

Outback Adventure . . . Charleville Western Queensland

2020

1 & 2 Cylinder Rally

Wednesday 1 - Tuesday 7 April • Hosted by Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) Inc.

Newsletter

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Rally Headquarters: Charleville Showgrounds

Well, Christmas has been and gone. We, meaning you and us are now on the countdown - Yes 12 months to go.

How is your restoration going? Really, with these old cars - restoration never stops, there is always some sort of ongoing maintenance. You think with a little bit more tweaking, you will get it to go even better. Well, yes maybe you will and maybe you won't, but it keeps you off the streets, and from getting bored.



As you have travelled this far from home, we invite you to attend the **Roma Annual Easter in the Country Festival** after the rally. This will commence on the

Thursday 9th April, after our rally in Charleville. This annual festival is becoming more popular every year. SO, if you are interested, may I suggest you **BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION IN ROMA ASAP. Meaning NOW.**

There are a few caravan parks in town eg:



Roma Big Rig Tourist Park
www.bigrig.net.au

Roma Aussie Tourist Park
www.romaaussie.com.au

Villa Holiday Park
www.villaholidaypark.com.au

There are also plenty of motels, if that is your preferred choice of accommodation.

4 McDowall St, Roma 4455
ph 07 4622 2536

6 Bowen St Roma
ph 07 4622 6464

67-75 Northern Road Roma
ph 07 4622 1309

The plan at this stage is to attend the events of the festival. The Easter in the Country Festival includes parades,



bands, markets and outback tucker under the stars. Visit the Roma Festival website for much more detailed information at www.easterinthecountryroma.com.au. In 2020 the Roma Car Club is organising a special rally run on Sunday for our Veteran cars.



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Returning to the Charleville Rally, we are pleased to announce we now have 76 expressions of interest.

SOMMARIVA OLIVE FARM

On one of our days we are planning a visit to Sommariva Olive farm. In 2018 Bill & Karen McLennan, entered the Japan Olive Oil Asia competition. Their Hardy's Mammoth variety of olives won the Gold Award and also a Silver Award. All oils entered must pass a series of strict laboratory testing in Japan. Then it goes before a panel of 8 judges, where it is then graded on smell and taste. This is huge for the Sommariva Olive owners as they were amongst 727 entries worldwide. In 2018 they also won a Silver and a Bronze in Los Angeles with their Paragon variety. They are now well on their way to becoming a certified Organic producer.

Sommariva has an ever increasing range of innovative Olive Oil based products. And if you enjoy olive oil, this is a must place to visit and you may like to try some of these award winning Olive Oils.

COSMOS CENTRE.

We are also planning on visiting the Cosmos Centre. The following information was taken from the Outback Queensland web site:

Charleville's Cosmos Centre and Observatory is dedicated to ensuring visitors enjoy the wonder of the outback night sky. The guides at the Cosmos Centre share their knowledge and you will observe binary stars, star clusters, planets and the Moon.

The Cosmos Centre operates day and night experiences; both activities will build on your knowledge of astronomy and bring you up to date with discoveries.

To get you primed for your galaxy adventure, brush up on some star stats and facts below:

Coloured Stars:

Did you know not all stars are white, but a range of colours including red, orange, yellow and blue?

A star's colour changes through its life-cycle as its temperature rises, from red to eventually blue according to which is hottest.

CRATERS IN THE MOON

If you thought the shadows in the moon was E.T making a return to Earth - think again. The shadows are craters caused by asteroids and meteoroids colliding with the surface, because unlike other planets, the moon doesn't have an atmosphere to keep objects away. It also lacks wind, weather or vegetation, so once the crater is formed, it's there to stay.

There is just so much more to learn about our skies - come to our National Rally and find out.

