

COT RECCE



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COT UPDATE

EVENT DIRECTOR, PHILIP BERNADOU

LAST CHANCE!

Well this is it. Just 19 days before we descend on Parkes for the final 2022 Classic Outback Trial. At the time of writing this David and Ross and Steve and Frank are heading home after spending the past 10 days completing the final course check. The road books will be at the printers early next week. Reports from the guys are later in this newsletter.

Louise and I did a quick 4 day trip to Parkes, Orange and Bathurst, finalising locations for the documentation, accommodation, welcome function and the presentation function which has now been moved to the great Panthers Club in the heart of Bathurst.

I have much pleasure in welcoming Alan Baker as our CRO. Unfortunately Alan Patterson has had to decline my invitation due

to ongoing health issues. We wish you all the best Alan and a quick recovery.

Not only will Alan Baker be taking on the CRO role but will also be the MC for the functions once again.

On Saturday the 26th the welcome function along with the drivers briefing will be conducted at the Parkes Leagues Club. A great venue.

We have almost completed the Guide to the Event and with a little help from above it will be sent out on the 8th.

It has been very disappointing that we have lost a few Regularity entries. Weddings, births, car not ready and a myriad of other reasons have caused the withdrawals. However there are still spots available and Steve has put together a great video outlining the 7 day event.

Soon it will be the last chance to enter this last COT. I know that there are still some 8 to 10 people that have indicated they are entering but haven't, maybe all the postponements have put doubt in their minds that the event will actually take place. Well, read my lips – **IT'S ON**. Don't miss out on the challenges that only a 7 day event can create over fantastic forest stages, even better shire roads and a few private properties. Not to mention the friends that are made and the camaraderie created that make the COT a memorable event.



COVID-19

Some of you will be happy to know that one does not have to be fully vaccinated to move around NSW. Masks are not required apart from public transport and a few other places, HOWEVER, masks will be compulsory at documentation, scrutiny, drivers briefing and the welcome function. The situation regarding COVID-19 is highlighted in the Guide. Please study it carefully as I for one will not be a happy chappy should I contract it during the event!



APPAREL

Refer to Sup Regs item 302.6 that Underwear – B Level and the Balaclava are optional items. We highly recommend them but it could be a bit hot at the end of this month.

Supp Reg 502.1 Scrutiny Forms please email these to the Chief Scrutineer ASAP
Email: gpscrut@bigpond.net.au

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SAVE THE BOOK!

Have you enjoyed flicking through the 2016 and 2018 Classic Outback Trial Storybook? Does your book sit proudly on the coffee table, is your book a talking point for attracting new sponsors? If not, it should be! Unfortunately the 2022 Storybook publication is unlikely to go ahead for the last COT event.

Like many businesses we too have seen financial hardship as a result of Covid-19, postponing the event twice comes at a cost. Without a major sponsor to offset the expense of putting on a world class

event something has to give. We've enjoyed producing the 200 page hardcover book at an affordable price but this being the last event, the Storybook is not an expense we can afford to subsidise.

However, we might have a solution. Sponsorship. We need you! If we can attract enough book sponsors not only can we have a book, we can lower the price too! We have some exciting opportunities for anyone interested, for more information [contact Phil Bernadou](#).



REPORT FROM ROAD DIRECTOR AFTER COURSE CHECK

Ross and I have just arrived home after the final check of the course for COT 2022. All things considered we were very happy with the way our roads have held up after some big downpours in January this year. Orange had 110 mm in two days and Condo, Parkes and Bathurst were not far behind. We have shortened a couple of the worst affected stages, losing approximately 30 k competitive but you will thank us for that. The growth of grass has been absolutely amazing, you may not want to be first on the road in the early stages!

Please fit a radiator screen to prevent clogging your radiator like my Pajero.

After the shire roads we have a mix of pine forest and shire roads which I'm sure you will find very enjoyable. We have a few more "cares" and "cautions" than originally planned but they are still great stages.

The "Fat Lady Sings" is one of the best stages of the event, make sure you are still going to enjoy it. We look forward to seeing you in Parkes in just a few short weeks.

