

**National Veteran Vehicle Rally  
24 – 30 September 2017  
Clare Valley, South Australia**

Sporting Car Club of South Australia Inc. and Veteran Car Club of South Australia Inc.

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## **RALLY NEWS UPDATE – January 2017**

### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

At present we have received EOIs for 98 vehicles and drivers and an additional 93 passengers and support crew. There are a number of vehicles booked which will be on debut at the rally and we look forward to welcoming new participants and some recently restored veterans.

This Rally promises to be outstanding so please urge the other members of your club to put their hands up, as we are going to have a wonderful time.

### **ACCOMMODATION AND THE OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND**

The Clare accommodation venues are starting to fill and all of the cabins at the caravan park are fully booked. At this time the caravan park still has plenty of camping/van sites available. There are still vacancies at the motels but bookings are coming in fast so do not hesitate if you want your first choice.

Our Rally finishes on the October Labour Day long weekend and all Clare motel and park venues are booked heavily, so do get in early with your reservations, particularly if you were planning to stay a little longer!

The Caravan Park has reported that cabin bookings are very heavy for the Saturday night and they will NOT be able to offer a late checkout on Saturday morning. This will be all the more reason to be up and out early to enjoy the proposed Bon Voyage Breakfast.

### **OUR LOGO**

This was designed to reflect the diversity of vehicles and the location, including the motorcycle wheel and the car mudguard, the gentle rolling hills of the Clare valley and the plains of the Copper Coast, the green vines and pastures, and the purple grapes.

### **PROGRAM NOTES**

A copy of the August newsletter, with the draft program, is available on the website or can be emailed or snail-mailed if you contact the Rally Committee below.

We are pleased to be able to confirm that a visit to Martindale Hall is now firmly on our agenda after the SA Government has advised that the current management arrangements will continue through 2017. This Historic Home was the location for filming some of the iconic movie 'Picnic at Hanging Rock',

Our lunch and tour package is designed to allow you to enjoy the week's Rally without needing to make individual arrangements for meals and entry fees. For the convenience of our hosts, we regret that we cannot guarantee your entry into venues, or the availability of lunches at the venues, if you have not purchased the package.

Special dietary requirements will be catered for if you provide us with details of the restrictions that are required, and the number of persons, when you submit your entry form. Please contact us if you need further information.

### **OFFICIAL ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

Copies are;

- on the website,
- to be circulated to all those who have sent in an EOI,
- to be circulated in Club magazines
- to be made available at some Club meetings.

## **DISTANCES**

When we began planning our programme in 2015, the Committee was careful to consider the distance, gradients and road conditions that were to be encountered in each case. We took into account the AVCCA Guidelines for National Veteran Vehicle Rallies, and noting that some owners prefer longer runs, we hope we have catered for all preferences with short and long runs.

Monday morning will be cruising at leisure around the Clare township attractions followed by a short run at lunchtime to Bungaree station (total 35 km return) for lunch and a tour. Tuesday offers the opportunity for a long run to Kadina. If you prefer less driving you may opt to load your vehicle onto your trailer to ease your journey the following day.

The Tuesday journey to Kadina is the longest with a total of 207 km return, but the route we take is very lightly used, and mostly flat and straight. Secure trailer parking is offered at Snowtown to reduce veteran vehicle travel to a return trip total of 113 km if you prefer. We are also finalising a third option with a shorter route and tour nearer Clare for those who prefer not to choose either of the above.

Wednesday is a moderate journey including Balaklava and Mintaro, again on mostly quiet roads with gentle gradients over a total of 117 km return.

Thursday is programmed for morning tea, lunch and tours at Anlaby station, for a total journey of 134 km return. This day also includes graded and formed, but unsealed road of a total of 16 km return, including the station driveway.

Friday we visit Burra, which is a total of 85 km return, on a flat, mostly straight road, acknowledging that we have the Farewell dinner in the evening

## **VEHICLE AND ENTRANT SAFETY**

We will endeavour to ensure that the 2017 Rally is a safe and enjoyable event and have planned a number of safety related features. We recommend that all vehicles be fitted with flashing red LED lights. We will be issuing a safety advice note with each daily route identifying the possible hazards to be aware of on the route, and will pay special attention to safety issues during the daily briefings.

## **FAREWELL DINNER – BOOK EARLY**

Expressions of interest are coming in fast and if we exceed our expectations we may be obliged to limit attendance at our Farewell Dinner, as we have been advised that the Clare Town Hall is limited to 280 people in the dining configuration. We will be investigating our options but if things get tight we might have to close the doors so get in early!.

## **LOOKING FOR ANOTHER HISTORIC VEHICLE OUTING BEFORE OR AFTER OUR RALLY?**

### **2017 BAY TO BIRDWOOD CLASSIC and MOTORFEST - Monday 18 - Sunday 24 September**

One of the largest old car run/display events in the world the iconic rally is for classic cars this year. It is preceded by a week long program of daily motoring outings around Adelaide which are open to ANY vehicles. These are well worth including in your visit. <http://baytobirdwood.com.au>

### **2017 VINTAGE COLLINGROVE HILLCLIMB – Sunday 1 October**

This annual event is primarily for motor cars built up to 1939. Located in a beautiful hills setting the Collingrove track is situated just off the main Birdwood to Angaston Road 8 km south of Angaston. Details - Jim Scammel 0488 922 632

### **2017 LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN – Sunday in October**

The organisers of this premier run for VETERAN cars in SA have indicated that they might move the date to accommodate visitor entries from our Rally if there is sufficient interest. Contact the Rally Committee and see the website for details. (<http://www.vccsa.org.au/events/london-to-brighton.htm>)

### **2017 BURRA TO MORGAN RUN - October Details TBA**

Join other adventurers in the historic copper town of Burra for a re-enactment of the Burra Motor Club's first great outing (1906) and journey across the Saltbush Plain from Burra to Morgan. Details to be advised but usually the second weekend in October.

Rally website . . . . . <http://vccsa.org.au/events-2/National-Veteran-Vehicle-Rally-Clare-2017>