

2014 NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY

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Planning is underway to make
an unforgettable
National Rally

CITY OF KALGOORLIE- BOULDER OFFERS SUPPORT

Planning is well underway to make your 2014 National Veteran Rally an exceptional event.

With the support of the Goldfields branch of the Veteran Car Club of WA, and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder it promises to offer something new and exciting for a national rally.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder is the first city on Highway One after interstate participants cross the South Australia/Western Australia border on the Nullarbor Plain. If you are worried about the distance to Perth then this reduces it by 600km.

The Eastern Goldfields has all the romance of the 1890s gold rushes whilst still being a modern and progressive inland city.

There is much to see and do in and around Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the rocketing gold price has given the town all the optimism of a new gold rush. This bulletin will provide some details of what we are planning for you.

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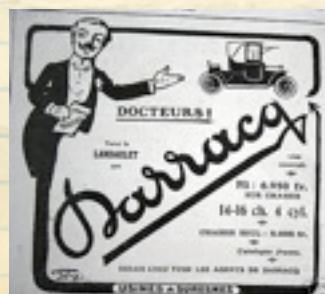


Boulder Town Hall



Mining Hall of Fame

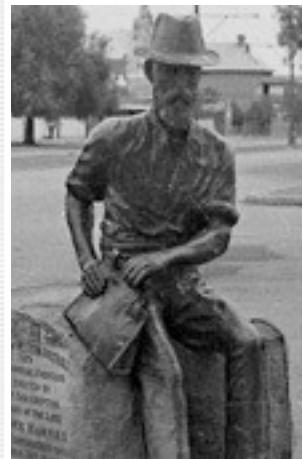
Welcome to the
historic mining
centre of
Kalgoorlie-Boulder
in the famed
Goldfields of
Western Australia



Join the Goldrush to the National Veteran Rally 2014!



Gold rush architecture at Kalgoorlie



Paddy Hannan - local hero!

THE RICHEST SQUARE MILE IN THE WORLD

The discovery of gold in Coolgardie in 1892 and in Kalgoorlie in 1893 created a boom which catapulted Western Australia from a backwater to a thriving economy.

Many of the brave early prospectors pushed wheelbarrows to get to the gold rush. Camels were the ships of the desert and the main street of Kalgoorlie is wide enough to turn around a camel train.

Cars came early to the Goldfields (the State's first four wheeled motor race was held there in 1909) and the legacy of these early years is in the magnificent architecture of the area.

LOTS TO SEE AND DO

Kalgoorlie-Boulder is well served with many museums and historic attractions. The Mining Hall of Fame is a must see attraction and the Museum of the Goldfields documents the rough and tumble history of the gold booms and the gritty prospectors who were lured by that glint of gold. You will enjoy the gold rush architecture and the atmosphere of a gold mining town.

The Super Pit is a sight to behold - it is so big it can be seen from space. You won't believe your eyes.

NOT JUST GOLDEN ATTRACTIONS

Hay Street is just as famous as the Golden Mile and the brothel tour is fascinating - and just a little bit cheeky!

Kalgoorlie-Boulder is also known for its rip-roaring hotels where nuggets were sometimes used as currency. Today, the city has lovely heritage hotels and bars, as well as modern restaurants and even a winery.

GREAT PLACES FOR OUR DAY TRIPS

Surrounding Kalgoorlie-Boulder are ghost towns, and communities with their own rich history.

During the National Veteran Rally 2014 we'll be visiting a few of these places.

For example, Coolgardie was where the rush began. It is not really a ghost town but its main street is quiet today compared with the rip-roaring gold rush days.

ESPERANCE IS JUST DOWN THE ROAD

An added bonus for this rally is that the south coast is just a day's drive to the south of Kalgoorlie. Esperance and its Bay of Isles fringes the western end of the Great Australian Bight and is a very relaxed holiday town.

Your committee
is planning a
Festival of
Motoring with a
week of
activities , plus all
the usual day
runs and social
activities.
A range of
accommodation
options from
economy to
luxury will be
available.

The National Veteran Rally 2014 and the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Motoring Festival

A FULL WEEK OF ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED

An added benefit of the National Veteran Rally 2014 being held in Kalgoorlie-Boulder is that 2014 also marks the centenary of the famed Lake Perkolilli motor racing track 20km north of Kalgoorlie.

Lake Perkolilli is actually a rock hard claypan with a circumference of two miles. The fine grains of clay made a perfectly flat surface for motor racing and races were held from 1914 to 1940.

City-to-city record breaker Norman "Wizard" Smith even set an Australian 24 hour record at Lake Perkolilli in the 1920s.

Except for a few keen locals, Lake Perkolilli was all but forgotten after World War II but in recent years the history of the track has been rediscovered. It is probably the only

early race track in Australia which is still in its original form.

A feature of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Motoring Festival will be a return to Lake Perkolilli by historic race cars including several which raced there in the 1930s.

The "Back to Perko" event will be held on the weekend before the National Veteran Rally so participants can enjoy the atmosphere of this significant centenary.

Motoring historian Graeme Cocks is coordinating the event and is working on a history of Lake Perkolilli to be published in time for the centenary.

If you'd like more information, contact him on 0438 980 859 or gacocks@iinet.net.au.



Racing at Perkolilli in the 1930s



Ford Model A Racer at a recent Lake Perkolilli event.



Fun for all at Perkolilli

Welcome to Kalgoorlie-Boulder!



Kalgoorlie-Boulder has a very active branch of the Veteran Car Club of WA, and the National Veteran Rally 2014 will combine the resources of this branch and the Veteran Section of the Club based in Perth.

The Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia has sealed roads connecting all the major centres and the Indian-Pacific Railway stops at the city twice a week. Perth is a further day's drive to the west if you'd like to extend your stay and see more of the State.



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