



## Q&A – August 2021

The 2022 National Rally Committee have put together this Q&A to address some feedback.

### **RALLY**

#### **Why does the main rally run from Friday evening to Sunday evening?**

The rally committee wanted to make the main rally on the weekend to encourage club members (particularly from SA) who work during the week to attend the rally. We also needed to fit the post-rally in before Easter 2021.

#### **What is happening with The Bend?**

We are still looking at a potential lunchtime pre-event at The Bend Motorsport Park on Friday 8th April if we have enough interest and it can be arranged at the venue. If this event doesn't go ahead, we will offer an alternative pre-event activity on Friday.

#### **What can I do with "free time"?**

We will be providing participants with suggestions on what they can do in any free time in the rally and post-rally. With the post rally, we will look at organising groups for activities that can be done together depending on their interests. We will be organising this closer to the time as we are expecting Covid restrictions to be more relaxed and allow the rally committee to organise better offerings than we could organise now with current restrictions.

#### **Why is there a cut-off date for refunds in the rally cancellation policy?**

The Rally function cost paid to the Mercedes-Benz Club of South Australia will be fully refundable for any cancellation made by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The club will have to pay all function costs prior to the event.

In the event that the event is cancelled after the 28th February or some attendees are prevented from entering SA to attend the rally, then the club will negotiate with the function providers to see what money (if any) can be refunded. Any money refunded, would be returned to participants. The club will do everything within its power to minimise losses for rally participants in the case that this occurs (e.g. due to COVID-19).

### **ACCOMMODATION**

#### **Why do I have to book my own accommodation?**

MBCSA has chosen this option as we believe it gives greater flexibility for rally participants.

The accommodation in the reservation blocks for both the rally and post-rally are at a negotiated rate. Both venues have allowed us as a car club to have participants book direct and still have these rates. If the club had included the accommodation costs, then we would have to pay large up front deposits and have less flexibility on cancellations (including getting deposits back).

Participants can make their own special requests to the accommodation provider and not have to rely on information being passed on.

The rally function cost is payable when registering, but the accommodation cost will not need to be paid until April 2022. This means that rally participants are not having to pay the accommodation cost now, which they would have to if it was combined with the rally function cost.



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### **Do I have to book a Grand City Room at the Grand?**

The Grand are offering a discounted rate for Grand City Room and reserved a block of these rooms for us until 31 December 2021. If you wish to book an alternate room, then you can do this.

### **Why isn't there free parking at the Stamford Grand Adelaide?**

The car park adjacent to the hotel is operated by another business who charge \$25 for 24 hours. The Stamford Grand Adelaide offers guest self-parking at \$20 for 24 hours in the car park.

## **FUNCTIONS**

### **Will there be seating at the cocktail function on Friday evening?**

Yes, there will be plenty of seating. The food served will be "finger food" type and will be served to tables in the room.

### **Will there be seating at The Cube on Saturday evening?**

The Cube has a variety of seating available across two levels. The food served will be "finger food" type food.

### **Why are drinks included?**

We have two signature experience events at wineries (Saturday night at The Cube and Tuesday evening at Seppeltsfield). The food & drink components are bundled together as these venues will be showcasing their wines.

The other function venues encourage inclusion of drink packages (which include both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages) with the food offerings for large groups by making it very cost-effective. The formal dinner on Sunday evening is being subsidised by MBCSA to reduce the cost to all those attending this event.

## **RALLY COSTS**

### **What is the cost of the rally?**

The rally function cost is \$400 per person payable to MBCSA on registration.

The cost for a couple in a Grand City Room with breakfast for three nights is \$732. Parking for 3 days will cost \$60 (\$20 per day). The accommodation costs are paid to the Stamford Grand in April 2022.

The total cost per couple of this combination would be \$1,592 which is comparable to other recent rallies.

### **What is the cost of the post-rally?**

The post-rally function cost is \$360 per person payable to MBCSA on registration.

The cost for a couple in a standard room at the Barossa Weintal with breakfast for three nights is \$504. The accommodation costs are paid to the Barossa Weintal in April 2022.

The total cost per couple of this combination would be \$1,224.



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### **Will there be additional costs?**

There will be a cost for pre-event activity at The Bend or alternative. Further details will be advised when these are known.

There may be additional cost associated with free time options for the post-rally depending on option chosen.