

COT RECCE



JULY 2019



COT UPDATE

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SHAKE UP THE MAKE UP

After conducting 6 Classic Outback Trials one would think that they get easier to organise. Well that has not always been the case, but, after conducting our first run around the new course for next year's event, this one was a dream.

Meetings with the 3 shires, Parkes, Orange and Bathurst plus the reception from the Cabonne Shire Tourism and our discussions with Forestry New South Wales could not have been received any better.

When organising an event of this size having a group of individuals around you that you can trust and not have to be concerned about what they do, make me look good. I have said on many many occasions that no Tom Snooks no Event. So he is enthusiastically back on board.

I have been criticized in the past of being out of the driver's seat for too long and didn't understand what the drivers want today. Well I fixed that last year with having David Officer assisting with the stage set ups. This year I am taking another step back and very pleased to announce that David will be assisted in setting the event with Ross Runnalls. Both David and Ross have competed in COTs with Ross winning the event in 2009 sitting beside Terry Naish. Here we have 2 of the cream of Australian Rallying. Welcome Ross into the COT.

SURVEY #1

David (Dinta) Officer and I departed Melbourne on Friday 14th June and met with the Forestry District Manager in Forbes, Steve Campbell that afternoon. We are fortunate that Steve is still managing the shrinking forests around Forbes, Parkes and Condobolin as I have been dealing with him since 2008 and we know each other well. He has again been most helpful.

Saturday we had a look at a couple of forests that we had used before for COT events. Although the country is very dry with areas around Condobolin not seeing rain since March 2017, some of the tracks didn't look as though they had been touched since we were last there! The problem with these tracks is that we have no idea what they will be like in 14 months time.

CLASSIC OUTBACK TRIAL COMPRISES OF FOUR SEPARATE COMPETITIONS:

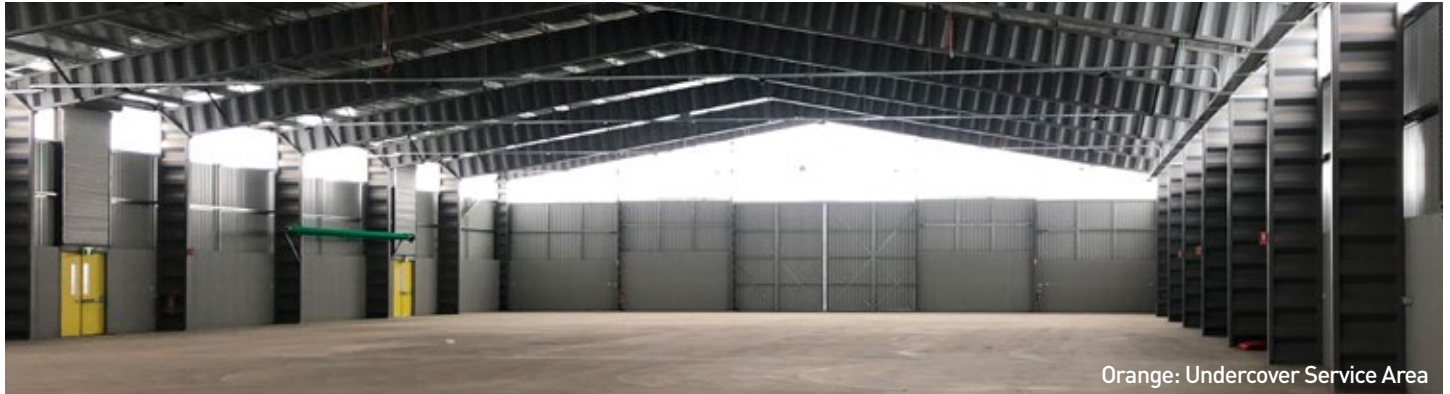
1. **Classic** for two-wheel drive and non-turbocharged cars up to the mid-to-late 80s (CAMS Historic, Classic and PRC Early Cars)
2. **Modern** for all other cars (CAMS Club and PRC Late and Modern Cars)
3. **Regularity** for four wheel drive and sports utilities vehicles
4. **Tagalong Tour**

We met up with 2 property owners and they both have offered full support in making their tracks available. After looking at another forest that we have not used before, it appears we will be able to get another great stage for the end of day 2.

Sunday we drove north to Peak Hill and onto what was one of the best stages used in the 2010 event. Phil Rainer and I spent 2 days in there producing a mud map then working out how we could get maximum kilometres out of it. After the boys clear several fallen trees it will again be a great 40 km stage. The only downside was the number of kangaroos we encountered. They are not an endangered species at least in this part of the country

Monday morning was a meeting with the Events Officer at the Parkes Council office. Again the assistance was great. Civic reception and closing the street for the formal Sunday start will make our stay in Parkes another great experience. We then drove east from Parkes and found a great 15 km shire road between 2 mountain ranges. Cross your fingers that we will be successful in obtaining permission to close it down. Then off to Molong and we had the pleasure of meeting with Peter Crich and his wife Anne Marie. Peter has run and organised rallies around this area for AMSAG

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Orange: Undercover Service Area

and other events for many years and has made our search for roads much, much easier.

After a scrumptious lunch with Peter and Anne Marie, we headed north to have a look at a forest that has great potential.

We then travelled to Orange to a meeting with Tourism Manager Glenn Mickle. Again the reception was wonderful. He made suggestions on the best accommodation and where we could conduct service and start finish areas. We will have a full undercover

service area which will make all the service crews very happy.

