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2024 Alpine Classic Briefing

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CRC meetings are usually held at the Canada Bay Club, 8 William Street, Fivedock at 7.30 pm sharp.

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John's Last Jabber

Hello everyone, I hope this report finds you, your family and loved ones fit and well. It's now November and another year almost gone. Time for the Club's Annual General meeting and a rap up of the past year 2024. This

will be my last John's Jabber, AKA my President's Report for the Club's Magazine and a bit of a rap up of my time in the position. I would think it won't be the last time that I contribute something to Rally Directions, something I have harped on and included in almost every one of my past 120 Jabbers, suggesting the magazine is only as good as the members contributing stories and photos. Unfortunately, quite regularly falling on deaf ears, leaving it to a very small regular contingent.

For those unaware, it is time for me to step aside as President after 10 years at the helm, 30 continuous years, membership No3, being there from the very start. I have had the pleasure of meeting, knowing and befriending many many members of the Classic Rally Club. I have had some of the best times in my life, competing, officialing, setting rallies, administrating, mentoring, socialising, promoting and endorsing the CRC in many ways. Along with growing older together with some wonderful people, laughing and crying, through sickness and in health, and sadly losing so many along the way, attending almost every past member's funeral, and scripting the Vale, honoring them for the magazine. I have lost a lot of good friends and people I could call mate.

A few of my valued contributions from my position as President over the past 10 years was to revive the nominations of CRC Life Membership, something that had laid idle for 13 years, putting forward successful nominations for continuous members who had contributed to the club in some

way. Joining the previous list of Life Members, Graham Vaughan, Geoff Bott, Margaret Brown, Don Brown and Brian Cooper. My nominations and appointments being, past President Lui MacLennan in 2017, Secretary Tony Kanak 2019, Garth Taylor 2021, past Treasurer Adrian Walmsley in 2024. I was extremely honored to be bestowed Life Membership of the Classic Rally Club in 2023.

Another contribution was the introduction of The Rally Legends. People from past rallies who were, in their day, very successful in their field, now a part of our club, who had contributed and whose identity we could utilise in the promotion of the Classic Rally Club. Just to have their presence, friendship and past experiences shared amongst us. Those being acknowledged being Dave Johnson, Barry Ferguson, Bob Holden, Gerry Crown, John Bryson, Matt Bryson and recently Mike Batten.

A few things of note I'm proud of during my term in office, being Clerk of Course for 5 Alpine Classic Rallies, attracting large numbers of entries and encouraging the use and entry of older Classic Cars, playing second fiddle to my partner in crime Ross Warner, who changed the format slightly of the Alpines introducing new styles of navigation, the use of Z boards, realignments, putting a few people out of sorts, but providing our entrants with the pleasure of touring and experiencing new venues, overnight locations, new rally roads, great driving, taking in great scenery and the introduction of safety revive coffee stops. Being part of the organising team of "The 20," a massive weekend of just about everything in Mudgee. Celebrating the Club's 20th anniversary and the memorable 25 year celebrations for the Club's weekend in Bathurst. Putting on the last 10 end of year Christmas come Championship Awards Presentation events, with the help of my wife Wendy. As well as the 30th anniversary Repco Mountain Rally Reunion, celebrating where our Classic Rally Club evolved from. Arranging for the promotion of our CRC and cars, free of charge to our members, at the annual CMC Shannons Display day. Something I've done for

our Club since 1998. Culminating in our largest display ever this year, with the addition of the display and promotion in two pit lane garages, acknowledging our 30 years. We have continued our association and affiliation with CMC Council of Motor Clubs and CAMS (now Motorsport Australia) over the past 30 years.

My 10 years in office has certainly had its ups and downs, starting with a few of my health issues I needed to overcome. I think being hospitalised at least once, maybe twice and being elected to continue on by the members showing me their faith to hold my President's position whilst in recovery. Then there was the dreaded Covid-19. There were a few interrupted years, keeping your distance, masks, lockdowns, postponements, cancellations and new Covid event regulations. We lost a few meetings, rallies and planned events. When everything was over and supposedly back to normal we found our rally entry numbers, meeting attendees and membership numbers fall dramatically. Hopefully, slowly increasing in the near future. We can't blame Covid for this completely. Basically you have to agree that Classic also means old, let's face it, we are all growing old, 30 years older than when we first kicked off the Club. Mostly our members are made up of the older demographic. Our classic cars are another 30 years older and most are becoming more valuable and not suitable for our comfort when using them for two days, especially on unsealed, potholed roads. Hence the introduction of the more modern variety of vehicle, providing A/C, power steering, a more smoother ride, reliability and comfortable seating. I trust we can maintain and encourage a majority of classics to be used and catered for, as that was the reasoning of the Club's name "Classic". If we lose the usage of Classic in our events, we may be up to changing our Club name. It is hoped that some of our future rallies provide and promote a route more suitable for Classic cars, maybe using Geoff Bott's original Mountain Rally slogan, "Get you Classic out of the Garage and use it". We are

supposedly bound by our Club's Constitution, where the first 3 Objectives on page one reads:

- a) To provide an association to promote the enjoyment of Classic car rallies and recreational use of Classic cars in rallies or otherwise.
- b) To promote, foster and encourage the restoration and technical knowledge of Classic cars for the use in rallies.
- c) To promote in any way the interests of owners of and enthusiasts for Classic rally cars.

A major breakthrough helping to attract members back to enter our rallies that I'm proud to have been the overseer would have to be the abolition of the highly increased costs imposed by the compulsory Motorsport Australia Speed Licence, previously imposed on both driver and navigator. This eliminated a large cost of participating in our sport. This has not just benefited our Club but every other Motorsport Club running similar events to us throughout Australia.

In my time as President our meeting venue changed from the Denistone Bowling Club (due to issues with the running of that Club) to, for what we thought at the time the most welcoming and excellent free facilities of the Strathfield Golf Club. Just recently they, with the appointment of a new Catering & Facilities management team at the Golf Club, have totally priced us all out. Over 18 Car Clubs were using the facilities to meet and provide customers on mid week nights. They now have to hastily find new meeting places. Fortunately, with thanks and help from Tony Wise, we have secured a new meeting venue, still on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Canada Bay Club, 8 William Street Five Dock, meeting starts at 7.30pm. Come along early for the bistro meal and drinks, lounge downstairs after the meeting for a chat, drinks or a coffee. A very good choice for our Club to be able to use this excellent licensed club.

2024 AGM CRC President's Report

Enough about me and the last 10 years and now more on to this past year. On behalf of the Classic Rally Club and myself I hereby submit the November edition of Rally Directions, the official journal of our Club, complete with the notification of the Annual General Meeting, (also found in last month's Magazine), to be held on the 26th November, 2024, at The Canada Bay Club, at 7.30pm, 8 William St Five Dock. Please find within this magazine the other office bearers end of year reports for your perusal. Peter Reed's end of the Financial year report for 2023/24 was included in last month's edition of Rally Directions. Our Championship Point scorer Mike Batten's end of season point score is also included. Congratulations to all the Championship place getters and thank you to everyone who participated in our events throughout the year.

A big thank you to our long serving Secretary, Life Member Tony Kanak, who again this year and for the previous 10 years provided support to me by taking care of all the administration duties required to run the Club's corporation. Tony took over from Ron Pope in 1997 and after 27 consecutive years in the position he has decided and previously given notice that it's also time for him to hang up his pencil and have a well earned break, pursuing other things in retirement and some more overseas travel. Treasurer Peter Reed, thank you also for handling our financial affairs in a most professional manner. I am pleased to say that I understand that Peter will be re-standing for his position for 2024, professionally handling our financial affairs from afar and hopefully now being able to get back into some of our events.

