

THE VINTAGE GLIDER ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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All is set for the 1979 Vintage Rally.

Jim Robertson is the Official Organizer of the Rally being hosted by the Gliding Club of Victoria as part of its Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

The date is 27th and 28th of October and Benella must be considered a good central locality, and co-ordinates with the Benella Rose Festival.

Benella is a thriving City with a population of approx. 8,500, set in a charming rural centre. There are 6 Hotels, 5 Motels, and 2 Caravan Parks for accommodation, along with bunk house facilities at the Club, for those early enough to book.

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Indications are that this year's Rally will be even better than the last and many of last year's visitors have already indicated their intention of attending.

Those people who were disappointed at not seeing a Primary Glider at last year's Rally as promised, should be happy this year as at least one primary will be there.

Ray Ash writes in answer to Lee Bunting's query of the lost Gnome, built by Edmund Schneider early 50's.

Apparently it has been sighted by Ray while on a truck salvaged from somewhere in the Northern Territory. The Wings are broken beyond repair with complete rot and termite infestation. The fuselage is badly rusted and only the tailplane, which was stored indoors, has survived.

A successful weekend rally for Vintage Gliders and people, was held at the Geelong Gliding Club on July 28th with good attendance.

In days of short supply of Vintage Materials, it may be of interest to some that Casine Glue is obtainable from Perfectus Airscrews of Mason Street, Newport, Victoria. The manufacture and supply of this has practically ceased.

Aircraft Dope - red - white - yellow are being made by Watty of South Australia and B.A.L.M. still can supply some Red dope.

We look forward to a reunion at Benella and again ask all intending visitors to reply before the 8th October 1979 to the organizers

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to assist them to make your visit a happy one.

The A.G.M. and Dinner is planned for Saturday Evening when an election of office bearers will take place along with any other business.

A very reasonable charge of \$5.00 per head for Dinner will be made and we feel sure that a good time will be had by all attending.

Hangar accommodation for Gliders on trailers is available on the field and Tiger Moths will be among the Tug Aircraft available.

Members of the Scout Flying Club are working hard to finish a 20 year survey on their ES49 to attend the Rally.

Ray Ash has now completed his Granau after 4 years of hard labour and will be there.

Cleve Gandy of S.A. will take along a Rhon Ranger Primary.

On behalf of the Vintage Glider Association and Members that assist in this Newsletter, we congratulate the Victorian Gliding Club on its Golden Jubilee, and wish them every success with Vintage Rally '79.

Kevin Sedgman  
President