



# Rally Directions

The official Organ of the Classic Rally Club Inc.  
(Affiliated with C.A.M.S.)

April 2018  
Dates to remember

April 24th - Club Meeting  
April 29th - The Run with No Beer.



The Road Ahead. These are glimpses from our next two rallies.

## Notices

- The start location for the Run With No Beer on Sunday 29th of April has moved from the Mt. Victoria Museum approximately 250m. up Station St towards the Great Western Highway and will be in Harley St adjacent to Rotunda Park.
- CRC monthly meetings. are back at the Denistone Sports Club, 59 Chatham Rd, West Ryde. April's meeting is on next Tuesday 24th April. at 8.00pm. Arrive early for dinner from the renovated kitchen plus lots of chat & a few lies!

## Turn the page to read about;

- What happened at last month's meeting, our President's thoughts and Tony Norman's Competition Report.
- Jim Barrett and his grandson's Mini.
- How CRC members are faring in Targa Tas.

## Johns Jabber

Hi Everyone. Another month has passed, and I need to get my report in to Bob early as he has a lot to do for their upcoming rally, Run With No Beer. Ross and I have entered and hopefully I will be fit enough to get through the whole day back in the Escort, without knocking up too much. Phill, Bob and Jane say they are getting good numbers of entrants but can always take more.

I am well into my chemo treatments now and still have a long way to go but hopefully I'll end up with a positive outcome. It hasn't been too bad, I'm just getting very fatigued and need to rest up. I enjoyed being back on deck at last month's general meeting and hopefully will be at this month's, all going well. The meetings are now back at Denistone Bowlo Club and the new kitchen staff have a great selection of Chinese and Australian meals on offer and I can highly recommend them. It's well worth coming early for a meal and a chat.

At present some of our CRC members are in Tasmania at Targa, either competing, being officials or support crew. There are no results as yet but I wish them all well and hope they stay safe. Hopefully they will give Bob some reports for next month's mag. By the way Heather Brumby is competing with her Dad Steve and is the youngest ever to be allowed to compete. Stop Press: The Brumby's are in in 3<sup>rd</sup> position in their class after day one ..... great stuff.

Also, a lot of our club members contested or were involved with both 6 hour races at Eastern Creek and Bathurst over the Easter weekend with some great results. Our members are a very diverse mob in their motor sport, not just classic navigation rallies and I think its great to see such a wide variety of events our members participate in with other Car clubs and groups.

Don't forget, Bob is always chasing stories for the mag. How about sending him something and especially he needs photos.

Cheers for now, hope to see you out on the rally road.

John

### CRC March 27th 2018 Meeting Highlights



The meeting was opened at 8.06pm by President John Cooper, and members and visitors were welcomed. Favourable comments were made about the revamped Denistone Sports Club catering. The attendance book was circulated for signature.

The Secretary provided a correspondence report, and noted that the CRC application for 12 spaces at the Shannons /Council of Motor Clubs event, later in 2018, would be requested immediately by post- as the date of the CRC and CMC meeting (4th Tuesday) was a clash on 27/3. \$20 per car is unchanged from 2017 ticket pricing.

The Editor of Rally Directions, Bob Morey had provided a report, asking for more contributions, as well as detailing some computer obstacles with sending the magazine out. The Secretary read this report in full, to the meeting.

The Treasurer advised that funds were stable and that the usual higher number of financial income and expense transactions would pick up later in the year, as the sequence of events picks up.

HCRS: Ron Cooper awarded the annual Mr Sheen award to Peter Thomson, due to his level of support for the club's HCRS scheme (multiple vehicles). The meeting congratulated Peter. Ron Cooper requested that he be advised promptly and separately of any changes of address, as his records are not directly linked to the Club's Membership records.

Communications: An upgrade to the CRC website is a priority for attention over the next few months to update the architecture behind the visible content, to make the site easier to update and more responsive to needs of the club, and to enquirers. A new "look" will feature too.

Sport Report: Tony Norman reported on the 10/3 event with a noteworthy move up of entrants from tour to apprentice level. Trophies will be presented at the April meeting. The next event is the Run with no Beer, on 29/4 with 15 entries on hand at present, and space for about 60 entries available. Tony Wise spoke about the AROCA Tour d'Corse, to be conducted on 24/6, and advised that the start would be at the Mittagong RSL, instead of at the top of Bulli- with lunch at a winery and finish at the Sutton Forest pub.

