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COT UPDATE

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Travis & Travis @ AGL Rally SA - Rally of the Heartland. Photo courtesy Bruce Keys

LESS THAN 4 MONTHS AWAY!

What interesting times in which we live! Finally, after 3 failed attempts due to COVID-19 number 4 looks like we will make it. Australia is in a very enviable position and hopefully by August (just 4 months away) we will still have all borders open and be able to roll into Parkes to commence the very last Classic Outback Trial.

The towns of Parkes, Orange and Bathurst are looking forward to our arrival and with the Australian population on the march for intrastate and interstate holidays, I trust that you have booked your accommodation.

David (Dinta) and I are off in a couple of weeks to reroute some stages and finalise the road books. Some of this is necessary due to the NSW Forestry carrying out maintenance, harvesting and other jobs that need to be done.

In the first week of July we will commence the Motorsport Australia Course Check with Ross Runnalls then make any alterations to the roadbooks before they go to the printers. This year the road books will be printed in full colour.

The entry list is looking very healthy both for the Classic, Allcomers and Regularity. It certainly looks to be some very heavy competition for the Travis's this year. Having just competed and won the AGL Rally of the Heartland event still puts them as the ones to beat. Heartland was a great shakedown for

the COT with over 10 competitors running in the event.

Also in contention in this year's event will be Alpine 2019 winners Nathan Quinn and Ray Winwood-Smith, (and Adam Kaplan if he can keep the Mazda going), who should make for some very healthy upfront competition. There is a great article in the latest RallySport Magazine featuring Stuart Bowes magnificent Mercedes 450 SLC that was placed 3rd in the Heartlands. This might also put more action up the front end. The COT this year would be a great shakedown for those entering the Alpine in November.

Due to the shire road maximum road closure times, we will be under greater restrictions than in previous events and may have to cap the numbers of entries, so, if you are considering entering the last COT don't wait too long. Nominations are listed overpage.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still giving the world grief, we will miss our international friends. We trust that they are all staying safe and well and enjoying some motoring competition experiences.

There are still a few spots left in the Tagalong Tour. I wish I could be in two places at once as the trip is looking fantastic, visiting places I would love to see and experience. All the information can be seen at: <https://classicoutbacktrial.com.au/cot-2020-tagalong-tour/>

We are currently putting together the comprehensive Guide to the Event and will be issuing it at the end of July. It will contain all the information you require to setup the team for a full week of driving pleasure.

If you have nominated for the event you will be able to access the online entry form. If you are experiencing trouble filling it out, please contact me.

AN EVENT FOR EVERYONE

Following three Covid-19 induced postponements, the Classic Outback Trial is set to go for 22 to 28 August 2021.

The Classic Outback Trial is actually 3 events in one – a Special Stage Rally, a Regularity Rally and a Tagalong Tour – ensuring that it provides something for a wide range of motorsport and motoring enthusiasts.

All three events cover a period of 7 days, starting in Parkes in NSW on Sunday 22 August, then moving to Orange, before finishing on Saturday 28 August in New South Wales' motorsport Mecca, Bathurst.

The Special Stage Rally will see competitors cover 750km of 5 Special Stages per day. The Rally is open to all types and configurations of cars.

The Classic Outback Trial is not just an outback trial for historic and classic cars...

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... – it's actually a modern, special stage rally which has been designed to include modern 2WD and 4WD rally cars.

In fact everything from Cross Country Off Road vehicles to modern turbocharged,...
...four-wheel-drive rally cars are eligible. In fact the category is named the "Allcomers Category", and for good reason.

The Classic Outback Trial caters for those who want an old-fashioned rally experience, but with no night time competition (no need for driving lights) and plenty of sleep each night.

Those competitors not interested in Special Stage Rallying can compete in the Regularity Rally. This event, while using some of the Special Stage Rally event roads as well as many bitumen and gravel shire roads, has been specifically designed to ensure that drivers and their co-drivers must work together in varying average speed sections to arrive at a control point at precisely a designated time.

Speed limits are rigidly enforced in the Regularity Rally.

For those keen to experience a great trek without the need for a modified rally car, the Tag-a-long Tour is designed for the enjoyment of the atmosphere of the Classic Outback Trial – the camaraderie, the scenery and the good old outdoor life of the Central West Region of New South Wales and to experience all that with a minimum of fuss. All accommodation, meals and skilled guides are provided.

Yes, the Classic Outback trial has something for everyone, including you!

What are you waiting for? Time is running out for participation in any of the categories and classes.



REGULARITY

In finalising some scoring aspects for the Regularity Tom, Steve and I met up with Results Guru Garry Searle at Tullamarine recently and spent some time going over many aspects of the event. I am extremely fortunate in having the services of these 3 very experienced individuals that will ensure the very smooth running of the Regularity event.