I would like to thank all this year's Rally Directors, (most have been along for the ride over my 10 years), the event organisers and officials including our association with the Alfa

Car Club (AROCA), Martin Leaver for their Alfa rally again being part of our Championship and Dave Johnson / Ian Richards, The Historic Rally Club (HRC) for hosting two events, Tour of the Snowy and the Southern Cross Reliability Trial up north to be part of our calendar. A special mention to Tony Norman who, over many years has provided the club with one day rallies, usually single handedly. This year he ran the Final Countdown Rally, as per the rallies name he will also be taking a break for a while. Tony's contribution will be sorely missed. Two CRC members who live all the way down in Victoria and used to travel up for most of our events wanted to give back to our club and staged The Cootamundra Classic. Another two day great weekend of rallying, thanks Ian Gilmore / Peter Parry. Thanks to Glenda Lawrence and Warren Herrick for a two day social drive with the Hidden Gems Tour. We finished off the year with another very successful Alpine Classic Rally run by Alan and Lauren Walker with Lui. They did a great job, overcoming some early huddles and producing the old familiar style Alpine Classic. Half way through the year I ran a well supported mid week social drive to Lithgow's Small Arms Factory and a luncheon. After it's success it looks like I may be running a few more mid week runs in the future.

I would also like to thank all the Club's Registrars, who continue to volunteer their time and expertise in their roles, keeping up with and maintaining the smooth running of the Club. Our Magazine Editor Chris McDonald, what a great effort getting out a very informative and entertaining magazine every month. He always seems to find enough to put out another good edition. As I always say, we can always use more content, don't be shy dear members. Chris always needs stories and photos and thanks to all those that did contribute this past year. Club Historic

Plates and Registrations, a time consuming task processing all our Club plated vehicles, ensuring compliance with the schemes. Without Ron Cooper's voluntary time we wouldn't be enjoying our cheaper rego fees for our classic cars. Ron is in the process of streamlining the registration procedure to come on line to be more digital, with the help from Glenn Evans. Some could make Ron's job a little easier by complying with all the club's rules and format on renewing your regos and not leaving it to the last minute to get Ron to process your paperwork. Don't forget if you don't renew your club membership on time your vehicle is not registered.

Our Membership officer, Glenn Evans has done excellent work processing membership notifications, renewals and new member applications and as my unofficial Email Wrangler he is always willing to lend me a hand getting notices out to the members and keeping you informed with important notifications. Mike Batten, the man behind crunching all the numbers and keeping score of all the Club's Championship points so we can see where we are placed. I'm certain Mike came on board 10 years ago with me, to take over from Jeff West. Mike has also advised he needs someone new to crunch those numbers next year as he too needs a break away from the position. Thank you Mike Batten for your service to the Club. Thank you to the Webmaster, Harriet Jordan who keeps the Club's web page up to date and spreads our page globally. Thanks this year to Geoff Bott for his input with videos, promotion and YouTube content of our presence. Thanks to all our Facebook Administrators. Alan Walker, our elected 2023 Competition Secretary for the past year, scouring the calendar for suitable weekends to have our events with the issue of double bookings and date clashes. By the way, as burnout is a real problem amongst rally directors. We are always looking for new volunteers who may be able to come on board and learn the ropes from our existing organisers and hopefully

stage a new event in the future and if you know of any other events we may need to include on our alternate calendar, pass them onto Alan or the new Competition Secretary.

Don't forget there is no December Club Meeting. Our next meeting after this year's November AGM should be next year, 2025, Tuesday the 28th January. If the new President elects to continue the tradition it should be the annual January Robbie Panetta Hawaiian shirt night. So, leave your Christmas clobber for 2024 end of year bash and get down to Lowes for a very loud looking coloured shirt.

This year's end of year Christmas Party and Championship Awards moves to another venue. The Castlereagh Hall we have previously used for the last 8 years has been extensively affected by white ants and is undergoing repairs and is still not available. We have moved back to the Mulgoa Community Hall where I held my first Christmas party 10 years ago. It's a little smaller but will suit our needs and will also suit our celebrations for our 30 years of the Classic Rally Club. It's a SATURDAY, the 23rd November, a free function, hot meal included with dessert, tea and coffee supplied, but bring your own drinks. We will be selling the Heather Dux raffle tickets in aid of Children's Brain Cancer, no eftpos so bring some cash along. Tickets sold at the recent Alpine Classic will be included in the draw and the winner will be drawn at the 30th.

The Club Championship awards will be presented on the day. Another thing I have been proud to introduce is the 1st place Championship Shields honoring some of our more prominent members. There are six shields and are awarded to the first place Driver and Navigator in each category, Masters, Apprentices, and Tour. Members are competing for these prestigious perpetual shields.

THE BARRY FERGUSON SHIELD 1st
Masters Driver, THE DAVE JOHNSON SHIELD 1st
Masters Navigator. Both men are CRC Rally

Legends, members of the Australian Rally Hall of Fame and were top of their sport on many occasions as driver and navigator. THE GERRY CROWN MEMORIAL SHIELD 1st Apprentice Driver, THE SHANE NAVIN MEMORIAL SHIELD 1st Apprentice Navigator. These shields are to honor the memory of these two men. Gerry was a CRC Rally Legend and one of the best world renowned long distance rally drivers around, and very supportive of the CRC. Shane at the time of his unfortunate passing was the CRC's reigning Apprentice Champion Navigator. THE BRIAN COOPER MEMORIAL SHIELD 1st Tour Driver and THE GEOFF BOTT SHIELD 1st Tour Navigator. Brian was an early CRC President for 6 years before his untimely death. He pioneered the CRC to grow in members and events. He was always a driver with good navigation skills. Brian was the instigator of the Tour Category when we saw the need to get more interested people along without the difficult navigation, well before the Apprentice category was introduced. THE GEOFF BOTT SHIELD, Geoff is recognised here and thanked for his reintroduction of classic car rallying in NSW with the Repco Mountain Rallies and the Club's Alpine rallies and the formation of our Classic Rally Club in 1994. We still have THE BRYSON FAMILY SPORTSMANSHIP PERPETUAL TROPHY which was donated by the family and now honours another of our fine CRC Rally Legends John Bryson for his incredible navigation skills along with his very talented family, Sonia and Matthew. THE CRC PRESIDENTS SHIELD for service to the club and awarded by the sitting President continues to be awarded to someone who has shown great contribution to the CRC.

Thank you to all you Club members, friends and rally participants that come along to our events. Your support is what keeps the club ticking along in such a great social, friendly atmosphere. Your continued support will hopefully continue with Alan's leadership. He will bring some fresh ideas with plenty of enthusiasm that should keep the club stable and enjoyable moving forward into a

new era. As for me, I look forward to having a break away from the President's position next year. I wish all the new incoming office bearers all the very best and look forward to your new ideas and smooth running of our Club under the leadership of our new President, Alan Walker, who I have previously endorsed and offer my thanks and congratulations for taking on this role. I leave the official position of President with the Club in a much healthier financial position which I'm proud of. During my time we have reduced our membership fees, mainly due to nothing happening in Covid times and also the large savings from the Rally Directions magazine printing and posting cost by going fully electronic. It met with a little hesitation at first but now it is basically the norm, with 99% of other Car clubs following this path of no hard copies of their magazines.

I would like to pass on my sincere condolences to all the family and friends of those that we have lost over the past year, some great people that will be fondly remembered.

To you all, have a safe and healthy Christmas and New year, all the very best from Wendy and me.

Cheers and Best Wishes

JOHN COOPER President, Life Member

A Small Correction

Last month in my Jabber there was a photo of our CRC Life Member Margaret Brown with my wife Wendy and the most delicious cake Margaret baked for us. It was mistakenly labeled as Heather Dux. Our apologies to Margaret and Heather for the mix up, gee that cake was good, John Cooper



2024 Classic Rally Club Annual General Meeting- Secretary's Report from Tony Kanak

Again it is pleasing to note that the past year has again been one of overall success for the Club, which in part must be due to the successful collaboration of the event directors, the Club's various office holders, the volunteers who help to make events a reality- and the enthusiasm of the active members, who took part in the point score- and the membership generally.

