Today, 30 November 2024 the Federation is announcing the commencement of preparations for the next "Federation Meet the Clubs Tour"

It will held April/May 2026, possibly between Anzac Day and Mothers Day.

The Tour will operate for a shorter time than in the past possibly 7 to 9 days. Leaving Adelaide on a Saturday and returning on the following Sunday. Participants would be able to come and go from the event at anytime

The Federation Committee is calling for volunteers, possibly four individuals or two couples.

These four additional members will be co-opted onto the Federation Committee and will be asked to attend all Federation Committee meetings, once appointed, either by one representative or all four.

There will not be a Tour Sub-Committee

The President will be the Tour leader

The Secretary will be the main corresponder and confirmer of details of each day of the Tour

The Bank Account held at BankSA for the Tour will be closed, all finances to be processed through the main account.

The Treasurer will also act as Entry Director

The four additional members of the Committee will only be tasked with:

- Preparation of the route of the Tour.
- The timing of the Tour.
- Contacting of all clubs along route and prepare style of gathering.
- Liaise with Clubs and what their role will be.
- The Tour Co-ordinators will be part of the Federation Committee for the duration, their presence at Committee Meetings will allow the Federation Committee to approve of progress made during the preparations for the Tour.

At this early stage it has been suggested that the Tour take the format of a Hub Rally possibly utilising Quorn as the principal accommodation venue.

The reasoning for using Quorn as a base for the Tour:

- Accessed by secondary roads (Highway One is not a good road for our slower vehicles)
- Only one accommodation venue is required, participants can settle in for the duration,
- Central place for socialising each day and an evening meal.
- Less stressful,
- May even get a discount for length of stay.
- Tours could then radiate from Quorn for the next 5 or 6 days to be hosted by Clubs at Peterborough, Port Pirie, Port Augusta, or Whyalla with drives also to Hawker or local Gorges near Quorn.

It will be important to realise that the participants are not as young as they used to be, and we should tailor the event to suit our entrants. The best reliable vehicle entrants have for this style of touring should be encouraged.

Clubs should contact the Federation Secretary either on

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email to <a href="mailto:secretary@fhmcsa.org.au">secretary@fhmcsa.org.au</a> with their nomination(s).