

Outback Adventure . . . Charleville Western Queensland

2020

1 & 2 Cylinder Rally

Rescheduled to
Wednesday 7 - Tuesday 13 April 2021

Hosted by Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

Newsletter

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Rally Headquarters: Charleville Racecourse Complex

If you are carrying this much luggage, may I suggest you leave some at home and buy it locally.



May we suggest you bring a chairs/stools or blanket to sit on. Hopefully they will fit somewhere in your vehicle. You will need them to enjoy the Welcome Function and your lunches (there will be no chairs at the Welcome Function as they would cost \$20 a chair to hire!). There will be a cold drink with lunch but bring your thermos if you want a hot drink. Don't forget sunscreen and hat with a brim. May we also suggest closed in shoes, we are visiting the "outback".

And best you check that you have locks for your trailer, just to be on the safe side. Charleville is a safe place but it is the start of the tourist season - all those 4WDs with tow balls!

Also check your lights for the gaslight parade. We will be asking those who can, to stay parked up on display in the main street till 7:30pm after the parade. We will have two escorts, one at 7:30 and one at 8:00 from there to Rally Headquarters which is adjacent to Bailey Bar Caravan Park.

Lastly in this housekeeping section, prior to the rally on the Tuesday and Wednesday, the pavilion "garage", for those who choose to overnight their veteran there, will be open from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

We will have carpet squares there so that we don't stain the floor. **It is IMPORTANT to have 1 or 2 of these under your car.**



Some of our local club ladies have been busy making all sorts of things for you to purchase as a memento of your Outback Adventure. The profits are being donated to the Royal Flying Doctor and other local charities.

So, don't forget to inspect the goodies (cash only) whilst you are registering for the rally on Wednesday 7th April. The ladies will have tables at the Racecourse Complex - Rally Headquarters. The CWA ladies will have food and drinks here for sale. Tea and coffee is free.

Here too, you will be able to buy tickets in our raffle. Prizes include a quilted masterpiece, "Celebrating the Outback" made by our own Janette Farnell, a Brother Scan N Cut crafting machine (also handy for cutting those gaskets), a Coastal Cooler Bag and Stand with glassware, and an 8 x \$1 Commemorative Coin Collection celebrating the first flight from England to Australia by Sirs Ross and Keith Smith



Sunday is your Rest Day but there is plenty to see and do if you are up for it. A special treat for us is a chance to visit the Community Centre and Art Gallery, open for us from 10 am to 12 noon, opposite Historic house in Edward Street.

We also have a special invitation to the Men's Shed at 14 Baker Street, open to us from 12 noon to 3 pm. A great chance to yarn with the locals.

Closed in shoes mandatory.



Photos from the Charleville Historic House Collection

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Revisiting a little Charleville History

Vickers Vimy in Charleville on 23 December 1919 to 12th February 1920

At 8am on 12th February a hundred years ago, Ross and Keith Smith took off from Charleville on a 30 minute "thank you" flight with Harry Coyne MLC, the Qld Minister for Lands, and two of the Point Cook mechanics sent up to help.

Then - finally - at 11am, they were off again to Bourke - the four of them plus Frank Hurley in the nose-gunner's cockpit.

The Vimy had spent 52 days in Charleville and the repair work at the Ipswich Rail workshops included patching the sump and replacement of all the big ends, 2 conrods, a cylinder, 2 pistons, 6

new valves, new manifolds - and manufacture of a new prop in Queensland maple.

The 4 hour flight to Bourke was routine and they did a "general overhaul" and departed the next morning at 9am on another routine 3 hour flight to Narromine. They did another overhaul then left at 7am the next day, 14th Feb on the 4 hrs 15 min flight to Sydney -- no doubt somewhat tired after two nights of hard partying...

The photos below of the Vimy being fuelled, the take-off from Charleville and then looking down at the town, are from the SLSA online collection.



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Take off from Ward Plain. We will visit this site and hear from a local historian.



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The Charleville Fishing Club have offered to organise a dinner for our group on Saturday night \$10.00 per person. **Bring your chairs.**

Funds from this will go to continue restocking the rivers with fingerlings. The fingerlings program, which is run every year, helps to rejuvenate the population.

The Ward River

From Charleville travel 20 kilometres west on the Diamantina Development Road (Quilpie). The Ward River (160 kilometres) hasn't changed very little since it was named by W.A Tully in 1863.

The Cosmos Centre

A visit to the Cosmos Centre is one of the "must dos" when visiting Charleville and don't miss the new Planetarium. Because it was nigh impossible to schedule a visit here for you as part of the rally, we are offering a more flexible approach for you. We encourage you to prebook at the times below.

"It's important to restock the rivers to keep the fish population up. Also by having the native species in the river we are helping to get rid of the carp population," says Kristy (Fishing Club Representative).

We will be visiting the Ward River on our Monday adventure:

The Ward River is a favourite with both visitors and locals alike and every year in May the local Fishing and Restocking Club hold their annual fishing competition.

Thursday and Monday nights would be best as they are both free from any rally events.

The Saturday night would clash with the meal put on for us by the Fishing and Restocking Club but you could eat and run to get to the Show at 7.00pm.