Special thanks are also due to Glenn Evans who smoothly manages membership records and processes for the Club, as well as being the email message wrangler(?) and to Chris Mc Donald who keeps getting the eagerly awaited issues of Rally Directions out on time. Also Ron Cooper makes a major contribution to the success of the Historic and Classic vehicle registration scheme administration- now with over 80 vehicles, and not forgetting the contributions of other helpers who keep the CRC wheels turning smoothly, such as Harriet Jordan and Greg Yates- who valuably attend to website and social media matters. Also thanks to Mike Batten who promptly attends to the point-score statistics.

Last but not least the continued calm focus of our Treasurer and the energy and enthusiasm of our long-term President also merit mention of course. I apologise if I had inadvertently left any deserving people out of this acknowledgement.

During the past year the monthly meetings at the Strathfield Golf Club came to an end, due to the Golf Club's decision to apply unaffordable fees for the use of their premises. Consequently, a change at short notice was implemented- to meet at the Canada Bay Club. Thanks are due to member Tony Wise for his extensive assistance with this changeover.

With respect to the financial situation the Treasurer's Report will provide more illumination, but I can report that the Club has no current issues with bad debts, or insurance claims, or legal action, and is in a sound position for the coming year.

The relationships with Motorsport Australia, and the Council of Motor Clubs are both working well, and the CRC was again well-represented at the major CMC event in August at Sydney Motor Sport Park, which was also an opportunity to celebrate thirty years of the CRC!

In closing, the CRC looks forward to continued support from its members during the next twelve months and hopefully people can continue to have the time, energy and budget to enjoy classic rallying activities. As an example of making the Club better serve the range of interests of members, a weekday social run to the Lithgow Small Arms Museum was conducted, was well supported, and was regarded as very successful, by the attendees. With a membership that includes a substantial number of members no longer tied to regular weekday work hours, consideration will likely be given to planning more events of this nature, maybe even involving some of the people who have served a term (or several) as an office bearer of the Club. Many hands make light work!

CLASSIC RALLY CLUB

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The Classic Rally Club currently has 345 members, comprising:

seven Life members;

Six Honorary members;

68 Individual members; and

257 Family members and seven Juniors in 171 Family memberships.

We express our condolences to the families of Gerald Lee and Jeff Whitten, who passed away during the year.

Club membership fell by 31 in 2024. The gain of 24 members was outweighed by the 55 members who failed to renew their memberships. This is particularly disappointing after the modest increase in membership last year gave us hope that membership numbers and participation in events would increase as we recovered from the COVID period.

The single biggest decrease in membership was the 13 members who were removed from six Family memberships. In all six cases, the principal member converted to an Individual membership. Another five members who did not renew were participants in the 2022 Perth to Sydney Marathon, who took out full membership of the Club rather than the Single Event membership which was offered. Realistically, I did not expect the three from WA to renew.

The Club gained 20 new members and seven new memberships, with another four past members rejoining.

At least 130 of our 345 members participated in a Club event during the year, either as a competitor, official or attendee at a meeting or social run. Participation in our events increased this year. In every rally the Club ran, we attracted several competitors who were not CRC members. Even though our membership decreased this year, we should take encouragement from the facts that we still attract new members and new participants in our sport. Hopefully, participation in our events will continue to improve in 2025.

Glenn Evans

Membership Secretary

CRC Historic Plates Registrar Annual Report 2024

Ron Cooper

The club currently has 82 Cars on HVP

5 Cars on CVS

This is an important scheme for our members as it provides reduced rate of registration and insurance for our classic cars that otherwise in many cases we could not afford to keep registered. We all need to ensure we comply with both the Transport NSW rules and the club rules so the scheme can continue in its current form. The Club also has to keep records and administer the scheme within the requirements of Transport NSW and the CMC.

I have worked hard to ensure this happens and remind all users of the scheme the documents you fill in and sign are LEGAL DOCUMENTS and as such need to be treated accordingly.

In January I send out renewals for the club fees for HVP plates and this is not the confused with Club Membership or Transport NSW renewals. Please ensure you read these emails and respond in a timely manner. I do not want to spend time next year chasing people as I have this year. If you want me to process your paper work in a timely manner then you need to respond to my emails equally so Please read all the information sent to you fully, as from time to time requirements change because of government changes.

We currently have a healthy scheme so go enjoy your classic cars and bring them to a Club event.



2024 Alpine Classic – The Director’s Cut

This year, we enjoyed traversing across eight separate Council regions to relish a touch over 867 km of some of the most scenic roads we could piece together.

We enjoyed the company of 41 teams accompanied by 18 officials.

The Zig Zag Motel restaurant became the usual impromptu social start of the event, with early registration available on the Friday afternoon.

Saturday morning broke to a cool, crisp but clear morning – perfect weather to enjoy the hot offering of bacon and eggs at the Lithgow Public School. After Lauren’s drivers briefing, the teams and officials worked flawlessly to get all teams away on time. Division 1 plotted a route from Lithgow, up through Portland, Cullen Bullen on to Capertee to explore deep into Capertee Valley and out to Glen Alice.

A question answer informed all that the beautiful scenic views they were fortunate enough to take in happened to be deep inside the ‘world’s widest canyon’. Crews continued to enjoy touring onward to Rylstone, and Kandos before returning southward to Sofala.

A route chart corralled teams to ‘The Mountain’ to lunch at the Bathurst light car club at the top of Conrod Straight.

Saturday afternoon had just two sections to complete the day. The first traced a route on a North-West course, with a road that is one not to miss. Rolling hills and the beautiful scenic surrounds had all the cars and crews enjoying the drive.

Orange beckoned as we all just skirted the Eastern side of the town. A small test to execute a ‘T-Junction’ before a short trip to Lucknow.....

And the maintained speed section.

As the Alpine classic is a TRE [Touring Road Event] which includes timing and the added test of an

average speed. This year's one certainly tested all the crews with plenty of questions and three ‘speed’ changes. Crews scouring speed tables in attempts to piece together the most ‘accurate’ run.

The return to Bathurst took in sections of some classic rally routes with inclusions of Road like Hen and Chicken Lane.

Bathurst Panthers is where we called home for Saturday night function. With the scorers, Lui and Len working overtime to get scores posted in record time. An offer and very kindly donated by Roger Banham was a wine hamper, a BodyShop pack by Carol Both and two signed motorsport prints from Lauren and I. All of these raffle items, along with the generous donations made by many helped raise \$_____. All of this, along with all tickets sold, go forward into the final draw to be held at the CRC Christmas Party, for the honour to take home the incredible leather folder donated by Heather and Donald Dux. All monies raised are to be donated to Heather’s chosen charity, Children’s Brain Cancer Research.

So if you’d still like to donate and have a chance to become the next custodian of Heather’s leather CRC folder, please get in touch, or even better, come along to the Christmas Party on November 23rd.

Crews backed up on Sunday, yet another fine day to get out and enjoy a great drive. Starting at just after 8am, a morning stint on a Highway had crews counting “Rocks Creek” signs – fun. At this time of the morning, I would have thought the crews could have smelt the lollies on offer at two early passage controls, Paul Morton and Jim Barrett, and Carol Both all keen to see everyone.

A loop around Spring Hill, then a trip out past Cadia Mine sent teams all the way to Mandurama. An hour long loop, stretched out as far West as Woodstock to return to Mandurama. A trip around

and then across Carcoar Dam allowed crews to take in the tranquil waters of the Dam on their way to lunch at Newbridge Showground.

