

RALLY NEWS UPDATE

June 2016

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ROLLING IN!

The momentum has already begun to build for the 2017 Rally and we have 72 entrants (and 38 vehicles) registered. The Rally Committee has made several visits to Clare and the surrounding townships and planning is well underway for the event. We have made contact with all of the principal venues for our activities and we are at the closing stages of choosing a principal sponsor.

ACCOMMODATION

Our accommodation venues are starting to receive bookings, with the three principal motels and the caravan park reporting activity. Contrary to some rumours we have heard, the Caravan Park still has cabins available, but regardless, we recommend that you make your booking as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

PROPOSED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Some of South Australia's premium attractions are included in this years Rally. We are making arrangements for visits to the following ;

Bungaree Homestead is located just north of Clare and was established in 1841. It became an extensive sheep station with 100,000 merino sheep by the 1880s. A substantial and historic property, which over 170 years later is an efficient mixed farm run by the descendants of the original founder. Consequently Bungaree Station is not a museum, but rather a living record of rural Australia since 1841. Tours including lunch and hopefully shearing, will be the highlight of **Monday's outing**.

The Farm Shed Museum at Kadina will see us on a longer run on the **Tuesday**, but to see this huge display of dry-land farming and country life history it is well worth the trip. Every review on TripAdvisor rates it as 'excellent' and that is no mean feat for any attraction, let alone a Museum!

The fabulous Mortlock family home of Martindale Hall at Mintaro is scheduled for our visit and lunch (subject to tenure issues) on the **Wednesday** following a morning tea with the students of the Balaklava High School and their guests from the adjacent primary and private schools.

Peter, Phil and Tim checking the driveway at Martindale Hall for potential photo opportunities.

Thursday will see us on another good run, this time to Anlaby Homestead and Gardens. This outstanding property was the home of the Dutton family and the centre of a huge sheep station. Henry Dutton Jnr (with Murray Aunger) was the first man to drive from Adelaide to Darwin in 1908. The new owners are restoring the homestead and its gardens to its original magnificence and you will be astounded by the progress to date.

Moving on from stately homes, our last day on **Friday** will see us visit the nearby town of Burra and the humble miner's cottages, once the centre of one of the richest copper mining areas in the world. Today the town continues as a centre for its surrounding farming communities and, being one of the best-preserved towns of the Victorian era in Australia, as a historic tourist centre.

Watch the video at <http://www.raa.com.au/samotor/2016/Winter/Clare-Valley-comforts> for more details.

From the Welcome Reception to the Farewell Dinner we can promise you a wonderful week of entertainment, attractions, great drives and wonderful company. Don't delay but book now and reserve your place for this great event. A copy of the registration for expressions of interest is attached so if you haven't done so send it in now, or pass it on to your friends for a veteran motoring experience bar none!

Send any enquiries to the National Rally web site (see over) or call the phone contacts as attached.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

You are cordially invited to join the 2017 National Veteran Vehicle Rally in the picturesque and historic Clare Valley, South Australia. Coordinated by the joint efforts of members of the Sporting Car Club of SA and the Veteran Car Club of SA the 2017 rally will be based in the regional township of Clare, the focus of the Valley's rich blend of attractions and activities, including vineyards and wineries as well as regional mining and pastoral commerce.

Daily outings planned will include the historic towns of Burra and Mintaro, Kadina at the Copper Coast, Anlaby Homestead and Bungaree Station. The terrain is mostly gently undulating and serviced by good sealed roads (for all but part of one of the outings).

The variety of attractions, the welcoming inhabitants and delightful scenery will alone be enough to attract a significant attendance at this rally but with the added bonus of the highly-regarded food and wine reputation of the Clare Valley you would be well advised to get in early!

When?	Plan to arrive Sunday 24 September for the evening welcome reception and check-in. Leisurely departure from Saturday 30 September after a sumptuous farewell dinner on Friday evening!
Where?	Clare, South Australia (140 km north of Adelaide)
What's on?	Daily runs between 80 and 200km round trip from Clare
Roads?	All sealed (except 20 km on the Anlaby day but there may be an optional bus available). Roads in excellent condition with only one or two climbs.
Extras?	Motorfest SA outings based in Adelaide from 18-23 September and the outstanding Vintage Collingrove Hillclimb on 1 October on your way home!

DO NOT MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY - REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!

Accommodation Options - These excellent venues have been block-booked for our Rally so please book early.

Clare Country Club... 1.5 miles north08 8842 1060

(note – the above venue is offering a special rate for our Rally – quote 'Veteran' to grab one!)

Comfort Inn Clare Central 0.8 miles north08 8842 2277

Clare Valley Motel 0.9 miles south08 8842 2799

Discovery Holiday Park2 miles south08 8842 2724

plus many other high quality B&B's, cabins and hotels in the Clare Valley.

Please book early! This is a popular tourism venue!

Rally Costings: \$125 per vehicle with one rider/driver plus \$50 for each passenger and/or supporter.

Please email the following information to rally2017@vccsa.org.au or post to National Veteran Vehicle Rally Clare 2017, PO Box 2, Glen Osmond SA 5064.

Name

Address

Number of additional passengers/supporters

Email (highly recommended)

Phone number

Mobile

Vehicle make /model / year

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The Expression of Interest Fee is \$25, which will be deducted from your entry fee. Please send funds by direct deposit to the NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY CLARE 2017 account as below, or by cheque with your entry details.

Bank SA	BSB: 105 011	Account: 110318040	Reference: Initial & Surname
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<http://vccsa.org.au/events-2/National-Veteran-Vehicle-Rally-Clare-2017>

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