The MG weekend event will be on again, course checking is yet to occur, though planning is well advanced, more information later on this long-standing event in the CRC calendar.

General Business: Michael Olsson suggested that Tour level participation was not necessarily the place for longer term members, but more to cater for who are newer to classic rallying activities. It was suggested that Facebook communications could be quite useful for active Facebook members to help publicise the sport, via connections/friends. More tour level entrants might be the result.

No further business, meeting closed 8.45 pm.

Tony Kanak

### COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR APRIL

Although it was held some 6 weeks ago I will start by advising the place-getters in The Autumn Challenge that the trophies - practical rather than flash - will be available at the April Club meeting. Apologies for the delay.

Our next scheduled Event is **The Run With No Beer** to be contested on **SUNDAY 29th APRIL**. The closing date for entries is fast approaching and may even have closed by the time you read this Report. I hope that the Club membership have heeded the call from the organisers regarding the minimum entry numbers and that the effort put in by Phill Stead and Bob Morey will be well rewarded. I hope that the Event is enjoyed by all involved and that everyone has a safe and enjoyable drive. Following the running of this rally there is only a 4 week break before the next Event.

The **Autumn Classic** will be held on **SUNDAY 27th MAY** and is being organised by Dave Johnson and Mal Sinfield who between them, have a lifetime's knowledge of running CRC type rallies. Check the website for details of the closing date for entries. Competitors should also be aware that the Event will be run under the newly adopted CAMS National Touring Code, which also now refers to the format of our Events as Navigational Assemblies in lieu of Touring Assemblies. For Events run in NSW under this new Code there are also 2 NSW Standing Bulletins Nos 2 and 3 which include some 'tweaking' to certain Clauses in the main Code document. The National Touring Code can be found on the CAMS website and the Standing Bulletins, which were only adopted by the NSW State Council on 7th April and should be available shortly. Although my understanding is that the new Code does not materially change the format of our Events it is still the Entrants' responsibility to check the Supplementary Regulations in regard to how the Event is to be organised and controlled. Watch this space for further updates in upcoming Reports.

Our friends at **AROCA** are running what will be the 4th CRC Competition Round for the 2018 Championship. This will be held on **SUNDAY 24th JUNE**, which again is only 4 weeks after The Autumn Classic so you need to keep an eye on the calendar to make sure you do not miss out - this Event is always well supported by the organising Club members so ensure you get your entries in early. Entry forms are already available so no excuse for not getting a place in the field! I hope to have more details on both the Autumn Classic and the AROCA Tour d' Course in the May newsletter, subject to the final printing date as advised by the Editor.

I am unable to attend the Run with No Beer but hope that the weather is fine and that all Officials and Entrants enjoy a refreshing ale at the completion of the Event - but please not too many!

TONY NORMAN - COMPETITION SECRETARY

19/4/18

## CRC Events Calendar.

CRC meetings are held at the Denistone Sports Club, 59 Chatham Rd, West Ryde at 8.00pm sharp.

| Date                         | Event - CC indicates CRC championship event | Note  | Contact                       |
|------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| 24/04/18                     | C.R.C. meeting                              | Denistone Sports Club   |                               |
| 29/04/18                     | The Run with No Beer CC                     | One day rally in Central Tablelands of NSW                          | Jane Morey                    |
| 22/05/18                     | C.R.C. meeting                              | Denistone Sports Club   |                               |
| 27/05/18                     | H.R.C. David Johnson Autumn Classic CC      | One day rally in Southern Highlands & Southern Tablelands of N.S.W. | Mal Sinfield & David Johnson  |
| 24/06/18                     | AROCA Tour d' Course CC                     | Southern Highlands NSW  | Tony Wise                     |
| 26/06/18                     | C.R.C. meeting                              | Denistone Sports Club   |                               |
| 22/07/18                     | Wollondilly 250 CC                          | One day rally in Wollondilly Shire                                  | Mike Batten & Peter Reed      |
| 24/07/18                     | C.R.C. meeting                              | Denistone Sports Club   |                               |
| 25/08/18<br>N.B. Date change | 26/08/2018<br>M.G. Spring Rally CC          | Two day rally in the Hunter Valley                                  | Jim Richardson & Doug Barbour |
| 28/08/18                     | C.R.C. meeting                              | Denistone Sports Club   |                               |
| Sept. Date event T.B.C.      | Possible one day C.R.C. rally or Lunch Run  | Details T.B.A.  |                               |
| 25/09/18                     | C.R.C. meeting                              | Denistone Sports Club   |                               |
| 23/10/18                     | C.R.C. meeting                              | Denistone Sports Club   |                               |
| 3/11/18                      | 4/11/18<br>Alpine Classic CC                | Location T.B.A.   | Ross Warner & John Cooper     |
| December                     | C.R.C. Presentation & Xmas Party            | Details T.B.A.  |                               |

