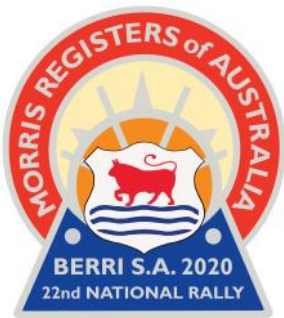


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Dates to Remember

September 2019

- *Newsletter No. 3*
- *Merchandise order form*
- *Meals order form*

14th October 2019

- *Memorabilia orders close*
- *Rally book photos due*

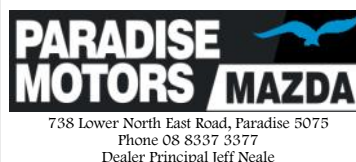
November 2019

- *50% payment for Berri Riverside Caravan Park*

30th November 2019

- *Entries close*

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Editorial

Wow! Only 12 months to go, it has come around very quickly and things are coming together nicely. Don't forget to mention the Morris Register 2020 Rally when booking as for a limited time accommodation has been reserved for our rally. It is also worth noting that due to the fire station monitoring smoke alarms at the hotel, there are no toasters or microwaves permitted in the rooms.

We are planning to produce a small rally book with a photo of each entrant's vehicle. To do this we need your help. Please forward a clear photo of your vehicle as soon as possible. They are to be preferably emailed to railmac@westnet.com.au. Alternatively they can be posted to Steve McNicol, PO Box 290, Elizabeth, SA 5112. The closing date for photos is 14th October 2019, so that it will give us enough time to prepare and produce the booklet.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are requesting any restoration stories and/or pictures, so if you have recently restored your vehicle please consider putting pen to paper and submitting an article.

Memorabilia may not be available for entries received after 14th October 2019.

In your next newsletter you will receive order forms for meals and rally merchandise. Please complete and return these by the closing dates to ensure you receive what you order.

Kerry Williams

Chairman's Report

Welcome to South Australia. Those of us that live here and those who have visited previously know how beautiful it is. For those unfortunate people who have not visited before, you will be busy planning your next visit.

If you are reading this, it means that you have already signed up for the National Rally in 2020. If you are coming or intending to enter, please check your accommodation, as accommodation at Easter time is very tight.

Those of you that have been involved in organising a rally know the many problems that have to be solved. The main one being to find a suitable venue. This is particularly difficult in South Australia, as we have so many wonderful places to choose from. However the Riverland region is one of South Australia's foremost holiday destinations with lots to see and do, and we will be attempting to give you a good taste of it.

If you have the time, come early and stay on a few more days and explore the area. You won't regret it. Our committee can recommend areas to visit and the attractions that are worth a visit.

Ian S Ryrie
Chairman, 2020 Rally



A Motoring Romance

Mr. **Morris Cowley** met **Lizzy Ford** at **Vauxhall**. He was a bit of a **Rover**, representing **Albion** in **International Games** at **Cleveland**. She was a **Singer** with **Auburn** hair, and **Erskine** was very clear and beautiful. He asked her to stroll with him beside the **Thames**, beneath the **Moon**; she said it was **Willys Knight**, but she would try to **Dodge** him.

This was a **Triumph**, and their marriage was ultimately reported in the **Standard**, which stated that two **Paiges** supported the bride. The wedding breakfast was held at **La Salle**, but the best man **Maxwell**, wasn't present as he had been stung by a **Hornet** (or **Wasp**).

The couple left late on their honeymoon, going **Overland** to a place they had never **Bean** before; the car gave a lot of trouble causing the bridegroom to **Nash** his teeth and say he wanted to **Whippet**.

In due course a **Baby Austin** arrived; its body just **Rolls** of flesh, and they called it their little **Sunbeam**. Sometimes it was naughty and they had to speak to it **Crossley**.

Author unknown

(extracted from a 1932 newspaper with some modification).



Accommodation Report

Accommodation venues in Berri are filling quickly and with the popularity of Berri with Easter tourists it is important to book soon if you haven't already done so. Please remember to say that you are attending the Morris Register Rally. As of last week, there were 25 entrants who had not booked into any of the three major accommodation sites. There are plenty of alternatives around Berri and perhaps they are using them. If you would like to use alternative accommodation too, the Berri Visitor Information Centre at 8582 5511 or local call 1300 768582 will be happy to help you.

Please remember too, that in keeping with fire prevention policies the hotel and motels do not have, or allow, toasters to be used in the rooms.

