



## **17<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL HILLMAN RALLY**

**MANNUM, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, FRIDAY 18 OCT – TUESDAY 22 OCT, 2024**

Happy New Year to all rally entrants and Rootes Group drivers. We can now say the Mannum Hillman rally is next year, so here is a little update on progress.

As you have seen on the TV news, the River Murray is in a major flood due to heavy rain in the eastern states last year and Mannum is affected quite seriously. A levee has been constructed down the main street so some businesses are OK and some are not. At this stage, the Mannum Motel, our rally headquarters, is fine and is still open for business. However, the Mannum Caravan Park has the levee right through the middle of it so half is underwater and half is still dry. The peak of the floodwaters is expected next week and the township is optimistic that the levee will hold and that floodwaters will go down in the next month or so. The Caravan Park will probably be closed for business for several months. By the time of our Hillman rally in October 2024, Mannum will really need our support in the form of tourist dollars.





Regarding the rally itself, accommodation is planned to be at the Mannum Motel and at the Mannum Caravan Park which is right opposite the motel. The format will be similar to previous rallies with a Friday evening event, a busy Saturday, a more relaxed Sunday, and a rally dinner on Sunday night. There are a number of interesting activities for Monday and we would encourage everyone to stay for the Monday if you have the time. More details in the future.

In about March or April 2023, when local businesses are back in action, we will call for a deposit for rally entrants and will advise how to book accommodation.

Best Regards,

Steve Freeman and the Rally Committee

Hillman Car Club of SA

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