

First AAR Rally: CANBERRA (A.C.T.) 12th & 13th MARCH, 1994

The Australian Ariel Register was formed in 1991 by Lyn Meredith and 28 Australian members of the Ariel Owners Motor Cycle Club of the U.K.

Our first rally (originally scheduled for Sept. 1992) was held in Canberra on the 12th-13th of March 1994. Headquarters for the rally was the Canberra Carotel Motel.

One of the purposes of the rally was to officially form the Australian Ariel Register, appoint office bearers and hold our first annual general meeting.

As the club at this stage had no official standing or insurance cover the rally called "The Val Page Rally" was held under the auspices of the Veteran and Vintage & Classic Motorcycle Club of the A.C.T.

There were 64 entries for the rally and this included 48 Ariels and 2 "other makes".

Foundation Office Bearers elected were **President**: Lyn Meredith (ACT) **Vice-President**: Graham Whitty (ACT) **Secretary**: John White (Vic) **Treasurer**: Allan Boyd (NSW) **Magazine Editor**: Arthur Freeman

General Committee: Jim Acason (NSW) Max Eastwood (VIC.) Alan Nicholson (NSW) Buster Anderson (QLD.) Ian Baldock (SA)

The next rally and AGM was scheduled for 22nd January 1995 to be held at Corowa NSW and the **Rally Convener** Alan Martin

Award Winners: Vintage, Bob Hill (SA) 1928 SV. **Pre-war**, Peter Monahan (SA) 1939VG

Post-war: Clive Townsend (NSW) 1956 VH. **Iron Sq.4**: Dave Canty (SA) 1940 4G.

Alloy Sq.4: Bill McKee (Qld.) 1957 Mk11. **OHV Single**: Clive Townsend (NSW) 1956 VH

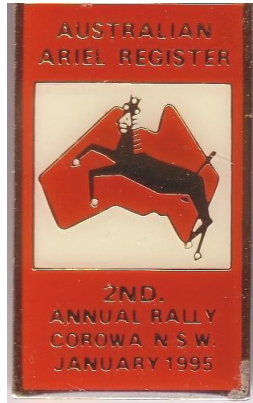
SV Single: Des Nelson (Vic.) 1947 VB. **4 Stroke Twin**: Allan Boyd (NSW) 1949 KH

2-Stroke: Frank Dean (NSW) 1960 Sports Arrow **Sidecar**: Dave Canty (SA) 1940 4G.

Most Desirable: Doug Smart (SA) 1924 Ariel Car. **Furthest Ridden**: Bill Hepburn, Broken Hill.

Oldest Entrant: Don Parker (QLD.) 82 years.

Lady Riders: Michelle Maher, Michelle Smith. **Competition Machine**: Buster Anderson 1936 ISD replica



Second AAR Rally: COROWA (N.S.W.) 21st.& 22nd April, 1995

The 2nd. Annual Rally and Annual General Meeting was held as scheduled at Corowa NSW on January 21st. & 22nd.1995. Headquarters for the rally was at "River Gums" Caravan Park & Motel. This establishment provided an excellent lockup for the bikes "in the old winery" with over 60 Ariels in attendance. The AGM was held at the Corowa Bowling Club on the Saturday evening with the Rally Dinner following.

Foundation President Lyn Meredith had resigned during the year and Vic-President Graham Whitty chaired the AGM. The meeting elected **Graham Whitty** as President **Jim Acason** as Vice President **Alan Boyd** as Treasurer **John White** as Secretary and **John Byles (SA)**, **Max Eastwood**, **Kevin Wheatley** committee and **Arthur Freeman** as Magazine Editor.

Prize winners were :

Vintage Ariel :

Pre-war Ariel 500cc OHV single-
Post-war Ariel 500cc OHV single-

Ariel 350cc. OHV Single-

Ariel 4G Solo -

Ariel & side car-

Ariel Twin -

Ariel two stroke-

Ariel S/V-

Non Ariel-

Most Desirable:

Furthest ridden Ariel:

Lady Rider :

Senior Ariel Rider:

Des Nelson 1928 O.H.V.

Owen Johnson 1937 VH.

Clive Townsend 1956 VH

Ross Colbey 1959 NH

Alan Woodbridge 1957 4G.

