



11th National Veteran Motorcycle Rally 17 – 22 September 2017

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Dear Veteran Rallyist,

The Eleventh National Veteran Motorcycle Rally to be held at Nuriootpa in the Barossa Valley from 17 – 22 September 2017 is now only two months away.

Thanks to the 87 enthusiasts who have already entered. The array of machines is stunning. Amongst the international brands are Triumph, Indian, Bradbury, BSA, Reading Standard, Norton, Harley Davidson, Rover, AKD, New Imperial, Ariel, Champion, Sunbeam, Douglas, Chater Lea, Kerry Abingdon, Rudge, Premier, Arno, FN, Yale, Minerva, Excelsior, Omega (a 1915 sidecar outfit, powered by a 320cc two stroke!), Zenith, Royal Enfield, Scott, Matchless, Kirmer, P&M and Henderson. The local industry is represented by Peerless, B&B, Lewis, GEM, Maldon, TB, GCS, Bell, Monarch, Whiting, Precision Big 4, Healing JAP, Favourite, Sovereign and King. Even the badly-behaved OHV Bullock has been dragged from the back of the shed where it has been long hiding in shame. I suppose I'm not alone in having parts of my proposed rally bike still scattered around the bench.

We also have a number of wheezers coming along for the Wednesday afternoon TAT Run. A conversation this morning threatened a his-and-her pair of Wall Auto Wheels! Can you beat that? If so, please try.

And still two weeks before entries close...

The entry form – and all other information regarding the rally – is available on the rally website <http://vvmccsa.org.au/nvr>. Try to get your entry in by the end of this month, but do note that we'll gladly accept late entries accompanied by a late fee. This is our third newsletter, and hopefully you now have enough information to get you to Nuriootpa in September.

Good luck with your preparations, and see you there!

Leon Mitchell (on behalf of the Rally Committee)

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- What do I need to know?* Our first two newsletters <http://vvmccsa.org.au/nvr/html/nvr-2017-newsletter-1.pdf> and <http://vvmccsa.org.au/nvr/html/nvr-2017-newsletter-2.pdf> outline the event in some detail. Please read them again.
- Email gremlins* We've had a few behind-the-scenes email problems. If you suspect we've not received something you've sent us, please try again. See Contact Details below
- Timelines* *Entries close:* 31 July 2017 – two weeks!
- Late entries:* will be accepted up until 30 August, with a \$20 late fee. Be aware that we can't order polo shirts after July 31.
- Rally begins:* with a short shake-down run, leaving the Barossa Tourist Park at 2 PM, Sunday September 17 – eight weeks!
- War on waste* We're doing our bit. Rather than consume 1000 polystyrene foam cups for morning teas, we'll use rally mugs. Don't worry: we'll transport them, wash them, and you can take one home at the end of the week.
- The bus* A full sized coach will accompany the rally on each of the days, however it is filling fast, but is not filled yet. The bus is available to supporters (and flagging riders!) in the first instance. If we do have a problem with capacity, priority will go to early entrants. The rally committee strongly urges supporters to use the bus, to help reduce the number of cars on the rally route.
- Routes and roads* Of the 500-odd km we'll travel, only one 2-km stretch is unsealed. To give you the maximum time to grizzle, the unsealed section comes on Monday morning! All routes have been planned to take us to interesting places on quiet roads. As usual there are ups and downs, but nothing to trouble the well-fettled, suitably-gearred veteran. If you have a single-speed belt-drive bike, there's no need to pull a high gear as we're not in a hurry; maybe 5:1 or so will have you climbing with a smile.
- Safety, safety, safety...* We're very serious about safety. Please check your bike over carefully in advance of the rally and look for any sign of danger. How about fitting a couple of new tubes to replace the ones that have been in there for years? Michelin makes a very nice 2.50-3.00 x21 Heavy Duty tube that works well in 26x2½ and 26x3 BE tyres, and \$30 is cheap for a safe ride. You are responsible for the safety of your machine, and the manner in which you ride during the rally. Please take this responsibility seriously.
- Machines* The rally is for machines made before 31 December 1918. If you have any doubt about whether your machine is eligible for the rally, please ask us. The rally will be marshalled by members of the VVMCCSA and other volunteers using later motorcycles. While we'd welcome more volunteers for marshalling duties on post-veteran bikes, we ask that *no non-veteran bike be ridden in the rally proper*.

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- TAT Run* Our Wednesday afternoon run for the Tiny and Tiring is now locked in. We will tour the floor of the Barossa Valley – not a hill to speak of – on quiet roads. Twenty eight km, with a break at half way (at a winery perhaps). If you have a pathetic, wheezing, powerless veteran, bring it along and join the fun. There will be no bus for this event, but we will sweep the road afterwards!
- Accommodation* The cabins at the [Barossa Tourist Park](#) are fully booked, but various sites and camping options are available. The local area has a huge range of accommodation options including other caravan parks (Tanunda is close by), motels, B&Bs, etc. If you need help, try the [Barossa Visitor Information Centre](#) Phone: 1300 852 982
- Mini Swap Meet* Our program on Sunday is designed to give us a relaxed start for the Rally beginning at 2 PM with a short shake-down run to blow out the cobwebs and a welcoming barbeque at the Tourist Park in the evening. If you have a few trinkets you'd like to part with, bring them along and we'll have a 'mini swap meet' while we warm up for the barbeque, which will be free for entrants and registered supporters.
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phone: If it's urgent, or you're a real worrier, you can call Leon on 0422 921 518
- What do I do now?* If you're entered you're set. If not, get your entry in and let's make this a wonderful week of Veteran Motorcycling.