

# COVID-19 'VCCQ's Queensland Motorists' Day Re-enactment Run'

# **Entry Form**

26 & 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 —Return journey to Warwick, Queensland  Invitation to ALL veteran & ALL pre-1927 vintage vehicles (max 50) **Entries close 21 August 2020**
ABOUT YOU: The entrant's (owner's) name:  Address:
Number of passengers: Name/s of passenger/s:
Home phone (incl. area code): Mobile:
Email:
YOUR VEHICLE: Type (please circle): Car/Motorcycle/Commercial/Other (Other)
Manufacturer:
Registration No: Cylinders: Car Club:
Nominated starting point (please circle): Esk/Gatton/Clifton)
**Note: You are responsible for your own bookings (please tick the appropriate box if booking)**
Friday: Esk (If overnighting in Esk before the start)  Accommodation: Park Esk Caravan Park & Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Motel Ph: 5424 1466 (Quote VCCQ)  Dinner: Esk Grand Hotel Ph: 5424 1141 (Quote VCCQ)  Friday: Gatton (If overnighting in Gatton before the start)  Accommodation: Gatton Caravan Park Ph: 5462 1198
Saturday: □ Morning Tea: Gatton & District Historic Society (No booking required) □ Lunch: O'Shanley's Irish Hotel, Bar & Restaurant, Clifton Ph: 4697 3288 (Quote VCCQ) □ Dinner: Condamine Sports Club Ph: 4661 1911 (Quote VCCQ)  Accommodation: □ Horse and Jockey Hotel Motel, Ph: 4662 0600, □ Jackie Howe Motel Ph: 4661 2111, or □ Warwick Motor Inn Ph: 4660 5600  Sunday: □ Light breakfast: (Rotary BBQ beside Leslie Park—No booking required)  Lunch: □ Floating Café, Grantham Ph: 5466 1234 (Quote VCCQ) or □ The Barn and Scotty's Garage Ph: 4697 5334 (Quote VCCQ) (this extends the route by 35 klm)
Note: this is school holidays, so book early!
Important: INDEMNITY FORM—PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
I/We the Undersigned hereby agree to and accept the following conditions of entry in order to be eligible to participate in the above named event.
1. I/We shall be bound by any regulations and/or instructions that may be issued by the Tour Director or his agents throughout the above named event.
2. All entrants, vehicles, owners, drivers and passengers enter and participate in the above named event and associated activities solely at their own risk.
3. The Vintage Car Club of Queensland Inc. (VCCQ), its members, organisers, agents and/or sponsors of the above named event accept no liability for any loss or damage or injury suffered to or by any vehicle, entrants, owners, drivers, passengers or any third party by any means, act or omission or through any circumstances.
4. The entrant/s and/or driver/s herby indemnify and save harmless the VCCQ from all suits, actions, claims, proceedings or demands for damages or loss howsoever arising out of the vehicles, entrants, drivers, passengers or third party participating in the above named event and associate activities.
Return this page only to the VCCQ.
Email: vccq2020@gmail.com or phone: 0415 551 487 (why not just take a photo of your form?)
Or post to: The Secretary, Vintage Car Club of Queensland Inc., 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale, Qld 4152



## The Vintage Car Club of Queensland Inc.

Queensland's original and oldest historic motoring club. Founded 1955

### Preserving Queensland's Motoring Heritage

#### Why Motorists' Day?

In towns and cities everywhere, the first motorists shared the streets with horse drawn vehicles. In Queensland they also shared the same traffic laws. You would be fined if you drove through intersections or around corners above 4 mph (horse speed), if you parked your vehicle at the kerb, with the engine turned off and the park brake applied and were at too great a distance from your vehicle or away from it for more than 15 minutes.

If the £2 fine was not paid, these motorists faced 7 days jail!

Recent research of Queensland newspapers, published over nine years, reveals that motorists were clearly discouraged from coming into towns.

This situation reached a peak with a case being heard every 2 minutes in the Brisbane traffic court. The Motorist's Club (now RACQ) could only warn motorists to be vigilant in observing these laws. In 1925, a deputation to the inspector of police, that included the RACQ president, the Maryborough Chamber of Commerce and others, could not resolve the issues.

In September 1926, Oswald Free, a hire car operator in Warwick, was the first person to enter a plea of 'not guilty' to the charge of leaving his vehicle unattended. With his hire car parked in front of the Langham Hotel, Oswald stayed there overnight to ensure his fare, also a guest at the hotel, met his early train.

Facing a potential fine of £2, he appeared with his garage proprietor, and successfully demonstrated to the court that with his car key in his pocket, he was in full control of his vehicle. The court resolved the matter with a nominal one shilling fine. This precedent finally ended motorists being prosecuted under laws written for horse drawn vehicles.

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## 26 & 27th September 2020—Esk to Warwick, Queensland

We are holding the 'VCCQ's Queensland Motorists' Day' on the nearest available Saturday to the date of the above-mentioned 1926 event.

Unfortunately, with COVID-19, the event this year is a restricted and compliant version of what we hope to run annually from 2021.

This years proposed two day event, to Warwick and return, is limited to 50 vehicles.

- Starting points (and return): Esk, Gatton or Clifton. (Trailer parking is available at Esk and Gatton).
- From Esk and Gatton, continue along Ma Ma Creek on Route 80 to Clifton.
- Very slow vehicles or locals may join at Clifton and then all vehicles to proceed to Warwick.
- On arriving in down-town Warwick, a welcoming party will greet you in front of the Langham Hotel (now the Condamine Sports Club).
- On parking along Palmerin Street you can take time to admire the heritage listed buildings.
- As you will be "at too great a distance from your vehicle" and "away from it for more than 15 minutes", and should you be dressed in your 'flappers' attire, if you break out into a 'Charleston' we will understand.
- We are unable to stay at the Langham Hotel, but we can certainly dine there.
- Be sure to raise a glass to Oswald and our newly named 'Motorists' Day', on this day that motorists were accepted.
- On Sunday, leaving from Leslie Park, we will return to Gatton or Esk, with 2 choices for lunch stops along the way.

Please help us celebrate the COVID-19 'VCCQ's Queensland Motorists' Day', on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27th September 2020, by joining us in your pre-1927 motor vehicle (period costume encouraged).

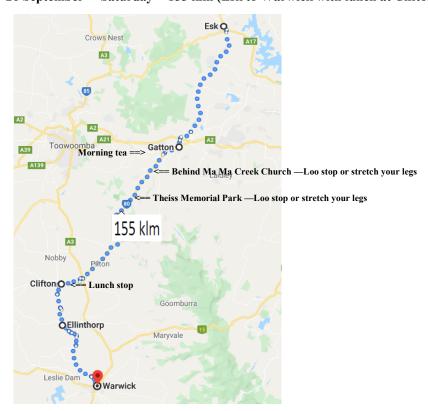


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### **Route Maps**

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#### 26 September — Saturday - 155 klm (Esk to Warwick with lunch at Clifton)



#### 27 September—Sunday (Warwick to Gatton Via Allora)

Via Floating Cafe (101 Klm)



#### Via Scotty's Garage (136 Klm)

