

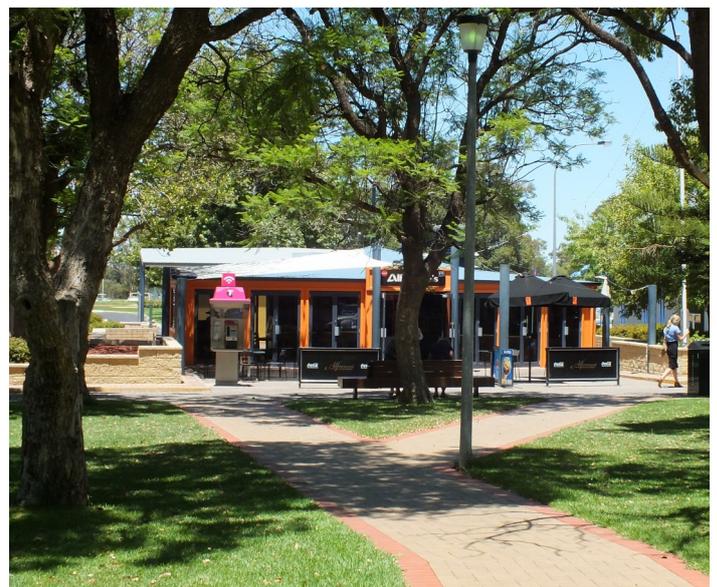
# Berri Banter

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## Dates to Remember

31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

- *Early Bird Entry closes*

March 2019

- *Newsletter No. 2*

30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

- *Entries close*

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## Editorial

Welcome to our first ever issue of Berri Banter, your go to place for information on the up and coming rally in 2020.

We are aiming to provide 4 newsletters during the lead up to Berri. These newsletters will contain all of your entry and order forms, plus additional information on programs, entertainment etc. In this newsletter you will find an entry form as well as information on the accommodation venues. Don't forget to book your accommodation as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

It will also be an opportunity for entrants to contribute articles about their restoration projects, progress reports or even memories or entertaining stories of past National Rallies.

The committee is made up of 10 people who are eager to ensure your experience is one to remember. If you have any queries or concerns please refer to the inside cover of this newsletter for details on who to contact.

With plenty to see and do in Berri, we have also included a "Linga Longa" option. This will allow you to extend your rally before or after the actual event to enhance your experience.

The average weather in Berri for April is a maximum of 24°C and a minimum of 9°C.

We have received a lot of support from the Mayor and local council in Berri and they are looking forward to our visit. At this stage we have managed to secure a number of major sponsors, who we hope to see represented at the presentation dinner and during the rally.

Don't miss out, we look forward to you joining us in Berri 2020.

For those who have not yet entered, please note that this will be your only newsletter. Further newsletters will be available on our website at [www.morrisregistersa.org](http://www.morrisregistersa.org).

Kerry Williams

## Chairman's Report

Towards the end of 2016, the committee of the Morris Register of SA called for people to help with the organisation of the 2020 national rally in SA. I am what could be called "mature", possibly a bit senile, so I put my hand up. As Events Director (at the time) I thought I could help organise some of the runs for the rally. At the first meeting, everyone put their hand up for the position that they wanted, which left me with the only position left, "Chairman", which I now realise is the best position, everybody else does the work, and all I have to do is chair the meetings.

The first meeting was primarily about choosing a suitable venue, which was greatly assisted by one of the committee producing a map of where previous rallies had been held and other venues that were suitable. After discussion it was shortlisted to two venues. We contacted the Visitor centres for each venue and organised a visit. Our sponsors "Paradise Motors" were kind enough to provide a Mazda CX9 for our transport.

After visiting both venues, Berri was the clear winner, because it was able to provide the amount of accommodation required over the Easter weekend.

The businesses of Berri have given their support, the local car dealer, Rosenthals Car Sales have offered their secure yard for trailer parking.

Overall Berri is a beautiful spot, the Motel and Caravan Park both overlook the majestic Murray River and for those that like a bit of exercise, there are some lovely walking tracks along the banks of the river (from personal experience). If you are lucky you will be woken up by the laughter of the Kookaburras or other local birds.

If you are receiving this newsletter, I hope that you enjoy exploring the area as much as I did.

