

COT RECCE



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COT UPDATE

EVENT DIRECTOR, PHILIP BERNADOU

IT'S A GO!

And just when we thought it was over! With the restrictions easing and NSW allowing us Vics to enter their state, Steve Hollowood ventured off to do a check of the Regularity road book and find some more interesting stages. More from Steve and the Regularity later.

The event is looking great. All the shire councils have approved our use of the fantastic shire roads, "subject to".....

One of the "subject to"... was to visit and contact all the homes along the shire roads and personally advise them of the dates and times of the road closures. Wednesday last week we have for the past 4 days been knocking on all residents. The general census has been very positive with a couple of complaints, which we will overcome, so Sunday 7th March is a big GO.

I may have said on a couple of occasions at the end of past COT events that this is it. No more. Well here we are again, however, I can say categorically that this is it. No More, Fineto, done and dusted!

The entries are looking great with 48 COT and 18 regularity nominations and another 15 + that have indicated that they intend to enter, so we are getting very close to the 60 COT entries cap that we are limited to with the road closure times.

David Officer, Ross Runnalls and I will be departing Melbourne on January 18th to start the Motorsport Australia Course Check. Everything is in order. Hopefully it will be an easy run through without too many road book changes before being sent to the printers. The main team of Tom Snooks, David Officer, Steve Hollowood and I will be heading to Parkes on Wednesday 3rd March, to set up the documentation room and scrutiny before we start welcoming all

the competitors and officials as they arrive into Parkes. Drivers briefing will be held on Saturday arvo followed by the Prologue then the welcome function at 6pm.

Sunday morning at 8.15 am the flag will drop on car 1 to begin the 7th running of the 2021 Classic Outback Trial. Let the fun begin.

Louise and I wish you and your families all the very best for Christmas. Have a very safe one and a great New Year.

THE BOOK

What a labour of love! Finally the book has been checked and checked again and is now being printed with the same printers in Hong Kong that produced the 2016 book. The 2018 book is bigger and contains all the information and photos from the COT, Regularity and Tagalong tour. They are shipping mid January and we will have them at Parkes for the documentation and will be posting them out to all competitors and officials that will not be at the COT in March. It will be well worth the wait.



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DAVID (DINTA) OFFICER, ASSIST EVENT DIRECTOR:

March 2021 is fast approaching. I wish all competitors and officials a very Merry Christmas and I hope Santa brings you some horsepower!

Phil, Ross and I are off to Parkes on the 18th January for the official Motorsport Australia course check. We may have to rejig a couple of sections due to the recent rains and the sale of the property which was to host the very first special stage. I'm confident that we have arranged a suitable alternative though.

There appears to be some confusion over the use of sequential gearboxes in the COT. A careful read of the regulations, both ours and Motorsport Australia, will reveal the following:

- Motorsport Australia regulations for PRC cars state that the gearbox is free;
- Motorsport Australia regulations and COT2020 Supplementary Regulations state that sequential gearboxes are not permitted in Historic or Classic Cars but in Category 1, Classic Outback Trial, Group 3 Production Rally Cars Early [to 31 December 1985] are eligible to enter – see 301.2 of Supplementary Regulations.

So, if you enter an Early PRC car in the COT, you can run a sequential gearbox. Hope that clears this issue up.

See you in Parkes in March.

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

COT Regularity route is set to go...

When the border re-opened in November, Bruce Keys and I set off for Parkes to finish the COT Regularity course. We had sections to check from the August trip and a few sections to draft.

Our first couple of days were west of Parkes and we were pleased to see that the roads are much smoother than they were – roadworks have been finished and roads have had a post-winter grade.

The weather challenged us on this trip with hot days and afternoon storms. Lunch in Condobolin on day 2 was in the mid-40s, so we sat in the car with the aircon running. It was hot, damned hot! That afternoon's storm blew straight over, but the storm in Orange a couple of days later was spectacular. It went on to become a problem in Sydney.

