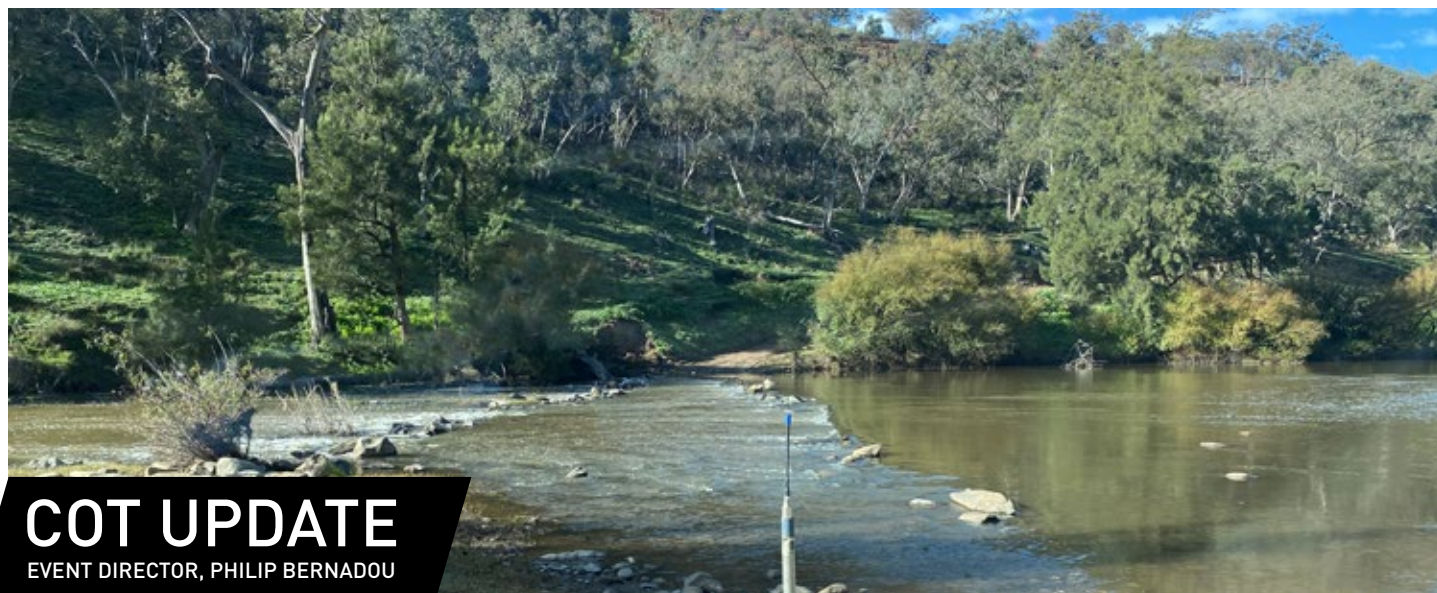


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JUNE 2020



COT UPDATE

EVENT DIRECTOR, PHILIP BERNADOU

DATE CHANGE FOR THE BEST...

What a world we live in! We are extremely fortunate to live in Australia. Fortunate because our rather unique way of life, small population, wide open spaces with limited population crowding so we could control the virus.

As most of those who receive this Newsletter will be aware we have postponed the COT from August to November. This was announced on 1 June and the relevant release is on the COT website.

With the later date the prospects of having a Welcome function and a Presentation dinner are highly likely, which was not the case if the event was conducted in August. We have arranged a booking for the Presentation dinner at the Mt Panorama facility which is a great location right opposite Rydges on Pit Straight and has plenty of parking!

As previously advised, we are restricted to a maximum field of 60 vehicles due to road closure times on shire roads so if you are serious about entering get your entry or nomination form in to guarantee your place in the last COT.

Please ensure that if you haven't already done so, **confirm with me that you are still able to compete on the new November date.**

The past few weeks have been very busy for the organising team, David and I have spent

the past week completing and checking the road books after being rained out 5 weeks ago around Condobolin and Orange.

It was my first opportunity to be driven over the stages that David and Ross found late last year. What a job they have done. We were blessed with superb dry weather, although a bit chilly. A great mixture of stages is on offer for this year's COT, from some tight property tracks through scrub to flat out on large properties; to tight forestry around Condobolin to the totally different style of forestry roads around Orange and Bathurst, and then there are the 11 shire roads! There is something for everyone. A true COT event. It will come down to vehicle preparation, the driver reading the roads accurately and the co-driver reading the road book with precision. If one fails that will be it. So to win you will have to excel in all 3 aspects. Day 5 has 5 shire roads and Day 6 is possibly the best day with some magnificent pine forest roads.