Ian S Ryrie



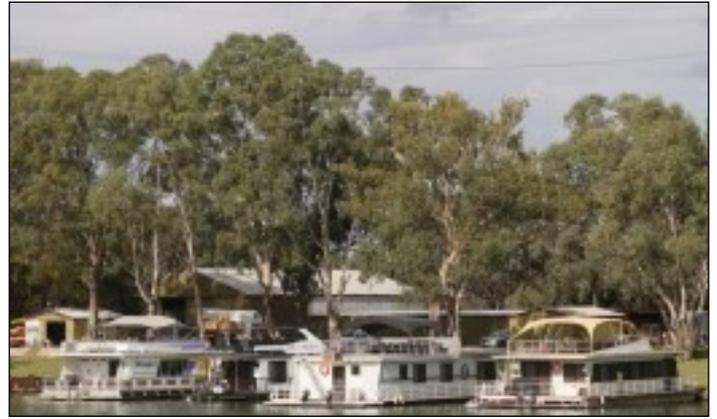
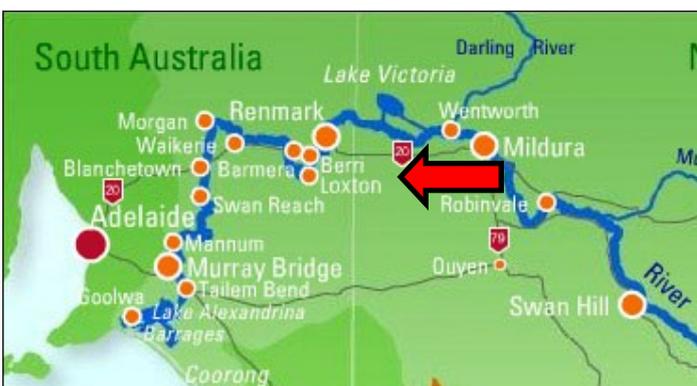


## Discover Berri

Located only two and a half hours away from Adelaide. Berri exists in a semi-arid location, north of Goyder's Line. Surrounded by mallee scrub, it is 31 metres above sea level. Berri has a dry mediterranean climate with seasonal temperatures a few degrees above Adelaide's temperatures. The average winter daily maximum temperature is 15.5°C in July and the average summer daily maximum temperature is 31.1°C in January. Average rainfall of Berri is 262.0 millimetres. The weather patterns are similar to those of Adelaide. It is an ideal location to spend time with family and loved ones, whether it be a short break or extended vacation.

The name Berri comes from the Aboriginal description of "big river bend" on which the town has grown. Up until the 1870's the area was part of the Cobdogla sheep station and the home of the Erawirunga tribe of Aboriginies. In those days it was just one of the hundreds of woodpiles along the huge Murray-Darling system, used by the riverboats for refuelling. The area was first explored by European settlers when Charles Sturt navigated the Murray River. Its first impetus for settlement came when paddle steamers came down the River Murray and a refuelling stop was developed. This was to become Berri. The area was also part of Cobdogla Station pastoral run before it was broken up for smaller farming.

In 1910, irrigation was established and Berri was proclaimed as a town in 1911. Irrigation

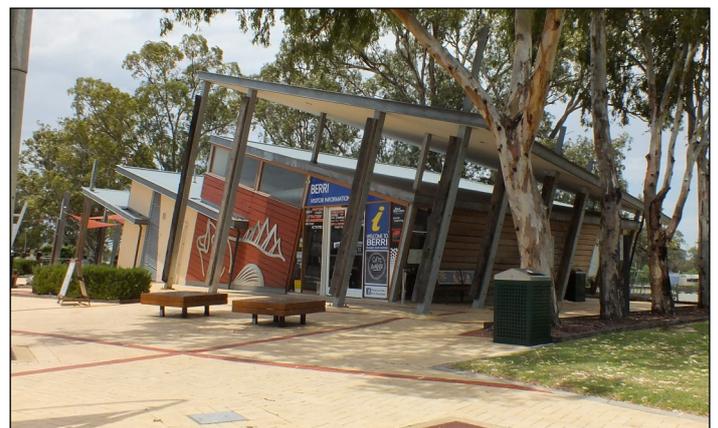


subsequently led to the establishment of vineyards and fruit orchards (such as citrus, apricots and peaches). A distillery was established in 1918 and rail arrived in 1928. In 1943, "Berri Juices" (Berri Ltd) were first produced. By the 1950s, Berri and other Riverland towns dominated the local economy with fruit and their products.

Berri features a gorgeous riverfront with plenty of area for picnics or playing sport. It also includes floating wharf platforms, lookouts, historic monuments and an indigenous bridge mural. Fresh produce is in abundance beginning with the farmers market held every Saturday morning from 7.30 - 11.30 am.

