

THE "MILDURA MEANDER" 18TH AND 19TH OF MAY 2024



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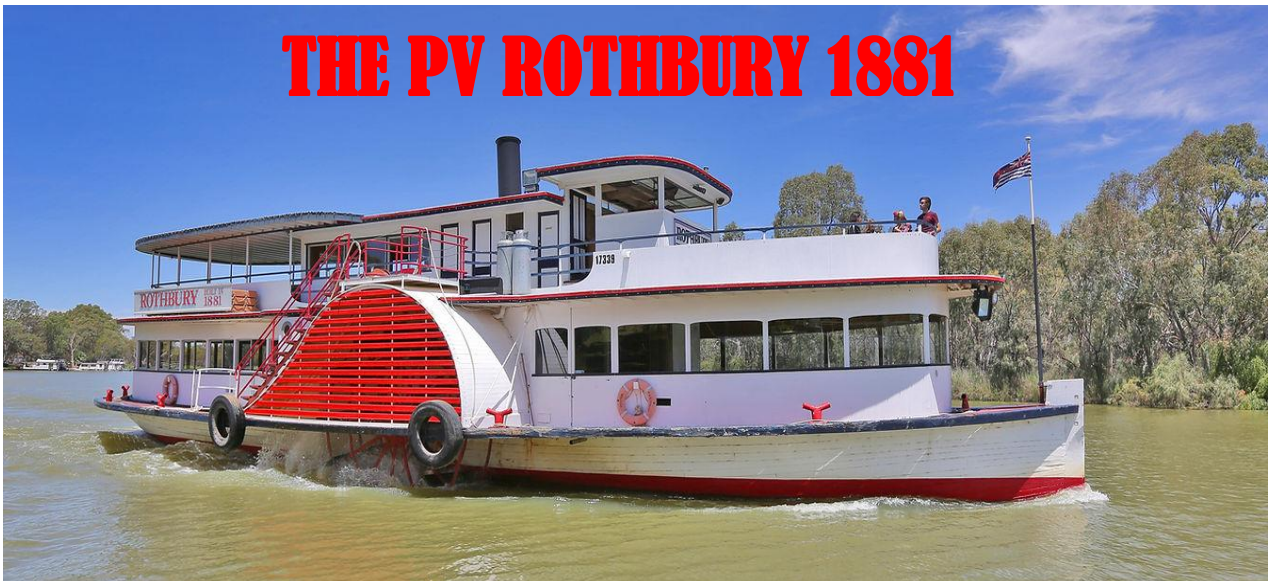


1933 BSA 600



1962 R50 BMW

THE PV ROTHBURY 1881



Meander Visitors

PADDLE VESSEL ROTHBURY

The Paddle Vessel Rothbury was built in 1881 at Gunbower, Victoria on the Murray River. Built as a large and powerful Tow Boat, employed in towing barges for the Wool and Logging Trade. She was well known even then, to be one of the fastest Tow Boats.

The Rothbury was brought to Mildura in 1909 by Permewan Wright & Company who had an extensive establishment in Mildura, sharing the trade to the district with the Chaffey owned company, the second River Murray Navigation Company.

In 1911 the Rothbury was bought by R.M. Anderson, the major sawmiller in Mildura. The Rothbury supplied the mill with logs from Redgum forests for extensive building construction at Mildura. Timber was also towed on barges by the Rothbury for "stockpiles" along the river for various boilers and other passing steamers.

Andersons' Sawmill was located on the Victorian bank just downstream of the existing Chaffey Bridge but was destroyed by fire and attempts to be rebuilt failed. Still existing on the NSW bank opposite is the original "Andersons" slipway, used for boat repairs since the early 1900's. (Now owned by A.E. & F.O. Pointon). The Rothbury was later used for towing Lock building materials. The Rothbury teamed with the "Derrick" Barge for construction along the river. The Derrick was fitted with a large crane and pile driving equipment but had no power of its own. The Rothbury towed this barge to its destinations and provided its power from the Rothbury's boiler. The most recent and significant construction of the Rothbury and the Derrick was that of Psyche Pumping Station in 1957/58. Thus the P.S. Rothbury was still working as she was originally built for until late 1950's, perhaps the last steamer to do this.

The Rothbury lay idle at Mildura moored at the above slipway for 10 years until she was purchased by Captain Alby Pointon in 1968 for restoration for the Tourism Trade. During restoration her 55HP Steam Engine and boiler combination was removed for a lower maintenance Gardner Diesel Engine (Hence Paddle Vessel [PV] now and not Paddle steamer). However, the Rothbury retains her original wheelhouse and all top deck cabins are the original also. A Bar, Galley and dining facilities replaced the steam engine area.

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE SUNRAYSIA HISTORIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

P.O.Box 2071 Mildura Vic 3502

“The Mildura Meander”

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th of May 2024

CLOSING DATE 26th April 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

The event will start on both days from the Mildura Motorcycle Clubrooms at Olympic Park Speedway 11th Street West, Mildura.

The weekend will be an informal affair with 2 runs and plenty of time for riding and for socializing.

Please check in each day prior to briefing and departure:

Tea and coffee will be available both days before the start. Corner marshals will be used on both days and two back up vehicles with trailers will be provided.

