



# Rally Directions

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(Affiliated with C.A.M.S.)

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Dates to remember

January 28 - Club Meeting

February 25 - Entries close

for Buckett List Tour

February 29 - Buckett List

Tour

## Happy New Year



# 2020

**Notices**

- There will be an unofficial meeting held on January 28 at the Denistone Sports Club.
- The first event in the Club Championship is the Buckett List Tour which will be held on Saturday, February 29 to Sunday March 1.
- The Tour de Belle Campagne postponed

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## Johns Jabber

Happy New Year; well it might be happy for some but I'm sure everyone of us has either been effected or knows someone effected in some way or another with these terrible fires, not so happy for a lot of people, wildlife, and animals. We can only hope that we can get through all of this and the rest of the year brings a little hope, rain, happiness and goodwill to those in need. I'm sure some of our members have been on tenterhooks, preparing and protecting their properties. I have been babysitting a couple of club member's classic rally cars at my home, whilst he still watches in anticipation the surrounding fires burn. After the Alpine Rally raffle we donated \$1000 towards Heather and Don Dux Rural Fire Brigade on their behalf, for the hard work in Heather and Don's area, saving property last year, which was at the start of this catastrophic time of fires over Christmas. We have received a receipt and a thank you from them for our generosity to the Stanthorpe Combined Rural Fire Service.

So how was your Christmas? Pretty hot and smoky, looking forward to some better weather conditions so we can prepare our classic cars for the upcoming year's events, keeping them clean with only the bucket to wash them. I hope everyone is in reasonable health and as we have an aging membership, I suppose we must expect a few more ailments along the way. Please look after yourselves and family. On a sad note one of our fraternity, Steve Mayer, lost his wife Jenny of 37 years to cancer over the break and we extend our club's deepest sympathy to Steve and his family for their loss.

Looking forward to some good news, our last Rally Directions magazine was back in November, may I congratulate Chris, our Editor,

and all those that contributed articles and photos, what a large and enjoyable read, well done. The AGM went well, all positions filled with everyone being reappointed and with the inclusion of Ross Warner putting his hand up to take over the Event/Competition Secretary Job left vacant by Tony Norman. Thank you all for renominating and being prepared to carry out your honorary positions for another year. Honorary position, this means no payments, give up your time and carry out duties on behalf of and for the benefit of the Club members without any fuss and usually no recognition. So, if you have any constructive ideas to help out let us know. If you have any criticism, we would love to have you on board to help fix things up, all honorary of course in your free time, keep in mind this year's elections. Try to make our life a little easier, especially when it comes to club plates where Ron doesn't have to read your mind or chase you up. Let him know if you have changed address or sold the car. Don't forget memberships are also due for renewal.

A massive thanks to Ross for stepping back up to stay involved, and somehow, he seems to have managed to get both Alan Walker and Phil Stead to take over the Alpine Classic rally. Speaking of Ross Warner, after his sudden and shock announcement that he was stepping down from setting the Alpine Classic and once I had time to pick myself up to take that in, I thought back over the last five years of what Ross has put into organising, preparing, setting and providing us with such different and enjoyable rallies, and all done to such a high standard, taking the event and entries to its next level. As a small recognition of all his time, money, energy and patience, on behalf of the Classic Rally Club, I have struck a separate and additional yearly award, known as "The Club's Appreciation Award". This is a small token of mine, the Club's and all that participated in his rallies appreciation. I say small token because as some of you know Ross is not much for trophies and the like, so a smaller type engraved token might be acceptable to him to keep as a memento of the Alpines he conducted. It might be called a small token, but really you cannot measure the enormous thanks and gratitude for

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the past five years work. We have had some very different and enjoyable places of interest that we have visited, ate at, new routes and scenery to view and some new and unusual route instructions to keep you on your toes, accepted by most, but you can't please everyone. We have had Hill End with train carriage accommodation, Parkes with the Dish, Yass with a brewery and the Snowy Mountains, Cowra with a winery and Wagga with a Boat sailing club. We all look forward to the Alpine Classic's next chapter

We had the annual Club's Presentation day and Christmas party lunch, early in December, with Paul and Garth providing the fun run in cars to get to the venue at the Castlereagh Hall. This year the numbers were down a little and thanks to all those who came along, helped set up and helped pack up and hopefully enjoyed and joined in with the Christmas spirit, reflected on the past years events and awards and just had a good social day out.

Seeing that we may be down on up and coming Club rallies and Directors, maybe we need to appoint a Club Social Secretary or Secretaries to plan and organise a few social drives, picnic or lunch/breakfast runs. Any takers? Seems like our First Friday night Fling has taken a backward step. Maybe throw out some ideas and better still move your arms from down your side and Put Your Hand Up. Just putting it out there.....

Well that's about all I've got for now, see you all at the January Club general meeting, it's a great catch up with friends and fellow members, enjoy a drink and meal. We have a few small point score eligibility issues to discuss which I need to get my head around before then. Stay safe and well, check out and enter our first rally for 2020, "The Buckett List".

