

COT RECCE



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COT UPDATE

EVENT DIRECTOR, PHILIP BERNADOU

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

While it is just over 3 months until we set off to Parkes, it has been a frustrating time for us all but the light at the end of the tunnel looks like sunshine and not a train.

The one good thing about the postponements has been the extra time for vehicle preparation. This must mean that all cars will be bulletproof, yes? Some have entered events to find issues with their cars and maybe there will be another shakedown early next year to make those final adjustments.

We had a great response with entries and nominations after the last newsletter and again I urge if you are contemplating competing in March to get a nomination form in. As previously advised due to road closure window timeframes there is a maximum entry field of 60 and with 51 already received and approximately 15 who have indicated they will be entering - time is running out.

The entry numbers are really great news for us all, as a full field will significantly add to the atmosphere of the Classic Outback Trial, which relies on not only keen competition between entrants during the days, but also great camaraderie each night between drivers, co-drivers, service crews and officials after the serious side of the day's competition has ended.

Accommodation is still available at all the overnight stops but again I would not leave it to the last minute to book unless you are considering camping.

Due to the non-availability of the function room above the pits at Mount Panorama, the

presentation dinner will now be held at the Panthers Club in the heart of town. Great facilities and easy to get there. It will be another great night.

I am delighted to advise that Kaye Kilsby has accepted the role of Event Secretary, so expect to hear from her next month chasing up your entries. Entry forms are available online, if you are having difficulty in registering please contact me for assistance.

We are waiting on the NSW government to advise what, if any, requirements will be regarding the COVID-19 restrictions. It may be that all competitors, officials and service crew are required to be double vaccinated. We should have a decision by the New Year, however, I implore everybody to get the jab and make the event a safe environment for us all.

We are still waiting on NSW forestry to advise what, if any, changes need to be made to the 13 stages in the forests. We will be conducting another check of some stages to see if there is any road damage due to the extraordinary weather conditions throughout the area. The final course check is in February and then it's all go!



Kaye Kilsby in Alice Springs volunteering at COT16

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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-reg's 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	David	McAdam	VIC	Ford	Escort Mexico	1972	Classic
Stuart	Bowes	SA	Jeremy	Browne	SA	Mercedes	450 SLC	1975	Classic
Warren	Briggs	UK	Matt	Dillon	VIC	Ford	Mustang	1965	Classic
Michael	Coates	SA	Christopher	Jones	SA	Layland	P76	1973	Classic
Brian	Canny	VIC	Stephen	Canny	QLD	Porsche	944	1983	Classic
Michael	Civil	WA	Karin	Tatnell	WA	Ford	Capri Perana	1970	Classic
Pat	Cole	QLD	Bradley	Cole	NSW	Mercedes	280SL	1968	Classic
John	Cooper	NSW	Ross	Warner	NSW	Ford	Falcon	1979	Classic
Andy	Crane	NSW	Dave	Anderson	NSW	Peugeot	504	1970	Classic
Simon	Crane	VIC	Alison	Thomas	VIC	Mitsubishi	Galant	1970	Classic
Niel	Cuthbert	VIC	Sue	Cuthbert	VIC	Datsun	200B	1977	Classic
Luke	Dimech		Neil	Dimech		Holden	HT GTS Monaro Coupe	1969	Classic
Gordon	Douglas	NSW	TBA			Ford	Escort	1978	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	TBA			Toyota	Altezza RS200	2000	Allcomers
Bruce	Lake	WA	Peter	Hall	WA	Datsun	240Z	1973	Classic
Matt	Lee	VIC	Annie	Dougherty	VIC	Holden	Commodore	1981	Classic
Chris	McCormack	NT	Blake	McCormack	NSW	Toyota	Celica/Supra	1982	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	Damien	Roaach	QLD	Nissan	Navara	2020	Allcomers
John	Rawson	VIC	Kim	Begelhole	VIC	Nissan	Stanza	1979	Classic
Murray	Rogers	VIC	Peter	Ellis	VIC	Holden	Commodore VH	1982	Classic
Neil	Schey	VIC	Scott	Middleton	VIC	Ford	Escort	1976	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)

DRIVER FIRST	LAST	STATE	CODRIVER FIRST	LAST	STATE	VEHICLE MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	CLASS
Phillip	Blunden	VIC	Lynda	Blunden	VIC	Holden	EH	1964	Regularity
John	Crighton	QLD	Marian	Crighton	QLD	MG	MGB GT	1972	Regularity
Rob	Edwards		Anthony	Edwards		Datsun	1600	1972	Regularity
David	Gainer	QLD	Stephen	Gainer	QLD	Datsun	240Z	1972	Regularity
Rob	Garnsworthy	VIC	John	Teasedale	VIC	Ford	Mustang	1970	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
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	280E	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	1976	Regularity
Marti	Shelton	QLD	Barry	Shelton	QLD	Ford	Delux Coupe	1941	Regularity
Jan	Sinclair	QLD	Anne	Sinclair	QLD	Holden	Monaro	1971	Regularity
Michael	Wilkinson		Anne	Wilkinson		Alvis	4.3 SA	1937	Regularity
Alan	Watson		Pam	Watson		Ford	Territory	2010	Tagalong
Ron	King					Ford	Ranger 4X4	2015	Tagalong

ACCOMMODATION:

With the country opening up, hopefully!, accommodation next year will be at a premium, so, if you have not already organised your beds may I suggest you do so **PRONTO**. Our website: <https://classicoutbacktrial.com.au/accommodation/> lists all the accommodation sites at Parkes, Orange and Bathurst. Don't forget to mention the COT to obtain the best rates.

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](#)



Warren Briggs Mustang packed and en route

INTERNATIONALS:

The return of international entries to the event is all but assured, following the relaxing of travel restrictions by the Australian Government.

We were excited to receive an entry from regular Classic Outback Trial competitor Warren Briggs from the UK. His well-known and brutal Ford Mustang is a welcome addition to our entry list, which is quickly filling up. As I write this his car is on the water and we are looking forward in catching up with Warren and the Briggs clan.

The only thing stopping the Viking team and the Argentineans are Government

requirements regarding travel restrictions. All are double vaccinated and Jorge is looking forward to soon receiving some good news about entry into Australia.

Not sure what is happening with the Belgians as some are running in the East African Safari which finishes in March so there could be a problem in getting their cars home then shipped to Sydney.

And finally may I wish you and your family a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Looking forward to 2022. Cheers