



17th National Morris Minor Rally

Albury Wodonga

First Two State Nationals

3rd – 6th April 2015

Rally Administration

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Hello - Here it is, the final Bulletin of the 17th Morris Minor National Rally of 2015. Only two weeks to go. Get out on the road and time to head for Albury-Wodonga.

1. Traffic Matters - 3 April 2015.

We have mentioned this before, but when entering the registration site at Gateway Lakes on Friday 3 April 2015 please use the traffic lights on the Lincoln Causeway, located approximately 300-400 metres south of Union Bridge over the Murray River. Lembke Road entrance near the bridge will be closed and the City of Wodonga has asked us to use the traffic lights to turn left onto the service road and drive into the Gateway Lakes venue for registration via the service road traffic lights (see attached map). Thanks for your cooperation.

2. With the concourse venue located at Hovell Tree Reserve, Wodonga Place, Albury, enter via the traffic lights at Wodonga Place and Hume Street/Hovell Tree Drive. The entrance gateway is located at the rear of the park adjacent to the Murray River. Marshals will be on duty there to direct you where to park. The concourse will be ready to accept entrants from 8:15 am onwards on Saturday 4 April 2015. A bus has been booked by the rally organisers to take people for runs in and around Albury-Wodonga commencing approximately 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. This will take people around Albury-Wodonga to show off Lake Hume, Bethanga Bridge, Monument Hill, Railway Station and points of interest in and about Albury-Wodonga. Tour takes approximately one hour. If you want a break from the concourse and let someone drive for you and point out the sites keep an eye out for the bus or ask one of the fluoro vest clad volunteers for details.

3. The run to Bright will take place on Sunday 5 April 2015 with marshalling to commence in the parking area in Hovell Tree Drive from 8:15 am onwards. Rally entrants are encouraged to make their own way to Bright. Drivers will be sent off in batches of ten to fifteen cars at intervals of approximately 10 to 15 minutes from 8:30 am onwards. Enjoy the drive and the day. The lunch venue is the Bright Recreation Reserve located on Coronation Avenue, Bright adjacent to the Bright Football Ground. Maps will be provided in the Rally Packs to assist entrants.

4. Rocker cover racing will take place at the concourse venue Hovell Tree Park on Saturday 4 April 2015. We expect the times to take place between approximately 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Full details will be announced at the registration on Friday 3 April 2015.
5. Attached to this rally bulletin is a map of Albury and Wodonga which shows the Gateway Lakes and Hovell Tree Park areas clearly marked. Also attached to this final rally bulletin is the program detailing the address of each of the venues including Gateway Lakes, Hovell Tree Park, Bended Elbow Pub, The Cube Wodonga, Albury Performing Arts Centre, Wodonga Racecourse (farewell breakfast).
6. How to get to Gateway Lakes, Lincoln Causeway
If coming on the Freeway from Melbourne, take the second Wodonga exit onto Lincoln Causeway, turn left at the traffic lights midway along Lincoln Causeway into the service road and enter Gateway Lakes at the marshalled and marked entrance. Marshalls will show you where to park from then on.
7. Rally Delegates Meeting
The Rally delegates meeting is scheduled to take place at 2.00pm on Friday 3 April 2015. The location for the meeting is the Hovell Tree Motel, Wodonga Place, Albury which is a short 5 minute walk from the Gateway Lakes area to the motel. Tea and coffee will be provided. Would clubs please make sure we receive any items for circulation no later than 28 February 2015. Would clubs also please provide the names of their two club delegates so that we can record this and have the information in the system and available before the meeting on 3 April 2015.
8. Volunteers
We are grateful for the assistance provided with volunteers from the Victorian, Geelong, central Victorian and other clubs who have provided volunteers. There will be a meeting at registration on Friday 3 April 2015 at the Gateway Lakes site at approximately 12.00 noon to explain to volunteers the various tasks and to issue fluoro vests to volunteers so everyone knows who the volunteers and assistants are at the concourse and other functions. Detailed instructions will be provided at registration. Once again our grateful thanks to those who have volunteered to help.
9. Fancy dress period costume or "dress to impress". On Friday 3 April 2015 at The Bended Elbow informal fun night and meal there is a fancy dress costume night with a prize for the best costume. So join the theme of the 1950's and dress up as a period Morris Minor driver or passenger or just dress to impress for your car theme for the evening.
10. Please note seating is limited at registration Gateway Lakes Friday 3 April, Concourse Hovell Tree Park Saturday 4 April, lunch at Bright Sunday 5 April and breakfast at Wodonga Racecourse Monday 6 April. You're all experienced Rally attendees (or most of you are) so please bring folding chairs where possible. We also have some covered areas at most venues but please bring a brolly or raincoat in case it rains.

