

2027 NATIONAL RALLY

NEWSLETTER #1



22 December 2025

Dear Rally Entrants and Interested Parties,

Overview:

Planning is well underway for the National Rally of Model T Fords to be held in Murray Bridge in October 2027.

This the first of several newsletters that will be circulated between the early October 2025 launch and the staging of the Rally.

Newsletters are intended to inform entrants, would-be entrants, and other interested persons of the current state of relevant aspects of this planning.

Launch of Rally:

The Rally was formally launched at the Final Dinner evening at the Ballarat Rally on Friday, 3 October 2025 to an audience of a potential 120 entrants and certain rally sponsors.

Rally entries went live on the Model T Ford Club of Australia's website as of that evening via www.modeltfordclubaustralia.org.au/nationalrally2027.

In addition, promotional bags have been distributed to Model T Ford owners both in South Australia and other states. A total of 150 bags have now been distributed.

In response, a steady number of entries have been received. Please be aware that entrants will receive an automated receipt by email upon registration.

Rally Organising Committee:

At the launch, the following Committee members were introduced: Allan Bennett, Sarah Bowshall, David Carver, David Dunn, John Eastick, and Peter & Merawyn Perry (all present), and Rod Crawford, Julianne Hein, and Michael Trenorden (all not present).

Website:

Since the launch, the website page has been updated to include:

- A promotional video;
- Revised Terms and Conditions of Entry (dated 20 November 2025); and
- A *Communications* section that will include the Letter of Introduction, Newsletters, and any other correspondence.

Terms and Conditions of Entry:

Please be advised that the Pet clause included in the Terms and Conditions at item 14 has recently been revised to read:



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Pets are not permitted indoors at rally venues, unless expressly approved in advance by the MTFCA or in the case of certified assistance animals.

This revision is to clarify that pets are not permitted inside any rally venue. Owners are expected to comply with the health and safety regulations inside venues and be otherwise respectful of other entrants and the public.

Fees:

Please be mindful that fees will increase from 1 April 2026. Fees are outlined on the Model T Ford Club of Australia's website at www.modeltfordclubaustralia.org.au/nationalrally2027.

Accommodation:

Please note:

- Despite earlier advice to this Committee, several accommodation places have advised that they will not enable bookings to be taken until October 2026 for the period of the Rally. This is unfortunate but cannot be varied by the Committee.
- There are places of accommodation in Murray Bridge in addition to those listed on the *Suggested Accommodation Options*.

In Closing:

I anticipate that the next Newsletter (#2) will be circulated in March 2026.

I will take this opportunity to wish everyone and their family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe.

Please direct any queries to myself at rallydirector@modeltfordclubaustralia.org.au.

With best wishes,

John Eastick

Rally Director

For and on behalf of the Rally Organising Committee

