involve some more singing.

***Inclusions:Breakfast/Dinner***

### **Monday 21 October**

0630 Wake up call

0730 Breakfast

0830 Depart Twin Waters. We will again see something of the Sunshine Coast.

0930 Arrive Noosa for morning tea.

1030 Depart Noosa

1130 Arrive Gympie for Lunch at the famous Big Pineapple. This is an iconic food tourism destination. The multi award winning Montville Coffee is a part of the café. The food offered is high quality and locally produced.

1300 Depart Gympie

1500 Check into Burke & Wills Motel, Kingaroy

### **Free Time**

1900 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party with Sing Australia South Burnett

2130 Return to accommodation

***Inclusions:Breakfast/Dinner***

## **Tuesday 22 October**

0630 Wake up call

0730 Breakfast

0830 Depart Kingaroy for Toowoomba

1030 Arrive Toowoomba. Tour of Toowoomba to include Picnic Point lookout for morning tea

1400 Check into Comfort Inn Grammar View  
Perhaps a walk to Queens Park to enjoy the gardens which is within walking distance from motel

1800 Dinner at motel

1930 Sing with Sing Australia Toowoomba St Albans Church Hall 71 Anzac Ave. cnr. of Anzac Ave. and Hill St.

2100 Return to accommodation

***Inclusions: Breakfast/Dinner***

## **Overnight Toowoomba**

## **Wednesday 23 October**

0630 Wake up call

0730 Breakfast

0830 Depart Toowoomba

1000 Arrive Dalby for morning tea. Dalby is the centre of a diverse and productive agricultural area with rich black soil allowing the production of crops such as wheat, cotton and sorghum. Livestock raising including **pigs**, cattle and sheep is also popular. Two cotton gins are situated within 10 kilometres of the town. It has a population of 12,700.

1030 Depart Dalby

1300 Arrive Texas

Check into Texas Motel

Texas is a town of 843 people in the Goondiwindi region. Up until 1986 tobacco farming was an important industry and many Italian families settled the area to run and work the tobacco farms. Farming is the dominant industry now. There is also a silver mine. A large cattle feedlot is 20 minutes out of town. Texas has a museum and cultural centre. The Rabbit museum is worth a visit.

1330 Lunch

1430 Visit Rabbit Museum (there is a charge)

1600 Return to accommodation

1800 Dinner at Hotel

1930 Singing night with Sing Australia Texas

2130 Return to accommodation

***Inclusions: Breakfast/Dinner***

**Thursday 24**

0630 Wake up call

0730 Breakfast

0830 Depart Texas

1000 Arrive Tenterfield for morning tea

A NSW Regional town with a population of 4,000. The main industries in the Tenterfield district are beef cattle breeding and superfine **wool** production through the breeding of **Merino** sheep. There are 10 state forests in the Tenterfield district covering 7,540 hectares (18,600 acres). Tenterfield was earmarked as a key battleground if the Japanese should invade Australia. During 1942 thousands of soldiers were set up in emergency camps, unbeknown to the locals, to cope with such an event. Sir Henry Parkes delivered his Federation Speech, commonly referred to as the "Tenterfield Oration" in the Tenterfield School of Arts on 24 October 1889. Notable residents were singer, Peter Allen, who was born in and spent much of his childhood in Tenterfield, where he lived with his grandfather George Woolnough - immortalised in the song "Tenterfield Saddler". Banjo Paterson was also a resident.

1045 Depart Tenterfield

1255 Arrive Lismore for Lunch. Lismore is a large town of 27,500 people. Julian Assange once lived in Lismore as did cricketer, Adam Gilchrist, James Strong Former CEO of Qantas. It is in an area of patches of rainforest.

1355 Depart Lismore

1430 Arrive Ballina

Check into Heritage Motel Ballina

Ballina has a population of 25,000. It is home to the Big Prawn. Ballina serves as the gateway to the regional tourist towns of Lismore and Byron Bay.

**Free time**

1800 Dinner at Wharfes Italian Restaurant

1915 Sing with Sing Australia Ballina – Northlakes Community Centre  
1 Malloway Place Ballina

2100 Return to accommodation

***Inclusions: Breakfast/Dinner***

**Friday 25 October**

0630 Wake up call

0730 Breakfast

0900 Depart Ballina

0935 Arrive Mullumbimby for morning tea. Promoted as the 'biggest little town in Australia'. The locals refer to the town as Mullum. Beef and dairy, along with bananas and sugar cane have traditionally been the notable products of the area

1100 Depart Mullumbimby

1150 Arrive Southport

**Lunch (free time)**

1400 Check into accommodation Woodroffe Hotel, Southport

**Free time**

17.00 Drive to Australian Outback Spectacular

18.30 – 20.30 Dinner and Show (price to be confirmed)

Coach transfer back to Southport accommodation

***Inclusions: Breakfast/Dinner***

## **Sat 26 October**

0730 Wake up call

0830 Breakfast

0930 Depart Southport

1100 Arrive Brisbane – early check into accommodation Capri Hotel – please note rooms may not be available but luggage can be stored until check in is available.

Free afternoon in CBD

1830 Our final night dinner. We will probably invite Sing Australia Carina to join us. This will be a fun night and an opportunity for tour participants to present an item either about the tour or just their party piece.

2030 to 2100 Finish our tour

## **Sunday 27 October**

Tour participants organise their own transport to the airport or elsewhere.

Please be aware we are 5 months out from our tour and there maybe some slight changes to the itinerary. A final itinerary will be sent closer to the date.