John Cooper  
President

## 2020 National Touring Code

The new document can be found at:

[https://motorsport.org.au/docs/default-source/manual/rally/rr04-nationaltouringcode-navigationassembly.pdf?sfvrsn=9f8a1cef\\_21](https://motorsport.org.au/docs/default-source/manual/rally/rr04-nationaltouringcode-navigationassembly.pdf?sfvrsn=9f8a1cef_21)

The first time the 2020 NTC will be required is for the **Dave Johnson Historic** on 19 April 2020.

There will be no NSW STB in 2020 as nearly all the Articles have been addressed in the new NTC.

However, the three items not covered will be dealt with by organisers in their Supp Regs:

- Recording of unmanned Controls (eg M25 & Z8)
- Use of Banned Equipment
- Free Choice of Road (FCOR)

Note that the **2019 NTC** is no longer available on the Motorsport Australia (formerly CAMS) website. The following documents required for the **Buckett List Tour** are available from Mike Batten at: [mbbatten@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mbbatten@yahoo.com.au):

- 2019 NTC
- 2019 NSW STB 4

## TOUR DE BELLE CAMPAGNE

**Please note:**

**Due to a death in the Snooks family Stuart will not be able to run the event in May 2020.**

**Bushfires have also damaged infrastructure on the rally route.**

**It is hoped to run the event on a date later in the year.**

Mike Batten, 20/1/2020

# THE BUCKETT LIST TOUR

29 February

1 March



The first event of the Classic Rally Club championship calendar for 2020 is The Buckett List Tour. This is a two-day event starting in Wyong on 29 February with an overnight stay in Forster-Tuncurry and then finishing near Maitland.

Lots of great driving with most roads not used by the CRC in the last five years, including, of course, bits of the Bucketts Way. The event will include the usual competition categories and a social tour run, with a total distance of approximately 720 km.

The event will include breakfast and lunch on both days, and we have arranged a room for an at-your-own-cost dinner at the Lake and Ocean Hotel in Forster.



# Bucket List Tour Accommodation Suggestions

## MOTELS

Forster and Wallis Lake Motel  
5 Wallis St Forster  
(02) 6557 6004  
forsterwallismotel.com.au

Forster Motor Inn  
11 Wallis St Forster  
(02) 6554 6877  
forstermotorinn.com.au

Jasmine Lodge Motel  
18 Wallis St Forster  
(02) 6554 9838

Bella Villa Motor Inn  
19 Lake St Forster  
(02) 6554 6842  
bellavillaforster.com

Golden Sands Motor Inn  
6 Head St Forster  
(02) 6554 6222  
goldensands.net.au

Great Lakes Motor Inn  
24 Head St Forster  
(02) 6554 6955  
greatlakesmotorinn.com.au

## LUXURY ACCOMMODATION:

Beaches International  
1 Beach St Forster  
(02) 6554 5160  
beachesinternational.com.au

Sails Apartments  
7-15 Head St Forster  
(02) 6555 3700  
sailsapartments.com

Sevan Apartments  
14-18 Head St Forster  
(02) 6555 0300  
sevan.com.au

The Dorsal Boutique Hotel  
1 West St Forster  
(02) 6554 8766  
dorsalhotel.com.au

## CARAVAN PARK (CABINS & POWERED SITES) ACCOMMODATION:

Reflections Holiday Parks Forster Beach  
1 Reserve Rd Forster  
(02) 6554 6269  
reflectionsolidayparks.com.au/park/forster-beach

In addition to the above, both Forster and Tuncurry have numerous other motels and caravan parks which are short driving distances from the suggested dinner venue in Forster. Both towns also have numerous holiday apartments and holiday homes however these are usually not available for just a single night's accommodation and would therefore only suit anyone booking an extended stay.

## Friday 28 February accommodation in Wyong

Some of the event officials are booked to stay at the Grand Hotel and Studios, which has Genaro's restaurant on site, and is our likely dinner venue. The Royal Wyong and the Central Coast Motel are other basic options, while the Mercure Koindah Waters Central Coast is also only 2.5 km from the start venue, if you would prefer a luxury option.

## ALPINE CLASSIC PRESENTATION OF AWARDS



**1st Place Masters —Peter and Valerie Jackrot**



**2nd Place Masters—Alan and Lauren Walker**



**1st Place Apprentice —Dominic Votano and Mal Sinfield**



**1st Place Tour —Mat Bryson and Penelope Blunden**



**3rd Place Tour—Peter and Sharyn McAlpine**



**Sheep Station Winner—Peter and Valerie Jackrot**

## Tony Kanak presented with Life Membership for his service to the Classic Rally Club

Tony was presented with his Life Membership award at the Club's Presentation and Christmas party in December last year and joins the list of some very influential people who have contributed to the CRC, 2003 Geoff Bott, Margaret Brown, 2004 Don Brown, Brian Cooper, 2018 Lui MacLennan, 2019 Tony Kanak.