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WHEEL SPIN REGULATION INTRODUCTION

One of the conditions placed upon us by the Shire Councils in allowing us to use the shire roads is the making good any damage to the roads caused by the competitors. For this reason we are introducing a regulation regarding wheel spin and this will be issued in a Bulletin. Penalties will apply to repeat offenders.

THE BOOK

By now you should have received your 288 page **2018 Classic Outback Trial Commemorative Storybook**. All competitors from the 2018 event were sent 2 copies, one each for driver and co-driver. 2018 event officials should also have received their copy. If not, please let me know.

With little feedback regarding the 2018 Storybook we're wondering what you think? Let us know [on Facebook](#).

Extra copies are available for a price of \$100 plus \$16 postage. The 2016 book is also available for \$77 plus postage. **For a limited time, buy the 2016 & 2018 Storybook for the amazing price of \$150 with free shipping Australia wide!**

The 2018 Storybook was extremely challenging, so much so we considered not producing a book for this year's event. Many of you have suggested otherwise and if there is enough support we may reconsider.

At this stage we are looking at ways to reduce the production time, a 200 page Storybook similar to 2016 is a starting point.

If you have any comments or you would like to show your support [please let Phil know](#) or post a comment [on Facebook](#).



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2x AWESOME BOOKS, 1 AMAZING PRICE
2016 & 2018 CLASSIC OUTBACK TRIAL COMMEMORATIVE STORYBOOK

\$150

FREE SHIPPING AUSTRALIA WIDE!



* While stocks last or before 15 July 2021, which ever comes first.

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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 |
| 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 |
| Michael | Civil | | Jack | Civil | | Ford | Capri Perana | 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 | Glenn | Harris | QLD | Volvo | 142 | 1967 | 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 |
| John | Henderson | NSW | Jeff | West | NSW | Volvo | 244FD | 1978 | 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 | VIC | Nissan | Stanza | 1979 | Classic |
| Trevor | Stilling | NSW | Jon | Thomson | NSW | Nissan | Stanza | 1979 | Classic |
| Ian | Swan | VIC | Col | Gow | VIC | Volvo | 242 | 1075 | Classic |
| Matt | Swan | Vic | Paul | Franklin | VIC | Holden | Commodore | 1987 | 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)

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|--------------|-------------|-------|----------------|------------|-------|--------------|--------------|------|------------|
| Phillip | Blunden | VIC | Lynda | Blunden | VIC | 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 |
| Bill | Gill | SA | Kathy | Gill | SA | | | | Regularity |
| Blair | Healy | VIC | Mary | Healy | VIC | Peugeot | 404 | 1964 | Regularity |
| Warren | Herrick | NSW | Glenda | Lawrence | NSW | Holden | Commodore VB | 1979 | Regularity |
| Tim | Kenyon | VIC | Chris | Lee | VIC | BMW | 321i | | Regularity |
| Paul | Kirkham | VIC | Mariella | Kirkham | VIC | Datsun | 510 | 1970 | Regularity |
| Stephen | Lambert | NSW | Ruth | Lambert | NSW | BMW | 2002 Touring | 1972 | Regularity |
| Marijke | Limberiou | NSW | James | Limberiou | NSW | Mercedes | 280 E | 1983 | Regularity |
| Phil | Macwhirter | VIC | Laurette | Macwhirter | VIC | Alfa | Giulia | 1970 | Regularity |
| Greg | Newton | NSW | Liz | Newton | NSW | Holden | Commodore VB | | Regularity |
| Bruce | Power | TAS | Jill | Robillard | TAS | Chevrolet | Master 85 | 1939 | Regularity |
| Andrew | Raper | VIC | Stuart | McDonald | VIC | Ford | Fairlane | TBA | Regularity |
| Marti | Shelton | QLD | Barry | Shelton | QLD | Ford | Delux Coupe | 1941 | Regularity |
| Jan | Sinclair | QLD | Anne | Sinclair | QLD | 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 |

VALE TO GEOFF PORTMAN

The rally motoring fraternity were saddened at the loss of our friend Geoff Portman. Geoff introduced us to Frontier Services as Geoff and Lisa were conducting 4WD Tagalong tours in the early 2000's for the general public and Frontier Services were the charity partner. Geoff wanted to enter a team of indigenous competitors and a service crew in the Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial. Unfortunately, despite the time and effort from Geoff and Frontier Services it did not get off the ground but it did start a long and great association with Rosemary Young and her breakfast brigade on the 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2014 COT events. Our thoughts and prayers go to Lisa and to his family.



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](#)