11. At the suggestion of several Rally attendees, we have organised a run after the farewell breakfast on Monday 6 April 2015 to Morris Wines, Rutherglen. Anyone who feels like a quick trip (approximately 25 minutes from Wodonga) to visit the famous Morris Winery and sample the greatest of North Eastern Shiraz, Durif, Muscat and Port please feel free to join in and indicate your interest at registration or during the concourse to Peter Lenne. Morris Wines would welcome the photo opportunity of a number of Morris Minors and they have a history of looking after the local Morris Minor owners.
12. So far no club has come forward and put its hand up to conduct the 18th National Morris Minor Rally. This is something that all clubs need to think about and at the delegates meeting to be held at 2pm Hovell Tree Motel, Wodonga Place, Albury on Friday 3 April 2015, we will need an indication from one or more interested clubs about who is going to run the 18th National Rally to be held in 2017.

We look forward to seeing you all at Albury-Wodonga on Friday 3 April 2015. Safe driving and happy rallying.

Regards

Peter Lenne – Rally Secretary

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Time table

Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday 3 April 2015	9am to 4pm	Registration including Rally Delegates Meeting	Gateway Lakes Precinct Lincoln Causeway Wodonga
Friday 3 April 2015	6pm to 10pm	Informal dinner and get together	The Bended Elbow 480 Dean Street Albury
Saturday 4 April 2015	8.30am to 4.30pm	Concourse	Hovell Tree Park Wodonga Place Albury
Saturday 4 April 2015	6pm to 10pm (approximate)	Meal, speeches and entertainment	The Cube Hovell Street Wodonga
Sunday 5 April 2015	8am to 10am	Run to Bright Return to Albury Wodonga approximately 4pm	Commencing Hovell Tree Park Wodonga Place Albury Lunch @ Bright Recreation Reserve Coronation Avenue (next to Bright football ground Bright)
Sunday 5 April 2015	6pm to 10pm	Formal dinner and awarding of concourse prizes	Albury Civic Centre Swift Street Albury
Monday 6 April 2015	7.30am to 11.30am	Farewell breakfast	Wodonga Racecourse Wilson Street Wodonga

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Run to Bright Sunday 5 April 2015

The 17th National Rally run is to Bright from Hovell Tree Park Albury Wodonga on Sunday 5 April 2015.

The run is to showcase the beautiful scenery of North East Victoria and the mountains and alpine valley's leading to Bright. We have decided to keep the run simple with people making their own choices as to whether or not they wish to travel as individuals or go in small groups not exceeding 15.

There are two main options:

1. For the adventurous – a run down the Kiewa Valley to Mount Beauty and Tawonga and then a climb over the Tawonga Gap from the Kiewa Valley to the Ovens Valley at Bright. The run over the Tawonga Gap is reasonably steep, fully sealed but involves some steep grades. There is a spectacular view (best in North East Victoria) of Victoria's highest mountain Mount Bogong from the Tawonga Gap. Beautiful views of Mount Buffalo on the run down into Bright from the top of the Tawonga Gap. Drivers should allow approximately one and a half to two hours for the run to Bright via the Kiewa Valley.
2. The alternative is Albury to Wodonga, Yackandandah and Bright. Nice coffee stops in Myrtleford and a comfortable run of one and a half to one and three quarter hours from Albury Wodonga to Bright. There are various alternative routes which bypass Yackandandah and Myrtleford if people want to take secondary roads which takes approximately the same time. The final section of the run will be via the Great Alpine Road from either Myrtleford or Ovens up to Bright with glorious views of the Ovens Valley and Mount Buffalo plateau on the right.

Lunch is scheduled for 12 noon to 2pm so it is a good idea to stagger your arrival times and cars will be sent off in batches to allow for this with the first cars leaving approximately 9am and the last cars leaving between about 10.15am and 10.30am.

Remember it is Easter and there are more cars on the roads so drive safely and keep a good lookout. A map showing the Bright recreation reserve and its location in Bright is included with Rally instructions.

Follow your maps, or take your Navman and if you get lost ring Peter (0458 521 255) or Bill (0499 796 611).

Safe driving and happy Rallying.

