

# Tri-State gathering for Easter 2019

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Preparations are well under way for our Return to Roto which is at Hillston, not Roto, next Easter. As you may have heard, Roto was chosen in 2001 as being equidistant from Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne. Actually Google maps gives the road distances as 898, 759 and 642 Km from the respective GPOs but it was the Vic. President doing the arithmetic – ‘nuff said.



Hillston Showgrounds, 76Km SSE of ROTO is the camping venue and as usual there are only limited power connections available which will be prioritised to those who have an extraordinary need. There are two showers, ‘plenty’ of toilets and potable water available. The showgrounds is friendly to dogs who are reasonably restrained (ie. On leads) at all times. To find the showgrounds, take a turn to the East off Kidman Way on to The Springs Road just on the south edge

of the town.

There are currently seven trips planned with trip notes prepared. All of those will be driven and corrected in detail in the coming weeks and perhaps some more added. One of those trips includes a stop in Wilandra National Park, so if you’re to be on that trip, you’ll need to leave your fur family with a sitter back at camp.

For supplies, Hillston has an ‘IGA plus Liquor’, a pharmacy, a general store, a greengrocery and a bakery plus a Mobil service station. The nearest alternatives appear to be in Griffith, 110Km south of Hillston, so you’d better stock up if the locals are not satisfactory.

Hillston itself is a town with a great deal of history, mostly related to the railways and its function as a rural hub because of its railways connections. There is a heritage walk and other points of interest which will be covered in later newsletters.



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