The infamous 50km Back Yamma on the third day, was a bit greasy and amazingly we only saw 4 kangaroos in the forest! However they are still out there in vast numbers along with a few feral pigs. We spent the best part of 2 hours clearing fallen trees, a good workout. As reported on Facebook that after 8 years and 10 events we finally removed the

overhanging tree. Why did it take so long?

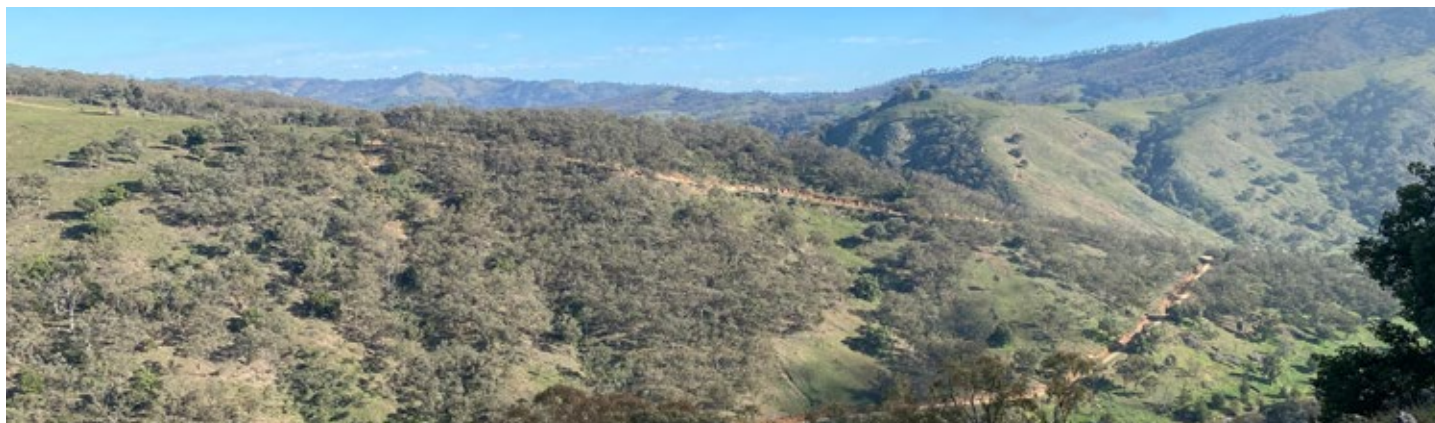
Thanks to Tim Kennon, we were introduced to John Kennedy, of Parkes, who has offered his vast open area and shed for scrutiny. It will make Graeme Palmer and his assistants job much easier.

Steve Hollowood has taken on the mantle of Road Director for the very popular Regularity event running in conjunction with the Classic Rally, again supported by ERCA. Steve with Bruce Keys left a few days earlier than David and I, checking out suitable roads and starting a road book. We currently have 15 starters and I am sure with the later date the numbers will increase. Steve's report also follows.



Removing a trip hazard

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NEW TRACKS FROM DINTA

Phil and I set off for Condobolin on Saturday 23rd May to finalise the COT 2020 road book. We re-jigged a couple of stages to avoid an area we were bogged in last trip and some water damaged areas as there had been quite a bit of rain. No-one in the area is complaining though, they were desperate for it. These two pictures are in exactly the same location, the first one in February, the second in April.

We have ended up with 33 special stages, one third of which are magnificent shire stages. For those whose mathematics are poor, that's 11 shire stages! Our next step is the Motorsport Australia course check with Ross Runnalls at a date to be determined, hopefully after winter as it can get very cool in the area of the event at night. I'm not sure that Phil is looking forward to sitting in the back of the Pajero for a week. I may have to let him drive occasionally! I suggest getting your entry in ASAP as this will be the last COT and I believe we will have a full field.

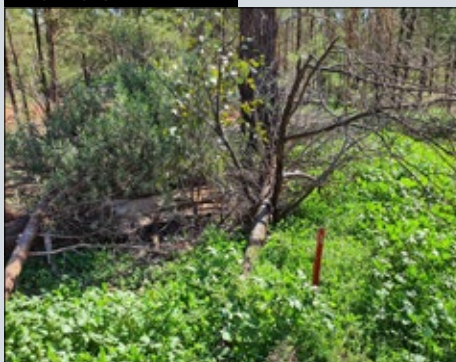
Cheers, Dinta.

David (Dinta) Officer,
Assist. Clerk of Course

Before the rain



After the rain



REGULARITY REPORT FROM STEVE

After weeks of COVID-19 lockdown, Bruce Keys and I were very happy to hit the road in late May to do the route survey for the COT20 Regularity event.