Neville Hutton 4G. Mk.11

Alastair Wilke 1954 FH.

Bob Morgan 1960 Arrow.

John Rispin 1950 VB.

John Tait 1937 M.O.V. Vellolette

Owen Johnson 1937 VH.

Kevin Wheatley (QLD.) 1951 NH from Toowoomba Qld.

Diana Gascoine. 1947 VB.

Don Parker (QLD) 1951 4G.



Third AAR Rally: **HAHNDORF (S.A.) 9th - 11th. APRIL, 1996**

The South Australian members of the AAR submitted a proposal to hold the 3rd. Annual AGM and Rally at Hahndorf S.A. on 9th. - 11th. March 1996 and this was duly approved by the executive and committee. Hochstein's Resort, Main Rd. Hahndorf S.A. was the designated Headquarters for the rally and the AGM was held in the Heidelberg Room of this establishment. At the time of this rally the AAR had 239 members. There were 72 registrations for the rally with 64 Ariels entered. 113 People attended the Saturday night dinner. **Office Bearers elected at the AGM were: Graham Whitty (ACT), President. Jim Acason (NSW) Vice-President. John White (VIC.) Secretary. Alan Boyd (NSW) Treasurer and Magazine Editor.**

The Register was incorporated in Victoria in 1994 and **John McKernan** was elected as Public Officer. After discussion it was decided that wherever possible at least one member from each state should be on the committee. As a result the following were elected

John Byles, SA., Max Eastwood VIC., Ron Mallett NSW., Kevin Wheatley QLD., Ern Serls WA., Bill Carter Tas., Rick Wilkins NT., Bill McKee QLD.

It was decided at the AGM that the 1997 Rally would be run in Queensland.

Rally Prize Winners :

Vintage Ariel 1919-1930:

Des Nelson VIC. 1928 500cc

Post Vintage Ariel :

Owen Johnson NSW 1937 VH.

Classic Ariel 1943-1965:

Ross Colby SA. 1959 NH.

Ariel Sq.4 :

Greg Cameron SA. 1951 4G.

Ariel Twin:

Allan Boyd NSW. 1951 KH.

Ariel Single OHV :

Arthur Addyman SA. 1949 VH.

Ariel Single SV.

:Michael Browne SA. 1947 VB.

Ariel 2 Stroke:

Bob Morgan 1960 Arrow.

Most desirable Ariel :

Des Nelson VIC. 1928 500cc.

Most original Ariel:

Cliff Wright SA 1954 NH.

Oldest Ariel Rider :

Don Parker QLD. (84)

Youngest Ariel Rider:

Jess Mallia

Furthest distance

ridden to rally:

Allan & Vida Boyd Queanbeyan to Hahndorf on a BMW.

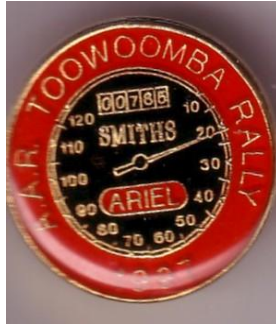
Furthest distance

to rally on an Ariel :

John & Kaye Todd. Melbourne to Hahndorf on 1955 VH.

Best SA. Rider/s :

Colin & Joy Pauley. 1949 4G.& sidecar.



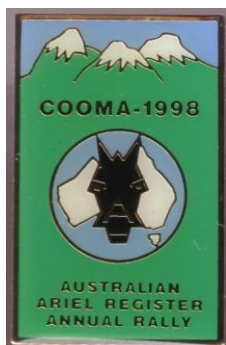
Fourth AAR Rally: **TOOWOOMBA (QLD.)12th . & 13th . APRIL, 1997**

The rally headquarter for the Toowoomba rally was at the Toowoomba Motor Village & Caravan Park. As at previous rallies this establishment provided a wide range of accommodation and facilities. Bill McKee and Kevin Wheatley were organisers of this rally. There were 72 registrations and this included 65 Ariels and 3 other makes . This rally saw the only appearance at any AAR rally of an Ariel 3 owned by "Buster Anderson". The AGM and the Rally Dinner were held at "Banjo's Restaurant , which was in walking distance of the headquarters.

