



The Veteran and Vintage Motor Cycle Club of South Australia Inc.

60th Anniversary Rally 17-22 September 2016

Newsletter No.1

Hi from the Rally Committee. Time seems to be flying by and before we know it September will be here for our 60th Anniversary Rally.

The Clare Caravan Park will be the Rally Head Quarters. As of 14th January 2016, there are 12 cabins still available and plenty of powered and unpowered sites. The park has undergone an ownership/management change and initially the rates were to increase for us in 2016. As we block-booked the park before the rate increase, the park will not increase the rate for us. I believe the park has sent out emails to those who have already booked to advise the revised rates.

For other accommodation, there are many hotels, motels, B&B's etc in and around Clare - please refer to the list on the Entry Form.

So far we have about 60 Expression of Interest/Entries. We are still expecting the number to be 100 plus, so if you know someone who will be going but has not put in an Expression of Interest/Entry, please encourage them to do so as it will make planning easier for us. There are entries from most mainland states and an enquiry from a group in New Zealand.

The rally routes are mainly in flat or undulating country with very few hills, so ideal for veteran bikes as well as later models. The rally routes avoid main roads where possible.

On Saturday 17th September, rally packs will be available at the caravan park – place and time to be advised later. On Saturday afternoon there will be a short shake-down ride in the immediate Clare area. A BBQ (included in the rally entry fee) will be at the main caravan park shelter. BYO drinks.

Sunday: we will be in Burra for lunch (own responsibility – plenty of venues to choose from) and time to explore the historic township.

Monday: we visit Blyth, lunch in Bute and a stop in Snowtown.

Tuesday: is the longest ride to visit the old Gladstone Gaol, lunch in Jamestown.

On the Wednesday we will visit Martindale Hall for morning tea and the optional tour of the Hall. After that the rest of the day is free. There are many places to visit including Mintaro on the way back to Clare. We are in the process of possibly arranging a visit to another venue on Wednesday afternoon for those so inclined.

Martindale Hall: There has been some controversy regarding the future of the Hall, whether it would be sold to private owners and used for exclusive accommodation. We have been assured it will still be available for our visit. It is well worth the tour particularly if, in the future, it will be closed to the general public.

Wednesday night: we hope to hold a movie night in the small town of Blyth not far out of Clare.

Thursday: we ride south of Clare to Saddleworth for morning tea and Eudunda for lunch.

Thursday night: the farewell dinner at the Clare Golf Course.

Friday morning: departure/farewell time.

The Bay to Birdwood Rally is on Sunday 25th September – so ample time to travel back to Adelaide to be part of the event or to see the vehicles go past. For information go to <http://www.baytobirdwood.com.au/>. The run is for all types of vehicles built before 31st December 1956.

The VVMCC motorcycle's only swap meet will be held the following Sunday 2nd October in the Adelaide Hills' town of Balhannah.

Entry Forms: we have received a small number of entry forms that are a little confusing.

To clarify, when completing the entry form, please note the following points:

- . The Entry Fee for the rider and bike of \$110 includes the Welcome BBQ, morning teas, Gladstone gaol entry and a Rally shoulder bag with the rally pack.
- . The Entry fee for the Adult Rider Supporter of \$70 includes the Welcome BBQ, morning teas and Gladstone gaol entry. This also applies to a second person who may be following in a car who wants to attend the BBQ, morning teas and gaol entry.
- . We will be issuing a lanyard to each rider and each supporter entrant, on the back of which will be a list of meals etc that have been paid for. Please ensure the entry form is completed clearly with your requirements as the lanyard will be your "meal ticket".
- . Please also deduct the \$25 Expression of Interest fee if you have previously paid it.

For members of the VVMCC

We have a small number of people who have already indicated they will help with back-up or marshalling but we would appreciate more people to help out if you can. Please advise someone on the committee if you can help.

Committee members: Terry Rowe, Arnold De Groot, Tony Morisset, Shirley Rowe, Maggie Moore, Gary Jolly.

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Rally Committee Chairman

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