

# RACV 2021 NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY

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## SWAN HILL

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## Rally to the Mallee

# Happy New Year!!!!

Put up your hand if this time last year you predicted the turmoil, pain and anxiety that the following 12 months delivered.

While our daily lives were put on hold for months, so was the National Rally. The uncertainty of new rules and border crossings, availability of venues, caterers and activities prevented us from even thinking about how we would structure the postponed event.

With the New Year comes a new start. The planning has \*recommenced.

- Dates previously announced have been confirmed: October 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- RACV has remained on-board as our Principal Sponsor
- The Rural City of Swan Hill is still excited we are coming
- Caterers and venues all have their hands up saying “Pick me! Pick me!”

\* The planning is proceeding, subject to the COVID clause:

*“that any and all things may stay the same or change with or without notice”*

## Expression of Interest Update Request

Due to COVID-19, the plans and situations of many people have changed.

If you have lodged an Expression of Interest (EOI) you will shortly receive an email requesting you update some basic information. The email will provide a link to simplify the task. This should only take a minute and will assist the directors with planning.

If you have not lodged an EOI, please do it now. Just follow the links on the VCCA (Vic) website [www.veterancarclub.org.au](http://www.veterancarclub.org.au)

By submitting an EOI you will stay updated as the event draws closer. You will receive direct emails with newsletters and notices, including the link to the on-line entry form.

We have identified a number of people who have booked accommodation but have not lodged an EOI. If you are one of these people, please submit yours now.

## How It Will All Work

As we have seen, even as late as the past few days, the 'COVID' rules can change with almost no notice. What would work today, may not work tomorrow. Our event straddles the Victorian/NSW border so will possibly be affected by 2 sets of rules.

To provide the rally organisers with as much flexibility as possible we will be withholding the Meal and Activities options until August.

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### Dates to Remember

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**

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**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

On-line entries will open

**June 1<sup>st</sup>**

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**August 1<sup>st</sup>**

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**August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Closing date for Entries

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Meal and Activity

Order form distributed

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Closing date for Meal and Activity forms

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Rally Registration at Swan Hill

### ACCOMMODATION

- *All 2020 caravan park bookings have been transferred to the new rally dates for 2021*
- *Check with other venues to confirm your bookings have been transferred to the correct 2021 dates*

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## How It Will All Work (Cont.)

This has several advantages.

- Venues, catering and activities will not need to be finalized by April when entries open.
- By August, we will have a clearer idea of entrant numbers and last minute alterations can be made to the options should any changed COVID restrictions demand them.

**Rally Entries will open on April 19<sup>th</sup> and will close in August.**

**The Meal and Activity options will not be distributed until August 23<sup>rd</sup> and entrants will have 4 weeks to decide, submit their form on-line and pay for their selections.**

The VCCA (Vic) Cancellation Policy allows for a 100% refund of Entry, Meal and Activity fees paid should an entrant cancel by September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## On-Line Event Entry System

As announced in 2020, our on-line entry/registration system has been implemented to efficiently manage the expected number of participants. When entries open on April 19<sup>th</sup> you will be able to log onto the VCCA (Vic) website, enter the usual details for driver/rider and passengers, contact details and dietary requirements. You then pay your entry fee using Visa/Mastercard, EFT or cheque. You will receive an email confirming the details you supplied during your entry.

From August 23<sup>rd</sup> entrants will be able to log on again and select and pay for meal and activity options.

Simple instructions will be in the April Newsletter and sent to all Expression of Interest respondents. They will also be accessible through TAVCCA member clubs.

Your privacy is important and assured. Your on-line payment will be directed to the payment gateway, Stripe. VCCA (Vic) will not hold or have access to your credit card details.

## Accommodation Update

Entrants are advised to phone and **book directly with the property**. This is the preferred method as you may miss out on any negotiated discounts, being made aware of all the options of room configurations and the opportunity to take up any cancellations.

The 2 suggested caravan parks and 2 motels have been chosen after assessing almost every accommodation property in Swan Hill. Although the motels are “budget”, they are clean, provide basic facilities and have ample parking, secure from passing traffic.

Other properties may offer 4 or 4½ star facilities but be sure to check their cancellation policy, parking limitations (e.g. Strictly 1 car per room) and exposure of your veteran to street traffic.)

Note: Secure trailer parking has been arranged at a local property if required.

<b>Big 4 Riverside Holiday Park</b> Rally Headquarters	Call direct on 1800 101 012	Cabins fully booked. Powered and un-powered sites available	Adjacent to river. Walking distance to hotels and restaurants.
<b>Big 4 Swan Hill Holiday Park</b>	Call direct on 1800 990 389	Cabins fully booked. Ensuite and powered and un-powered sites available.	1.9 km from HQ all in the 60 kph speed zone. Plenty of car parking.
<b>Lazy River Motor Inn</b>	Call direct on (03) 5032 2123 <a href="http://www.lazyrivermotorinn.com.au">www.lazyrivermotorinn.com.au</a>	Motel rooms still available but be quick. .	Budget motel. 1.9 km from HQ all in the 60 kph speed zone. Plenty of car & trailer parking.
<b>Pioneer Station Motor Inn</b>	Call direct on (03) 5032 2017 <a href="http://www.pioneerstation.com.au">www.pioneerstation.com.au</a>	More than 14 rooms available but are filling fast.	Budget motel. 1.3 km from HQ. Walking distance to hotels and restaurants. Limited additional parking.
<b>Paruna Motel</b>	Call direct on (03) 5032 4455 <a href="http://www.parunamotel.com">www.parunamotel.com</a>	Various room configurations are still available	4 1/2 star. Ample parking. Vehicles exposed to street?
<b>Murray River Motel</b>	Call direct on (03) 5032 2217 <a href="http://www.murrayrivermotel.com">www.murrayrivermotel.com</a>	Various room configurations are still available	1.6km from HQ. Walking distance to hotels and restaurants.
<b>Swan Hill Resort</b>	1800 034 220 <a href="http://www.swanhillresort.com.au">www.swanhillresort.com.au</a>	Various room configurations are still available	Lots of positives, but... We recommend checking Tripadvisor reviews before committing.