M.E.L. (Mercury, Edsel, Lincoln) Gathering

Rutherford NSW....4th to 12th September 2019

**PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday 4th September....DAY 1**

**4.00 pm - 6.00 pm REGISTRATION & Happy Hour....Hunter Gateway Motel**

 11 Denton Park Drive, Rutherford NSW 2320

**6.00 pm Dinner....The Bradford Hotel** (Next to Hunter Gateway Motel)

**Thursday 5th September....DAY 2**

**9.30 am Boys....**Drive to Fighter World at Williamtown for the morning.

**Girls....**Free morning or join the boys for a tour of Fighter World. Meet back up for lunch and in the afternoon a game of Ten Pin Bowling at SuperStrike, Rutherford.

**6.00 pm Dinner....The Bradford Hotel** (Next to Hunter Gateway Motel)

**Friday 6th September....DAY 3**

**9.30 am** Scenic drive to East Maitland. Guided Tour of Maitland Gaol (Escapes Day Tour). Lunch at historic Morpeth and time to wander the interesting shops.

**6.00 pm Dinner....The Bradford Hotel** (Next to Hunter Gateway Motel)

**Saturday 7th September....DAY 4**

**9.30 am** Scenic drive through Lorn to Paterson for Morning Tea, continue on to Gresford and then Singleton for Lunch. After Lunch, tour through Australian Army Infantry Museum. Scenic drive via back roads to Rutherford for Dinner.

**6.00 pm Dinner....The Bradford Hotel** (Next to Hunter Gateway Motel)

**Sunday 8th September....DAY 5**

**8.00 am Broke Village Fair & Vintage Car Display** 9am - 3pm..Entry..Gold Coin

 Car Display, Food, Wine, Markets and Entertainment. Drive back thru Pokolbin Winery Region.

**6.00 pm Dinner....The Bradford Hotel** (Next to Hunter Gateway Motel)

**Monday 9th September....DAY 6**

**10.00 am** Scenic drive to Newcastle, drive around V8 Super Car Track, scenic drive along beach front to Lake Macquarie for BBQ Lunch at John and Treena’s home. After Lunch, shed tour through John’s Shed.

**6.00 pm Dinner....The Bradford Hotel** (Next to Hunter Gateway Motel)

**Tuesday 10th September....DAY 7**

**9.30 am** Travelling by small coach due to very limited parking. Sightseeing tour to Central Coast. Morning Tea at Wyong Milk Factory Cafe, Lunch at The Skillion, Terrigal.

**6.00 pm Dinner....East Maitland Bowling Club** Adult $26.00 Seniors $22.30 (All you can eat buffet)

**Wednesday 11th September....DAY 8**

**8.00 am** Travelling by small coach due to very limited parking in Nelson Bay for a morning Whale Watch Cruise 10.00 am or a Dolphin Discovery Cruise 10.30 am or stroll around Nelson Bay. Lunch at Nelson Bay at your choice of the many venues. On our way back to Rutherford, stop at Murray’s Craft Brewery which is one of Australia's leading craft beer brewers, sharing its home with the region's oldest winery, Port Stephens Winery. Cellar Door and Cafe.

**6.00 pm Farewell Dinner....The Bradford Hotel** (Next to Hunter Gateway Motel)

**Thursday 12th September....DAY 9....**Drive home safely.