**VCCAQ CHINCHILLA CHILL OUT RALLY – APRIL 8TH TO 10TH, 2022**

In late 2021 the club’s Committee considered a proposal from our Dalby members Bev and Wal Lanagan and Keith and Anne Bartley for approval to host a Dalby Rally.. The Committee approved one based in Chinchilla as an alternative since members had enjoyed a couple of rallies in Dalby in recent years. Finalising the event was delayed by accommodation problems and forecast wet weather well into March.

Accommodation issues were resolved by late December and dates settled for a 3-day Rally from Fri 8th to Sun 10th April. Most will choose to arrive on 7th and leave on 11th.

Yes – the organisers are aware that this is during school holidays – we do have members who have children and/or are teachers who like to come on our rallies too.

The Lanagan-Bartley Team has produced some great runs to reflect the real character of the Australian Bush (and bushies) south and south-west of Chinchilla and given us a glimpse of the extent of the gas industry development in the Condamine Basin.

For any who have enjoyed themselves so much they can’t bear to leave, yours truly has identified an optional extra day of rallying on Monday 11th through lands with a somewhat different rural character - to Jandowae and areas north east of Chinchilla.

Overall, the rally explores a very different rural landscape from those we have toured over the last couple of years – and benefits from that difference.

For those who have been asking for a rally that will suit the smaller one and two cylinder cars - this is it

It is my sincere hope and concern, given the amount of effort the Lanagans and Bartleys have put into this rally, that the recently issued invitations from our own club members in Bundaberg for a March (5-7) Rally in Hivesville will not impact on the Chinchilla Rally only 4 weeks later. Bundaberg entrants would drive a considerable distance and logically pass through Hivesville to get to Chinchilla after rallying there a few weeks before. We would very much like to see our Bundaberg members at the Chinchilla Rally.

**HEADQUARTERS** for the rally is at Chinchilla Tourist Park. Powered sites and Cabins are reserved to the end of February. Costs are within the normal range. Two car spaces are adjacent to each cabin. Trailers are to be parked in a nominated location on site. The C/V Park is located at 264 Zeller Street, Chinchilla (at the end closest to the Warrego Highway). Phone number for reservations - 07 4669 1465 – advise part of Vet Rally.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: BRING YOUR COVID 19 VACCINATION CERTIFICATES WITH YOU IN CASE THEY ARE NEEDED, PARTICULARLY AT HOTELS.**

**THE PROGRAM**

**ON FRIDAY,** Wal & Bev are taking us down to Condamine and Caliguel Lagoons and introducing us to “the Condamine Bell” before we lunch at the Condamine Bell Hotel before returning to Chinchilla via the Condamine Basin Gas Fields**.**  **BYO** Morning Tea.  **LUNCH** will be available at the hotel for an economical $16.00. The limited MENU is : Fish and Chips and salad, Home-made Pie with gravy & Chips, Steak Sandwich with usual burger fillings. Please indicate your orders on the **ENTRY FORM**; this is not a strict order but will help the hotel to cater for the numbers.

Those wishing to self-cater will have suitable parks opposite the hotel. **Total distance** for the day is 125 km. **TOILETS** at Condamine in the park and at the hotel. **HAPPY HOUR** – 4.30 pm.

**ON SATURDAY** Keith and Anne have prepared for us a picturesque run to Kogan and back through an agricultural landscape . **Total distance** is 93 km and there is **NO FUEL AVAILABLE ON THIS ROUTE** so make sure you have enough on board. The maximum height of any ‘hill’ seems like only a couple of feet . We will learn something of the artistic connections of the place – it having been the home of highly regarded artist Hugh Sawrey.. **BYO** Morning Tea**. LUNCH** will be supplied at Kogan but not seating so you **MUST** remember to **bring your own chairs**. Lunch will be provided in the park behind the Memorial Hall by the Kogan School P&C Committee at a cost of $20.00 per Salad Lunch Box. **PLEASE BRING A $20 NOTE FOR EACH LUNCH BOX TO AVOID PROBLEMS FOR YOURSELF AND THE LADIES OVER CHANGE.** They will be delivered to us in the park following our arrival. **BYO drinks** advisable. Plenty of space will be available for those self-catering.  **PUBLIC TOILETS** at the park behind the hall. **HAPPY HOUR** – 4.30 pm.

**SUNDAY’S PROGRAM** is for a different and relaxing morning with two quite short runs around Chinchilla. The first of about 10km passes the “Big Water-melon” and returns to the Botanic Parklands in central Chinchilla for **BYO** Morning Tea. This is followed by another short drive visiting the Cactoblastis Memorial and the Chinchilla Museum for a tour of some new interactive displays and  **BYO LUNCH** in the grounds of the Museum. **BYO chairs**. A FREE AFTERNOON follows

**EVENING MEALS** are your own responsibility on Friday and Saturday evenings and plenty of options are available in the Main Chinchilla Business Centre – cafes, restaurants and hotels.

**RALLY DINNER** is on Sunday evening at the Tourist Park and is an “Alfresco Country Dinner” . Cost is $25.00 per head - pay individually on entry. **BYO own drinks.**

**PERIOD COSTUME** is optional at all times and ‘suggested’ for Sunday.

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES :** There is no closing date for entries BUT if your Entry is not in by 28 March you may not get your lunches at Condamine and Kogan.

**For the “Chill Out” Rally Organisers -**

**Bev and Wal Lanagan and Keith and Anne Bartley**

Phil Fletcher

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