John Cooper nominated Tony saying:

"Tony, along with his wife Kathleen were present at the inaugural meeting to discuss the formation of the Classic rally Club in 1994 and he has been an active foundation member ever since. The CRC was affiliated with CAMS that same year and in 1996 we required a delegate to represent our club. Tony volunteered and was appointed our first CAMS representative and has remained so ever since, 23 continuous years. In 1998 he was elected to the position of Club Secretary after the resignation of both Ron Pope and John Vickery, who took on the Presidents role for a year. Tony has taken on the role of Secretary and has provided our Club with a continuous steady foundation with all things administrative. This year marks his completion of 21 consecutive years in this honorary position and will now go into his 22<sup>nd</sup> year. A massive effort of continuous contribution to our Club and its history.

In 2000 our Club affiliated with the then Council of Veteran, Vintage and Thoroughbred Motor cars ( CVVTMC ) now known as the Council of Motor Clubs ( CMC ). Again, Tony put his hand up to be the Club's Delegate and again he has remained in this

position for the past 19 years.

With this affiliation this Club enjoyed its first Display Day, then at the Museum of Fire at Penrith and now at Eastern Creek and have attended each year displaying our cars and promoting the CRC.

In 1995 Tony and Kathleen were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in our Club Championship awards, in those days there was only one category, Masters. Tony competed regularly in many rallies with Kathleen, both in his Jensen Healy and then the Volvo until raising a family limited their rallying but more recently rallying with his children. Over the past four years as President, Tony has assisted me greatly with advice, information and guidance with all things administrative, working closely as an executive team, making decisions to guide the Club in its forward directional path."



### 2019 Classic Rally Club Championships Report Correction

Please refer to the Future Star correction, sorry I missed Heather in my original Report.

#### Future Stars in a Rally Car

This competition is for our younger members (under 30 years old).

Tanaz Dhondy had a very impressive year and was well out in front to finish in first place. Runners up were Heather Brumby and Ruby Leonard (Darren Taylor's daughter).

Mike Batten

Championship Point Scorer



## 2019 AWARDS

Congratulations to the following recipients of the 2019 Club awards

<u>CRC CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS 2019</u>					
<b>Masters</b>					
<b>Driver</b>			<b>Navigator</b>		
Position	Name	Points scored	Position	Name	Points scored
1st	Peter Jackrot	78	1st	Valerie Jackrot	78
2nd	John Cooper	75	2nd	Alan Walker	73
3rd	Andrew Inglis	70	3rd	Mike Batten	72
<b>Apprentice</b>					
<b>Driver</b>			<b>Navigator</b>		
Position	Name	Points scored	Position	Name	Points scored
1st	Jennifer Navin	48	1st	Shane Navin	48
2nd	Donna Wilkinson	46	2nd	Scott Wilkinson	46
3rd	Jonathan Loosli	36	3rd	Glenn Evans	41
<b>Tour</b>					
<b>Driver</b>			<b>Navigator</b>		
Position	Name	Points scored	Position	Name	Points scored
1st	Andrew Taurins	28	1st	Bruce Miller	28
2nd	Alan Cummine	22.5	2nd	Jim Deves	22.5
3rd	Greg Yates	21.5	3rd	Karen Yates	21.5

**Sportsmanship award** – Peter and Valerie Jackrot

**Presidential award** – Bob Morey

**Future Star in a Rally Car** – Tanaz Dhondy

**President's Appreciation award** – Ross Warner

## CLASSIC RALLY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTATION OF AWARDS



**1st Masters Driver and Navigator—Peter and Valerie Jackrot**



**2nd Masters Driver and Navigator  
Alan Walker and Lauren Walker (Stand-in)**



**3rd Masters Navigator  
Mike Batten**

**1st Apprentice Driver and Navigator  
Shane and Jen Navin**



**3rd Apprentice Navigator  
Glenn Evans**



## CLASSIC RALLY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTATION OF AWARDS



**1st Tour Driver and Navigator  
Andrew Taurins and Bruce Miller**

**3rd Tour Driver and Navigator  
Greg and Karen Yates**



**Sportsmanship Award  
Peter and Valerie Jackrot**

**Presidential Award  
Bob Morey ( Stand-in )**



# CONGRATULATIONS MIKE BATTEN FOR BEING RECOGNISED AS A NSW RALLY LEGEND

At the Historic Rally Club 2019 NSW Rally Reunion Mike Michael Batten was awarded Rally Legend Status. This award is presented annually by the Rally community of NSW under the auspices of the NSW Rally Panel in cases where the contribution, achievement or dedication to rallying in NSW by an individual or organisation has, over time, been considered exceptional. Congratulations Mike on this award. A full copy of the nomination follows:

## **CRC Nomination for NSW Rally Legend - Mike Batten**

On behalf of myself as President of the Classic Rally Club, and with the blessing of our Members I would hereby like to nominate Mike Batten for consideration for the appointment to the Historic Rally Club's, NSW Rally Legends Award for 2019.

