

2025 Multi-State Border Run To Dubbo For Pushrod Cars

For 50 years the South Australian and Victorian SS, MkIV & MkV Clubs/Registers have been meeting for their annual Border Run taking turns to organise the event. In 2004 Queensland joined and it was decided to have a Tri-State Run every three years meeting central NSW being near-equal distance to travel for each State with turn-about organisation. Entries also came from the ACT & NSW and now it is known as the Multi-State Border Run. It is still biased towards SS, MkIV & MkV models although the Qld. Club involves vehicles having a chassis.

Multi-State Border Run to Dubbo NSW held on the 26th - 29th of September.

The Drive To Dubbo

The oldest car that attended the rally was Marg & Bob Kretshmer's 1939 1½ litre SS Jaguar Saloon, which understandably took 3 days to get to Dubbo including a stop in Broken Hill to meet up with John & Judy Caskey.

Unfortunately, John & Judy, in their XJ6, had a fire in the engine bay whilst driving into Wilcannia. John had a fire extinguisher and put out the fire quickly, but it meant a tow truck back to Broken Hill where they picked up another car and then continued on.

Alan & Hilary Miller drove their lovely Mark V 3.5 Litre Drophead Coupe' from their home in Lowbank, and had a trouble-free run into Dubbo.

Qld, Vic, ACT, NSW

Most of the 'pushrod' owners that attended the rally are as elderly as their cars and understandably cannot face the long drive and some opted to take their "moderns", but at least they still came to make a very enjoyable weekend.

Those that took their pre and post war cars generally took 2 or 3 days to get to Dubbo with many Victorian participants stopping overnight at Wangaratta and Wagga Wagga or Cootamundra. The Queenslanders stopped at various locations with many stopping at Coonabarabran with a relatively easy run into Dubbo.

Hats off to all the 'pushrod' drivers and partners who must have been freezing a good deal of the time, especially those in drophead saloons.

The Programme

Despite rain on either side, the rally was blessed with perfect weather, although a little on the chilly side.

Friday

Although there were over 60 of us and 32 cars, we were all able to be accommodated in the huge Cattleman's Country Motor Inn.

Two of the three evening dinners were served there, and the food and service was excellent. It was great to catch up with so many friends that most have not seen in three years.

Saturday

Saturday was a show and shine at the Ollie Robbins Oval.

The presentation of the Jaguars, especially the pushrod cars was exceptional and a credit to all the owners.

All the cars left the Oval at approx. 11.30am and drove to the Royal Flying Doctor Service Visitor Centre, Dubbo, where we had a lovely lunch at the Outback Trek Café.

After lunch we attended the RFDS Visitor Centre where we were able to explore the Centre and its facilities.

We then had the afternoon to ourselves, which was great as most people headed back to their rooms to watch the AFL Grand Final.

That night we were picked up by coach from outside the Motel and transported to the Dubbo RSL, where we had another lovely meal in a private room.

Sunday

Sunday morning, we were picked up by coach and transported to the Western Plain Zoo, Dubbo, where we picked up



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a guide and were given a tour of the Zoo by coach. Anyone going past Dubbo should make a stop and visit the wildlife park, it is exceptional.

The coach drove us back to the motel where we got our cars and drove to our lunch destination, The Devils Hollow Brewery, Dubbo, where we ordered from the menu for another great meal.

After lunch we left the Brewery and drove to our next stop, the Old Dubbo Gaol. At the Gaol, we were given a interesting tour of the facility.

Evening meal was back at the Cattleman's Motel again with different dishes to Friday's meal.

During the dinner, short speeches were made by the three Club Secretaries with a big thank you to Nik & Sandy Cirakovica for their hard work in organising the event.

Monday

Monday morning, everyone made their way home and saw the close of another great weekend.

The next Multi-State Run will more than likely be held in two year's time as a three year gap is now considered too long to wait, given that all attendees are getting older.

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Excellent 3 course dinner at the Cattleman's Country Motor Inn.

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Alan & Hilary Miller, 1951 Mark V 3.5 Litre Drophead Coupe' (SA)

John & Pam Aird, 1947 2.5 Litre MK IV Saloon (Vic)



Dave & Sue Edwards, 1948 3.5 Litre Mk IV Saloon (Qld)

Bob & Margaret Kretschmer, 1939 SS Jaguar 1½ litre sedan (SA)