*There will be several regroupings to enable slower riders and back up vehicles to catch up, also to allow marshals to remain ahead of the entrants. The highway speed Saturday will be approximately 70-75KMH NB. **Run speed will be adjusted to accommodate slower older bikes, get them out on Sunday, riders to be advised at briefing.** Should a machine break down a 10-minute limit will apply to either rejoin the ride or place it on a back-up trailer so as not to delay marshals, other participants, catering times etc.*

*****THE LEAD RIDER SHOULD NOT BE OVERTAKEN FOR SAFETY REASONS.*****

He knows the location, route, give way and stop signs and up to date road conditions.

- Saturday at Mildura Motorcycle Club - check-in from 8.15am and rider briefing at 8.45am for a 9.am start.

The run will cover approximately 160kms with regroupings as required and a break for morning tea at around 10.30am and lunch at approximately 12.30-1pm. More detailed information is to be provided on the day.

The finish will be back at the Motorcycle Club at approximately 4pm.

The optional Saturday evening meal will be a 3-hour river cruise & two course carvery dinner on the **PV Rothbury** with Music presented by “**The Bluesberries**” during our cruise.

- Sunday at Mildura Motorcycle Club - check in from 8.15am and rider briefing at 8.45am for a 9.am start.

The run will cover a total of approximately 120 kms an option to shorten the run for slower bikes will be offered at morning tea. We will finish at The Wentworth Lock between 12.00- 12.30 pm for lunch.

As in previous years visitors may wish to leave for home after lunch. The Ride Leader & Marshals may provide interested riders with an afternoon run.

Subject to interest a dinner booking can be arranged at a local venue on Sunday night for members and those staying in Mildura. Numbers will be gathered prior to departure for Sundays run.

Please note: -

- **Acknowledgement of entries received with any updates to be provided by email.**
- *There are no trophies.*
- *All bikes must be registered or have permits to be ridden on roads and riders appropriately licensed.*
- *The aim is to promote the use of old or interesting bikes, and have a safe, enjoyable weekend with likeminded people. If your old bike is unsuitable or out of action, any bike may be used.*

Please email entries and Enquiries to:

* **Registration Information:** Chris Sibley Secretary **0429951513** email: christophersibley@inet.net.au

* **General Information:** Rob Ferguson Vice President **0418118719** email: ferg2008@live.com.au

For Accommodation enquiries contact Mildura Visitors Information Centre 1800 039 043 or website www.visitmildura.com.au

Free basic camping is available at Mildura Motorcycle Club with access to toilets and showers. **Please indicate if required on the entry form.**

SHMC MEANDER MEMBER 2024 ENTRY FORM

ENTRANTS NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:EMAIL.....

MOTORCYCLE: Make.....Reg. No.....

Capacity.....cc Year..... Solo/Sidecar

CLUB:

RIDER ENTRY FEE:

This covers the rally logistics plus Saturday & Sunday Morning teas & Lunches.

\$ 95.00 (Rider entry fee)

ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR RIDERS & NON-RIDERS

SATURDAY EXTRA MORNING TEA FOR NON-RIDERS	\$7.00	\$
SATURDAY EXTRA LUNCH FOR NON-RIDERS	\$17.50	\$
SATURDAY NIGHT: RIVER CRUISE & DINNER <u>RIDERS&NON-RIDERS</u>	\$80.00	\$
SUNDAY EXTRA MORNING TEA FOR NON-RIDERS	\$7.00	\$
SUNDAY EXTRA LUNCH FOR NON-RIDERS	\$18.50	\$
TOTAL:		\$.....

Saturday Night Dinner YES/NO No's.....

Sunday Night Dinner YES/NO No's.....

Camping at Mildura Motorcycle Club YES/NO

On arrival Friday please call **Chris Sibley on 0429951513** for directions and access to camp site.

***EFT payments are available; **BSB- 633000 A/C- 105966329 REF - YOUR FIRST INITIAL & SURNAME.** ***

IF PAYING BY EFT PLEASE POST YOUR ENTRY FORM TO THE CLUB / email to: brianeng@bigpond.com

Entries to be received by 26th April 2024

NO LATE ENTRIES - NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY

Cancellation policy – Full refunds will be issued subject to the club being advised of non-attendance no later than 10th May 2024

- Any Covid rules applicable in Victoria at the time of the rally must be complied with.
- Should the event not be permitted to proceed for any reason full refunds will be made.

INDEMNITY

Note: All entrants must complete and return this form with their entry.

(1) All entrants, owners, riders and participants enter and participate in the event solely at their own risk.

(2) Sunraysia Historic Motorcycle Club Inc. states that the organizers of this rally will not be held liable for any loss, damage or injury suffered by or caused to any entrant, owner, rider, passenger/s or property attributable to circumstances howsoever arising.

(3) Having signed this indemnity form **I do/ do not approve** of photographs taken of the event to include my name and vehicle specs in club/ commercial publications promoting the event. ***(Please cross out the inappropriate instruction above)***

By completing and signing this entry form I acknowledge that I have read, understood and accepted the Indemnity Statement applying to me as set out above and I have entered the event solely at my own risk. Unsigned entry forms will be invalidated and will not be accepted.

Entrant's Name:

Entrant's Signature: Date:/...../.....

ALL ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS TO:

SUNRAYSIA HISTORIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB

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