Mike has been a long-time member of our Club and has been very active as a Competitor, Organiser/ Rally Director, Committee member, Friend, Adviser and Mentor to myself and many more. He has always been very competitive, focused and extremely successful in our events, winning our Club Championships both as a Driver and Navigator.



**1973 Bega Valley Rally**

Mike has competed in most forms and levels of Rallying, both as Driver and Navigator, on unsealed gravel roads, forests, tarmac events, long distance endurance events and club level navigational events. He started back in 1969 with the University Car Club and had competed in 50 rallies before moving overseas from 1974 to 1976.

His greatest claim to fame would be his three times winning the NSW Driver's Rally Championship, in 1978, 80 and 82, back in the era of stiff competition with full fields, with works teams, professional drivers, sponsorship deals with big budgets, media coverage and a lot of very good privateers. Mike won his first State Championship Title competing as a self-funded privateer having teamed up with navigator and car preparer Steve Owers in a Datsun 1600 (P510). They narrowly won the 1978 Championships with best results an equal first and two second places to the very fast Wayne Bell. 1980 was their best year with 2 outright wins, an equal first and a second place.



**1980 ESSO Giralang**

Some of Mike's History in brief form: 1971 won Inaugural Group 9 Championship navigating for four different drivers, sixth in NSW Rally Championship navigating for Frank Neale in a Corolla. Again, won Group 9 in 1972 navigating various drivers including Terry Daly and Frank Neale. Came fourth in both the 1973 NSW and Australian Rally Championships navigating for Ed Mulligan in a Mazda RX2.

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On returning from overseas in 1976 swapped to the driver's seat and in 1977 won the NSW Clubman Series with Steve Owers in their Datsun P510 then went on to win their first NSW Rally Title the following year. Running in the Australian Rally Championship in 1979 their best result was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Akademos in Victoria. This event had 2 stages over 100 km long and Mike and Steve were the only privateers to beat Colin Bond in a works Ford Escort RS 1800.



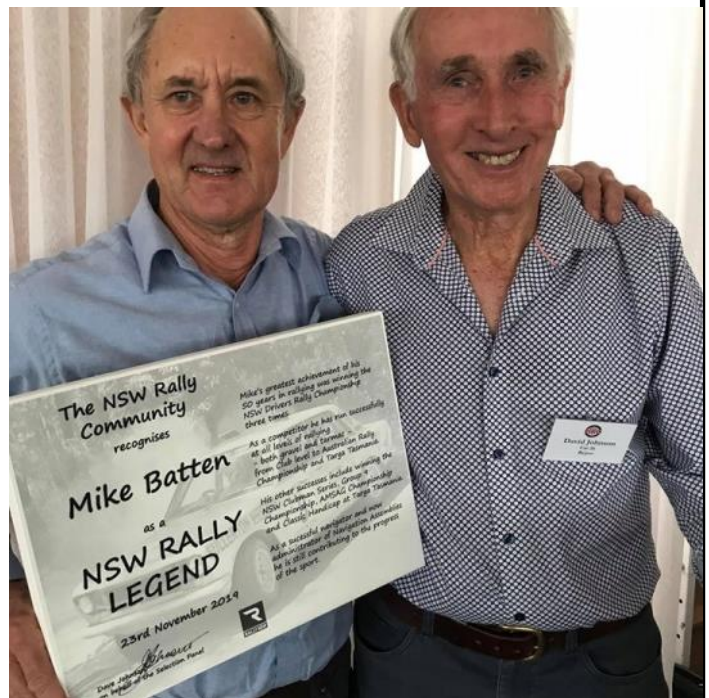
**2001 Targa—Natone**

Back in the forests he was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1999 NSW Clubman Series and also won the AMSAG Championship in 2001. 2005 saw a strong run in the HRA Alpine in Victoria placing 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 85. In the outback he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 66 starters in the 2008 Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial then had mixed results in the 2012 and 2014 Classic Outback Trials.

He ventured into Tarmac rallying in 1998 then in his newly built 1961 model Volvo PV544, bagged 4<sup>th</sup> out of 130 in the 1999 Classic Competition. He had numerous mixed results over a total of 15 years, and was always a strong contender in the Classics, even giving a lot of Moderns a run for their money. In 2008 he swapped seats to allow his talented son Paul to drive. In 2010 Mike guided him to 2<sup>nd</sup> /78 in Classic Outright and 2<sup>nd</sup> /139 of all cars built up to Dec 2002 also 18<sup>th</sup> outright out of the whole field of 211 cars. He has entered with our CRC 6 Hour Relay

Race team many times with some success with circuit racing.