The Gladstone Hotel at Newbridge put on an amazing BBQ lunch for us, and by all reports the steak sandwiches on offer were second to none.

Sunday afternoon setting up to be the finale to another memorable event. From Newbridge, Oberon was the last challenge to overcome. A passage, a major control, a loop and a return to the passage had some crews in a twist. All gathered up to head North to Tarana and enjoy what Sodwalls had to offer (well except for the first 10 kms out of Tarana).

A downhill run had the Donnybrook in sight. A well earned refreshing drink was had as crews recounted the last 870 km.

Overall the reports have crews enjoying the event, the roads and best of all the scenery and comradery.

The only issue that arose was an instruction error for the Masters in Section 1a leading many astray into M2. A simple 'RJ' instead of 'TJ' had the organisers having to exclude the scoring from the end of the loop at Portland into M2. Also a slightly 'ambiguous' question answer for the Tour had us accept all variants, effectively neutralising the issue raised here.

It was a 'long' Alpine at 870 km and crews did a marvellous job at performing over the two full days. Include the extra challenge of the Maintained

'Average' Speed, and quite a few challenges from the organisational side to get it all tied up, has certainly led to one to remember.

Not sure if I agree with the first one is the hardest but the second Alpine at the helm was different to say the least all I can say it couldn't have been possible without all the assistance from each and every official, the guidance and scoring by Lui and of course the efforts and patience of Lauren Walker.

Thank you to all of the Officials

Edul Dhondy	Paul Morton
Carol Both	Jim Barrett
Len Zech	Geoff and Trish Mills
Gwyn and Helen Mulholland	Peter Zylstra
John and Helen Young	Mick Williamson
Eric and Jenny Young	Lui Maclennan
Alan and Lauren Walker	

So thank you for coming along for the ride in 2024 but as always there's always next year. 2025 brings about the 25th anniversary of the Alpine Classic and plans are in motion to make it a special one and of course one not to be missed. I'm sure I'll see you all there plus looking forward to many more to come along and enjoy the drive.

Thank you,

Alan

**All trophies will be presented at the Club
Christmas party on Saturday the 23rd of
November.**



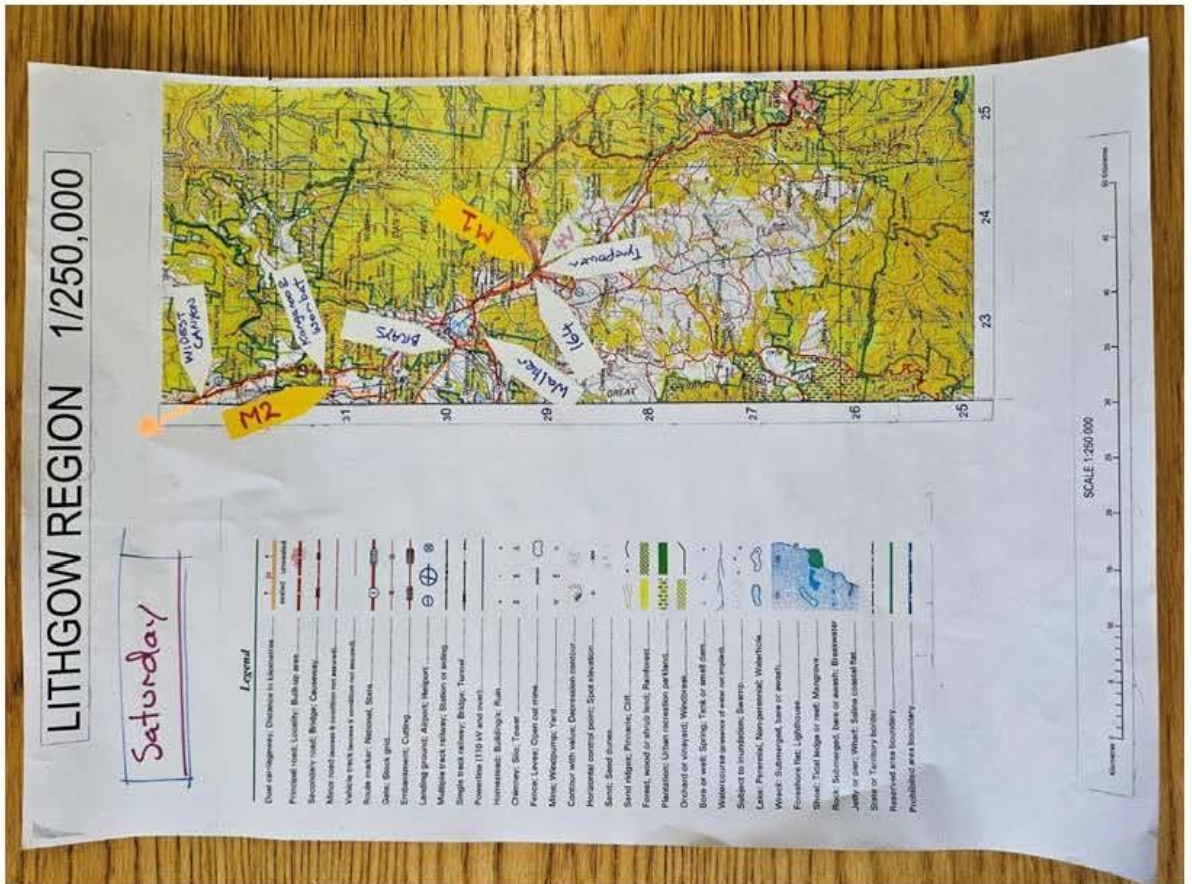
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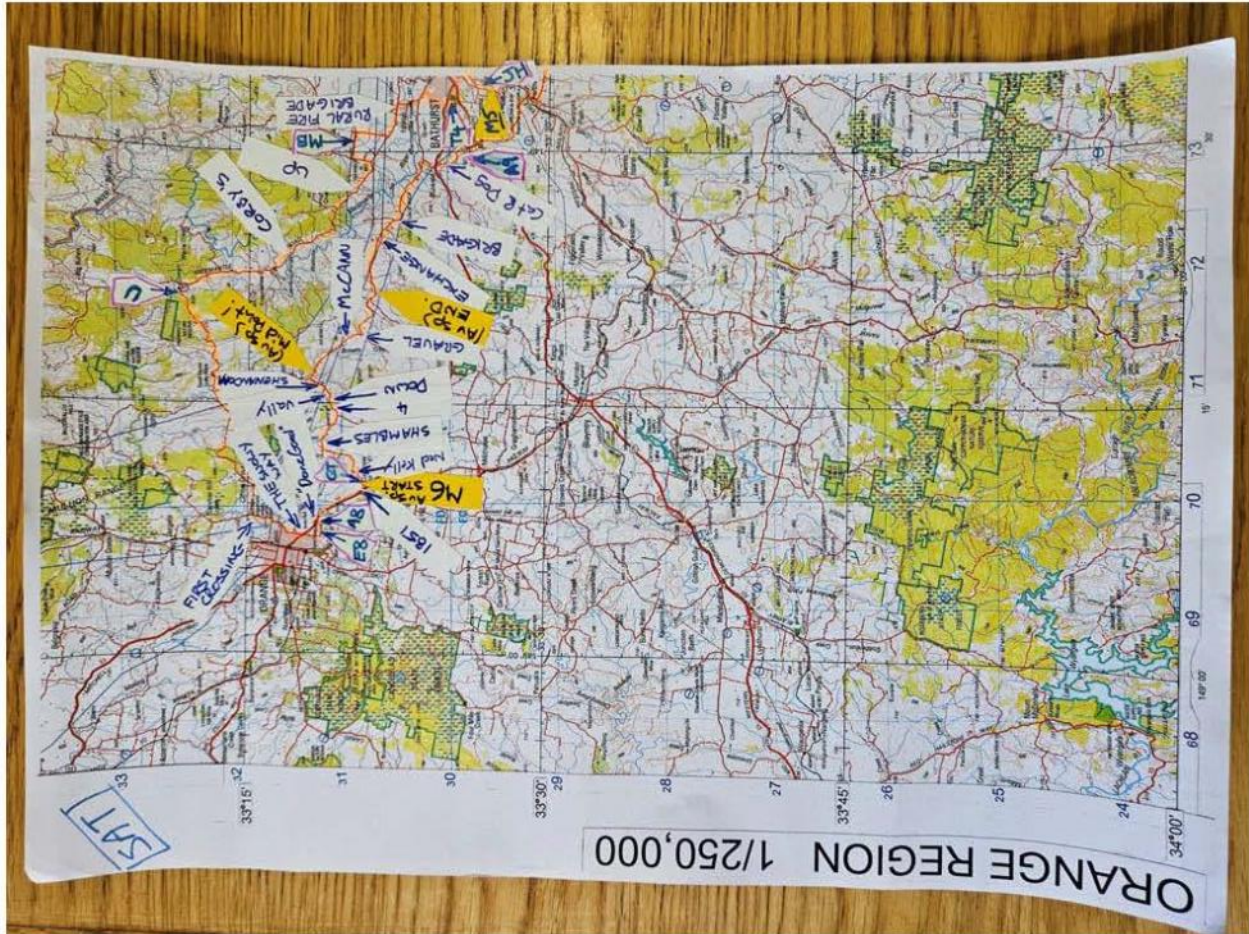


