

17th National Morris Minor Rally Albury Wodonga First Two State Nationals 3rd – 6th April 2015

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Hello and welcome to the Number 2 Bulletin of the 17th Morris Minor National Rally 2015.

1. Accommodation – We have just completed a cross check of motel and other accommodation available for the National Rally and have found to our surprise and pleasure that already a number of motels including the Astor, Boomerang Hotel, Manor House and Garrison Hotel/Motel are substantially if not fully booked out so far by the Victorian, NSW and other clubs. We are currently checking other places to make sure there is still plenty of accommodation available for Nationals registrations but the message is – get in early! The website provides lists of accommodation (and a map of Albury Wodonga to assist you with the locations of your accommodation). Don't be disappointed – book your accommodation and register early to make sure you have the accommodation you want.

The next bulletin will provide updates on this issue but get in early for your accommodation.

- 2. Registrations We currently have 25 registrations on a first in first served basis and lots of indications from future registrants that they are coming. Again, the message is get in early. We need to make decisions in the next 2 to 3 months about major rally venues and numbers and it certainly helps the management committee if we can have a good indication of the sort of numbers we can expect from the individual clubs. If possible, we would ask club secretaries to give us some sort of an indication of the approximate number of club members in each individual club who may be registering in the future for the 2015 17th National Rally. This will help us with venue bookings, catering and memorabilia down the track.
- 3. Rally Rules If you check the rally website you will now see that all of the rules are now posted on the website and this information is now available to all clubs. Again, we ask that club secretaries and office bearers draw attention to club members that these rules are now posted on the Nationals website. If any clubs want to move motions or seek changes to the rules they can provide notice to the Nationals committee via the website as soon as possible so that this can be publicised in future rally Bulletins. This has a positive benefit, because

delegates can then discuss changes and make informed decisions and get feed back from clubs well before the next National rally. Albury Wodonga is happy to facilitate this process by publicising any notices of motion in rally Bulletins and making sure that attention is drawn to publicising the proposals well before the next National rally. That way delegates can obtain feed back from their clubs and be fully informed and speaking meaningfully on behalf of their clubs on any issue concerning the rules. Albury Wodonga will simply be acting as a facilitator towards this process. We don't intend taking part in any rule changing process. We simply want to make it easier for clubs to be heard and to post their notices of motion on the website for publication in the rally Bulletins as agenda items for the meeting day at the 2015 Nationals.

4. Club Sponsorship – Running the Nationals is a fairly expensive exercise as any club which has previously run a Nationals event would know only too well. We have already approached some major sponsors and received encouraging and positive expressions of interest. We would be very grateful if all of the individual Morris Minor clubs would consider a request for assistance with sponsorship for trophies or specific events and, again if possible, deal with this at the individual clubs scheduled meetings over the next two to three months so we can have some indication of sponsorship assistance by Morris Minor clubs Australia wide and build this into our budget for 2015. We shall be writing individual letters to each club seeking your support and thanking you in anticipation of your help with sponsorship.

To conclude, thanks to all those who have registered early and expressed their support. Future rally Bulletins will continue at intervals of eight to twelve weeks with more detail on where we are going, what we are doing and where we shall park the Morries, eat, drink and enjoy ourselves. Let's all ensure this rally is one to really remember.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 17th National rally.

Regards

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