

COT RECCE



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COT UPDATE

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THE WORD OF THE YEAR "FRUSTRATION"

I do apologise for not sending out a newsletter earlier, but there has been little to talk about. That's not to say that we have not been sitting back twiddling our thumbs. I don't think we have ever been more organised to conduct a COT.

However, we still have to get out of Melbourne and Victoria to conduct the

Motorsport Australia course check and Steve Hollowood has still to do another run through to finalise the Regularity road book.

I have been advised that the Elvis Festival, that was to take place in Parkes the following week of our departure, has now been postponed for 2021. They were expecting a lot of Internationals to attend and the total uncertainty of what the future holds, the

Parkes Shire Council have made the call to cancel. This is very disappointing for all concerned as the event is one of the largest festivals in regional NSW.

This means that Parkes will be more than happy to see the COT roll into town. There is still plenty of accommodation in all 3 towns.

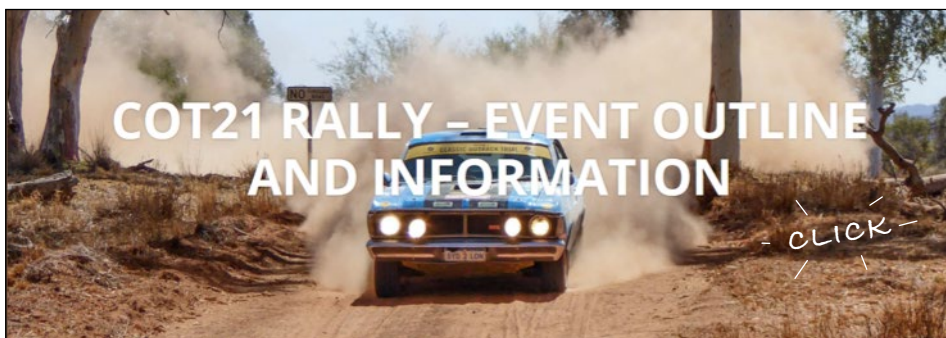
Had the event been conducted on the original date in August we would have had to cancel the first 2 days of competition due to the several mm of rain that fell the prior week. It also would have been a bit chilly with a dump of snow around Orange and Bathurst. Someone is looking after us!

Bruce Keys and Steve Hollowood have added some very helpful information regarding the 4 categories below that we are conducting in the next COT.

- Classic**
- Allcomers**
- Regularity**
- Tagalong Tour**

If you are interested, or know of anyone who could be interested, please get them to check out the links on the front page of our website so they can participate in the LAST COT. Every question answered, even ones you didn't ask!! If you haven't entered, there is a category for you.

Let's see what others of our inner sanctum have been doing:



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TOM SNOOKS, CLERK OF THE COURSE:

"There is not a great deal one has been able to work on with the COT, but once November arrives it will be time to again put one's nose to the grindstone to get the event up and ready for March. This will be necessary as a number of us are also involved with the Targa Florio Australia Tribute, postponed from this November to late February - so late in fact it finishes on Sunday 28 February and we are off to Parkes the following Wednesday, so we need to be COT organised well in advance to avoid administrative duty clashes.

Like Steve my (thin grey) hair has grown considerably. I intend to have a photograph taken of it before attending the hairdresser when the Lockdown is lifted, so that I can present a pic of me at a very old age with a full head of hair to my two (hairless) sons Stuart and Justyn!!!!

What have I been doing - well, being in Lockdown Mode in Melbourne my time has been spent writing up a history of my time of involvement at Targa Tasmania (1993-2003) and Classic Adelaide (2002-



Arrival of the Quiet Achiever at the Sydney Opera House at the end of its 4000km journey

2005). The former is complete and waiting to be loaded on the website, and the latter well developed at time of writing. These will appear in due course on my website (tomsnooks.com.au) - which already has my write-ups of the 1971 and 1972 Dulux Rallies, the 1966-1980 Southern Cross Rallies, 1976-1980 Total Oil Economy Run and the 1968-1988 Australian Rally

Championship (the time span of my involvement with that series) and the crossing from Perth to Sydney of the Quiet Achiever - the first crossing of a continent of a solar powered car, featuring Larry Perkins and Hans Tholstrup - a fascinating story."

DAVID (DINTA) OFFICER, ASSIST EVENT DIRECTOR:

"What a year to forget! We may have dodged a bullet though with our original COT date as Condobolin had 20 mm of rain on the Saturday before the event was to start!

Our route is pretty much now completely set although we may have to adjust some of the pine forest sections depending on the location of timber harvesting operations. Phil and I just need to be able to get up there when we are allowed to check a few details before the official course check.