Mike has been very successful with our style of Club navigational rallies having three Barry Ferguson Classic wins, as well as a string of successes in other events. From 2014 to 2016 with Peter Reed he won the CRC Masters Navigation Championships three time in a row. He has put back into our CRC club with his experience, organisation skills and Directing having set many Wollondilly Rally's for us to enjoy. He is now continuing on giving back to this sport with his appointment to the HRC as President, taking on this important role to maintain the dream of its founder Dave Johnson.



It gives me great pleasure to put forward Mike Batten to the Historic Rally Club of NSW & ACT, for nomination of this award, and wish him every success and recognition of this appointment.

Yours Faithfully  
 JOHN COOPER  
 President  
 Classic Rally Club.

## **'It is that time of year again when we start thinking of Christmas.'**

It is that time of year when we may silently groan and inwardly sigh at this statement and its like, **'And how are you going with your Christmas shopping?'**

This just happens to be the first Christmas for a few years that Shane and I have been around to really get into the spirit of this time of the year with family and friends and I am really enjoying it. I do start early with my preparations, sourcing bowls for my 'Never Fail Christmas Pudding' and those one-off treasures that you find when you are rummaging through garage sales and the beloved Vinnies stores. Our decorations and tree are up by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Shane suggested that this year I buy a new tree and decorations as it would be a lot easier than him having to go up into the garage roof and move all his car parts to get to the boxes. He saw the look on my face when that was proposed and was soon up in the roof getting my beloved decorations down. Each and everyone of those decorations means something to our family. A little piece of our past in a glass bauble, a handmade ornament or a figurine swinging from a branch of our twiggy Christmas tree, much loved by me...not so much the rest of the family! The year Jack received his toy chain saw from Santa he tried to cut the tree down! He was only four.

This year we made sure to keep the date free for the Classic Rally Club Christmas lunch and presentation. We had been to many previous Classic Rally Club Christmas parties, a part of tradition, a part of history. Over the years the venues have changed but the arrangement and the day's program have not. A short 'fun' run to get us to the known destination, a beautifully catered lunch and the presentation of the annual awards.

This year Shane wanted to do the fun run. He wanted to take the Porsche 968 out, its first outing since he had bought it. I was pretty keen as I had not yet had the privilege of being a passenger in his new toy so, I forwent my Sunday morning in bed with the papers to be at Red Rooster on the M4 at 9am. A small group of likeminded adventures gathered to hear a short briefing and get the notes, map and questions. I knew where lunch was and I thought I was proficient in finding my way around the area as this was an zone where I saw some of my clients. But ... there is always a 'but' when you are navigating, as interesting and as entertaining as the directions and story were, we found it tricky. Started out OK but the status quo deteriorated and after a couple of hours we called it quits and moseyed our way to the Castlereagh Hall in Castlereagh.

An important piece of history in NSW suburbia, Castlereagh was founded in 1810 by Governor Lachlan Macquarie, its history is reflected in its surviving farm houses, out buildings' churches, cemeteries and in the Castlereagh Historic Country Hall. The hall has had a facelift with a wonderful deck extension added that gives a great view over the lakes and pasture lands of the Penrith Valley. In the distance and hidden behind the trees is an old farm house, Nepean Park, the home of the Single family. John Single built the house in 1822. He was one of the most successful pioneers in the Nepean District making full use of new scientific methods in agriculture and grazing. Nepean Park is still a working concern, the old homestead still the home to family members.

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The luncheon unfolded as planned, the food was as good as ever and the company wonderful. The numbers may have been a bit down but the joviality was ever present. Awards were given out and special mentions made regarding Bob Morey and his epic period as the editor of the CRC magazine. Bob has done a mammoth job over the years taking the magazine from print to electronic copy. Now we have Chris McDonald who is using his skills to take it to the next level. I believe that Bob and Therese are rally legends competing in Masters with a skill and tenacity that is to be much-admired and then also taking on the role of organising a yearly rally is to be applauded. Bob was not at the luncheon to receive his award but his contributions to the club were certainly commended.

John Bryson 'the living and breathing rally legend' was present with his son and family. John is getting on in years but this doesn't stop his enthusiasm. The fire that still remains in his belly is such that it drove John to success at a Legend Level, participating in many rallies both Australian and

International. John Cooper's very first duty as President of the Club in 2015 was to create new titles within the Club, one of which was the Honorary Award of Rally Legend. The 2015 inductees for this award were John Bryson, Dave Johnson, Barry Ferguson and Bob Holden.

So, another year has wrapped up and next year brings in a new decade. For the Classic rally Club there will be noted changes and new challenges but change is good for every one and the essential fabric that makes the Classic Rally Club a special part of our lives.

Hope every one has a great Christmas ...see you on the roads in the New Year.