Transport from one side of the Murray to the other consisted of two parallel ferries. These were replaced by a bridge in 1997 which was opened by the Premier of South Australia, John Olsen. It is the largest of its type in South Australia. It was estimated that 10,000 people attended the official opening on 27 July 1997. The bridge cost \$17 million after 30 years of lobbying. The bridge spans the Murray River between Berri and Loxton.

The Berri Visitor Information Centre stocks a good range of local crafts and produce. Berri has a range of eating outlets, including Chinese, Indian and Australiana themed restaurants. There are several alfresco cafes and takeaway food outlets. The Berri Resort Hotel and Big River Tavern bistro offer pub classics along with some Asian and Italian choices. There are also a wide range of shops within the town centre and nearby Riverland Central Plaza.





## Accommodation Report

There are numerous places to stay in the beautiful riverside town of Berri. Rally headquarters is at the Berri Hotel which offers a range of accommodation options. The Berri Caravan Park has reserved a group of ensuite units exclusively for the rally and the Big River Motel offers rooms and space to store trailers close by.

The Berri Caravan Park's new 5 star Group Stay Accommodation is a magnificent alternative, offering 15 self-contained rooms at a very affordable price. If booking at the Caravan Park it is important to ask to speak to the manager, Merle Venter.

Each of these venues is offering special discounted rates for us. When booking please say you are participating in the 2020 Morris Registers National Rally.

You may prefer a holiday home, bed and breakfast or even houseboat accommodation. Should that be so, the Berri Visitor Information Centre, **Phone: (08) 8582 5511 or Local Call: 1300768582** will be pleased to help.

A local car dealership is offering secure trailer storage. Please contact me if you would like to use this. Please do not contract Rosenthals Automotive directly.

The South Australian Morris Register website [www.morrisregistersa.org](http://www.morrisregistersa.org) posts regular rally updates that you may find useful.

Our accommodation providers have provided wonderful support for our rally and you can assist them by booking as soon as possible. You will find them eager to help.

Regards,  
 Brian Ford  
 Accommodation Representative

## Entries to Date

Welcome Morris Registers National Rally entrants.

As at the end of September 2018 there have been 57 paid entries and 11 Expressions of interest.

The table below lists the breakdown of paid entries and expression of interest in alphabetical order by state and territory.

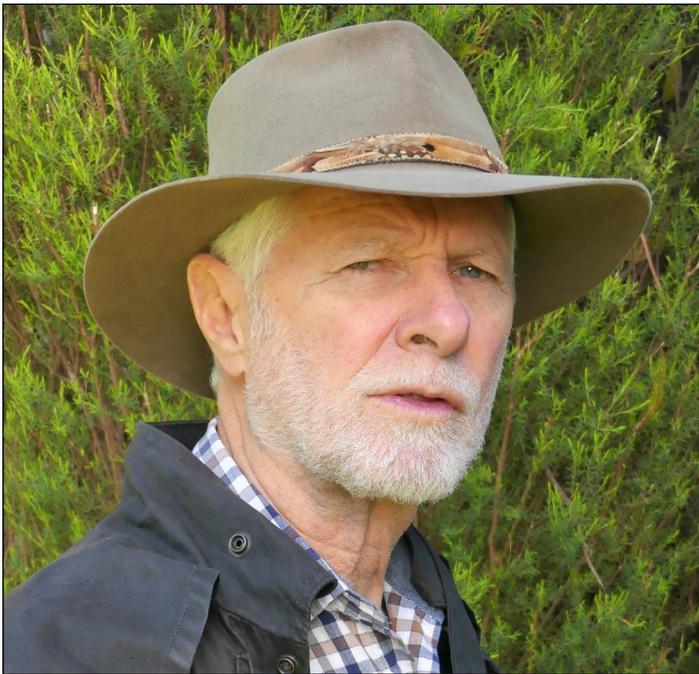
If you are thinking of coming to Berri for the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Rally and would like to take advantage of the early bird entry fee of \$75 please get your entry in by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

Hope to see you at the rally.

Regards

Graham Dixon  
 Entries Coordinator

State	Entries	Expressions of Interest
Australian Capital Territory	1	0
New South Wales	8	2
Queensland	5	2
South Australia	21	6
Tasmania	1	0
Victoria	21	1



## Why Don't you "Linga Longa"

Oi !!! ... G'day there – you might remember me from the 2020 Rally DVD presentation in Queensland, C.J. Dennis Jnr is the name, but I also answer to my nickname of Dennis the Menace.

Now, I will be attending the 2020 Rally in Berri and my job will be to stir you lot up and get you involved in all sorts of extraneous and fun activities, which I know you will embrace and enjoy.

