



**Veteran Car Club of South Australia**  
**Annual Two Day Rally**  
**“Dr. Shone’s Veteran Tonic”**  
**Strathalbyn, South Australia**  
**1 – 2 May 2010**

<http://vccsa.org.au/strathalbyn>

**INFORMATION SHEET 1**

**About the Club**

The Veteran Car Club of South Australia caters for motor cars, motor cycles and other vehicles built prior to 1919. With 90 members, the club meets at 8 PM on the first Wednesday of the month at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL Club. New members and visitors will be made most welcome.

**About the Event**

This year our Annual Two-Day Rally will be held in historic Strathalbyn on May 1 and 2. There are two starting points for the event:

- Those driving down from Adelaide will assemble from 8:30 Saturday morning at the Blackwood Station car park, just east of the railway line on Main Road. From the Blackwood roundabout, follow Main Road east towards Coromandel Valley, and turn left into the car park *immediately* after crossing the railway line. The rally will leave the car park at 9:00 sharp, and proceed via Clarendon and Meadows (short break) to Strathalbyn, to arrive by 11:30. There are a number of hills along the scenic route between Blackwood and Strathalbyn, but all should be routinely negotiated by a well-fettled veteran vehicle. There are no traffic lights, and only nominal traffic along the 50 km route.
- The alternative rally start is in Strathalbyn: this may be more suitable for low powered machines or machines arriving by trailer. We will assemble in Strathalbyn (location TBA) at 10 AM on Saturday morning for a short run leaving at 10:30.

Regardless of starting point, all vehicles will assemble in Strathalbyn around 11:30, and will be on public display until 1:30 when we leave for a run to the wine region of Langhorne Creek and beyond (approx. 50 km total), returning in good time for the Rally Dinner on Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning we will again take to the road for a 50 km run around the area, with a stop for morning tea, returning to Strathalbyn by noon, where the vehicles will again be on public display.

At 1:30 PM, those returning to Adelaide will depart for home. If there is sufficient interest, an additional short run (20 km) may be organised around the local area for those staying a little longer in Strathalbyn.

**About Strathalbyn**

Strathalbyn is one of the prettier towns on the Fleurieu Peninsula, 50 km south east of Adelaide. Famous for the antique shops along the High Street, the town will also be hosting a craft fair on the weekend of our visit. The town is located where the hills meet the Murray River flats, and is an ideal base for exploring the Fleurieu Peninsula, lower Murray lakes, the wineries of Langhorne Creek, and the popular ocean strip between Goolwa and Victor Harbor.

**Vehicles**

The Rally is designed to cater for ALL veteran vehicles, regardless of age or performance. If you have a choice, please consider bringing your oldest and most feeble veteran! If you don't presently have a veteran vehicle on the road, feel free to join us anyway, but please understand if you are asked to park elsewhere when the rally vehicles are on display in Strathalbyn. We will do our best to find seating in veteran cars for those without a vehicle who would like to sample the joys of veteran motoring.

## **Parking and Security**

Secure parking for trailers or cars will be available in a locked fenced yard close to the centre of town. More details later.

## **Rally Dinner**

The Rally Dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Strathalbyn on the Saturday night, 6:30 for 7:00. Three courses with a choice of mains for \$22. Use the entry form to book and pay by April 16; please advise if you have any special dietary requirements. Partners, friends and visitors are of course welcome, and in keeping with the informal style of the event dress will be neat casual.

## **Entering the Event**

The Rally is open to members of the Veteran Car Club of South Australia and veteran enthusiasts from other clubs. The Entry Form and other rally information is available at the VCCSA website <http://vccsa.org.au/strathalbyn> . Please use the form if you are entering a vehicle, or for booking the Rally Dinner and Sunday morning tea. Closing date for entries is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Payment can be made by mail, or at the February, March or April monthly meetings. To help with organisation, please enter as soon as you are able to finalise your plans.

## **Who was Dr. Shone anyway?**

Dr. Shone, a popular doctor resident in Strathalbyn, became the pioneer motorist in the district when he took delivery in January 1904 of an 8 h.p. De Dion Bouton motor car. Imported by the Lewis Cycle and Motor Works of Adelaide, and fitted with a body constructed by the Adelaide coach building firm of Messrs. Duncan and Fraser, this was the second De Dion to arrive in South Australia. More of Dr. Shone's motoring exploits will be revealed as the rally date approaches.

## **Accommodation Suggestions**

Rally attendees are responsible for organising their own accommodation. The accommodation 'hub' of the event will be the new (four star) Strath Motel, 4 North Parade, Strathalbyn. Quite a number of rooms at the motel are already booked, but a few days ago there were still a small number available for the Saturday night. When booking, mention that you are with the Veteran Car Club and you will receive a complimentary continental breakfast. The phone number is (08) 8536 3311, or visit their website <http://www.strathmotel.com.au> .

Accommodation (three star) is also available at the Rally Dinner venue, the Victoria Hotel, 16 Albyn Terrace, Strathalbyn, overlooking the main park in town. If you mention the Veteran Car Club when booking, you can get a spa room for the standard room rate. The phone number is (08) 8536 2202 or visit their website <http://www.victoriahotelstrathalbyn.com.au> .

For the budget conscious, there is another hotel in town (Robin Hood Hotel, 4 North Parade, Strathalbyn, (08) 8536 2608) and a caravan park (Strathalbyn Caravan Park (08) 8536 3681). Other options include many B&Bs in Strathalbyn (self contained B&Bs include Gasworks B&B (08) 8536 4291; Strathalbyn B&B (08) 8536 4537 and Wild Berry Cottage (08) 8278 6022; hosted B&Bs include Almond Grove B&B (08) 8536 3069; Watervilla B&B (08) 8536 4099 and Hamilton House (08) 8536 4990) and in the nearby countryside. If you get stuck, there is accommodation available at Milang (15 km from Strathalbyn) at the Milang Lakeside Motel (08) 8537 0090 and the Milang Lakeside Caravan Park (08) 8537 0282.

## **Further Information**

Hopefully this sheet tells you most of what you need to know to join us for a "Veteran Tonic" in Strathalbyn in May! Book your accommodation, fill in your entry form, send in your money and we'll see you when you get there. We will supply more information as the Rally date approaches, but in the meantime keep an eye on the website <http://vccsa.org.au/strathalbyn> . If you need more information about the Rally itself, contact the Secretary, VCCSA by email at [secretary@vccsa.org.au](mailto:secretary@vccsa.org.au) or by mail at 3 Malcolm Street, Millswood SA 5034. If you need help with accommodation, or would like more information about the Strathalbyn region, contact the Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre by phone 1300 007 842 or by email [strathalbyn@alexandrina.com.au](mailto:strathalbyn@alexandrina.com.au) .