Car	Driver	Navigator	Year	Vehicle	Qs	VRCs	PCs	MCs	Time	Av Sp	Total	Place
Masters												
7	David Stephenson	Mike Stephenson	1990	Mazda	12	20	0	0	12	0	44	1
3	John Cooper	Ross Warner	1972	Ford	0	30	30	0	15	15	90	2
1	Graham Pettit	Phill Stead	1992	Ford	1	30	30	0	35	8	104	3
4	Robbie Panetta	John Henderson	1972	Alfa	0	30	0	0	49	30	109	4
2	Andrew Inglis	Martin Leaver	1974	Alfa	0	50	30	0	23	23	126	5
5	Dave Johnson	Steuart Snooks	2011	Subaru	96	40	0	0	36	30	202	6
6	Dave Shaw	Ray Arthurs	1993	Mazda	72	50	0	0	70	30	222	7
Apprentices												
13	Justin Bedingfield	Mark Tolhurst	2020	Golf	36	10	0	0	6	6	58	1
9	Roger Banham	Roger Barlow	1965	Sunbeam	24	10	0	30	18	10	92	2
11	Bruce Miller	Andrew Taurins	1972	Ford	48	10	0	0	29	27	114	3
10	Peter Thomson	David Booth	1965	Sunbeam	48	10	0	0	40	18	116	4
8	Murray Baker	Nikki Baker	1990	Porsche	96	40	30	60	44	30	300	5
15	Michael Brandt	Andrzej Cieslak	2011	Mercedes	204	30	0	0	60	30	324	6
12	Rob McBrien Toff Hanbury	Woody Yates Oscar Hanbury	1987	BMW	192	80	30	0	100	30	432	7
14	Joyce Lawrence	Sue Genner	1985	Porsche	252	130	150	60	216	30	838	8
Tour												
17	Doug Barbour	Xanthea Boardman	2009	Audi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=1
36	Geoff Hemsall	Fiona Hemsall	2023	VW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=1
37	Greg Yates	Karen Yates	1990	Mercedes	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	3
33	Craig Walsh	Sean Walsh	2011	BMW	6	0	0	0	6	6	18	4
18	Greg Newton	Paul Kuper	1989	Mercedes	6	10	0	0	4	0	20	5
21	Tony South	Ted Norman	1970	Ford	6	20	0	0	3	3	32	6
32	Renai Warner	Ivy-Rose & Kim	1980	Porsche	36	0	0	0	1	1	38	7
24	Glenn Evans	Jen Navin	1989	Porsche	36	0	0	0	4	4	44	8
27	Chris McDonald	Paul Baker	2022	Alfa	30	0	0	0	15	0	45	9
23	Ron Cooper	Tim McGrath	2003	Subaru	36	10	0	0	0	0	46	10
16	Geoff Bott	Steve Brumby	1988	Jaguar	30	10	0	0	6	5	51	11
34	Dennis Oste	John Learson	2009	Mercedes	18	20	0	0	22	0	60	12
26	Richard Gianatti	Trevor Abbott	1987	Porsche	48	0	0	0	40	10	98	13
22	Marijke Limberiou	Jim Limberiou	1994	Ford	24	40	30	0	14	8	116	14
40	Elizabeth Davies	Peter Robinson	2009	Jeep	48	0	0	0	51	30	129	15
19	Richard Nineham	Henri Hendriksen	1972	Mercedes	36	50	0	0	33	30	149	16
41	Rob Clare	David Wigley	1985	Mercedes	72	20	30	0	38	30	190	17
28	Tony Wise	Bruce James	1974	Alfa	102	20	0	0	46	30	198	18
29	Peter Rose	John Rose	1966	MG	126	40	30	0	7	1	204	19
25	Steve Friend	Michael Friend	2016	Mazda	168	10	0	0	24	24	226	20
38	Graham Cochrane	Helen Britten	2006	Peugeot	132	20	0	0	61	30	243	21
31	Harry Barker	Jess Smith	1972	Alfa	228	60	0	0	94	30	412	22
30	Steve Barker	Sally Barker	1993	Porsche	240	80	0	0	97	30	447	23
20	Strait Mairs	Tony Nusco	1990	Mercedes								DNF
39	Ian Packard	Steve Maher	1997	Ford								DNF
35	Paul Breen	Gerard Breen	1962	Jaguar								DNF