Tuesday - after meeting with the Mercure Manager and a site inspection of the great facilities of the Motel and the Ex Services Club next door, we headed on to Bathurst. Again first was a meeting with the Manager of the Information Centre, Daniel Cove. We could not have asked for a better reception. Plenty of advice as to where to have our HQ, servicing and the big Saturday night

presentation. Armed with his information we set forth to check out the local facilities.

First up was the Rydges Hotel situated at 1 Conrod Straight! What a location! Our location for the rally HQ with the Mount Panorama pits next door, and the pits will be the competitors service area for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. What a perfect location.

As I said a trip that makes the event so much easier to arrange. It's now over to David and Ross to put it all together!

EVENT HEADQUARTERS AND ACCOMMODATION

Remember when booking your accommodation, mention the COT event



PARKES

6th to 11th August

We are again utilising the Comfort Inn Parkes International on the Newell Highway. This was the headquarters for the 2014 event and offers us all the comfort of home with plenty of parking space. Documentation is here for the Thursday 6th Friday 7th and Saturday 8th.

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ORANGE

11th to 13 August

The Mercure in Byng Street right in the centre of town with the Ex Services Club conveniently next door.

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BATHURST

13th to 16th August

The best accommodation in Bathurst - Rydges situated at 1 Conrod Straight. Special rates available, however they cannot take bookings until 12 months out.

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NOMINATIONS

What a great confidence boost to the organising committee (the 3 of us) with the 20 early bird nominations filled so quickly. Thank you all.

Since then we now have 27 nominations as listed below. Due to time restrictions we are limiting the entries to 60, so, to ensure your spot complete the nomination forms on the website together with the \$1,000 deposit to

guarantee your spot. PLEASE list your name when making direct debits.

The pre-regs will be available by the end of July, and will cover administration, entry, vehicle eligibility and signs of vehicles.

DRIVER FIRST	LAST	STATE	CODRIVER FIRST	LAST	STATE	VEHICLE MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	CLASS
Michael	Arundel	VIC	Simon	Healey	VIC	Ford	Mustang	1969	Classic
Shane	Attwell	WA	David	Moir	WA	Ford	Falcon GT	1971	Classic
Gerry	Bashford	VIC	TBA	TBA		Ford	Escort		Regularity
Warren	Briggs	UK	TBA	TBA		Ford	Mustang	1965	Classic
Brian	Canny	VIC	Stephen	Canny	QLD	Porsche	944	1983	Classic
Michael	Coates	SA	Justin	Coates	SA	Layland	P76	1973	Classic
John	Cooper	NSW	Ross	Warner	NSW	Ford	Falcon	1979	Classic
Hilary	Evans	VIC	Doug	Fernie	VIC	Datsun	1600 SSS	1971	Classic
Tony	Gilfuis	WA	TBA	TBA		Ford	Escort		Classic
Kim	Harper	VIC	Alex	Kovacevic	VIC	Ford	Escort RS2000	1972	Classic
John	Henderson	NSW	Jeff	West	NSW	Volvo	144 DL	1974	Classic
Tony	Jordan	NSW	Richard	Davidson	NSW	Triumph	Stag	1974	Classic
Adam	Kaplan	NSW	Aleshia	Penney	NSW	Mazda	RX7	1985	Classic
Tim	Kennon	VIC	Chris	Lee	VIC	BMW	3211		Regularity
David	McKenzie	VIC	Terry	Brain	VIC	Chrysler	Galant	1973	Classic
Robert	Mifsud	NSW	Starr	Mifsud	NSW	Datsun	Stanza	1981	Classic
Jorge	Perez Companc	ARG	Jose	Volta	ARG	Ford	Escort Mk2	1978	Classic
Tim	Shepherd	VIC	Bruce	Shepherd	VIC	Peugeot	505	1985	Classic
Justyn	Snooks	QLD	Steuart	Snooks	VIC	Nissan	Stanza	1979	Classic
Trevor	Stilling	NSW	TBA	TBA		Datsun			Classic
Ian	Swan	VIC	Val	Swan	VIC	Volvo	242	1075	Classic
Andrew	Travis	NSW	David	Travis	NSW	Nissan	Gazalle	1984	Classic
Michael	Valantine	NSW	TBA	TBA	NSW	Datsun	Stanze	1980	Classic
Joel	Wald	VIC	Chris	Ellis	VIC	Datsun	Stanza	1978	Classic
Graham	Wallis	VIC	Brian	Ward	VIC	Peugeot	309 GTI 16	1989	Classic
Michael	Ward	VIC	John	Fraser	NSW	Toyota	Corolla	1976	Classic
Pat	Cole	NSW	Bradley	Cole	NSW	Mercedes	280SL	1968	Classic

INTERNATIONALS

We have again received a great amount of interest from our international friends. Confirmation that Viking Motorsport will be again be transporting the brilliant 1978 Mk2 Escort and great news that Warren Briggs will be making the trip down under and will be building a car for next year's event.

It's a long way from Europe to Oz, but looking at 2 events over this side might make the trip more interesting. The Silverfern Rally is

perfectly timed 3 months after the COT.

The format for the Silverfern 2020 event is set as a seven day rally with more than 1,000 km of special stage distance and approximately 2,000 km of touring. The route is still to be confirmed as once the course is set more information will be posted. If you are keen to join in this amazing adventure then register your expression of interest and keep up to date via their social media and regular newsletters.

If you have any queries please contact the office or email info@silverfernally.co.nz

2020 Provisional Dates

Saturday, 21st November: Documentation
Sunday, 22nd – Saturday 28th: Leg 1 – Leg 7