Jen Navin

12/9/2019

Castlereagh | Penrith City Local History

**Nepean Park:** Home of the family of John Single. John Single acquired Nepean Park in 1819 and the house was built 1822. John Single was one of the most successful pioneers in the Nepean district. He made full use of new scientific methods in agriculture and grazing. He built a school on his property and supported the building of the Castlereagh Anglican Church.



**Christ Church Anglican Church:** The first Anglican Church was built in 1813 within the surveyed town of Castlereagh. This church was destroyed by fire in the early 1870s. Christchurch was consecrated in 1878 and is located in Church Lane overlooking the fertile river flats.

## Many Hands Motorsport 2019 Wrap Up

To say that 2019 has been a good year for the team is, I reckon, an understatement. We've had a cracker of a year.

As you've probably already read previously, we managed a third place in our category at Targa Tasmania. In itself that made Heather the youngest ever person, at 15yrs and 9mths age to ever stand on the event's podium in the 28-year history of the event.



**Australia Targa Championship**

**TSD 3rd Place**

After the winter hiatus we headed north (way north) to Cairns for Targa Great Barrier Reef. This awesome event, which receives massive support from the locals, is run over three days and climbs up into the hinterland and the Atherton Tablelands. High temperatures and some rough stages take their toll over the three-day event with us again damaging suspension, which whilst somewhat challenging didn't prevent us from finishing. All in all, we were very happy with how the rally went and we managed to finish in 4th place out of 19 classified finishers. We were also 1st in Category 7 (early modern).

With some work to do to the car we initially decided we would not compete at Targa High Country. Not only did a lower control arm need

replacing but both window mechanisms had broken. Ultimately a need to go racing and a study of the Championship standings urged us to rethink our decision and so we about getting the car sorted and re-entered the event.

Targa High Country was epic. We arrived on Wednesday not suspecting what was about to unfold. We had planned some pre-event activities for the Thursday but awoke to find not a bit of snow but a lot. We were pretty much hemmed in for the morning and there was some significant interference in scrutineering and arrival for some teams. We stayed put and did some planning (in our warm hotel room) on having to venture out for the drivers brief and welcome event.



**The race car on Thursday morning**

Friday morning – the first day of competition – dawned with more overnight snow on the ground. We had strategically parked the car adjacent to the start and apart from scraping the snow off we were good to go. The crawl down the mountain that

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morning was a site to behold with an initial delay because many teams were not able to get their vehicles up or down ramps from there overnight parks. Once down to the start of the first stage conditions were wet but not catastrophic. We were a bit rusty in the morning but pulled our socks up in the afternoon to be running in 5th place at the end of the day. With more snow forecast the organisers made the very sound decision to park the field in one of the lower carparks overnight.

We arrived at where we thought the finish was to find it wasn't and it wasn't around the next corner either. A wet Taragfest gave us the chance to catch up with friends and have a great meal at the pub.

Day three for us became about making sure we would be there at the end and get ourselves onto the Championship podium. Essentially, we just had to finish. I'm happy to say that not only did we finish but we had the best Targa day we've ever had in the car losing just 3 points over the day. We'd

managed to gain back one place finishing in 6th. This secured us 3rd place overall in the CAMS Australian Targa Championship TSD Trophy class. Such a great achievement for Heather at 16yrs of age.

Now we are turning our attention to Targa Tasmania. With Heather studying her HSC it's unlikely that we'll be able to do much more than that in 2020 but we'll see.....



**The stage start queue**

It turned out to be a sound decision with another strong fall of snow overnight but again, once down of the mountains the conditions, whilst wet were ok. Day 2 was going very well for us and we were up around 3rd place by lunch time. The street stage in Mansfield became our achilles heel. We're still not sure exactly what went wrong but it was probably the combination of a couple of things and it saw us drop a heap of points and plummet to 7th.



**Ready to start—note the snow in the background**

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting—Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Record of the 26/11/2019 Annual General Meeting of the Classic Rally Club Inc, at Denistone Sports Club.

The Meeting was opened at 8.01 pm by President J Cooper. Attendance book circulated, confirming that a more than adequate quorum of members were in attendance. All club officers, members and event entrants were thanked for their support during 2019. John Bryson and family members, and Gerry Crown were especially welcomed.

Adoption of the 2018 AGM minutes- No matters arising, it was moved by G Bransgrove, 2nd by G Taylor to accept the minutes of the 2018 AGM, as printed in the club magazine. Carried.

President's Report provided by J Cooper- The President expanded on his report provided in the current issue of Rally directions: 2019 had been another satisfactory year for the club with new event directors coming forward and solid support by members generally, and entries in events. All efforts and contributions to the operation of the club were gratefully acknowledged.

Treasurer's Report- provided by P Reed. A print out of the CRC financial position was at hand showing a net decrease in funds of the order of \$8262.32, compared with the end of November last year. It was noted, by way of explanation that the 2020 CAMS affiliation had already been paid and that the Club's practice of making charitable donations had occurred again in 2019 (as foreshadowed at the 2018 AGM), and that the Club had again fully funded the end of year function at a cost in excess of \$3200.