Congratulations to the Alpine Cup winners - Car #7 David & Mike Stephenson

Saturday maps



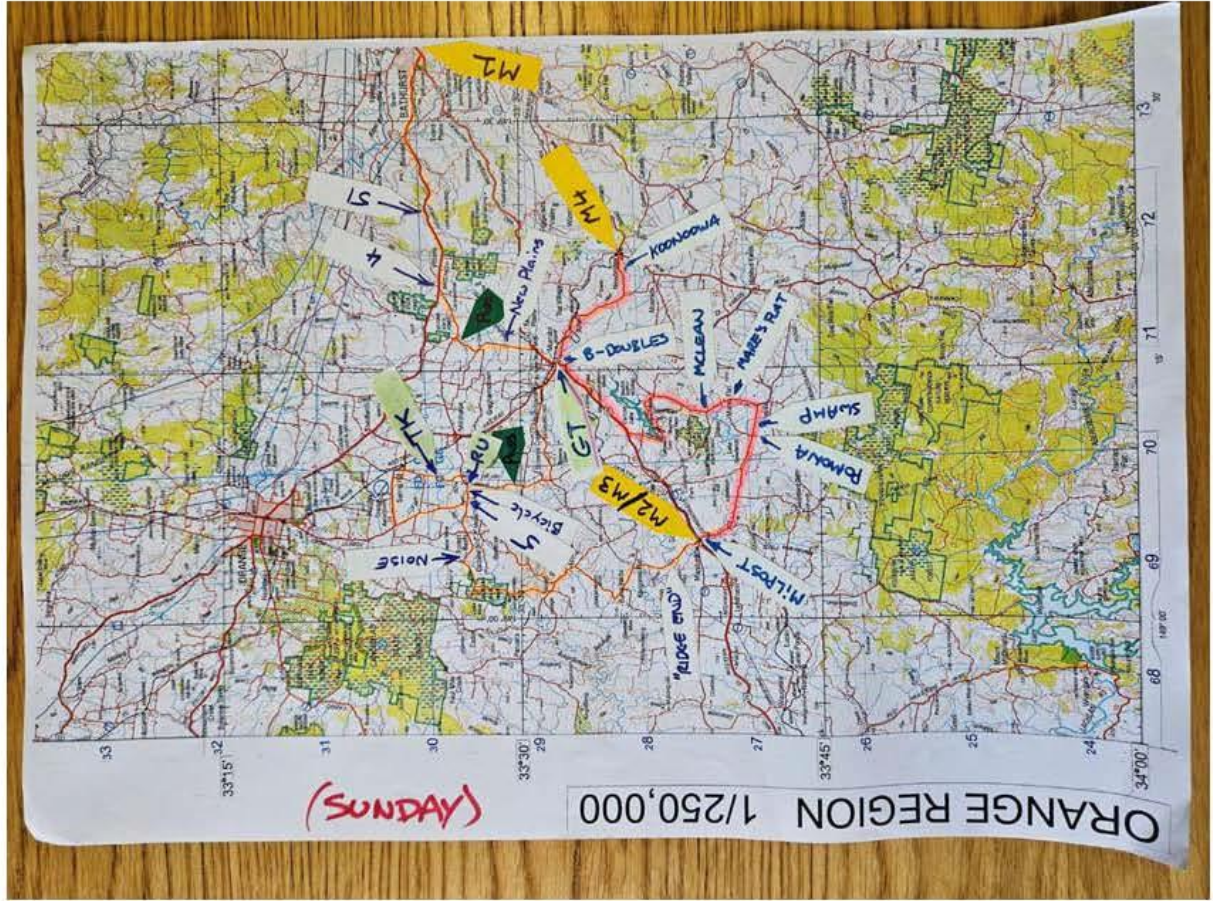


AVERAGE SPEED TABLE ANSWER

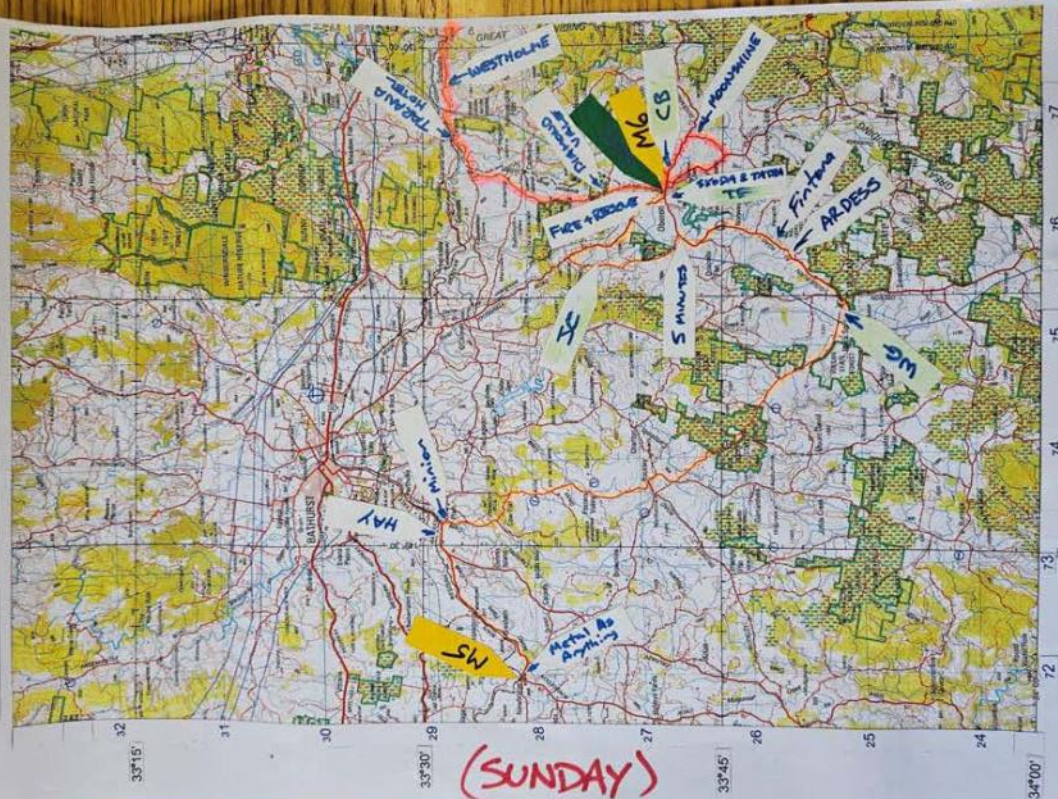
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Time m:s	Distance		
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01.00	0.92 km		
02.00	1.83 km		
03.00	2.75 km		
04.00	3.67 km		
05.00	4.58 km		
06.00	5.50 km		
07.00		1.08 km (6.58 km)	
08.00		2.17 km (7.67 km)	
09.00		3.25 km (8.75 km)	
10.00		4.33 km (9.83 km)	
11.00		5.42 km (10.92 km)	
12.00		6.5 km (12.00 km)	
13.00		7.58 km (13.08 km)	
14.00		8.67 km (14.17 km)	
15.00		9.75 km (15.25 km)	
16.00		10.83 km (16.33 km)	
17.00		11.92 km (17.42 km)	
18.00			1.23 km (18.65 km)
19.00			2.47 km (19.89 km)
20.00			3.7 km (21.12 km)
21.00			4.93 km (22.35 km)
22.00			6.17 km (23.59 km)
23.00			7.4 km (24.82 km)
24.00			8.63 km (26.05 km)
25.00			9.87 km (27.29 km)
26.00			11.1 km (28.52 km)

(Cumulative distance travelled)

Sunday maps



BATHURST REGION 1/250,000



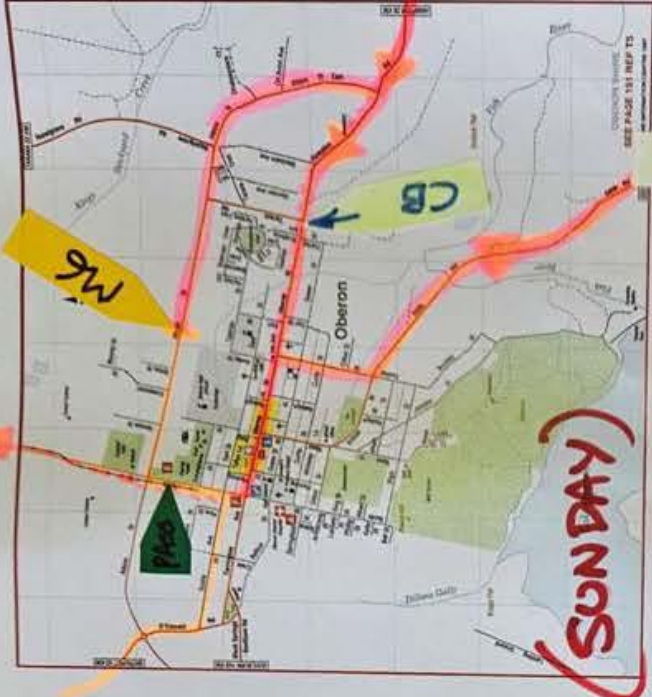
LITHGOW REGION 1/250,000



Legend

Dual carriageway; Distance in kilometres	1000	500	100	50	10	5	1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.005	0.002	0.001	0.0005	0.0002	0.0001	0.00005	0.00002	0.00001											
Principal road; Locality; Built-up area	Secondary road; Bridge; Causeway	Minor road; Access to southern coast	Vehicle track; Access to southern coast	Road marker; National State	Gate; Stock grid	Embankment; Cutting	Landing ground; Airport; Helipad	Multiple track railway; Station or siding	Single track railway; Bridge; Tunnel	Powerline (110 kV and over)	Homestead; Building; Ruin	Chimney; Silo; Tower	Fence; Level; Open cut mine	Mine; Windpump; Yard	Contour with value; Depression contour	Horizontal control point; Spot elevation	Sand; Sand dune	Sand ridge; Pineapple; Cliff	Forest; wood or shrub land; Bark forest	Plantation; Urban recreation parkland	Outcrop or outcrop; Wetland	Bole or wall; Spring; Tank or artificial dam	Watercourse; Presence of water not beyond	Subject to inundation; Swamp	Lake; Peninsula; Non permeable; Waterhole	Wreck; Submerged; Bare or swamp	Foreshore flat; Lighthouse	Shoal; Tidal ledge or reef; Mangrove	Rock; Submerged; Bare or swamp; Breakwater	Jetty or pier; Wharf; Saline coastal flat	State or Territory border	Reserved area boundary	Prohibited area boundary