From the Charleville Visitor Information Centre

Pre-bookings for the Charleville Cosmos Centre are now open

To pre-book your seats to the Charleville Cosmos Centre you will need to contact either the Charleville Cosmos Centre on 07 4654 7771 or Melitta on 07 4656 8360 or email Melitta_Grant@murweh.qld.gov.au with the subject line 2020 Cylinder Rally, advise how many you would like to book for and the date you wish to attend.

IF CALLING YOU MUST ADVISE YOU ARE WITH THE 2020 CYLINDER RALLY TO GET THE DISCOUNT OF \$23PP FOR THE OBSERVATORY SHOW.

Once confirmed you will receive an email with your booking confirmation and payment will need to be made online to secure your booking.

Dates and times are as follows.

Thursday 8th April

7.30pm Observatory show \$23pp
7.30pm Small & Personal \$65pp
9.00pm Observatory show \$23pp
ONLY ONCE 7.30PM IS FULLY BOOKED



CHARLEVILLE
**COSMOS CENTRE
& OBSERVATORY**
OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

Saturday 10th April

7.30pm Observatory show \$23pp
7.30pm Small & Personal \$65pp
9.00pm Observatory show \$23pp
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Monday 12th April

7.30pm Observatory show \$23pp
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Big Sky Observatory

Inclusions:

The Big Sky Observatory features 14" Meade telescopes that are operated by our guides

Our special observatory is truly unique with the roof rolling clear, allowing the majestic night sky to be enjoyed.

Moonless nights see the Milky Way in all its glory

View far away objects such as open clusters, planets, nebulae and globular clusters

Learn amazing scientific facts

Rug up with a warm blankets supplied by the centre

Small & Personal

Inclusions:

- Family bonding session under the Charleville dark skies
- One on one time with the Astronomer
- More Objects viewed in this encounter than any other family tour
- In-depth information shared about the universe
- Bring your smart phone to capture the moon on a moonlit night

Note: Our 9pm shows don't open until the first show of the night is fully booked out.

As this is a group booking we have blocked out the 8th, 10th and 12th for your group to attend at the group discounted rate.

Participants are more than welcome to book other nights but they will not be entitled to the discounted rate. They will need to call the Cosmos centre on 07 4654 7771 or book through www.cosmoscentre.com which they will be charged the full entry rate.



The Bilby Experience

Another "must do" is a visit to the Bilbies.

From the Charleville Bilby Experience people.

Just a bit of background information. We are a bit unique, as we work with animals, and nocturnal animals at that! Prior to opening the Charleville Bilby Experience (CBE), we have to reverse the day/night cycle of the bilbies so we have active/awake bilbies on display during the day time (when they are usually active at night and sleeping at day time). This usually takes three weeks for the bilbies to adjust, so this means we will have to have our bilbies at the CBE early March to commence adjusting their day/night cycle.

Pre-bookings for the Charleville Bilby Experience are now open.

To pre-book your seats to the Charleville Bilby Experience you will need to contact either the Charleville Visitor Information Centre on 07 4656 8359 or Melitta on 07 4656 8360 or email Melitta_Grant@murweh.qld.gov.au with the subject line 2020 Cylinder Rally, advise how many you would like to book for and the date you wish to attend.

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Thursday 8th April

4.00pm General Bilby Show \$18pp

Friday 9th April

4.00pm General Bilby Show \$18pp

Saturday 10th April

4.00pm General Bilby Show \$18pp

Sunday 11th April

9.00am General Bilby Show \$18pp

11.00am General Bilby Show \$18p

ONLY ONCE 9.00AM IS FULLY BOOKED

2.00am General Bilby Show \$18pp

ONLY ONCE 11.00AM IS FULLY BOOKED

4.00am General Bilby Show \$18p

ONLY ONCE 2.00PM IS FULLY BOOKED

Monday 12th April

4.00pm General Bilby Show \$18pp

Tuesday 13th April

4.00pm General Bilby Show \$18pp

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Roma Easter in the Country

You may wish to experience Easter in the country in Roma on the way to our rally.

So many unique experiences with a country flavour are there to be enjoyed.

See online at easterintecountry.com.au

There is an option for you to join in the street parade



Men's Shed

A special invitation to the Men's Shed at 14 Baker Street, open to us from 12 noon to 3 pm on Sunday. A great chance to yarn with the locals.



A Diversity of Vehicles

A great diversity of makes make up our Rescheduled 2020 National Veteran 1&2 Cylinder Rally but yours may not be the only one of it's kind. We have some definite groupings but none really dominant.

After the Mass Grouping photo at the Cosmos Centre on Friday after morning tea, those groups will have ample opportunity for their own special group photo if they wish

Aerial Motorcycle	1	Royal Enfield	1
Albion	1	Sears	1
All Days & Onions	1	Sizaire Naudin	1
Ariel	1	Star	1
BSA Motorcycle	1	Schacht	2
Charter Lea	1	Buick	3
Clement Talbot	1	Clement Bayard	3
GCS	1	Darracq	3
Humberette	1	Cadillac	4
IHC Buggy	1	Brush	5
Indian	1	Triumph	6
James	1	De Dion Bouton	7
Maytag-Mason	1	Renault	7
Minervette	1	Reo	8
Oldsmobile	1	Maxwell	9
Rambler	1	Total	77



See you soon!