

COT RECCE



MAY 2019



COT UPDATE

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It's on again!!

After much consultation with competitors, service crews, and of course analysing the overall costs to compete in Australia's only marathon gravel rally, we have decided to take the COT back home to the wonderful roads of Outback NSW.

Although the course is still to be finalised, the event will still carry on the tradition of 7 days of competition with 5 special stages per day.

The event will start in Parkes, New South Wales, on Saturday 8th August with the ceremonial start followed by the Prologue and the welcome function capping off the day.

After two intense days of competition around Parkes and to the west, using some of the great roads of the 2012 and 2014 COT, we will be heading east to Orange. Here the event will use some of the fabulous countryside for two more hotly contested days around this vast area before moving on for the final three days around the famous motorsport hub of Bathurst. Gone are the car destroying sand hills and unrelenting terrain of the Red Centre.

David Officer and I will be heading off on our first survey on 13th June and will be able to fill you in with accommodation details and lots lots more.

The event Headquarters in Parkes will once again be at the Quality Inn Parkes International. Bookings are available phone: 02 6862 5222. Don't forget to mention the *Classic Outback Trial*!

As advised in the previous newsletter a rough itinerary is:

Parkes, August 2020

- Thursday 6 - Documentation and scrutiny
- Friday 7 - Documentation and scrutiny
- Saturday 8 - Documentation, scrutiny, the ceremonial start, Prologue and evening welcome function
- Sunday 9 - 1st day of competition
- Monday 10 - 2nd day of competition
- Tuesday 11 - move to **Orange** - 3rd day of competition
- Wednesday 12 - 4th day of competition
- Thursday 13 move to **Bathurst** - 5th day of competition
- Friday 14 - 6th day of competition
- Saturday 15 - 7th day of competition followed by evening presentation dinner

There will be 4 events happening over the week: **Classic, Modern, Regularity and Tagalong Tour.**

Nominations for the Modern and Regularity categories will depend on a *minimum of 15 entries per category*. Should we not receive this number, all monies paid will be fully refunded. Attached is the Nomination forms for Classic and Modern categories.

Classic and Modern entry fee payable for Australian and foreign entries:

Early Bird Entry Fee: \$A6,000*

\$A4,000 by 15th July 2019
(Nomination \$A1,000 + \$A3,000)
Applicable to the first 20 nominations.
Balance to be paid before 30 June 2020.

Regular Entry Fee: \$A7,500*

\$A1,000 Nomination will guarantee an entry in the event. Balance to be paid before close of entries.

Field maximum 60

* Periodic payment arrangements can be made with the organisers.

Entry Fee Includes:

- CAMS Permit Fee which covers CAMS Public and Products Liability Insurance and CAMS Personal Accident Insurance;
- set of competition road books;
- hire of RallySafe unit (not including wiring loom, antennas and mounting kit);
- entry to pre-event welcome reception for all crew, service crew members and officials;
- two tickets to the presentation;
- registration of one service crew and one set of service instructions;
- apparel (eg: cap and polo shirt for each competing crew member);

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Eligible Vehicles

Any person interested in entering the event is encouraged to submit details of the vehicle to the organisers to check on its eligibility and receive confirmation in writing if it is eligible for the event, providing confidence to prepare the vehicle.

Classic Outback Trial – For 2WD (Non-Turbocharged) Vehicles

- Group 1 – Historic Rally Cars (to 31 December 1980)
 - H1 – Historic Cars prior to 1 January 1968
 - H2 – Historic Cars 1 January 1968 to 31 December 1980
- Group 2 – Classic Rally Cars (to 31 December 1989).
 - C1 – Authentic Classic 2WD Cars
 - C2 – Modified Classic 2WD Cars
- Group 3 – Production Rally Cars Early (prior to 1 January 1986)

Classic Outback Modern – For 2WD And 4WD (Including Turbocharged) Vehicles

- Group 4 – Classic C3 and C4 Rally Cars (any year)
- Group 5 – Club Rally Cars (any year)
- Group 6 – Production Rally Cars Late 2WD & 4WD (1 January 1986 to prior to 1 January 2009)
- Group 7 – Production Rally Cars Modern 2WD & 4WD (1 January 2009 on)
- Group 8 – Other suitable 2WD & 4WD vehicles accepted at the discretion of the organisers.

All turbo-charged 4WD cars must be fitted with a restrictor. Refer to CAMS Rally Manual on the website under Rally/Road at Vehicles General (RMVG) Article 3.1.

COT Regularity

This event proved to be very popular on the last COT and gaining more interest in other organised events, we are again considering conducting a

regularity category in the 2020 event.

It will also be conducted over the 7 days and will incorporate the majority of the COT special stages. Any vehicle suitable for outback driving is eligible and will be divided into Categories at the discretion of the organisers. There is no need for safety equipment as used in rally cars (e.g.: safety harnesses, helmets, rollover protection)

All vehicles are to be fitted with RallySafe equipment, allowing tracking to be carried out by the COT central control, and a medical service, if required, will be provided by the COT medical team.

Early Bird Entry Fee: \$5,000*

\$2,500 by 15 July, 2019
(Nomination \$500 + \$2,000)
Balance to be paid before 30 June 2020.

Regular Entry Fee: \$6,500*

\$500 Nomination.
This will guarantee an entry in the event.
Balance to be paid before close of entries.

Should we not receive 15 nominations, all monies paid will be fully refunded.

* Periodic payment arrangements can be made with the organisers

Entry Fee Includes:

- CAMS Permit Fee which covers CAMS Public and Products Liability Insurance and CAMS Personal Accident Insurance;
- set of regularity competition road books;
- hire of RallySafe unit (not including wiring loom, antennas and mounting kit);
- entry to pre-event welcome reception for all crew, service crew members and officials;
- two tickets to the presentation;
- apparel (eg: cap and polo shirt for each competing crew member);

Tagalong with the Classic Outback Trial

If you or your vehicle aren't ready for this year's full-on Classic Outback Trial in August, then why not tagalong?

The Classic Outback Trial Tagalong Tour will commence in Parkes on the morning of Sunday 9th August and finish in Bathurst with the Classic Outback Tour (COT) Gala Presentation on the evening of Saturday 15th August.

Starting in Parkes on Sunday 9th August 2020, the tour will head south then a loop north and finish back in Parkes for the night; then head north, east and south for the next four days and nights, camping at various overnight locations. The tour will finish in Bathurst on Saturday 15th August.

The Tour will be for participants in four-wheel drive and Sports Utility Vehicles (SUV) and will, in part, pass through private property over special stages used in the COT. The maximum speed permitted on private property or State Forests will be 80km/h.

All vehicles are to be fitted with RallySafe equipment, allowing tracking to be carried out by the COT central control, and a medical service, if required, will be provided by the COT medical team.

There is no need for safety equipment as used in rally cars (e.g.: safety harnesses, helmets, roll over protection) – any road registered vehicle may be entered in the Tagalong Tour.

Provision can be made for fly in-fly out participants, with hiring a 4WD vehicle, including camping gear if required. This cost is not included in the entry fee.

Please email me philip@classicoutbacktrial.com.au to register your interest. We need a minimum of 10 vehicles for the event to proceed by 31 December 2019