

ANNUAL GATHERING OF MOONEYS 2025

13 - 17 March, 2025

Busselton, Western Australia



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Welcome to the holiday heartland of Western Australia. We've put together a pretty busy itinerary for you to allow you to experience some of the nicest parts of WA's South West region – an area well known to your President as he grew up there. In three days you'll experience

Wineries

Restaurants

Beaches

Caves

Breweries

Ice Creameries

Chocolates & Coffee

Ancient Forests

A Boat Cruise on Geographe Bay

An Underwater Observatory

The longest timber piled jetty in the Southern hemisphere



Booking Instructions for our AGM2025 Fly In

1. **Fill in the [Registration Form](#)** and send that to events@mooney.org.au
2. **Make payment to the AMPA** bank account referenced on the registration form. This covers bus transport, tours of lighthouse and caves, bay cruise, breakfast on Sunday, dinner on Sunday. All other meals, and all drinks, at own cost.
3. **Reserve your accommodation directly with the Hotel.**
We have rooms reserved already at discount rates at the Hilton Garden Inn, which is Busselton's newest hotel and opened its doors only in 2024. Reference the booking agreement in the name of the Australian Mooney Pilots Association (AMPA), Agreement number 241786842. To **do this online** click:
<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/bqbgigi-ghampa-bfc67950-bfe8-4182-b4f9-d893a91cb67/>

You can then click on the Book a Room button on that page to book under the AMPA group booking. Or phone the hotel on 08 9752 5900 if you have problems.



Day 0 - Thursday 13th March

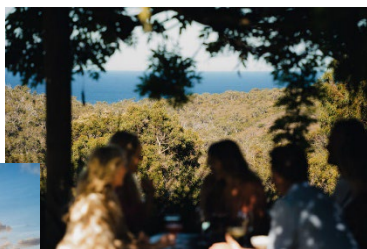
Time	What's Happening / Where Should I be?
10am – 4pm	<p>Arrive “Busselton Margaret River Airport” (YBLN, and it is near Busselton, not Margaret River). It’s a 2.5km bitumen runway – you can’t miss it! Park your Mooney in the red box. It’s bitumised hardstand. BP AvGas available – BP Carnet only</p> <p>Shuttle bus running from pedestrian gate adj to the indicated parking area, to the Hotel, Thursday only 10-5. Call Dean 0419 840 927 or Stuart 0409 397 139</p>
4pm – 6pm	Relax, have a drink in the hotel bar, or at the Shelter Brewery right next door to our hotel (at own cost)
6pm on	Dinner at the Shelter Brewery (at own cost)



Please wear ASICs and Hi Vis vests air side, and do not go near the secure area outside the terminal bldg when jets are in. Gate codes will be provided later.

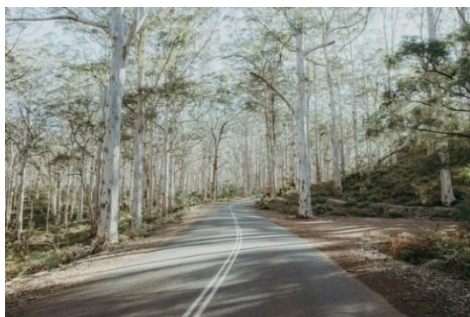
Day 1 -Friday 14th March

<i>Time</i>	<i>What's Happening / Where Should I be?</i>
8am-9am	Breakfast at The Goose restaurant (right in front of the hotel) at own cost
9:30am	Bus leaves from Hotel for Meelup Beach (stop 10 mins for a look), then on to Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse by 10:30
10:30am	Tour the Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse (groups of 10)
11:30 am	Depart Cape Naturalist on the bus , for lunch overlooking Geographe Bay at Wise Winery (lunch at own cost) at 12
2:30 pm	Depart Wise Winery on the bus for the hotel. Maybe stop at Simmo's Ice Creams (the best ice cream this side of the rabbit proof fence) on the way home if anyone is still hungry!
3 pm ish	Arrive at Hotel, rest up (or not – those thirsty may choose to instead explore the Rocky Ridge Brewery, a few hundred metres away with 40 beer varieties on tap). But see below – and <u>don't</u> miss the boat!
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Twilight Bay Cruise on the Equador , departing from and returning to the Busselton Jetty (again, right in front of the hotel). Drinks & nibbles aboard. Don't miss the boat!
7:15 pm onwards	Dinner at Kyst (a restaurant a few hundred metres West of the hotel, on the beach near the Jetty) at own cost.