TOWN MAPS
1: 25,000



SYDNEY	
Towns, over 50 000 inhabitants:	Bathurst
Towns, 10 000-50 000 inhabitants:	Kempsey
Towns, 5 000-10 000 inhabitants:	
Towns, 1 000-5 000 inhabitants:	
Towns, 200-1 000 inhabitants:	
Localities:	
Sketch, on state map:	
School, on urban map:	
Central business district, on town map:	
Neural area:	
Patrol homestead:	
Hospital - emergency:	
Hospital - other:	
Ambulance station:	
Police station:	
Fire station:	
Emergency service depot:	
Post office:	
Information centre:	
Municipal office:	
Educational facility (school, college, etc.):	
Place of worship:	
Roadside rest area:	
Roadside assistance:	
Roadhouse:	
Track yard:	
Cemeterial park:	
Airport, commercial:	
Lookout:	
Place of interest:	
Landmark feature:	

Expressway/freeway with National Highway Route Marker:	
Expressway/freeway under construction:	
Highway, sealed, with Murrumbidgee Marker:	
Highway, unsealed, with National Route Marker:	
Highway, under construction:	
Major trunk, sealed, with State Route Marker:	
Major road, unsealed:	
Major road, under construction:	
Secondary road, with Victorian Route Marker:	
Secondary road, unsealed:	
Other road, with one-way street indicated:	
Other road, unsealed:	
Lane:	
Walking track:	
Railway, with station:	
Underground railway, with station:	
Ferry pier:	
Route distances, in kilometres:	
Trail kilometers between two points:	
Intermediate kilometres:	
National or state park:	
State forest, other park or reserve:	
Prohibited area:	
State border:	
Local Government boundary and name:	
River, with waterfall:	
Lake:	
Intermittent lake:	
Swamp, mangrove:	
Mountain, hill:	
Adjoining page number:	
Bird landing ramp:	

Memories are made of this.... Jen Navin

Day Two Bathurst,

The beast is back
Dirty and grimy inside and out,
Ready and raving for another day,
Another 400 plus ks of roads to drive,
I only hope we three can survive!

Wind Farms,

The sentinels of climate change,
Majestic in their presence,
Tall, big and white, so high,
Their sails moving in the sky.

A Reservoir,

Blue water, surrounded by trees,
In the middle of the countryside,
On the mirrored surface,
Sailing boats bobbing up and down,
Sails of red, blue and yellow,
A rainbow in the making.

Dirt Roads,

The poor car jarring and rattling along,
Dirt and gravel roads, full of holes and dust,
Eat my dust, corrugated track and,
Shake my body if you must.

Images,

Blue sky, fluffy white clouds,
Mind working overtime making pictures,
Whales breaching, seahorses prancing, lifted high,
Seals with melting, brown eyes,
Looking, see an elephant, trunk held out,
A rogue in this marine mix.



2024 ALPINE CLASSIC PHOTOS

Friday Night at the Zig Zag



Saturday Morning Start







Why you want a weekend trip to the Sapphire Coast

If you heard any of the feedback from the Ire of Man TT in 2023, you will know that the area has a lot of great roads, with great scenery and not a lot of traffic. For 2025, there are some special additions to the route, including one that a Sydney-based Alfa Romeo 4C owner has now learned is his new all-time favourite road.

In 2023 we had a visit to the Cooma Car Car's site and a look at the cars there. For 2025 we will be visiting the Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle Club (SCHVC), which will allow you to check out some interesting vehicles that generally won't make it to Sydney shows. The SCHVC will also host us for breakfast on Sunday morning.

After a day of driving, you can go to the beach. Not too many rallies offer that.

There will be good food for lunch on both days,

with a selection on offer, from professional restaurants at some interesting venues.

Great roads, great food, interesting cars to look at, time to socialise with other in the club across Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. It should be your perfect weekend away. And it will not be run again until 2028 at the earliest.

Starting on Friday 14 February, it is the perfect Valentine's Day Event:

- Spend a memorable weekend away with your partner, rather than spending money on perishable flowers and chocolates
- Take your mind off being single by hanging out with other car enthusiasts
- Get out of your partner's way for a few days, but return before he or she gets too comfortable without you ☹️

The usual three navigation classes will be on offer. As with 2023, the 2025 Ire of Man will have some activities to keep the brain active on the simpler navigation sections.

The real ire of 2025 will be from those who realise what they missed out was the club drive of the year.



CRC CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORE

Masters Drivers							
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5		
	The Final Countdown	CRC Coot-amundra 800 Classic	Tour d'Course	Southern Cross Reliability Trial	Alpine Classic	Best 5 Days	
	1 day	2 day	1 day	2 day	2 day	Points to date	Position to date
Competitor						Points to date	Position to date
Edul Dhondy	18	40m	19	38m	32	93	1
John Cooper	20	35	0		38	93	1
Andrew Inglis	19m	32m	18	40m	32	90	3
Robert Panetta		35	18	34	34	87	4
Graham Pettit		38			36	74	5
Dominic Votano			20	36		56	6
Dave Shaw	16				28	44	7
David Stephenson					40	40	8
Dave Johnson					30m	30	9
Paul Batten	17					17	10
Peter Jakrot			17			17	10

Masters Navigators							
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5		
	The Final Countdown	CRC Coot-amundra 800 Classic	Tour d'Course	Southern Cross Reliability Trial	Alpine Classic	Best 5 Days	
	1 day	2 day	1 day	2 day	2 day	Points to date	Position to date
Competitor						Points to date	Position to date
Mike Stephenson			20	36	40	96	1
Alan Walker	18	40m	19	38m	36	95	2
Ross Warner	20	35			38	93	3
Martin Leaver	19m	32m	18	40m	32	90	4
John Henderson		35		34	34	86	5
Phill Stead		38			36	74	6
Mike Batten	17	30m	18			65	7
Raymond Arthurs	16				28	44	8
Valerie Jakrot			17			17	9

CRC CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORE— Continued

Apprentices Drivers							
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5		
	The Final Countdown	CRC Coot-amundra 800 Classic	Tour d'Course	Southern Cross Reliability Trial	Alpine Classic	Best 5 Days	
	1 day	2 day	1 day	2 day	2 day	Points to date	Position to date
Competitor						Points to date	Position to date
Bruce Miller	12	24	13	30	26	69	1
Murray Baker				28	22	50	2
Joyce Lawrence		26m			16	42	3
Michael Brandt	15m	30m	15m		20m	30	4
Justin Bedingfield					30m	30	4
Geoff Bott	13		14		2	29	6
Roger Banham					28	28	7
Peter Thomson		0			24	24	8
Bob Morey	14m					14	9
Warren Herrick	11	0				11	10
Geoff Bott competed in Tour in Round 5							