Information, entry forms and supplementary regulations for C.R.C. events can be downloaded from [www.classicrallyclub.com.au](http://www.classicrallyclub.com.au)

## LACHLAN'S AUSTIN COOPER by Jim Barrett.

Over the past 50 years I have built or owned more than 50 Minis mostly Coopers. A couple of years ago my grandson Lachlan, now 12, asked if I could teach him how to build a mini and then compete together in rallies. I thought this was a great way for us to bond.

We commenced with a 1966 Austin Cooper shell I had in the garage.



We painted it Tartan Red with White roof as the English Works Rally Coopers were painted.

I had most of the parts required but some were supplied by Club members Ron Cooper, Bill Stevenson and Tim McGrath – a real club effort.

Lachlan spent many hours over time learning the basics of engine building and fitted a lot of the trim and engine bay parts.

Last year we competed in 4 Club rallies in Social category. This year Lachlan is attempting Apprentice level with his first event the Autumn Challenge. He does understand it is going to be very difficult but unless you try you will never know.

Lachlan says; *"I love the challenge of navigating and the thrill of the drive but mostly I love competing in rallies with my Pop."*

Following is the Cooper's specification for those of you who in the future see a BIG RED COOPER in your rear view mirror. Yes! I do dream at times but we did win Bathurst in 1966.

- Shell stripped and painted. Group 2 Works flairs fitted, Minilife wheels 4.5 x 10 inch, Dunlop D93J - 165 x 10 Semi slick tyres, Mini Spares UK alloy competition sump guard, Lucas 7 inch Spot lights, Long range 7.5 gallons petrol tank.
- Suspension: Cooper S competition "Blue band" displacers front and rear, Fully adjustable front suspension bottom arms and tie bars, Competition rally spec bump stops to front and rear, Shock absorbers to front.
- Brakes: Cooper S 7.5 inch disc brakes and VH44 brake booster, Master cylinder to suit.
- Engine: Genuine Cooper 998 engine with 1098cc crankshaft fitted, Fully balanced, Graham Russell flat top plus 40 pistons, G.R. camshaft 266 sprint specification, Cooper S double row timing gears, Mini Spares UK Electronic distributor, competition cam followers machined to suit camshaft, Lightened flywheel and back plate, standard Cooper S clutch, standard ratio drop gears, Oil catch tank, Performance 2 core radiator from Mini Spares UK, 4 blade competition fan.
- Head: Original "295" Cooper head fully reconditioned with larger valves and inserts for exhausts to allow unleaded fuel, Cooper S forged rockers with Competition shaft and spacers, Thermostat blanking sleeve, Compression ratio of 9.75 to 1. Twin 1.25 inch SU Carbies on original manifold, Electric fuel pump. Exhaust extractors "Maniflow" free flow fitted to RC40 exhaust system, Competition exhaust mounts.

- Gearbox: Cooper S close ratio gears, competition centre oil pick up, 3.44 diff ratio, steel universals, Cooper S drive shafts and CV joints, Remote control gearshift.
- All wiring renewed with circuits fused in engine bay, Cut out switch on dash for negative and switch for positive in boot. Safety switch for fuel on dash and Alternator with inbuilt regulator.
- Interior: Full harness seat belts, fire extinguisher, map light, Drivers dash panel with taco, vacuum gauge and volt meter, Navigators dash panel with Terratrip and clocks, Standard Cooper centre dash includes oil pressure and temperature gauges with Cooper S 200KPH speedo to suit 3.44 S diff ratio.