David (Dinta) Officer



COT22 POSTER

The Finale poster, our final year in Australian rallysport and a big thank you to all the competitors and supporters from all around the globe. COT22 is our 7th event spanning 14 years. Our poster heroes, Tim and Bruce Shepherd show the versatility of the Peugeot 505 leaving us all on a high note.

[Click here to download this and any of the COT posters.](#)

TRAILER PARKING

I have received several enquiries regarding trailer parking. We have secured a locked fully fenced area behind the Rydges Hotel, which will be the Control point and service for the Thursday and Friday. We can arrange for the key to be available at Rydges reception. There will also be room at Parkes and Orange showgrounds but not secure.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please advise if you have dietary requirements. We need to advise the Panthers kitchen team.

ONLINE ENTRY FORMS

If you haven't already completed your [entry form](#), please do so ASAP or you will have the wrath of Kaye Kilsby on your back. While you are there, go to "apparel" page and enter your polo shirt size.

ROAD OFFICIALS

We have had a few clashes of dates causing a couple of teams to withdraw but I am happy to advise that all spots are filled and again we have a fantastic crew of Road Officials to ensure the smooth running of the event.

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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
Michael	Arundel	VIC	Simon	Healey	VIC	Ford	Mustang	1969	Classic
Shane	Attwell	WA	David	Moir	WA	Ford	Falcon GT	1971	Classic
Darkie	Barr-Smith	NSW	Rob	Hunt	SA	Ford	Capri Perana	1972	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
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	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	John	Paine	NSW	Toyota	Altezza RS200	2000	Allcomers
Bruce	Lake	WA	Peter	Hall	WA	Datsun	240Z	1973	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
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	Cathy	Elliot	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

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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
Rob	Edwards		Anthony	Edwards		Datsun	1600	1972	Regularity
David	Gainer	QLD	Stephen	Gainer	QLD	Datsun	240Z	1972	Regularity
Bill	Gill	SA	Kathy	Gill	SA	Mercedes	350 SLC	1972	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
Phil	Macwhirter	VIC	Laurette	Macwhirter	VIC	Alfa	Giulia	1970	Regularity
Bruce	Power	TAS	Jill	Robillard	TAS	Chevrolet	Master 85	1939	Regularity
Michael	Wilkinson		Anne	Wilkinson		Sunbeam	Alpine	1963	Regularity

REGULARITY ROUTE CHECK REPORT

La Niña summer rains in the Central West have certainly had an impact... The country looks great, farmers are happy, grain storages are chockers and even the sheep and cows look happy - except for those who have worked out why they're being fattened up.

But, there is a down side... There is still standing water in places we've never seen it before, in spots roads are a bit "bonier" than they were, there's a bit of damage caused by run-off and the grass on the verges has gone crazy!

We've made a few changes to the Regularity route thanks to La Niña, and also to allow for changes to the COT Rally event - especially where we share sections.

The main change is on day 3. We've added a brand new section and a new coffee stop. Lunch on Day 3 will now be at Cudal at the



delightful Platypus Cafe. The rest of the regularity route is pretty much "as was".

Despite impacts and minor changes, regularity competitors will enjoy a challenging competition on a very picturesque drive through the Central West. Competition includes regularity only sections on great minor roads and shared rally sections on closed shire and forest roads.

As well, between competition sections we've included attractions like McFeeters Motor Museum, Utes in the Paddock and Sculpture down the Lachlan and amazing locations like Carcoar, Sofala and Mt Panorama. Something for everyone!

There a video overview of the Regularity plans on the website.

Next job is to update everything - the Guide to the Event and Roadbooks are first so we can get them all to the printer. And then all the final details... with only a few weeks to go.

Current NSW weather forecasts are certainly concerning and our thoughts are with the thousands of People who have been impacted. I know Phil, Dinta and I will be watching the BOM website closely in the next couple of weeks.

We're really looking forward to this Regularity Event and to seeing you all in Parkes. We started planning this regularity event in 2019 and it will be very, very good finally getting this last ever Classic Outback Trial on the road.

See you in Parkes!

Thank you very much...
Steve Hollowood

