

Things are really coming together!

... National Rally email #7, July 2018

Well, with around eight weeks to go planning for the 21-23 September weekend is pretty firm now.

So we thought we'd drop a few teasers, without giving too much away, because we don't want to spoil the surprises.



The rally grille on a regional tour!

Sunday's grand tours

Our tour master has been busy composing four different tours for the Sunday cruise to give you a choice of what you want to see around our beautiful region. They'll all depart rally headquarters at the Sutton Road hill climb, but they're each themed slightly differently.

They're themed:

- Canberra Country, takes you to some special places in the region,
- Small Car, Small Places, links destinations that celebrate small,
- Traditional Canberra, taking in some of the must-go sights and sites, and
- Different Canberra, will celebrate some of the lesser explored but no-less-notable locations.

Each cohort will be accompanied by a local who will act as host and source of information and we'll all regroup at Sutton Road for a cuppa and a biscuit.

The four different themes show the variety of places that can be visited. One of the great assets of Canberra is a relatively easy road network (yes, we have lots of roundabouts, but you get used to them, after a fashion) and it's easy to get around (a GPS helps). That's why we think you should consider allowing more time to take in our region.

Next rally

An important decision for each rally is selecting a venue and host club for the next rally. This is the only business that has been notified for the delegates' meeting. It's worth looking at where past rallies have been held. The first was hosted by New South Wales at Bundanoon in 1983; the second by Victoria at Eildon in 1985; Adelaide hosted 1987; Toowoomba did 1989; Wollongong in 1991; Ballarat 1993; Perth 1995; Canberra 1997; Dubbo 1999; Bendigo 2001; Adelaide 2003; Hobart 2005; Perth 2007; Brisbane 2009, Port Macquarie 2011; Moss Vale 2013; Albury/Wodonga 2015; Bendigo/Melbourne in 2017 and Canberra in 2018.

Plenty of opportunity for a club to take up the mantle – perhaps somewhere new or where we haven't been for a while. We think the rally format we've developed from Victoria's model of 2017 makes hosting a rally simpler, with the emphasis on everyone getting together to celebrate their cars and to see what others have done with theirs.

We'd like to hear from clubs contemplating running the next rally or the one after to inform the considerations of all clubs who may be thinking of hosting. All nominations are welcome and will help keep the momentum for our national rallies going well into the future. Organising this rally has been far from onerous and a good team-building exercise. We'd be happy to share our experience and approach with any club considering taking on a rally.

We will be asking clubs to nominate delegates to the delegates' meeting ahead of time but by no later than 31 August please: morrisminorclubsnationalrally@gmail.com.

The quiz

Our quizmeisters are sharpening their questions for a short quiz at one of the two dinners. It will be (mostly) Morris themed, with Ray Newell the authoritative source, but may stray into other areas without too much pressure.

Morris Minor Touring Club tour

Heather Littlewood and Ron Smeelie from the Morris Minor Touring Club have sorted out a complementary tour for people keen to travel at a leisurely pace to the National Rally. It leaves from Mildura on September 2 and wends its way along the Murray, arriving in Goulburn on 20 September.

Information is available from hedandles@hotmail.com and there's a MMTC Facebook page.

Useful info

Make your trip to Canberra a journey of discovery thanks to the following useful resources:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/south-western/hume-highway/history-begins-with-a-road.pdf> and <https://www.racv.com.au/membership/member-benefits/royalauto/travel/australia/victoria/rediscover-the-old-hume-highway.html>

Until next month, get those registrations in!!

Cheers

Canberra Region Morris Minor Club

Morris Minor Car Clubs of Australia 19th National Rally Organising Committee

Program

Friday, 21 September

Registration, Sutton Road hill climb facility, 10 am – 5 pm

Pay as you go dinner, Queanbeyan Roos Club, Stuart Rd, Queanbeyan – 7 pm

Saturday, 22 September

Display day, Queanbeyan Town Park, arrive from 9.30 am, drip trays advisable, picnic in the park, a great kids' playground, and adjacent to the town centre. **Shade shelters and banners welcome, but please no pegs.**

Pay as you go dinner, Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club, Yass Rd, Queanbeyan – 7 pm

Sunday, 23 September

Sunday grand tour, start and finish, Sutton Road hill climb facility