Previous COT Regularity entrants have included marques like MG, Bentley, Austin Healey and Morgan. So, we were looking for sections that would both challenge regularity competitors and give them some fun – while keeping in mind that they are NOT full house special stage rally cars.

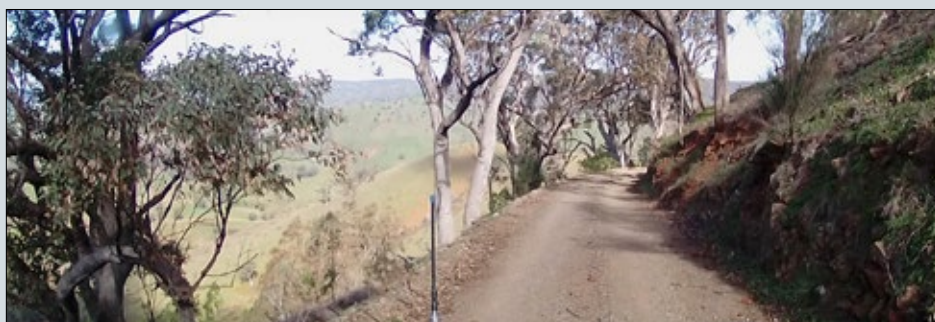
We've chosen a mix of rally special stages and dedicated regularity sections, including both forest and shire road sections. Competitors will do three or four regularities a day, most of which will have multiple tests.

We had terrific autumn weather for the trip, but, they've had a bit of rain up there – Central-west NSW is looking great and the barley and wheat crops will be well advanced when the event runs.

Some of the COT sections are just spectacular... we were in awe of what we saw. I guess one advantage of COT Regularity is that crews can enjoy some of that amazing scenery – unlike the drivers in the COT Rally.

We're looking forward to heading back for the roadbook check in a couple of months – especially if restrictions have lifted further and we don't have to eat take-away Chinese in our motel rooms!

Steve Hollowood,
Road Director



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NOMINATIONS

This is shaping up to be one of the best events we've conducted. With the great forest, properties and shire roads the challenge will be there to preserve cars and crews over the 7 days. Attached is the total

list of nominations. Thank you all.

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 sup-regs are available now](#), and cover administration, entry, vehicle eligibility and decals on vehicles.

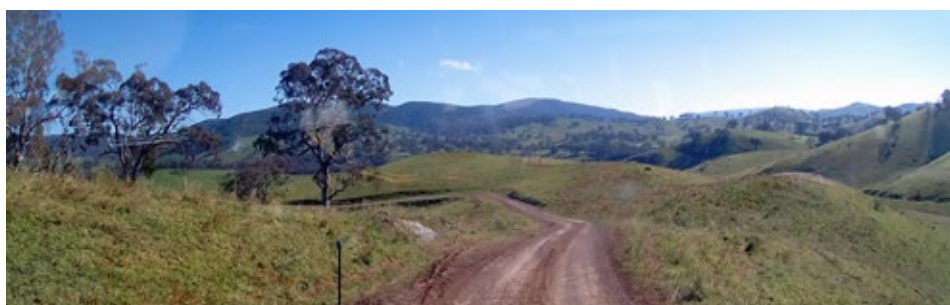
DRIVER FIRST	LAST	STATE	CODRIVER FIRST	LAST	STATE	VEHICLE MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	CLASS
Michael	Arundel	VIC	Simon	Healey	VIC	Ford	Mustang	1969	Classic
Shane	Attwell	WA	David	Moir	WA	Ford	Falcon GT	1971	Classic
Gerry	Bashford	VIC	Ted	Perkins	VIC	Ford	Escort	TBA	Classic
Stuart	Bowes	SA	Jeremy	Browne	SA	Mercedes	450 SLC	1975	Classic
Brian	Canny	VIC	Stephen	Canny	QLD	Porsche	944	1983	Classic
Michael	Coates	SA	Justin	Coates	SA	Leyland	P76	1973	Classic
Pat	Cole	NSW	Bradley	Cole	NSW	Mercedes	280SL	1968	Classic
John	Cooper	NSW	Ross	Warner	NSW	Ford	Falcon	1979	Classic
Neil	Cuthbert	VIC	Sue	Cuthbert	VIC	Datsun	200 B	1977	Classic
Kurt	Dujardyn	BEL	TBA		BEL	Porsche	911	1979	Classic
Hilary	Evans	VIC	Doug	Fernie	VIC	Datsun	1600 SSS	1971	Classic
Tony	Gilfuis	WA	TBA			Ford	Escort	TBA	Classic
Peter	Glennie	NSW	Peter	Clark	NSW	Datsun	1200 Coupe	1972	Classic
Jorn	Granger	QLD				Ford	Capri Perana	1970	Classic
Greg	Hannah	VIC	Jacqui	Collihole	VIC	Holden	Commodore	1981	Classic
Kim	Harper	VIC	Alex	Kovacevic	VIC	Ford	Escort RS 2000	1972	Classic
David	Hills	NSW	Ben	Richards	NSW	Ford	Escort RS 1800	1976	Classic
John	Hills	NSW	Michael	Tuckey	NSW	Ford	Escort RS 1800	1976	Classic
Tony	Jordan	NSW	Richard	Davidson	NSW	Triumph	Stag	1974	Classic
Adam	Kaplan	NSW	Aleshia	Penney	NSW	Mazda	RX7	1985	Classic
Bruce	Lake	WA	Peter	Hall	WA	Datsun	240Z	1973	Classic
David	McKenzie	VIC	Terry	Brain	VIC	Chrysler	Galant	1973	Classic
Robert	Mifsud	NSW	Starr	Mifsud	NSW	Datsun	Stanza	1981	Classic
Peter	Neal	NSW	Craig	Whyburn	NSW	Subaru	WRX	1998	Allcomers
Jorge	Perez Companc	ARG	Jose	Volta	ARG	Ford	Escort Mk2	1978	Classic
Mark	Pickering	NSW	Dave	Boddy	NSW	Datsun	240Z	1973	Classic
Neil	Schey	VIC	Scott	Middleton	VIC	Ford	Escort RS2000	1985	Classic
Tim	Shepherd	VIC	Bruce	Shepherd	VIC	Peugeot	505	1985	Classic
Ian	Swan	VIC	Col	Gow	VIC	Volvo	242	1075	Classic
Andrew	Travis	NSW	David	Travis	NSW	Nissan	Gazelle	1984	Classic
Michael	Valantine	NSW	TBA			Datsun	Stanza	1980	Classic
Joost	Van Cauwenberge	BEL	Jacques	Castelein	BEL	Porsche	911	1972	Classic
Michael	Verge	VIC	Ewen	McPherson	VIC	Holden	Commodore	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
Murray	Young	QLD	Paul	McBean	QLD	Datsun	180B SSS	1973	Classic