Bruce and I are really pleased the way the regularity route has worked out. COT Rally and COT Regularity will share lunch and on most days we share sections with the rally, running before or after the rally field. "Regularity only" sections are generally longer and are on good fun shire roads.

There are four regularity sections on all days (except day 7) and most regularities have multiple tests. The days range between 150 and 300 km, with a total distance of 1,700 km over the 7 days. I'll put more details of the regularity route on the website in the next couple of weeks.

It's going to be a hectic leadup to the COT in March. The route should have been finalised months ago, but COVID lockdowns prevented that. The next few weeks will be busy finishing the roadbooks for the check in mid-January.

We'll need to limit the size of the regularity field because of how we integrate with the rally - if you're thinking about COT Regularity, now is the time to act.

I'm sure you'll enjoy it - it's a great drive through some spectacular parts of NSW. And, there will be plenty of challenging competition.

Don't forget to look up the '[COT21 Regularity Event Outline and Information](#)' on the website which provides prospective regularity competitors with an in-depth view of the event, how the event will be conducted and what will be required.

Hope to see you there!

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TOM SNOOKS, CLERK OF THE COURSE:

The past nine months disruption caused by COVID has created strain on all the organisers of events (motorsport and otherwise), and in the case of COT resulted in the Course Team, based in Melbourne, unable to get into New South Wales due to the major border closure between that state and Victoria to finish off the setting of the course. However, this has now been carried out, with only the Motorsport Australia course check to take place in January. The final statistics are listed below...

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES March 2021

NON-COMPETITION - Rally and Regularity

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Fri 5	0830 - 1800	Documentation
	0830 - 1800	Scrutiny
Sat 6	0830 - 1000	Documentation
	0830 - 1100	Scrutiny
	1300 - 1400	Competitor Briefing - Rally @ 1330; Regularity @ 1400
	1400 - 1600	Ceremonial Start - Rally @ 1400; Regularity @ 1540
	1430 - 1630	Prologue - Rally @ 1430; Regularity @ 1615
	1800 - 1900	Welcome Function
Sat 13	1830 - 2300	Presentation

COMPETITION STATISTICS

(subject to Official Course Check)

TIMES FOR FIRST CAR

Day	Trans	Comp	Start	Stages length	Lunchbreak	Finish	Overnight
Sun 7	340	150	0815	22, 21, 65, 22, 20	Condobolin: 1240	1600	Parkes
Mon 8	330	130	0800	48, 39, 12, 22, 11	Condobolin: 1240	1530	Parkes
Tue 9	200	125	0900	48, 24, 15, 8, 32	Molong: 1200	1430	Orange
Wed 10	130	100	0930	19, 13, 8, 36, 23	Cancour: 1250	1415	Orange
Thu 11	225	70	0900	9, 17, 27, 10, 7	Sofala: 1315	1500	Bathurst
Fri 12	190	120	0900	27, 22, 23, 36, 14	Black Springs: 1130	1500	Bathurst
Sat 13	90	50	1000	17, 18, 17		1300	Bathurst

11 of the special stages will be on closed shire roads.

Day	Trans	Comp	Start	Section length	Lunchbreak	Finish	Overnight
Sun 7	125	175	0900	66, 38, 31, 42	Condobolin: 1200	1400	Parkes
Mon 8	220	150	0900	68, 14, 21, 49	Condobolin: 1240	1530	Parkes
Tue 9	135	135	0830	23, 15, 47, 49	Molong: 1100	1330	Orange
Wed 10	80	70	1045	34, 13, 8, 18	Cancour: 1315	1500	Orange
Thu 11	180	85	0830	43, 27, 10, 7	Sofala: 1115	1345	Bathurst
Fri 12	125	115	1015	43, 27, 23	Black Springs: 1320	1515	Bathurst
Sat 13	65	40	0945	23, 18		1245	Bathurst