The Big River Motor Inn and the Berri Riverside Holiday Park have room for trailers to be parked and Rosenthal Automotive is very kindly offering secure trailer parking. I will be able to provide access to your trailer should you need it over Easter. The trailer parking is not undercover.

The Big River Motor Inn and the Big River Tavern are undergoing some changes with extensive renovations occurring at the Tavern. By the time the Register Rally comes around, breakfast for people staying at the motel may entail a very pleasant 500 metre walk along a path across the golf course (or a short drive) to the Tavern.

I understand the Big River Motel tariff is for accommodation only and does not cover breakfast, which currently, for continental style is \$11.00 and a cooked breakfast is \$16.00. There are coffee making facilities and a small fridge in each of the Big River rooms.

The Morris Register of SA website, www.morrisregistersa.org has a page devoted to the Rally. As we draw closer to Easter 2020 it will be increasingly used to keep you updated. *Berri Banter* number 1 is also on the DOWNLOADS page.

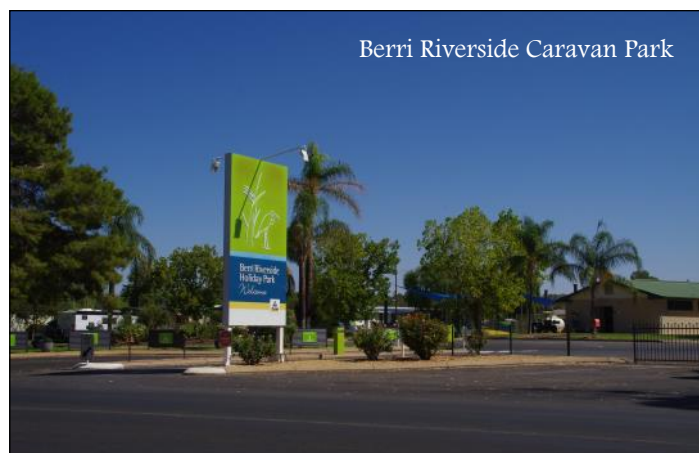
There is still limited space available at the Berri Riverside Holiday Park. You may like to consider the beautiful Group Stay facility. It consists of 15 rooms, each having a king size bed, television, en-suite bathroom with a separate toilet, air conditioning, tea and coffee making facilities with a small bar fridge. These rooms lead out onto a terraced area. The cost per room is \$100 per couple per night (that is with the 10% group discount taken off). There is further information about it on the website 2020 Rally Page.

If you have difficulties with accommodation and think I may be able to help, my contact details are on the inside cover of *Berri Banter*.

Regards,

Brian Ford

Accommodation Representative



Entries to Date

Welcome Morris Registers National Rally entrants. As at the end of April 2019 there have been 97 paid entries.

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

If you are thinking of coming to Berri for the 22nd National Rally please get your entry in by 30th November 2019.

Hope to see you at the rally.






Regards

Graham Dixon

Entries Coordinator

State	Entries
Australian Capital Territory	1
New South Wales	17
Queensland	7
South Australia	42
Tasmania	1
Victoria	29

Average temperature over Easter

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
 Max 24° Min 11°	 Max 24° Min 11°	 Max 24° Min 11°	 Max 24° Min 11°	 Max 24° Min 10°

It's Time To Rhyme

by C.J. Dennis Jnr Jnr

By now you will have concluded that there will be a poetry theme somewhat in Berri in 2020. Well, let me tell you that this is nothing new. In fact, a poetry theme was originally initiated by Len Horne, who founded the Morris 8 Car Club in South Australia in 1973. Len wrote the following poem especially for the Mount Gambier Rally in 1994.

It was down in South Australia in the Eastern suburb scrub,
That a fella called a meet and formed a vintage Morris Club;
They were wild and woolly people, but they shared a great ideal
For their dear old thirties Morrisises - the greatest things on wheels.

From the junk heaps in the country, to old sheds in far off towns,
They collected their old motors, brought 'em up and pulled them down:
And as time went by they started to assemble quite a show
So they held a great first Rally where the Mighty Murray flows.

From the far off states and counties came a rattling good display:
And everyone was pleased with it; They said it was okay!
Another try at Victor by the gallant SA band
Saw the other states decide, at last, that they should take a hand.

So every coupla years we see a wondrous pilgrimage
As the Morrisises set out to write another history page
With Renmark, Nowra, Bendigo, and now up Stanthorpe way
We gather to give homage to another Nuffield day.

