

# 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Time</b>	<b>What's Happening / Where Should I be?</b>
10am – 4pm	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. BP AvGas available – BP Carnet only  Shuttle bus running from pedestrian gate adj to the parking area, to the Hotel.
4pm – 6pm	Relax, have a drink in the hotel bar, or at the Shelter Brewery right next door to our hotel
6pm on	Dinner at the Shelter Brewery (at own cost)



See All the places you'll go in Google Maps by clicking [here](#)

## Day 1 -Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

<i>Time</i>	<i>What's Happening / Where Should I be?</i>
8am-9am	Breakfast at <b>The Goose</b> restaurant (right in front of the hotel) at own cost
9:30am	Bus leaves from Hotel for <b>Meelup Beach</b> (stop 15 mins for a look), then on to Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse
10:30am	Tour the <b>Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse</b> (groups of 10)
12 Noon	Depart Cape Naturalist on the bus, for lunch overlooking Geographe Bay at <b>Wise Winery</b> (lunch at own cost)
2:30 pm	Depart Wise Winery on the bus for the hotel. Maybe stop at <b>Simmo's Ice Creams</b> (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 beers varieties on tap). But see below – don't miss the boat!
5:30pm – 7:30pm	<b>Twilight Bay Cruise on the Equador</b> , departing from and returning to the Busselton Jetty (again, right in front of the hotel)
7:30pm onwards	<b>Dinner at Kyst</b> (a restaurant a few hundred metres West of the hotel, on the beach near the Jetty) at own cost



## Day 2 – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March

<i>Time</i>	<i>What's Happening / Where Should I be?</i>
7am – 9am	Breakfast at the hotel (or Goose or Kyst – as you choose) at own cost
9am	Depart on bus from Hotel for <b>Boranup Forest</b> (10 min leg stretch) and then bus on to <b>Lake Cave for a guided tour</b>
12 Noon	Arrive at a <b>premier Margaret River Winery</b> for lunch (to be decided, Leeuwin Estate or Voyager are likely)
2:30pm	Depart Winery on the bus to <b>Cowaramup</b> . Home of painted cows, chocolates, gifts and interesting things!
3:30pm ish	Back to Hotel
6pm	<b>Dinner – local pub</b> – Banksia Tavern, Albies, Goose, Fish n Chips on the Beach, Shelter? (TBA, all within walking distance) at own cost



### Day 3 -Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>What's Happening / Where Should I be?</i></b>
9am – 10am	Breakfast at Kyst
10am – 11am	AGM at Kyst
11:30am	Bus departs from Hotel for Yallingup
Noon	Cruise Yallingup on the bus, see some of Australia's best surfing breaks. Stop at historic Caves House
12:30- 2:30pm	Lunch in the Injidup Room at Caves House at own cost
2:30pm – 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-9:30pm	AGM Dinner (included in registration) at Together & Co Restaurant in the our hotel, drinks at own cost





### Day 4 -Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>What's Happening / Where Should I be?</i></b>
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





## **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 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.