

COT RECCE



OCTOBER 2021



COT UPDATE

EVENT DIRECTOR, PHILIP BERNADOU

TAKE 5!

The frustration continues but I only hope that the light at the end of the tunnel is not our Premier Dan's torch!!

Although still 5 months away the end of March next year, is looking a little brighter regarding the COVID-19. I trust that all the officials, competitors and service crews will all have been fully vaccinated allowing us to overcome the safety protocols that may be introduced.

All council's documentation requirements for the 9 shires have been resubmitted, for the 5th time, and I really appreciate their cooperation and understanding. We were granted permission last June through the NSW Police from the NSW government to close the 12 shire roads and to conduct the event for August this year so we will be resubmitting the updated documentation in November for their further consideration.

It has been encouraging to see the growing interest in next year's event, probably due to the frustration of not being able to get back out on the dirt for so long. Remember that due to the road closure times on the 12 magnificent shire roads we will be limited to a maximum field of 60 entries. We have 50 nominations to date and a further 15 who have sent notices of interest so the time has come to place your nomination in order to guarantee an entry.

Great to receive our first international entry from longtime supporter Warren Briggs out of the UK. He is shipping his magnificent Mustang over and no doubt staying with his brother/service crew, Blair in country NSW. All our other internationals who have entered in past events are waiting to see what restrictions will be in place next year. We live in hope.

It was, however, disappointing to see a clash of dates with the first round of the ARC in Canberra. I had looked at the possibility of moving our dates, but it would have meant moving to around May/June and with the problems of wet weather and back to the cold and possibly snow it was not going to happen. The COT represents just about a season of ARC events in 7 days and probably the last opportunity to take part in a long distance event.

What's next? We are waiting on Forests NSW to advise what, if any, changes we may need to make to our forest stages due to future planting, harvesting or road maintenance. Should we need to change or find new stages David and I will head off December/January and rewrite the road books ready for the final course check in early February. Then printing packing and off to Parkes 22nd March.



TOM'S CONDITION:

With sleep, good food and some TLC Tom is improving quite quickly now. He was able to carefully construct a news release that was initially drafted by Bruce Keys and you will see that posted on various motorsport platforms recently. He has sent me this photo of him out 'n about at the shops the other day (with help of a wheelchair).

One way or the other we hope that he will be with us next March, in the meantime I will be feeding him with documents that need updating.

COT RECCE



REGULARITY:

The Regularity route shares many of the COT Rally stages, particularly in the back half of the event around Orange and Bathurst. So, we'll need to see what happens with changes that Forest NSW need too. Then, we'll sort the schedules and do another route check in February, probably at the same time as the COT Rally team.

Watching the weather in the COT area over our scheduled August week, it was a bit of a relief that COVID had forced our hand – the rain and conditions were horrendous! A March/April COT will certainly be warmer and should be drier...

The Regularity route really is a beautiful drive – and it should be even better in Autumn.

We're looking forward to the route check and the event!

TAGALONG TOUR:

If you would like to be part of the Classic Outback Trial and visit some great outback NSW locations then why not join the Tagalong Tour? Starting in Parkes at the same time as the COT and finishing in Bathurst 7 days later, the Tagalong will be travelling north to the stunning Warrumbungle National Park and all places in between. The full itinerary and all details are available on our extensive website at: <https://classicoutbacktrial.com.au/cot-2020-tagalong-tour/>

Our team leader is Greg Simmo Simpson. Simmo has been operating as a 4WD Tour

Operator for over 10 years and offers 4WD Tag-a-Long Tours across Central and Western NSW. Simmo is licensed through NSW National Parks and holds Advanced Accreditation through EcoTourism Australia. Simmo has featured on such shows as Channel 7's Sydney Weekender, and Channel 10's The Living Room – and Simmo's Offroad Tours is in the Tripadvisor Hall of Fame – having been awarded a Certificate of Excellence by Tripadvisor users 5 years in a row.



INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES LOOKING POSITIVE:

With the Australian vaccination rates approaching required levels, State and National Governments are talking about ways to open our border to vaccinated international travellers without the need for quarantine.

Although timeframes aren't yet clear, there is a push to have borders open to Australian nationals and residents well before Christmas. And with events like the Australian Open in mid-January and the Australian F1 Grand Prix in April, just a week after the COT, there is a strong push to open

for international tourists too.

We'll be watching announcements closely so we can let our international teams know. We've already had one entry on spec.

Long time UK COT supporter, Warren Briggs, has entered and is shipping his magnificent Mustang to Australia.

Hopefully an early announcement and the favourable logistics of a Parkes start (just 6 hours west of Sydney) will encourage more international COT supporters to join us in Parkes next year for what will be the last Classic Outback Trial.

COT RECCE



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 | | | VIC | Ford | Escort | TBA | Classic |
| Stuart | Bowes | SA | Jeremy | Browne | SA | Mercedes | 450 SLC | 1975 | Classic |
| Warren | Briggs | UK | | | | Ford | Mustang | | 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 |
| Luke | Dimech | | Neil | Dimech | | Holden | HT GTS Monaro Coupe | 1969 | Classic |
| Gordon | Douglas | NSW | | | | 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 | | | | 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 | 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 |

COT RECCE



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 | 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 | 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 |
| Heather | Worth | NZ | Jo | Worth | NZ | Volvo | Amazon | TBA | Regularity |
| Heather | Worth | NZ | Jo | Worth | NZ | Volvo | Amazon | TBA | Regularity |
| Alan | Watson | | Pam | Watson | | Ford | Territory | 2010 | 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](#)