We've come a long way fellas, right across the great outback,
And our Morrisises have shown that they still have got the knack!
The Eights and Twelves and Fifteens and the lorries, trucks and vans
Have shown again that Morris cars deserve their band of fans.

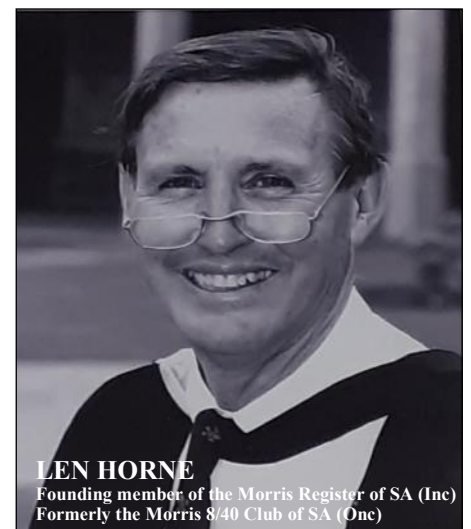
We happy band of car-buffs greet all Nuffield lovers here -
For just four days we're brothers, so we'll give a might cheer:
Too soon we'll start our trek again to seek our distant shore,
But I'm pretty sure that we'll be back and we shall look for more.

So good luck to all, good Morrising, and let the show begin
This Festival! You lovely folk! And good old vintage tin!.

By Len Horne 14/2/94
Founder, Morris 8 Car Club of SA

*So, you may decide to start practising with a rhyme or two.
Just bring your skills to Berri for the C.J. Dennis poetry
competition.
See you there,*

Dennis the Menace



LEN HORNE
Founding member of the Morris Register of SA (Inc)
Formerly the Morris 8/40 Club of SA (Onc)

Programme and Events

Hello to all you good people who have already registered for the 2020 Morris Register in Berri.

Now, if you take the time to go back and re-read the article in Newsletter No 1 from CJ Dennis Jnr Jnr (Dennis the Menace) you might get the impression that he has taken over my job. NOT SO!!! well, not completely. I will be allowing him to arrange a few “activities” which I know he will do well, but here is an outline of what we have in store as a proposed programme at this stage.

Firstly, for those of you who may be planning to also enter the Australian Historic Motoring Federation National Motoring Festival in Albury Wodonga from 28 March – 3 April, I strongly suggest you consider staying on there for an extra day or so, then meander along the River Murray Road to arrive in Berri on Wednesday, 8 April where we will be waiting to greet all the early birds.

So here is tentatively what we have in store for you –

Thursday, 9th April

A leisurely drive in the afternoon to Renmark – with various things to see, followed by “night owls” bowls and dinner at the Berri Bowling Club.

Friday, 10th April

Opening ceremony followed by a visit to a private car collection, then on to the Loxton Historic Village and the Pines Historic House Gardens.

Friday night dinner, quiz and lucky numbers.

Saturday, 11th April

We drive to Monash playground and Chocolate Shop, then onto Cobdogla to see the historic museum and world-famous Humphrey Pump – the only internal combustion water pump left in the world.

Saturday night dinner will incorporate the “Dennis the Menace” poetry competition.

Sunday, 12th April

There will be a Church service arranged this morning and an alternate short drive as well.

In the afternoon our vehicles will be on display, along with invited members of the Riverland Historic and Classic Car Club, and the general public as well.

The gala dinner tonight will incorporate trophy presentations, lucky prizes, speeches, and the all-important announcement of the location of the 2022 National Rally.

Monday, 13th April

After the closing ceremony and delegates meeting, for those choosing to LINGA LONGA, there will be a run to visit the Renmark/Paringa Community Museum and the Wurst Motoring and Farming Collection.

Another informal dinner will follow.

Tuesday, 14th April

You are most welcome to stay even longer and explore the region further, or perhaps head on home.

Brian Triplow



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 have been open since 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 10th April (Good Friday) and end on the 26th 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, 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

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/Motel (Rally HQ)

Address: Riverview Drive, Berri

Phone: 08 8582 1411

Website: www.berrihotel.com.au

Rates vary depending on night stay and room type. Basic room prices start at \$122 per night. If your stay is 5 nights or more the rate is reduced to \$115 per night.

This is a special rate for our rally as 2018 Easter prices started from \$129.



Big River Motor Inn

Address: 1329 Old Sturt Hwy, Berri

Phone: 08 8582 2688

Website: 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.

