



2018 National Meeting
Tasmania
Easter Weekend 30th March - 3rd April 2018

Bulletin #3

Tasmania 2018 National Meeting registration is just around the corner.

Spirit of Tasmania

A reminder about the booking website for your Bass Strait crossing.

The webpage is: <https://www.spiritoftasmania.com.au/offers/mg-car-club-of-tasmania-2018>

The Spirit of Tasmania dedicated webpage can also be accessed from our National Meeting website:
<http://www.mgtas.org.au/national-meeting.html> .

Accommodation

There is an accommodation review spreadsheet on our website, accommodation is available in Shearwater, Port Sorell, Latrobe, Devonport, Ulverstone, Penguin and Burnie. The Cradle Coast towns are linked by a dual carriageway 110 km/h highway, travel time between adjacent centres is less than 15 minutes. Don't forget to mention the MG National Meeting as you may also receive a discount or benefit.

Devonport Car Show

The Devonport Car Show is the biggest car show held in Tasmania each year; in 2017 over 650 cars were displayed on the banks of the Mersey River in Devonport. In 2018 it will be held on Sunday the 25th of March, ie the Sunday before the National Meeting, with MG's as the feature marque of the show. This will be excellent public coverage for the following Easter weekend. You can check out the Devonport Car Show details on their webpage: <http://www.devonportmotorshow.com/> and register your interest in displaying at next year's event.

Day Trips out of The Cradle Coast

If you decide to come to the Devonport Car Show and stay in town for the 4 days up until the National Meeting, listed below are a number of day trips that might interest you to explore the Cradle Coast.

Cradle to Coast Tasting Trail

The Cradle to Coast Tasting Trail is a food trail designed to assist you in discovering all the finest produce Tasmania's beautiful, bountiful North West region has to offer. Whether you're into sweet treats, fresh produce, fine wines or other delicious delights this trail will guide you to award winning produce, delicacies, cellar doors and farm stalls. With rolling green hills and stunning coastal vistas as a backdrop you will be welcomed into a world of berry sweet possibilities, paddock to plate dairy, dark fudge desires and malty cheer.

<http://tasmaniasnorthwest.com.au/explore/cradle-to-coast-tasting-trail/>

http://tasmaniasnorthwest.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Tasting-Trail-A4-Flyer-SML_final.pdf Tamar

Valley

All within an hour of Devonport the Tamar Valleys offer a variety of wineries, Grindelwald Swiss village, Platypus World, Seahorse World, stunning views and fabulous drivers roads.

Tasmazia - Sheffield

Tasmazia, the Village of Lower CrackPot and the Embassy Gardens are located in the centre of the Promised Land and is fun at it's most politically incorrect. Their motto is "We have turned the unexpected into an artform". Then just 15 minutes up the road is the Town of Murals, Sheffield, where you can see the history of the region in pictures. And there is also a couple of nice little wineries along the way as well. Stop in at Barringwood Estate and ask your host to view his original MG Magnette.

Gunns Plains – Leven Canyon

Gunns Plains is a short 35 minute drive inland from Ulverstone, there you will find limestone caves, a wildlife park a winery (a bit of a trend is starting here). Then you can travel a further 45 minutes up river and a short walk to view the Leven Canyon.

Stanley / Smithton and the Dismal Swamp

Pack a picnic and head west, take a short deviation into Wynyard and visit the Motor Museum featuring a collection of vintage and classic cars faithfully restored by Francis Ransley. Then onto the historic town of Stanley, birthplace of Joe Lyons. Visit the homestead of Highfield House or climb the Nut. Leaving Stanley and travelling further west you visit the town of Smithton and then onto the Dismal Swamp and discover the Tarkine Forest.

Post NatMeet Tour

Its not too late to tweak those plans and participate in the post NatMeet Tour, circumnavigate Tasmania starting with the magnificent West Coast, Strahan and Macquarie Harbour. Whilst in Strahan take a Wilderness cruise up the Franklin River, see the play "The Boat that Never Was", ride the Wilderness railway or visit the Zeehan Mining Museum

Then travel east to Hobart via Queenstown, along the way visit Nelson Falls, Lake St Clair, and the magnificent Wilderness Wall and onto the Derwent Valley. Take a turn just past Ouse and visit the Salmon Ponds or Russell Falls, just ensure you leave enough time to take the 1.5hr walk.

Whilst in Hobart, browse the Salamanca Markets, tour the Cascade Brewery, take a drive to the summit of Mt Wellington or take in the modern art of Mona. Or maybe a visit to historic Richmond is more your style, as you travel to Port Arthur in time to take the Ghost Tour.

The next day take in the Port Arthur experience and realise the brutal history of our convict heritage, then depart on the Great Eastern Drive, taking the opportunity to take in the magnificent Freycinet Peninsula and beautiful seaside towns of Triabunna, Orford, Swansea and Bicheno. Before spending the night at Scamander or St Helens.

Your East Coast adventure continues with a visit to Bay Of Fires, before turning inland to the Pub in the Paddock and feed Doris the Pig a stubbie of beer, before visiting St Columba Falls. But don't relax because what awaits you is the iconic Targa stage of Welborough Pass before reaching the rural town of Scottsdale. Then on to Launceston via another iconic Targa stage The Sidling.

After your night in Launceston you get the chance to explore the Launceston and Tamar Valley region, make your way back to Devonport to catch the ferry home or stay a few more days to relax and enjoy the many treats that Tasmania has to offer.

If you decide to visit any of the Tasmanian National Parks you will need a Park Pass, this is \$24 per car per year.

For booking tour accommodation, purchasing your Park Pass or any related enquiry contact Jasmyn Carberry of RACT travel on 03 6232 6407 or email j.carberry@ract.com.au

Trailer Parking in Melbourne

We have received some enquiries about trailer parking in Melbourne. We are in negotiations with a prospective site, close to Station Pier. If this is something that is of interest to you, while you attend the National Meeting, please contact me, Andrew at info-natmeet@mgtas.org.au

Key Dates to Remember

December 1st 2017: Registration Opens – Early Bird Discounts apply

January 31st 2018: Registration Early bird discounts end

March 2nd 2018: Registration Closes

So be part of it, Rock the Cradle in Tasmania, Easter 2018

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