At the AGM the office bearers and committee were all re-elected, with Chris Butler becoming Tasmanian Representative and Kevin Wheatley the Queensland representative. After a presentation by Ross Johnson and Owen Johnson , It was agreed that the next rally would be held in Cooma NSW on the 14th & 15th March

Prize Winners:

Vintage -1919-1930	Rodney Pioch (Qld.) 1933 RH- 500
Pre-War-1931- 45	Greg Staines (Qld.) 1939 VH.
Post- War-1945-1960	John Shanks (NSW) 1954VH.
Alloy SQ.4	Rod Wood (Qld) 1959 SQ.4
Iron SQ.4	Ivor Willoughby 1938 SQ.4
OHV Single	Gavin Ritter 1947 VG
SV Single	Allan Woodbridge (VIC.) 1955 VB.
Ariel Twin	Steve Willoughby (QLD.)
Two Stroke	Bob Morgan (NSW) 1960 Arrow.
Ariel Outfit	Neville Hutton (NSW) 1957SQ.4
Competition Ariel	Buster Anderson (QLD) 1936 VH ISDT outfit.
Furthest Travelled	Milton Lewis (SA)
Furthest Ridden Ariel	Chris Butler (Tas.) 1950 VH
Oldest Rider & Bike	Allan Tree (VIC)1937 VH.
Riding an Ariel	
To every rally	John & Kaye Todd (VIC) 1954VH
President's Choice	Buster Anderson (QLD) 1936 VH ISDT outfit.
Smallest rider /	
Biggest bike	Sue McCormick (QLD)



Fifth AAR Rally: **COOMA (NSW)14TH & 15TH MARCH 1998.**

The Snowtels Caravan Park and Accommodation Centre was Headquarters for the rally and the Cooma Ex-Serviceman's Club the venue for the AGM and Saturday Evening Rally Dinner. The club was approx 1.5 K's from headquarters and a shuttle bus was provided to this venue. Saturday's run was to Bullock's flat via Jindabyne and the Sunday run was a round trip to Dalgety.

There were 64 Registrations for the rally and 57 bikes of which 54 were Ariels. Office bearers and committee members were re-elected unchanged at the AGM. It was moved by Max Eastwood and seconded by Allan Tree that the 1999 rally be held at Bairnsdale, Victoria on the 13th & 14th of March. Tasmanian State Representative, Chris Butler, foreshadowed that he would be investigating the possibility of holding the 2000 rally in Tasmania. A show of hands from those present indicated considerable interest in the project.

Prize Winners:

Vintage:	Richard Stubbs (ACT) 1928 Model "C"
Pre-war 1931- 45.	Dean Johnson (NSW) 1937 VH
Post war 1945-60	Eric Ewin (NSW) 1958 VH
Alloy SQ.4	Allan Woodbridge (Vic.) 1957 4G.
OHV Single	Eric Ewin (NSW) 1958 VH
Ariel Twin	Don Lowe (Tas) 1948 KG
Side Valve	Graham Whitty (ACT) 1948 VB
Ariel Outfit	Neville Hutton (NSW) 1957 4G.
Competition Ariel	Michael Browne (SA) 1954 HR.
Furthest Ridden	
Ariel	Kevin Wheatley & Laurie Wenham (Toowoomba QLD.)
Oldest OHV	Des Nelson 1928 Model "C"
President's Choice	Michael Browne (SA) 1954 HS.
Oldest bike & Rider	Jack Forest (NSW) 1935VH.
Most Desirable	Eric Ewin (NSW) 1958 VH



Sixth AAR Rally: **BAIRNSDALE (VIC.) 13TH & 14TH MARCH 1999**

Max Eastwood was the Rally Convenor.