Apprentices Navigators							
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5		
	The Final Countdown	CRC Coot-amundra 800 Classic	Tour d'Course	Southern Cross Reliability Trial	Alpine Classic	Best 5 Days	
	1 day	2 day	1 day	2 day	2 day	Points to date	Position to date
Competitor						Points to date	Position to date
Andrew Taurins	12	24	13	30	26	69	1
Nikki Baker				28	22	50	2
Susan Genner		26m			16	42	3
Glenn Evans	13	0		22		35	4
Andrzej Cieslak		30m			20m	30	5
Marina Thiveos	15m		15m			30	5
Mark Tolhurst					30m	30	5
David Booth					24	24	8
Graham Thompson		22m				22	9
Teresa Morey	14m					14	10
John Bott			14			14	10
Glenda Lawrence	11	0				11	12

CRC CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORE— Continued

Tour Drivers							
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5		
	The Final Countdown	CRC Coot-amundra 800 Classic	Tour d'Course	Southern Cross Reliability Trial	Alpine Classic	Best 5 Days	
	1 day	2 day	1 day	2 day	2 day	Points to date	Position to date
Competitor						Points to date	Position to date
Doug Barbour		20		18	19m	48	1
Dennis Oste	10		8	14	2m	33	2
Michael Malgo	6	18m				24	3
Greg Newton				12	12	24	3
Strat Mairs	5	10	5			20	5
Geoff Hemsall			10m	20m	19m	20	5
Tony South	7m				10	17	7
Sergio Cariolato	4m	16m	1m			16	8
Toby Oste			8m	16m		16	8
Greg Yates					16	16	8
John Croft		14				14	11
Sean Walsh	3m				14m	14	11
Marijke Limberiou	1			10	2	13	13
Tony Wise			8		2	10	14
Dave Hill	9					9	15
Graham Cochrane				8m	2m	8	16
Renai Warner					8	8	16
Rex Mellor	6		1			7	18
Glenn Evans			1m		6	7	18
Chris Reid				6		6	20
Kim Warner	1		3.5			4.5	21
Chris McDonald					4m	4	22
Tim Mallyon			3.5			3.5	23
Ron Cooper	1				2m	3	24
Dave Johnson			2m			2	25
Kay Harlor	1					1	26
Jonathan Loosli			1m			1	26
Laurie Mason			1			1	26
Shaneen Dhondy			1m			1	26

Drivers only competing in the Alpine Classic and placing out of the top ten are not included

CRC CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORE— Continued

Tour Navigators							
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5		
	The Final Countdown	CRC Coot-amundra 800 Classic	Tour d'Course	Southern Cross Reliability Trial	Alpine Classic	Best 5 Days	
	1 day	2 day	1 day	2 day	2 day	Points to date	Position to date
Competitor						Points to date	Position to date
Xanthea Boardman		20		18	19m	48	1
Michael Malgo	6		10m	20m		26	2
Geoff Hemsall		18m				18	3
Anthony Oste	10		8			18	3
Ted Norman	7m		1		10	18	3
Irene Cariolato	4m	16m	1m			16	6
Helen Oste			8m	16m		16	6
Karen Yates					16	16	6
Annette Croft		14				14	9
Jim Barrett	1				12	13	10
Jim Limberiou	1			10	2	13	10
Ivy-Rose Brown	1		3.5		8	12.5	12
Rhonda Hill	9					9	13
Chris McDonald			8			8	14
Jennifer Navin			2m		6	8	14
Leigh Mellor	6		1			7	16
Therese Postma				6		6	17
Liam Mallyon			4			4	18
Tim McGrath					2m	2	19
Vince Harlor	1					1	20
Helen Loosli			1m			1	20
Nina Dhondy			1m			1	20
Navigators only competing in the Alpine Classic and placing out of the top ten are not included							

CRC CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORE— Continued

Future Stars in a Rally Car							
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5		
	The Final Countdown	CRC Coot-amundra 800 Classic	Tour d'Course	Southern Cross Reliability Trial	Alpine Classic	Best 5 Days	
	1 day	2 day	1 day	2 day	2 day	Points to date	Position to date
Competitor						Points to date	Position to date
David Stephenson					40	40	1
Sean Walsh	3m				14m	14	2
Ivy-Rose Brown	1		3.5		8	12.5	3
Michael Friend					2	2	4
Shaneen Dhondy			1m			1	5

Please let Mike Batten know if he has missed any other young competitors (under 30 years of age)

CRC calendar dates for 2025

February 14/16th **Ire of Man TT (start Canberra / overnight in Merimbula**

May 17/18 **(SXRT) Southern Cross Reliability Trial - promoted by Drivetek Motorsport**

June (15 or 22nd ?) **Tour D course - promoted by AROCA NSW**

September (13/14 or 20/21) **Provisional one day event TBC**

October 18/19th **Alpine Classic (25th Anniversary)**

Conditional Registration of Historic Vehicles

For all enquiries regarding club plates please contact

Ron Cooper CRC Club Plates Registrar
rondcooper1275@gmail.com Mobile 0403 037 137

49 Wongawilli Rd Wongawilli NSW 2530

The scheme is designed to allow historic vehicles (more than 30 years old) to be registered under conditional registration which provides limited usage of the vehicle and also provides Compulsory Third Party insurance cover both at a very reduced cost. The Classic Rally Club is very grateful to the RMS and the relevant Minister for the scheme which allows the preservation of historic vehicles for road use without incurring the cost of full registration and insurance. The scheme works very well so long as it is not abused; it is not intended for day to day driving such as driving to work, going shopping, commuting to the railway station or driving the kids to school. The introduction of the 60 day log book trial allows members to enjoy 60 days use of the car for driving sake. The Classic Rally Club will not tolerate any abuse of the scheme by club members.

Types of Conditional Registration available to CRC members

1. Historic Vehicle Registration H Plates (HVS)60 day log book which allows 60 days per year use plus club events This an accord between the RMS and individual car clubs
2. An annual signature and club stamp required to ensure you are a financial member of the CRC RMS Form for HVS 1259
3. Classic Vehicle Registration (CVS) similar to above but with modification allowed provided they are certified by and engineer's report. This is an accord between RMS and the CMC /ACMC An annual club RMS form for CVS 1835
4. Rally Registration for outright rally cars, note this is the only way cars with full roll cages can be registered in NSW.

When your renewal with the RMS falls due, they will send you a new Historic Vehicle Declaration form. You MUST have that form signed by the Club Plate Registrar, so allow enough time for this to be done before your registration falls due.

Procedure for renewing at the RMS:

- **Get a pink slip. (The preferred option) You need to send a copy of the pink slip to me.**
- **A return stamped address envelope would be appreciated.**
- **Fill in the Historical Vehicle Declaration and mail to me. Email copies not permitted by RMS. Alternatively you can complete the writeable PDF on the RMS web site and that can be emailed to me but it needs to be posted back.**
- **Club Plates Registrar will complete Section 4. and sign**
- **Take or post your Conditional Registration renewal and pink slip to RMS or Services NSW for processing.**

Don't forget that all movements of your car, other than those set out in the constitution, must be logged with the Club Plates Registrar or logged in your logbook if your car is on the 60 day scheme to ensure your CTP insurance is valid. To log in vehicles not on the 60 day scheme contact me on mobile 0403 037 137 or email rondcooper1275@gmail.com.

Club Rules in addition to RMS Conditions

The scheme is designed for Classic Rally Club members who will be active in club events not just to provide cheap registration as per the overview of the scheme.

The club reserves the right to withdraw eligibility to those who do not participate in club activities.

Members should be financial members for 12 months prior to applying for club plates.

Members with club plates must comply with all RMS conditions and club rules and directions from club officials.

The club reserves the right to accept or reject any cars and to withdraw acceptance to the Historic and Classic Plate schemes.

In addition to the RMS costs the Classic Rally Club charges members on the HVP scheme \$25 per year and require them to sign a document annually requiring members to agree to the conditions of the scheme and to provide information on the insurance of their vehicles.