If you are considering entering may I suggest you get a deposit in to hold your place. This will definitely be the last COT and I believe it will be the most memorable. In all probability we will have a full field with so many people starved of rallying this year. All your vehicles should be ultra-reliable with the preparation time you have been able to put in!

That's about all from me, I know we are all looking forward to the event and I can't wait to bring it on."

STEVE HOLLOWOOD, REGULARITY ROAD DIRECTOR, WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA:

"What have I been doing during lockdown? Missing haircuts... and unfortunately I now look a bit too like Sir John Kerr..."

We've done a few updates to the website. There are new information packs about both the COT special stage and regularity events to help you decide which one to do. Even those who have already nominated will find them interesting - especially Dinta's favourite special stage each day!

Mostly we've been watching and waiting to see when we can get into NSW to finish the Regularity roadbook - we still have sections to complete and then, a course check! Lots still to do. And, I have a granddaughter in Wagga Wagga I need to see. All dependent on the border opening. Soon hopefully..."



OFFICIALS:

Over the past many months there have been several trips to the COT lockup, within my 5km radius, to sort out all the equipment required to conduct the course. The road officials will be happy to know that the 140 droppers have been painted and a larger hole drilled at the top to accommodate the plastic ties.

10 Road Official kits have been bagged containing all the control boards, caution boards, lots of left and right arrows and all the equipment necessary to conduct a stage. For the first time road closure boards, manufactured to shire specifications, have been produced to allow us to close the several shire roads.

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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	CO DRIVER FIRST	LAST	STATE	VEHICLE MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	CLASS
Richard	Anderson	QLD	Martin	Darch	Qld	Alfa	Alfa 75	1988	Classic
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	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	QLD	Bradley	Cole	NSW	Mercedes	280SL	1968	Classic
John	Cooper	NSW	Ross	Warner	NSW	Ford	Falcon	1979	Classic
Andy	Crane	NSW		TBA		Peugeot	504	1970	Classic
Simon	Crane	VIC	Alison	Thomas	VIC	Mitsubishi	Galant	1970	Classic
Luke	Dimech	QLD	Neil	Dimech	QLD	Holden	HT GTS Monaro Coupe	1969	Classic
Gordon	Duglas	VIC		TBA		Ford	Escort	1978	Classic
Hilary	Evans	VIC	Doug	Fernie	VIC	Datsun	1600 SSS	1971	Classic
Kerry	Finn	QLD		TBA		Volvo	142	1967	Classic
Robert	Garnsworthy	VIC	John	Teasedale	VIC	Ford	Mustang	1970	Classic
Peter	Glennie	NSW	Peter	Clark	NSW	Datsun	1200 Coupe	1972	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
Paul	Lahiff	VIC		TBA		Toyota	Altezza RS200	2000	Allcomers
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
Mark	Pickering	NSW	Dave	Boddy	NSW	Datsun	240Z	1973	Classic
John	Rawson	VIC	Jenny	Pollock	VIC	Nissan	Stanza	1979	Classic
Ben	Seehusen	VIC	Cameron	Langley	VIC	VW	Beetle	1967	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
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
Stephen	Lambert		Ruth	Lambert		BMW	2002 Touring	1972	Regularity
Phil	Macwhirter	VIC	Laurette	Macwhirter	VIC	Alfa	Giulia	1970	Regularity
Paul	Kirkham	VIC	Mariella	Kirkham	VIC	Datsun	510	1970	Regularity
Bruce	Power	ACT	Jill	Robillard	ACT	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



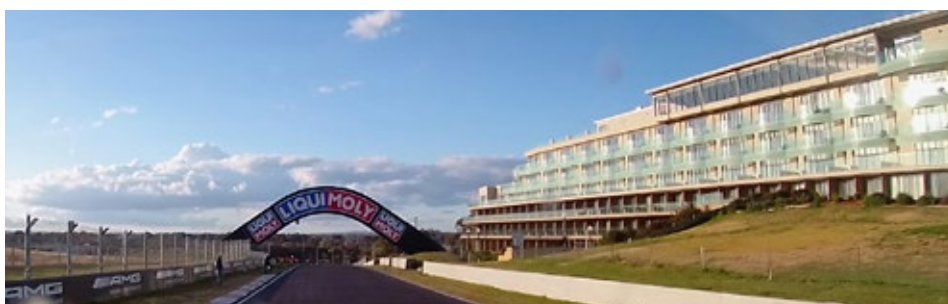
TAGALONG

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 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](#).



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