The Mitchell Gardens Caravan Park was the headquarters for this rally, the venue for the AGM. was the River Hill Motel, Main St. Bairnsdale. The Rally Dinner was held at the Lucknow Football Club Rooms. A courtesy bus was provided to take members to all functions and for the first time the bus was available to transport partners and non riders to follow the rally route. There were 59 Ariels registered for the rally and four "other" makes. 120 people were at the "Rally Dinner" At the AGM, serving President Graham Whitty did not stand for re-election and Lyn Meredith of 30 Greenough Circuit Kaleen, ACT. Was elected President. Graham Whitty was elected as ACT representative. All other office bearers were re elected. As a result of organizer, Max Eastwood's strenuous efforts there were even more prizes than usual awarded

Winners were:

Best Vintage (1920 - 1930)	Des Nelson, 1928 "C"
Pre-war (1931-45)	Owen Johnson ,1937 VH.
Post -war (1945-1960)	John Shanks,1958 VH.
Alloy Sq.4	Neville Hutton, 1957 outfit.
Iron Sq4.	Rod Nicholas 1939 outfit.
OHV single	Warren Feakes 1947 VH.
Ariel Twin.	Harold George 1949 KH.
Side Valve,	Allan Woodbridge 1955 VB.
Best Outfit ,	Rod Nicholas 1939 Sq.4.
Furthest ridden Ariel to rally,	Kev Wheatley & Laurie Wenham (Toowoomba)
President's Choice ,	John Shanks 1958 VH.
Oldest bike & rider,	Alan Tree 1937 VH.
Most desirable,	John Shanks 1958 VH.
Best other Make,	Michael Rock 1936 BSA.
350cc (45-53)	Ron Watts 47 NH.
500cc (45-53)	Chris Butler 1950 VH.
Most Original,	Michael Browne 1934 NF 350.
Furthest travelled to the rally,	Jamie Farley WA.
Oldest looking Ariel,	Michael Brown 1934 NF 350.



Seventh AAR Rally: ULVERSTONE (Tas.) 8th. & 9th. APRIL 2000

Tasmanian Representative, Chris Butler, was the convenor for this rally .

The majority attending the rally arrived on the overnight ferry from Melbourne which landed at Devonport . Most of the riders had bought their bikes via the ferry so it was then just a short ride (15Km,s) to Ulverstone. Quite a few members elected to fly to Tasmania and hire a car and forgo the pleasure (and problems) of taking their Ariels. In total 98 people attended and 39 bikes. The AGM and the Rally Dinner were held at the Ulverstone Surf Club which adjoined the camping ground where a majority of the attendees were staying in a wide range of accommodation from tents to cabins. A total of 98 people attended the rally with 39 bikes. Riders unanimously endorsed the riding as some of the best they had experienced at any rally. At the AGM, Louisa McMartin was elected as treasurer and Michael Browne was elected as Journal editor. Allan Boyd was elected to take up the newly created office of Archivist. All other officers were re elected. The 2001 Rally was allocated to Corowa NSW to coincide with the "Centenary of Federation" on the 26th to 28th. January 2001. Alan Martin was to be the Rally Convenor.

Prize winners at Ulverstone:

Post Vintage,	Owen Johnson (NSW) 1937 VH.
Post war multi,	Bill McKee (Qld.) 1958 Sq.4 Special.
Bike & sidecar	Rod Nicholas (Qld) 1939 Sq.4
President's Choice	John Bowles (Vic). 1958 VH.
Oldest bike & rider	Ron Hodge (NSW) 1939 VH outfit.
Furthest ridden Ariel	Graham Ward (Qld.)
Most desirable	Bill McKee (Qld.) 1958 Sq.4 Special.



Eighth AAR Rally: COROWA (NSW) 26th.- 28th.JANUARY 2001

The Centenary of Federation Rally was held in Corowa to coincide with the 100 years since Australia's Federation. Corowa was the town where the details of Federation were finalised. Alan Martin was the Rally Convenor and "The River Gums" caravan and Camping complex once again served as headquarters. A catered function on the Friday Night was very popular and this was held at the headquarters site. The rally presentation dinner was held at the R.S.L. Club . Members and their bikes led the Federation parade down the main street of Corowa with the Governor General in attendance. There were 125 registrations for the rally and 69 bikes.

