

# RACV 2020 NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY

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## SWAN HILL

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## Rally to the Mallee

HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome to the first newsletter of the 2020 national rally.

This series of 6 newsletters, leading up to the event will keep you up to date on planned activities, accommodation and many other things you might need to know.

The event is organised by the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic) and is held under the auspices of The Association of Veteran Car Clubs in Australia. [TAVCCA]

The RACV is the Principal Sponsor of the event but we are also grateful for the generous support of the Rural City of Swan Hill.

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### *Suggested New Year's Resolutions:*

1. *Register your "Expression of Interest" (if you haven't already done so)*
2. *Book your accommodation for Swan Hill*

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### Dates to Remember

**March 2020**— Newsletter No 2

**April 2020** — Entry forms and activity/meal forms are being prepared but will not be released until April.

These forms will be distributed to all Expressions of Interest respondents. They will also be available on the VCCA (Vic) website and through TAVCCA member clubs

**August 14, 2020** — Closing date for entries.

## Heart Beat of the Murray

One of the highlights of the rally will be the opportunity for all entrants to witness the Heart Beat of the Murray.

Set on the banks of the river, the world class Heartbeat of the Murray is a 360 degree multi-media spectacular. Employing water, light, laser, sound and special effects to tell the story of the Murray, you will be transported back 30 million years, then travelling forward through time to the Murray River as we know it today. This state-of-the-art show is the first of its kind in the world to use a natural river environment and setting as the background.

As audience numbers are limited to 110 per session, we have booked the venue for 3 screenings over 3 nights. At registration you will be offered Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evening. We will announce a full



rally itinerary well before the event so you can arrange to attend with friends on a given night.

Special discounted pricing has been negotiated.

**Director's Guarantee:** If you can look me in the eye and convince me you didn't get your money's worth — I will pay for your ticket! (T's & C's apply)

## STOP PRESS

We have been informed there will be a cyclist group travelling through Swan Hill on Thursday 15th October and are booking accommodation.

**Don't miss out.  
BOOK YOURS NOW.**

## Welcome

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We are still more than 10 months out but we have more than **140 Expressions of Interest** and over **120 confirmed accommodation bookings**. We are expecting this to be a huge event.

Each newsletter will feature one of the planned activities including Heart Beat of the Murray, our 1910 Edwardian Garden Party and the Lake Boga Catalina Flying Boat Museum.

This event is suitable for all veterans including 1 & 2's and steam cars.

## Accommodation Update

By now you should have booked your accommodation but if you haven't, check out the recommended properties below.

We have added another motel to our list of recommended properties:

Pioneer Station Motor Inn  
421 Campbell Street, (03) 5032 2017  
[www.pioneerstation.com.au](http://www.pioneerstation.com.au)



## Happy Hour Spreading the Love

Happy Hours, either formally planned or impromptu, have become a tradition at national rallies: an opportunity for entrants to catch up after a day on the road to solve the world's problems.

Typically they are held at Rally Headquarters and officially run from about 5 to 6pm.

However, at Swan Hill we will be spreading the love: we will be hosting 3 official Happy Hours but to promote camaraderie and inclusion will rotate the venue across the recommended accommodation properties. All will be revealed in the Rally Book.

## Trailer Overflow Parking Arrangements

Not all of the recommended accommodation properties will be able to cope with our trailers during the rally.

Pickering Transport has generously offered secure trailer



parking to entrants during the event.

Located just across the river, their property is less than 900 metres from rally headquarters.

Full details will be advised as the event draws closer, however contact the Directors if you need to know now.

BIG4 RIVERSIDE	Lazy River Motor Inn	BIG 4 Swan Hill	Pioneer Station Motor Inn
Rally Headquarters	1.9 kilometres from HQ all in the 60 kph speed zone	1.9 kilometres from HQ all in the 60 kph speed zone	On the edge of the CBD. 1.3 Kilometres from HQ
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