Secretary's Report- provided by A Kanak. Once again the club had no known issues of insurance claims, litigation or bad debtors. Relationships with the Council of Motor Clubs and CAMS were operating smoothly, with no problem issues. A larger report had been provided in the current issue of Rally Directions. It was noted that CAMS will become Motorsport Australia from Jan 1, 2020. The affiliation certificate will reflect this change.

Membership Secretary's Report- a printed report was provided by G Evans, indicating 373 members on strength, down from 376 at the previous AGM. It was noted that two members had passed away since late 2018. Membership numbers are within the normal long-term range seen over many years.

HCRS Report- provided by R Cooper. Five additional vehicles this year came onto the scheme, bringing the total to 72, with the majority participating in the 60 day p.a. log book trial. It was noted that the RMS had made permanent the 60 day per year log book scheme. No problematic breaches of the scheme by members were identified during 2019.

Pointscore Report- provided by M Batten. A printout of consolidated points of all entrants in all categories had been produced for information of members. No complaints about the fundamental design of the pointscore system had been received during 2019, though some suggestions for minor "fine tuning" of the scheme had been made, which will be considered by the new committee for 2020.

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Competition Report-provided by T Norman. Another successful year with respect to the range and number of events conducted, as elaborated in Rally Directions. Tony was warmly thanked for his eight years of sterling service in this role, as he would not be continuing in this role for 2020.

Communications Report- provided by J Cooper on behalf of the Exec C'tee. Chris McDonald was thanked for his editorial and production role with the Rally Directions magazine, which he took up during the year. Greg Yates was thanked for his role with coordinating Facebook, and to Glenn Evans for his club email communications, and also Harriet Jordan for her ongoing oversight of the website- collectively contributing to keeping club members up to date with information and news etc. Special thanks were also noted for past magazine editor Bob Morey (and family) for their efforts with the magazine.

It was moved by G Evans, 2nd Dominic Votano to accept these reports collectively, carried.

Election of Office Bearers: at 8.25pm the Chair was passed to T Wise for the election of the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer, and also the position of Event Secretary (due to no re-nomination from Tony Norman). The current Executive C'tee stood down for the conduct of the election process.

The results of the nomination process did not produce a need for voting as only single nominations had been received. The results were that for 2019 the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer and Event Secretary will be occupied by J Cooper, A Kanak and P Reed and R Warner respectively.

The 2020 C'tee resumed the meeting at 8.30pm, after conduct of the election process. T Wise was thanked for his assistance with the process of the election of the 2020 Executive C'tee.

Other roles for 2020- by direct appointment of the C'tee, were unchanged from 2019, and received with thanks, as the CRC has an enviable troupe of talent to assist with the club's operations, in the view of the Executive C'tee:

Facebook contact- Greg Yates

Membership- Glenn Evans

Editor of Rally Directions – Chris McDonald

HCRS- Ron Cooper

Point Score- Mike Batten

Website development- Harriet Jordan

Website moderator/coordinator Geoff Bott and others

Motion to amend membership annual fees- It was moved by J Cooper to leave fees unchanged for 2020. This motion was seconded by M Batten, carried.

No further business, the AGM portion of the evening's proceedings concluded at 8.34pm.

Tony Kanak

Secretary

# La Tour de Belle Campagne

A tour of the beautiful <sup>Aussie</sup> countryside

Friday 15 & Saturday 16 May 2020



Upper Murray Function & Conference Centre

Both nights of the event will be based at the Upper Murray Resort, which features 16 two and three bedroom Australiana cottages, 4 motel style suites and a 5 room cottage with a terrific central function/conference centre. Other options are available nearby.

The Friday evening will feature a very sociable outdoor BBQ meal around an outdoor fireplace allowing everyone to mingle and get acquainted with your interstate colleagues.

The Saturday evening will feature dinner and presentation in the superb Upper Murray Function & Conference Centre before a Sunday drive home at your leisure.

The Saturday route travels around the glorious Upper Murray River with lunch at Corryong, home to the Man from Snowy River. After lunch the tour continues along great roads with incredible scenery, before finishing back at Upper Murray Resort late afternoon.

The event is being organised by the Historic Rally Club of NSW with invitations to the Classic Rally Club in NSW and Historic Rally Association in Victoria.

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A grand tour of some of the best country in Australia, at the best time of year.

This two-day event has been designed foremost as a tour of the glorious countryside to and then either side of the Upper Murray River. The navigational categories will not be onerous as we don't want navigators to miss out on enjoying the superb scenery unfolding around them.

The event commences on Friday morning with start locations in both NSW and Victoria, with both routes converging on the Upper Murray Resort near Jingellic on the state border arriving at 5pm.