At the AGM **Jim Acason** was elected **President**. **Allan Boyd** was elected Vice-President. **David Canty** was elected Treasurer. **Michael Browne** was elected Editor of "The Horse's Mouth". Other Office Bearers were re elected without change. Founder of the AAR **Lyn Meredith** was awarded "Life Membership" of the AAR. The 2002 rally was allocated to Canberra / Queanbeyan for March 2002

Federation Rally Prize Winners:

Best pre 1930	Ron Watts (Vic.), 1915 "Roadster"
Best Outfit	Ian Baldock (SA), 1959 FH.
Best Twin	Harold George (Vic.) 1949 KH.
Best SQ.4	Barry Deeth (Qld.) 1949 4G
Two Stroke	Frank Deeth (Vic.) 1960 Arrow
Best Single	Michael Browne (SA) 1938 VH
President's Choice	Neville Hunter 1949 Competition.
Furthest ridden	Kevin Wheatley & Laurie Wenham Toowoomba
Non Ariel	Pat Hunter 1929 Super X Excelsior



Ninth AAR Rally: **Canberra/Queanbeyan Rally 13th & 14th April 2002**

Allan Boyd was the Rally Convenor and the Central Motel and Apartments was the Headquarters for the event. The AGM and Rally Diner were also held at this venue. A large lockup shed was available at the Queanbeyan Showground and this served as a lock up and a site for the Sunday Swap Meet. It was fine for the early run on Friday when we went out to Burra about 90 minutes run each way. Saturday was a good day also when the run took us via the tracking station at Tidbinbilla for a conducted tour and lunch.

Sunday was wet all day and for the most part we did not leave the lock up shed. A few hardies defied the rain and went for a run and the bus took the ladies on a shopping excursion. At the AGM all club officers were re elected and the 2003 rally confirmed for Victor Harbor SA. It was foreshadowed that the 2004 rally would be held in Queensland.

It was moved Max Eastwood and seconded by John Bowles that **John White be made a life member** and this motion was passed.

There were 70 registrations for the rally accounted for by 110 people and 70 bikes.

Prize Winners:

Best pre 1930	Chris Davidson 1929 "B"
Best single	Annette Browne 1935 LH
Best Twin	Wayne Penrose 1955 FH.
Best SQ.4	Rod Nicholas 1939 4G.
Best Outfit	David Shannon 1956 SQ.4
Best ridden by a lady	Annette Browne 1935 LH & Pat Hunter 1941 Wng
President's Choice	Barry Deeth 1939 4G. & 1915 500cc.
Oldest bike & rider	Richard Stubbs 1929 "C"
Furthest ridden Ariel,	John & Kaye Todd (Vic.) 1930 K's
Best non Ariel	Andy Greschke Matchless G11



Tenth AAR Rally: **VICTOR HARBOR (SA)**

THE ENCOUNTER RALLY 4TH. - 7TH. APRIL 2003

Rally Convenor John Byles, Headquarters at The Beachfront Caravan Park. The AGM and Rally dinner held at The Hotel Victor. A social evening with free eats was held on the Friday night at the Victor Harbor Football Club. Around 120 people registered , plus 74 Ariels and 6 "other makes". The weather was perfect every day and the rides were interesting and stimulating. At the AGM retiring president, Jim Acason, did not stand for re election and Allan Boyd was elected to that office. Max Eastwood was elected to the position of Vice President and Des Nelson was elected to the position of Victorian Representative. All other office bearers were re elected. The next rally was allocated to Queensland and was scheduled for Queensland and was to be held at Tewantin on the 16th. - 18th. April 2004.

Barry Deeth was appointed convenor of the 2004 rally. It was foreshadowed that subject to a satisfactory proposal being submitted the 2005 rally would be held in Bendigo, Victoria and the convenor would be John Bowles.

Encounter Rally Prize Winners.

President's Choice	Bill McKee (Qld.) 1958 4G. Special
Most desirable	Rod Nicholas (Qld.) 1930 Model "E"
Oldest bike & rider	Bob Lawrence (Tas.) 1930 Model "K"
Furthest ridden Ariel	Ric Higgins (Vic.) 1955 NH.
Best pre 1942	Michael Browne (SA) 1938 VH
Best post 1942	Les Booth (NSW) 1948 VG
Best SQ.4	Bill McKee (Qld.) 1958 4G. Special
Best Outfit	Jacob & Lydia Mulder (NSW) 1958 FH.
Best Ariel ridden by a lady	Annette Browne (SA)1935 LH.
Best Ariel Twin	Doug Laird (Vic.) 1948 KG.