



**Wolseley Car Clubs of Australia**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual National Rally**  
**Bendigo Victoria**  
Sunday May 14 – Friday May 19 2017

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Dear Wolseley Car Club members and friends,

The National Rally Committee have nominated the above dates on which to hold next year's Bi-annual National Rally, and have negotiated special group booking prices at the motels/caravan parks in the Bendigo suburb of Golden Square, just a few minutes from the Bendigo CBD.

**What and Where is Bendigo?**

- Bendigo is an energetic tourist town with a prosperous gold rush past. It is located in Central Victoria just under 100 miles from the Melbourne CBD, and only a 2½ hour drive along the Calder Highway.
- For interstate participants, Bendigo is 614 kms (381 miles) from the Adelaide CBD, 836 kms (520 miles) from the Sydney CBD, and 1,665 kms (1035 miles) from Brisbane's CBD.
- The nearby township of Castlemaine has established itself as the Hot Rod centre of Australia, and has fostered many small industries specialising in the production and building of modified components for the performance and restoration industry.
- With the decline in gold mining, the City of Greater Bendigo has gone out of its way to re-invent itself as a vibrant and modern regional centre with a firm focus on its historic and famous past, and has invested greatly in its local tourist industry.

**Rally Format:**

The 2017 National Rally will follow our usual tried and proven formula, which comprises of a Sunday afternoon Registration, Meet & Great with the handing out of Rally Packs followed by a Welcome Dinner. Monday to Thursday will have pre-organised outings, lunches and dinners, and the Rally will conclude with a Thursday Night Presentation Dinner and a Friday Morning Farewell Breakfast.

**Itinerary:**

The Rally Committee is yet to finalise a full itinerary, but it is sure to contain the following main Bendigo attractions which will include visits to Bendigo Pottery and Museum, the Central Deborah Gold Mine, the Golden Dragon Museum, a ride through Bendigo on the Talking Tram, a visit to Hatfield's Hot Rod Museum, and a trip on the Victorian Goldfields Steam Railway between the historic towns of Maldon and Castlemaine. We will visit the Great Stupa as well as taking short drives to nearby historic townships. Special activities will be run for the ladies attending and will possibly include a shopping trip. Local car clubs have offered to assist us in locating interesting vehicle collections in the area. The Bendigo district is also famous for its quality wines, so when packing, leave a little space in the boot just in case you find something to take home to remember your trip. The Bendigo Art Gallery is currently hosting the Marilyn Munroe exhibition which will have finished by our Rally date. We hope that their next exhibition will be within our time frame.

### **Rally Entry Form:**

This is now underway, and we hope to have it available to send out with next month's Hornet Newsletter. As usual, there will be a Rally Booking Fee, which will secure your place in the event and allow us to do preliminary bookings for activities and meals etc. Closer to the event we will follow-up with complete costings, which will include your Rally Pack with the full itinerary, maps and instructions, and costs that will cover most of the activities and outings, and will probably include many of the lunches and some of the main meals. We envisage that this will be completed and sent out to entrants early in the new year.

### **Accommodation:**

Motel tariffs in the Bendigo area are slightly higher than most other towns, so to keep prices as low as possible we have opted to utilise the services of some of the smaller motels in Golden Square. These normally have good street access, most are ground floor units giving easy access to your car and provide very secure parking. These motels can usually offer a more personal service than some of the larger and more expensive establishments close to the city proper. All are located within a one-mile radius, either on, (or just off) High Street, which is of course the Calder Highway.

If you are intending to participate in this, our 20<sup>th</sup> National Rally, (and which WCC members wouldn't) we urge you to seriously consider an early booking. We have arranged for the motels listed below to reserve their best rooms for us, and hold them exclusively for the WCC until the end of February.

### **Participating Motels:**

Welcome Stranger Motel & Function Centre  
56 Mackenzie Street West, Golden Square 3555  
03 5443 6266 [info@bendigoheritagemotorinn.com.au](mailto:info@bendigoheritagemotorinn.com.au)

The Elm Motel  
454 High Street, Golden Square 3555  
03 5447 7522 [info@elmmotel.com.au](mailto:info@elmmotel.com.au)

Golden Chain Golden Square Motor Inn  
371 High Street Golden Square 3555  
03 5441 3788 [enquiries@goldensquaremotorinn.com.au](mailto:enquiries@goldensquaremotorinn.com.au)

Homestead Motor Inn  
508 High Street, Golden Square 3555  
03 5447 7455 [admin@bendigoaccommodation.com.au](mailto:admin@bendigoaccommodation.com.au)

Best Western Heritage Motor Inn  
259-261 High Street, Golden Square 3555  
03 5442 2788 [info@bendigoheritagemotorinn.com.au](mailto:info@bendigoheritagemotorinn.com.au)

### **Caravan Park**

The caravan park listed below has sites available for caravans and motor homes, and has a large range of self-contained cabins in various configurations and price ranges, all with en suite facilities.

Central City Caravan Park  
362 High Street, Golden Square 3555  
03 5443 6937 [admin@centralcitycaravanpark.com.au](mailto:admin@centralcitycaravanpark.com.au)

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