So, in this newsletter you may notice that Brian Triplow (Trippy) is the committee person responsible for runs, activities, and entertainment .... (well, he might *think* he is) but don't take any notice of that because I have already got a swag of mischievous things organised so he's almost redundant now.

The first thing I want to recommend to you is that

you **"LINGA LONGA"** because there is so much to see and do in the Riverland region – we suggest you arrive early and depart late. That way you will avoid the frantic Easter traffic on the roads, both coming and going, and it will give you time to be involved in extra activities and tours that we will be arranging.

We have been in touch with the local Riverland Veteran and Vintage Car Club and a few of their members have unique vehicle collections which we will be able to inspect (can't see them all over the Easter period). And we will also have additional attractions for the ladies too.

So, to make your "extended Easter" visit more affordable, the Berri Hotel/Motel (Rally Headquarters) has agreed to offer an extra discount for bookings of more than 4 nights, plus they are freezing their room rate at current prices for all bookings made by Morris Register members. So get in quick, they have a wide range of ensuite rooms available with fridge, toaster, etc.

Brian Ford is the person to contact for any further info about accommodation requirements. The Berri Caravan Park has already reserved some of their cabins exclusively for Morris Register people, and after Easter 2019 it will be first in best dressed for the remainder.

So, don't dilly dally, decide to **"LINGA LONGA"** – and get your accommodation booking done early – like about NOW !!!!

I'll have more to say in the next newsletter about the general programme of events. Feel free to drop Trippy an email if you have got any questions or suggestions, it will make him feel useful!!

See you next newsletter.

**Dennis the Menace**





# Accommodation Options

We have listed below the three accommodation venues that we are recommending for your stay during the Riverland Ramble in 2020.

The Berri Riverside Caravan Park is within easy walking distance to the Berri Hotel (Rally HQ) and the Big River Motor Inn is approximately 2.4 kms drive.

Bookings for accommodation can be made from Easter 2018. All accommodation bookings are to be made by the entrant. Please ensure you mention the Morris Registers National Rally as we may receive further discounts. The 2020 South Australian school holidays start on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday) and end on the 26<sup>th</sup> April so it would be advisable to book early.

There are additional accommodation venues available, should these listed not meet your requirements. Please contact the Berri Visitor Information Centre on 08 8582 5511 for more information on these venues.

Secure car trailer parking has been arranged at Rosenthal Automotive, please indicate on your entry form if you will require this service. For location please visit [www.rosenthals.com.au](http://www.rosenthals.com.au), however please do not contact them directly.

## Berri Riverside Caravan Park

Address: 87 Riverview Drive, Berri

Phone: 08 8582 3723

Website: [www.berriholidaypark.com.au](http://www.berriholidaypark.com.au)

Cabin and Site Rates per night (based on 2 people)

Superior 3 Bedroom	\$158.00
Superior 2 Bedroom	\$151.00
Deluxe	\$120.00
Deluxe Wheelchair	\$120.00
2 Bedroom Ensuite	\$115.00
Standard Ensuite	\$ 99.00
Non Ensuite	\$ 77.00
Ensuite Site	\$ 44.00
Powered Site	\$ 37.00

These off-peak rates for 2018-2019 will be held for the Morris Register National Rally for 2020. A 10% discount will apply when booking as attending the Morris 2020 Rally.

No deposit will be required when booking until November 2019 when 50% must be paid.

## Berri Hotel (Rally HQ)

Address: Riverview Drive, Berri

Phone: 08 8582 1411

Website: [www.berrihotel.com.au](http://www.berrihotel.com.au)

Prices for 2020 are unavailable at present however listed below are the 2018 Easter prices as shown on their website.

Budget Room	-
Hotel Room	\$129.00
Hotel Riverview Room	\$139.00
Standard Room	\$139.00
Standard King Room	\$149.00
Family Room	-
Deluxe Room	\$159.00

## Big River Motor Inn

Address: 1329 Old Sturt Hwy, Berri

Phone: 08 8582 2688

Website: [www.bigrivermotorinn.com.au](http://www.bigrivermotorinn.com.au)

Prices for 2020 are unavailable at present however listed below are the 2018 Easter prices. Please mention the Morris 2020 rally when booking as rooms have been allocated for entrants.

Standard Room Good Friday	\$139.00
Standard Room Easter Saturday	\$149.00
Standard Room Easter Sunday	\$129.00

Booking.com indicates 5 days over Easter 2018 (in Thursday, out Tuesday) will be \$631.00 (\$126.00/night).

The Motor Inn also has room for trailers to be parked.