Day 2 – Saturday 15th March

<i>Time</i>	<i>What's Happening / Where Should I be?</i>
7am – 8:45am	Breakfast at the hotel (or Goose or Kyst – as you choose) at own cost
9am	Depart on bus from Hotel for Boranup Forest (10 min leg stretch) and then bus on to Lake Cave for a guided tour at 10:30. Reboard bus after tour by 11:40
12 Noon	Arrive at a Leeuwin Estate Winery for lunch. Self funded but subsidised by AMPA. Choose with or w/out wines.
2:30pm	Depart Winery on the bus to Cowaramup . Home of painted cows, chocolates, gifts and interesting things!
3:30pm ish	Board bus back to Hotel. Then own time.
6pm onwards	Dinner – local pub of your choice – Banksia Tavern, Albies, Goose, Fish n Chips on the Beach, Shelter, Together & Co (all within walking distance) at own cost



Day 3 -Sunday 16th March

<i>Time</i>	<i>What's Happening / Where Should I be?</i>
9am – 10am	Breakfast at Kyst (paid by AMPA)
10am – 11am	AGM at Kyst
11:30am	Bus departs from Hotel for Yallingup
12:00-12:25pm	Cruise Yallingup on the bus, see some of Australia's best surfing breaks. Stop at historic Caves House
12:30- 2:00pm	Lunch in the Injidup Room at Caves House at own cost
2:15pm – 3pm	Bus back to Hotel
3pm-6pm	Your own time. We recommend you take the train (or walk the 1.7km) to the end of the jetty, to the underwater observatory!
7pm-10 pm	AGM Dinner (included in your registration) at Together & Co Restaurant in the our hotel, drinks at own cost



Day 4 -Monday 17th March

<i>Time</i>	<i>What's Happening / Where Should I be?</i>
7am -8:30 am	Breakfast – we suggest at the Hotel but up to you, and then check out of the hotel
9am	Bus leaves from Hotel for Busselton airport. 1 bus, 1 trip, please don't miss it. (Early departures – if any - to the Airport can book a taxi the night before)
Up to you	Depart YBLN. We hope you enjoyed your time in the South West of WA.



PRE AND POST AGM ACTIVITIES

1. MOONEY CARAVAN TO AGM

We really encourage our non-WA based members to fly across to this fly in. To make it more fun, and safer, we want to organise a Mooney Caravan from Queensland, flying South through NSW then meeting up with Victorian members, then onwards to South Australia then WA. The idea comes from a group by that name who travel to Oshkosh each year as a loose formation. Details will evolve (like stop over points) once people register their interest – tick the box on the registration form if you are interested.

2. AIRLINES TO AGM

Should the cost and time involved in flying to Busselton be putting you off coming, please consider that you can fly the airlines over. There are direct flights (5 per week) from Sydney and Melbourne on Jetstar direct to YBLN. Or you can take any other flight to Perth YPPH and drive down, it's about a 2.5h drive, dual carriageway almost all the way.



3. FLY-ON NORTH UP THE WA COAST (AFTER AGM)

AMPA Member Stu Counsel has a farm and private airstrip in Wubin WA. That could be a great first stop for anyone who wants to take “the long way home” and see some of WA’s amazing coast line, including the Ningaloo Reef. Again, more details will evolve later – tick the box on the registration form if you are interested.

Stu and Jemma will attend the AGM on Saturday And Sunday only.

Stu’s airstrip is here on Google Maps:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/YkDWbSVykyHUaE1j7>

Stu’s house is here on Google Maps:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Pp9ASbrYkmiCDg579>

He has told me that he is happy to welcome people passing through for lunch, or for people to stay overnight and enjoy some country hospitality

Just let him know at the AGM or preferably prior by email to

stuart_jemma@bigpond.com or phone 0428 681 021

BUSSELTON AGM - COACH TIMETABLE

DATE / TIME Departure	Arrival Approx	Travel
FRIDAY 14 MARCH		
9:30AM	10:05 AM	Depart Hilton Garden Inn for Meelup beach
10:15AM	10:25 AM	Meelup Beach to Cape Naturaliste Light House (Tour booked 10:30)
11:30AM	11:50 AM	Cape Naturaliste Light House to Wise Vineyard (Lunch booked at 12)
2:30PM	3:05 PM	Wise Vineyard to Hilton Garden Inn (possible 10 min stop at Simmos)
SATURDAY 15 MARCH		
9:00 AM	10:05 AM	Hilton Garden Inn to Boranup Forest Lookout on Caves Road
10:15 AM	10:25 AM	Boranup Forest Lookout to Lake Cave (Tour booked 10:30)
11:40 AM	12:00 PM	Lake Cave to Leeuwin Estate
2:30 PM	2:55 PM	Leeuwin Estate to Cowaramup
3:30 PM	4:10 PM	Cowaramup to Hilton Garden Inn
SUNDAY 16 MARCH		
11:30 AM	12:05 / 12:30 PM	Hilton Garden Inn to Yallingup – sightseeing then Caves House by 12:30 (Lunch booked at 12:30)
2:15 PM	3:00 PM	Caves House to Hilton Garden Inn
MONDAY 17 MARCH		
9:00 AM	9:20 AM	Hilton Garden Inn to Busselton Airport

AGM Places on Google Maps:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/9taA5bC65Efd6p4JA>