Jim Barrett and Lachlan Watkins.

### 2018 Targa Tasmania Update.

A number of CRC members are competing in Targa Tasmania. Their results at the end of day 4 are; Heather & Steve Brumby (pictured) 3rd in TSD. Brian Foster 3rd in GT4 Modern. Nigel Shellshear 3rd in Classic. Shane & Ash Navin at the back of the Classic field having suffered from clutch problems.



The inaugural Dave Johnson Autumn Classic will be run as a round of the Classic Rally Club Championship series for 2018. The event will start from Mc.Donalds South Bound, Sutton Forest and finish at Moss Vale RSL Club. Lunch is being provided by Crookwell Public School. The route has some great roads of yesteryear and new ones too. The event will start at 9.00am and finish at about 4.30pm. I am using maps from the 60s in varying scale, some points will be plotted for crews but you will need to also do some plotting yourself.

We, the Historic Rally Club of NSW and ACT, will be running all the usual categories; Masters and Apprentice plus Tour and Social categories as well. There will be no gravel for the latter 2 in Div. 1 but maybe 1 or 2 kms in Div. 2.

Entry fee is \$110 and C.A.M.S. have approved our Supp Regs & Entry Form so entries will be opening soon.

This event will be run under the New National Touring Code.

For further details contact Clerk of Course Mal Sinfield at [malsinfield@gmail.com](mailto:malsinfield@gmail.com) or mob. 0405803222



# THE RUN WITH NO BEER



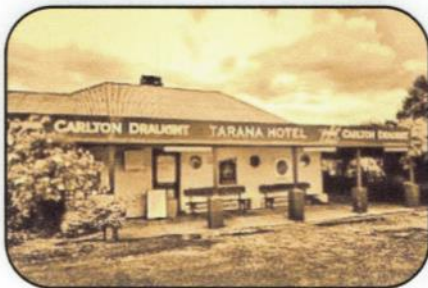
## A CLASSIC PUB CRAWL

Sunday 29th April 2018



*Rally Director Phill Stead is always intrigued by the beautiful and historic country pubs we pass on our events so he has set a rally in the Central Tablelands which passes many old hotels. In doing so he has found some roads that haven't been used in a CRC event before.*

*Starting at Rotunda Park in Harley Avenue, Mt. Victoria the event will finish at Tarana, at the pub of course. This one day event will feature the usual three categories of a C.R.C. Championship rally plus a Social Run for those who just prefer a non competitive run in the country.*



*A C.A.M.S licence is required for all categories except the Social Run. Social Run entrants do not need to have their cars scrutineered. The Entry fee for a crew of two is \$110 which includes lunch and all maps.*

Supp. Regs & Entry Form will be available on the C.R.C. website  
[www.classicrallyclub.com.au](http://www.classicrallyclub.com.au) when approved by C.A.M.S.  
Enquiries to Jane Morey at [janemorey@ozemail.com.au](mailto:janemorey@ozemail.com.au) or 0423 385 404



## Tour d' Course Sunday, 24th June 2018



*Owners' Club  
of Australia*  
New South Wales



Come along and be in the annual **TOUR d' COURSE** hosted by the Alfa Romeo Owners' Club in conjunction with the Classic Rally Club.

You will travel through beautiful countryside covering approximately 300km of some of the best roads in the Southern Highlands. You may choose from 4 levels of navigation:

- **Masters:** challenging navigation. (CAMS Licence required)
- **Apprentices:** as for Masters but with additional help (CAMS Licence required)
- **Tour Competitive:** simple route charted instructions with competition points awarded (CAMS licence required)
- **Tour Social:** as for Tour Competitive but with NO competition points awarded (CAMS licence NOT required)

The **TOUR d' COURSE** is known for the fine food and this year will be no exception. By popular demand lunch will again be at the **Southern Highlands Winery**  
Finish will be at the **Sutton Forest Pub**.