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NOMINATIONS (REGULARITY)

DRIVER FIRST	LAST	STATE	CODRIVER FIRST	LAST	STATE	VEHICLE MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	CLASS
Phillip	Blunden		Lynda	Blunden		Holden	EH	1964	Regularity
John	Crighton	QLD	Marian	Crighton	QLD	MG	MGB GT	1972	Regularity
Bill	Gill	SA	Kathy	Gill	SA	Mercedes	350 SLC	1972	Regularity
Blair	Healy	VIC	Mary	Healy	VIC	Peugeot	404	1964	Regularity
Warren	Herrick	NSW	Glenda	Lawrence	NSW	Holden	Commodore VB	1979	Regularity
Tim	Kennon	VIC	Chris	Lee	VIC	BMW	321i		Regularity
Phil	Macwhirter	VIC	Laurette	Macwhirter	VIC	Alfa	Giulia	1970	Regularity
Paul	Kirkham	VIC	Mariella	Kirkham	VIC	Datsun	510	1970	Regularity
Bruce	Power		Jill	Robillard		Chevrolet	Master 85	1939	Regularity
Andrew	Raper		Stuart	McDonald		Ford	Fairlane	TBA	Regularity
Marti	Shelton	QLD	Barry	Shelton	QLD	Ford	Delux Coupe	1941	Regularity
Jan	Sinclair		Anne	Sinclair		Holden	Monaro	1971	Regularity
Rhys	Timms	VIC	TBA			MG	SA	1936	Regularity
Mark	Westbrook		TBA			Holden	Commodore	1980	Regularity
Heather	Worth	NZ	Jo	Worth	NZ	Volvo	Amazon	TBA	Regularity



TAGALONG

There has been great interest in this fantastic tour around Central and Mid-Western NSW. With only 8 positions available don't leave it too late to make your bookings if you are interested in this feature of COT. All the information is on our website: [Tagalong](#).



ACCOMMODATION

With the change of dates we will not have access to the convention room at the Bushman's Motel in Parkes due to a bus load of visitors arriving at the same time, so we will advise at a later date where our Headquarters in Parkes will be located.

The Services Club on Orange, part of Mercure Motel, and Rydges in Bathurst are still the event headquarters in those towns.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, accommodation is getting tight as people are starting to plan their future travel so don't leave it too late to organise yours.: [Website](#).

