

Overview - 2012 ROA Australian Region Meet

The inaugural ROA Australian Region Meet held in 2010 in Coffs Harbour was extremely well supported with around 50% of Australian members attending the Meet. With such enthusiasm from members, how could we not plan a great event for 2012!!

The 2012 ROA Australian Region Meet will be held in the Riverina city of Griffith in New South Wales accessible to a greater number of our members Australia wide. The Riverina area is widely known for its agricultural industries particularly wine growing, citrus farms and rice fields. Griffith lies within the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA) - a system of canals which, thanks to the forward thinking of the early pioneers around 1904, has for many years provided water for the variety of farms in the area.

As many members will have travelled a long distance to the event and in response to expressions of interest from some members, it is planned to hold a 3 day event this time. However, if you can't make it to Griffith for the Thursday night, you will be most welcome to arrive on the Friday.

Our Meet will commence on **Thursday, 6th September 2012** with a casual evening of Meet and Greet Welcome Drinks and Pizza night at our host hotel. (Details of host hotel listed below.) Registration will be available from 3.00 p.m.

On **Friday, 7th September**, we will tour to Leeton where we will tour a citrus farm and packing shed, then take in a slice of history at the art deco Roxy Theatre. Lunch will be at the Historic Hydro Motor Inn - the original accommodation centre built for the Water Commission officers and visitors in 1919.

Our trip back to Griffith will also include a visit to a popular winery who are offering specials to our group. Souths Leagues Club which is a short walk from our host hotel, is a great location for our evening meal.

Saturday, 8th September will see us heading off to a gourmet food outlet where you can browse the many varieties of "gourmet produce from the heart of the Riverina." Morning tea will be a short drive away at a Lavender Farm where the ladies can browse the lavender goodies and the boys can browse their collection of vintage tractors and sports cars.

After here, we will visit a boutique winery with elevated vistas of the vineyards and the nearby National Park, on our way to lunch at a historic country pub.

Other places of interest will be optional to visit on the way home to Griffith. Dinner on Saturday night will be a buffet at the Leagues Club.

For those early starters, the Griffith Rotary Markets start at 7.00 a.m. on **Sunday** morning. The Leagues Club have very kindly offered us space in their grounds for our Show and Shine on Sunday morning from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. If you wish, you can park your car at the Show and Shine early, then walk to the markets (it is only a short distance) before returning to the Show and Shine.

After the Show and Shine we will drive up to the nearby Pioneer Village where we can enjoy the displays of yesteryear and also have lunch if you wish. Please note on the registration form whether you wish to just visit the Park or visit the Park and have lunch there (2 lunch options available- Sandwich lunch includes sandwiches, cakes, fruit, tea and coffee, Salad

lunch includes cold meat and salad, fruit, tea and coffee - both lunch prices include entry to the park as well). Also please note that prices at the Pioneer Park are \$2 less for pensioners and seniors. The rest of the afternoon is free time for you to explore the many other features of this area.

Our Presentation Dinner will be held at the Leagues Club on Sunday evening before we all head home on Monday morning.

The Souths Leagues Club has been chosen for the evening meals for the three nights due to their generous support and the Club is within easy walking distance to our host hotel. There is a huge variety of good quality food available so you won't be bored with your meals.

Accommodation

The host hotel is the **Kidman Wayside Inn**. The Kidman offers a variety of good quality accommodation all with reverse cycle air-conditioning, satellite TV, fridges, mini bar, hair dryer, ironing facilities and direct dial phones. The hotel is set on spacious grounds with good parking for our large cars and a pool should you wish to have a swim. Wireless broadband and guest laundry are also available.

The Kidman have generously offered us a group discount for a minimum of 10 rooms and are holding a variety of rooms for our event. Group rate prices are -
Standard Queen Room - \$98 per night
Superior Queen Room - \$108 per night
Deluxe Room - \$118 per night.

These discount rates will apply for either a 3 night or 4 night stay and will be available until July 2012 but they would appreciate earlier bookings. There may still be rooms available after this date but discount rates may not apply.

Contact for the Kidman Wayside Inn for bookings is Phone: 02 6964 5666 Fax: 02 6962 4436 Email: kidman@inet.net.au

Sabrina is the lady looking after our booking.

Please mention you are with the Riviera Owners Association when you make your booking.

Run notes for all drives will be in your Rally Bag along with information about the area.

Commemorative Polo Shirts



The polo shirts to commemorate this event are white cotton with pocket - event logo on the back, small Australian ROA logo on front. Sizes are generous. Here are measurements.

	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Chest (cm)	118	122	126	132	136
Neck (cm)	46	47	48	49	50
Centre back length (cm)	74	76	78	80	82
Sleeve length (cm)	27	28	29	30	31

Other Notes

Please remember that the MIA is a Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone - fruit (including tomatoes) should be dumped in the bins provided as you enter the area.

Please note that the Riviera Owners Association (ROA) is an organisation specifically for the Buick Riviera 1963 to 1999. In accordance with the rules of the ROA, the 2012 ROA Australia Region Meet is open to ROA members and Buick Club members with a Riviera of this age group.

Also, please note that the Australian Region of the ROA has been made a Division of the Buick Car Club of Australia Inc. (Qld.) so that members cars are covered for Australian states Special Vehicle Registration and Insurance whilst driving to and from and attending this event.

The ROA Australia Region Meet in 2012 will be a lot of fun with great food, great wine, great cars and even better fellowship.

So mark your calendar now and make your plans to come to Griffith in September for a great weekend of ***“Rivieras on the Riverina”***.