8 of the sections will be on the Rally shire roads

Location	Fuel at:	Sun 7	Mon 8	Tue 9	Wed 10	Thu 11	Fri 12	Sat 13
Start to Service 1	Service	20	130	80	70	85	125	45
Service 1 to Lunch	Petrol Station	115	200	125	35	110	30	-
Lunch to Service 2	Service	35	45	60	-	-	50	-
Service 2 to Finish	Petrol Station	125	90	55	120	100	105	95

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Allcomer Paul Lahiff has entered his Toyota Altezza

ALLCOMERS CATEGORY:

Don't forget the exciting initiative for the 2021 Classic Outback Trial with the introduction of the 2WD and 4WD Allcomers Category which is aimed primarily for cars not eligible for the 2WD Category 1. It will be similar to the Allcomers Category which is used in many New Zealand rallies and has proven to be popular and is keenly contested. The Category caters for a wide variety of cars in varying technical specifications, but with modern safety engineering being a cornerstone of the category.

The Allcomers have their own category (Category 2) and winners will have the same status as those of Category 1 - in other words, there will be two winners of COT21.

The structure of Category 2 is:

Category 2: Classic Outback Allcomers – For 2WD and 4WD Vehicles (Including Turbocharged)

- Group 4 – Classic C3 and C4 Rally Cars (any year)
- Group 5 – Club Rally Cars (all years)
- Group 6 – Production Rally Cars Late 2WD & 4WD (1 January 1986 to 31 December 2008)
- Group 7 – Production Rally Cars Allcomers 2WD & 4WD (1 January 2009 on)
- Group 8 – Other 2WD & 4WD vehicles accepted at the discretion of the Organisers.

Turbo-charged 4WD cars must be fitted with a restrictor. Refer to Motorsport Australia Rally Manual on the website under Rally/Road at National Rally General Regulations Vehicles General Article 3.1.



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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
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			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				Peugeot	504	1970	Classic
Simon	Crane	VIC	Alison	Thomas	VIC	Mitsubishi	Galant	1970	Classic
Luke	Dimech		Neil	Dimech		Holden	HT GTS Monaro Coupe	1969	Classic
Gordon	Douglas	NSW				Ford	Escort 1978		Classic
Hilary	Evans	VIC	Doug	Fernie	VIC	Datsun	1600 SSS	1971	Classic
Kerry	Finn	QLD				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				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
Nathan	Quinn	NSW	Ray	Winwood-Smith	NSW	Mazda	RX2	1970	Classic
Tony	Quinn	QLD				Nissan			Allcomers
John	Rawson	VIC	Jenny	Pollock	VIC	Nissan	Stanza	1979	Classic
Murray	Rogers	VIC	Peter	Ellis	VIC	Holden	Commodore VH	1982	Classic
Ben	Seehusen	VIC	Cameron	Langley	VIC	VW	Beetle	1967	Classic
Tim	Shepherd	VIC	Bruce	Shepherd	VIC	Peugeot	505	1985	Classic
Justyn	Snooks	QLD	Steuart	Snooks	CIC	Nissan	Stanza	1979	Classic
Trevor	Stilling	NSW	Jon	Thomson	NSW	Nissan	Stanza	1979	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/TAGALONG)

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
Rob	Garnsworthy	VIC	John	Teasedale	VIC	Ford	Mustang	1970	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
Paul	Kirkham	VIC	Mariella	Kirkham	VIC	Datsun	510	1970	Regularity
Stephen	Lambert		Ruth	Lambert		BMW	2002 Touring	1972	Regularity
Marijke	Limberiou	NSW	James	Limberiou	NSW	Mercedes	190 E	1987	Regularity
Phil	Macwhirter	VIC	Laurette	Macwhirter	VIC	Alfa	Giulia	1970	Regularity
Greg	Newton	NSW	Liz	Newton	NSW	Holden	Commodore VB		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	WA	TBA			Holden	Commodore	1980	Regularity
Heather	Worth	NZ	Jo	Worth	NZ	Volvo	Amazon	TBA	Regularity
Errol	Bailey	QLD	David	Wood	QLD	Isuzu	MV-X	2017	Tagalong



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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