

RACV 2021 NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY

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Rally to the Mallee It's not going to beat us!!!!

Over the past 3 months Corona Virus has hit the organising of this rally with many road blocks, to the point where we talked of giving up and cancelling the event. Even though we expect restrictions may have eased by October, venues and caterers will only discuss, quote and accept bookings using today's rules: 100 patrons, 75 patrons, some as low as 50.

None of this works for us as we have over 400 members who have accommodation bookings and/or EOI updates confirming planned attendance and we don't want to cull the entries.

So here is what we have decided:

- ◆ **Entries will open on April 19th and close 6 weeks later on May 31st.** This short window will lock in attendance numbers for the organisers.
- ◆ Entries will be capped at 400 attendees and/or 200 vehicles and we will manage/modify the event activities to the rules as they change. We will just make it happen.
- ◆ **The Meal and Activity options will not be distributed until August 23rd and entrants will have 4 weeks to decide, submit their form on-line and pay for their selections.**
- ◆ All fees will be fully refunded if the event is cancelled.
- ◆ The VCCA (Vic) Cancellation Policy also allows for a 100% refund of entry, meal and activity fees paid should an entrant cancel by the closing date of September 17th.
- ◆ Entrants who are not financial members of one of the 7 TAVCCA clubs are welcome but will pay a surcharge.

400 ATTENDEES WILL BE A CHALLENGE. WHY NOT JUST SCALE DOWN THE EVENT?

Answer: Because it wouldn't be a National if we did.

National events are all about numbers; Numbers of people and numbers of vehicles,.

VCCA members travel across Australia each year (when allowed) to meet with hundreds of other enthusiasts to share the camaraderie our hobby personifies. Many have been entering this annual event for many years. Culling entry numbers to 50 or 100 would put a damper on the whole premise of this national event.

Besides, 200 veteran cars and motorcycles on display at Riverside Park will be spectacular.

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Dates to Remember

- April 15th**
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- April 19th**
On-line entries will open
- May 31st**
Closing date for Entries
- June 1st**
Newsletter No 5
- August 1st**
Newsletter No 6
- August 23rd**
Meal and Activity
Order form distributed
- September 17th**
Closing date for Meal and
Activity forms
- October 10th**
Rally Registration

MINOR DATE CHANGE

- *At this point, due to COVID rules, we have cancelled the Farewell Breakfast planned for the Saturday*
- *Note the event now ends with a function on Friday afternoon (October 15th)*
- *This should not affect accommodation dates*
- *If Covid rules allow, the Farewell Breakfast will be reinstated*

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 19th you will be able to log onto the VCCA (Vic) website www.veterancarclub.org.au and access the on-line rally entry system. You will enter the usual details for driver/rider and passengers, contact details and dietary requirements and then pay your entry fee using Visa/Mastercard, EFT or cheque.

You will receive an email confirming the details you supplied with your entry and, if you have chosen the EFT or cheque payment options, the email will provide account and reference instructions.

Not only does the system save the entrant time and inconvenience but it simplifies the event administration by managing catering lists, dietary requirements, contact details and payments etc. Simple instructions will be detailed on the website and we have a 24 hour/7 day helpline available to step you through the process if you need help.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, call the helpline 0407 008 895 and we will advise you of planned options.

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

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

24 Hour / 7 Days per week
HELP LINE
Michael Holding 0407 008 895

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.

Where Are We From

Analysis of our Expressions of Interest reveals the following places of residence

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| Victoria | 34.3% |
| Queensland | 22.7% |
| New South Wales | 17.4% |
| South Australia | 12.1% |
| Western Australia | 4.8% |
| Tasmania | 3.9% |
| Australian Capital Territory | 2.9% |
| Northern Territory | 0.5% |
| Other | 1.4% |

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| Big 4 Riverside Holiday Park 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. |
| Big 4 Swan Hill Holiday Park | 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. Directly adjacent to Lazy River Motor Inn. |
| Lazy River Motor Inn | Call direct on (03) 5032 2123 www.lazyrivermotorinn.com.au | 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. Directly adjacent to Big 4 Swan Hill. |
| Pioneer Station Motor Inn | Call direct on (03) 5032 2017 www.pioneerstation.com.au | 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. |