The event will have the usual four categories available:

- Social Tour – a non-competitive drive using a simple route chart without the challenge of navigational tasks.
- Touring Category - a competition with the simple route chart instructions that is very popular with less experienced crews. It offers the fun of real competition without the challenge of map reading.
- Apprentice Navigation - a competition for crews who like a challenge of map reading, finding the correct route using more detailed map interpretation and navigation skills with some helpful hints provided by the event organiser.
- Masters Navigation - the most challenging level of competition, designed for those crews who enjoy the older style of mapped navigational events.

# 1980 Commodore VC Historic Rally Car

## ***PERFECT CAR FOR NEXT 'PEKING TO PARIS' RALLY***

Built by Norm Singleton of The Rally Connection in 2001 at a cost of around \$50,000 plus the original car at the time, to compete in long distance rallies.

Since then it has been further developed as a fast, comfortable and reliable rally car to compete on the local and international circuit or club events.

- Holden VL Black 3.3 litre motor – Fully balanced, shot peened with hypereutectic pistons, crow cam, JP oil pump, electronic ignition and Weber 34ADM downdraft carburetor. Built to run on 86 octane by Port City Motors in Victoria she was Dynode at 155bhp.
- Custom built and designed rally exhaust system
- 5 speed Toyota Supra Gearbox with Dellow bell housing with heavy duty 'purple' clutch
- VL Commodore turbo Diff with fine spline axles / Nissan Skyline crown wheel and pinion 3.78:1 ratio mounted on reinforced alloy plate and twin Panhard rods
- Full seam welded & foam filled body – all underbody & suspension reinforced
- Coil over front suspension with Bilstein gas struts and Bilstein rear shock absorbers
- Progressive rate uplift (+2") springs with Polyair adjustable rear airbags
- 4 wheel disc brakes with upgraded rotors and calipers
- 15" x 6" Commodore Chaser steel wheels plus full set of solid alloys with 2 steel spares
- Hydraulic hand brake and reconditioned power steering rack
- 150 litre long range alloy fuel tank
- Fully welded steel 10-point roll cage tied into body and suspension mountings
- Alloy bull bar with full under-body alloy bash plates to behind the gearbox
- Navigator's light, 4 historic Cibie Oscar driving lights and 2 fire extinguishers
- Isotta sports steering wheel, Luke full harness seat belts and camel water sacks
- New tinted laminated windscreen and the recent addition of underdash air conditioning

The car competed in numerous domestic rallies from 2002 until 2010. Following my purchase in 2011 it was totally rebuilt from the shell up to compete on the global long distance rally circuit. In addition to numerous local rallies she has completed:

- **2012 London to Cape Town World Cup Rally** – 14,000 kms from London to Cape Town – 2nd in Class
- **2014 Classic Safari** – 6000 kms through South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia – 7th Overall
- **2019 Repco Around Australia Retrial** – 17,000 kms from Melbourne to Melbourne

To replicate this car today would cost you close to \$100,000 plus all the time and parts sourcing. She can be fully road registered or kept on NSW Conditional or Rally plates to save a fortune in annual registration. And she comes with \$000's in spare parts.

**She is ready to go on her next journey and is a bargain at \$29,950.**

**Ring Greg Newton 0413 705559**

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## 2020 CRC Events Calendar.

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

Date	Event - CC indicates CRC championship event	Note	Contact
	28-1-20	Unofficial CRC Meeting	
	7-2-20	F.F.F.F.	T.B.C.
	25-2-20	CRC Meeting	
	6-3-20	F.F.F.F.	T.B.C.
29-2-20	1-3-20	The Bucketts List Tour CC	See CRC web site for details Martin Leaver—0408 986 128 Greg Yates— 0415 160 116
	24-3-20	CRC Meeting	
	3-4-20	F.F.F.F.	T.B.C.
	19-4-20	HRC Rally CC	T.B.C.
	28-4-20	C.R.C. Meeting	
	1-5-20	F.F.F.F.	T.B.C.
	26-5-20	C.R.C. Meeting	
	5-6-20	F.F.F.F.	T.B.C.
	23-6-20	C.R.C. Meeting	
	28-6-20	AROCA Tour D'Course CC	T.B.C.
	3-7-20	F.F.F.F.	T.B.C.
	TBA	La Tour de Belle Campagne CC	T.B.C.
	28-7-20	C.R.C. Meeting	
	7-8-20	F.F.F.F.	T.B.C.
	25-8-20	C.R.C. Meeting	
	4-9-20	F.F.F.F.	T.B.C.
	22-9-20	C.R.C. Meeting	
	2-10-20	F.F.F.F.	T.B.C.
	27-10-20	C.R.C. Meeting	
17-10-20	18-10-20	Alpine Classic CC	details TBA
	6-11-20	F.F.F.F.	T.B.C.
	24-11-20	CRC Annual General Meeting	
		CRC Annual Presentation and Christmas Party.	

**Thanks** to John Cooper, Jen Navin, Tony Kanak, Mike Batten, Steve Brumby.

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