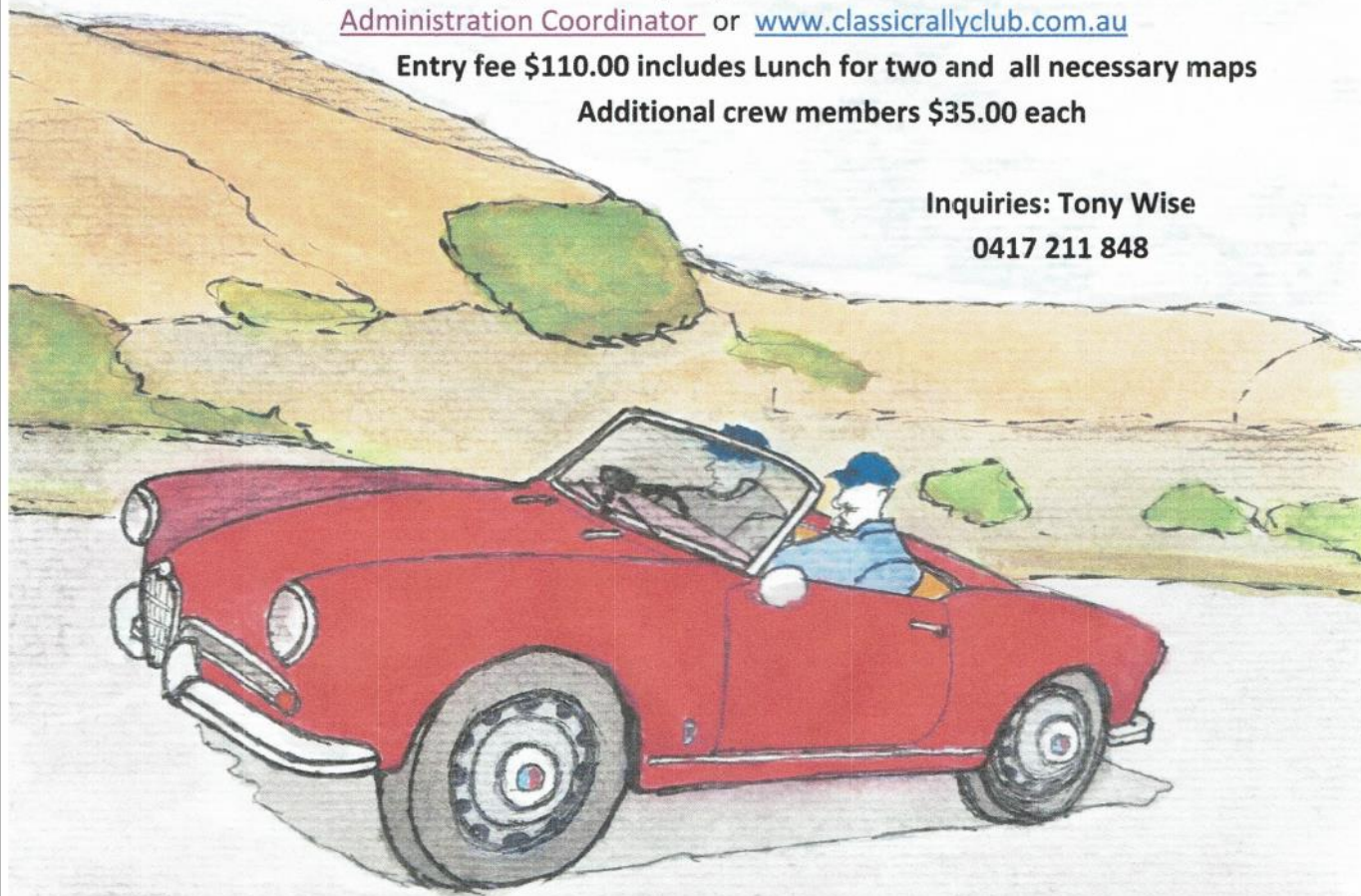
The start and sign-on will be at the **Mittagong RSL Club** corner of **Hume Hwy** and **Bessemer St**, Mittagong where there will be good coffee and light breakfast if required from 7.30, **first car away at 9.00am**

Entry Form and Supplementary Regulations are available from:

[Administration Coordinator](#) or [www.classicrallyclub.com.au](http://www.classicrallyclub.com.au)

**Entry fee \$110.00 includes Lunch for two and all necessary maps**  
**Additional crew members \$35.00 each**

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