

RACV 2021 NATIONAL VETERAN VEHICLE RALLY

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Rally to the Mallee

Entry Cap of 200 has been reached. ENTRIES ARE NOW CLOSED

In less than 2 weeks, the 200 entry (400 people) quota was filled. It's obvious that a symptom of coronavirus is itchy feet in veteran vehicle owners. "I don't care where it is... I am going!"

Until August 23rd, there is little for you to do except work on your car or bike to ensure it is ready for October. We, on the other hand, now have a rally to organise.

In early days, we established some priorities and a vision for this event:

- To run a COVID safe event.
- To create an event with a National rally feel (this is not just a local run).
- To keep queues, delays and bottle-necks to a minimum.
- To provide opportunities to show off our cars and engage the public.
- To ensure plenty of time to mix and mingle (at 1.5 metres) with friends, both old and from other states.
- To minimise the cost while providing a quality event.

Functions and activities have been planned with these priorities in mind.

In spite of the restrictions that coronavirus safety dictates, 200 veteran vehicles and 400 enthusiasts together will create a spectacle rarely seen in Australia.

However, compromises and concessions will be necessary. For some activities we will need to divide the group and head off in different directions. On these days we will rotate groups within groups, to ensure you are not just travelling with the same people each day. We have developed a system to make this simple, but more importantly, seamless to entrants.

The onus will be on you to make this all work.

RULE NO 1: Read and follow your Rally Book. It has been produced for YOU

RULE NO 2: Do not just follow the car in front of you. He will be following HIS rally book (and if he is in front of you, he must be on the wrong road and is lost).

RULE NO 3: The Directors' word shall never be questioned.

Memorise these rules. They will be pounded into all entrants by the start of the rally. (With a smile.)

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Dates to Remember

June 1st

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July 15th

Lodgment of Michael and Claudia's Divorce Application

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August 23rd

Meal and Activity Order Online

September 17th

Closing date for Meal and Activity Orders

October 8th — 10th

Rally Registration

STANDBY LIST

Due to the overwhelming response from entrants, we have created a Standby list of people who missed the cut when the entries reached the publicised cap.

This list currently stands at 10 vehicles and 22 people.

Entry offers will be made to the listed applicants as and when places become available.

Meals and Activities Online Order System

Congratulations to everyone who completed their online entry. See, I told you it was easy!

Meals and activity orders will be submitted using the same system.

Orders will not be available until August 23rd and you will have just 3½ weeks to decide, submit your order on-line and pay for your selections. Sounds tight but we really have no option.

Payment options will be VISA/Mastercard, EFT and cheque.

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

So what does the rally have to offer?

Apart from the fellowship and camaraderie our hobby inspires...

Apart from the opportunity to drive your veteran on quiet, flat country roads...

Apart from the chance to catch up with old rally friends who you haven't seen for two years..

Apart from the likelihood of meeting new friends who share your passion...

Apart from the prospect of visiting a rural area and experiencing all the things it has to offer...

Apart from that... the Rally will include:

- A Welcome Function with a twist,
- Daily runs that are varied and in some cases totally unique.
- 200 veterans on display at Riverside Park on the banks of the Murray. A sight never been seen before.
- A 7 day pass to the Pioneer Settlement
- The ladies High Tea, re-instated and held in the rustic Lower Murray Inn.
- Nightly presentations of the Heartbeat of the Murray laser spectacular that will be available to all entrants at heavily discounted prices.
- Charters cruises on the Pyap paddle steamer at equally discounted prices.
- An opportunity to turn on your gas lights and Drive your Veteran to Dinner .
- A special "sure thing" for all the punters on the rally.
- An opportunity to meet the great grand daughter of the blacksmith who allegedly forged Ned Kelly's armor.

Accommodation Update

All entrants should have booked their accommodation by now. If you haven't, there are still some vacancies at a couple of the nominated properties.

We are aware of some B&B's with vacancies. Call Claudia for assistance if you are struggling.

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	There are still a couple for family rooms 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	Have a couple of rooms available but are filling fast.	Budget motel. 1.3 km from HQ. Walking distance to hotels and restaurants. Limited additional parking.