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MARCH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

'Motorsport March' is well underway, and I do hope you have been fortunate enough to get out there and enjoy a piece of it.

From the Australian Grand Prix, Adelaide motorsport festival, Phillip Island – Historics. March has been filled with the 'big' events and the Shoalhaven Sojourn was certainly no exception.

Tony Norman returning from a sabbatical, had 30 crews onboard for the inaugural CRC event of 2026. The South Coast region had turned on a brilliant day, and the route, lunch and sights and scenes filled the day out perfectly.

****POSTPONED****

SHEEP STATION RALLY 29th MARCH

We all know of the conflicts going on around the world and the knock on effects we have here down under. With the added costs being incurred into our sport we understand the implications that causes. We are trying hard where we can to ensure that we can bring you the best of what our club and sport offer and the most inexpensive way we can.

We will be endeavoring to accommodate a short fun run in the intervening gap to keep us all in the mood for some great roads, and of course a wonderful social catch up.

March has also not been immune to our share of sadness. It was only recently we learned of the passing of an incredible CRC life member, that of Adrian Walmsley.

Adrian was larger than life and very well known within the club and it is very sad to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and condolences go out to all those that knew and loved him.

So get out there, take life by the horns and enjoy what makes life special.

Alan Walker - CRC President

Attention !

The Sheep Station 2026

(March 29th)

****POSTPONED****

New date TBA

The upcoming event has unfortunately succumbed to external pressures causing no option but postponement.

These decisions don't come lightly but the following factors certainly weighed heavily.

- 1. Low entries (has been standing at only 8 entries for the last three weeks).**
- 2. Knock on effects upon local fuel supply and costs.**
- 3. Ever increasing pressure on household budgets.**

By no means is this the end of this event – quite the opposite !

All of the hard work has been done. An incredible route, all of the catering and the instructions are ready. But all of those efforts will simply have to be put on 'pause' until we can ensure that the event can run in a successful manner.

I am sure you know that our events are never placed to be 'money spinners' and are priced as inexpensively as feasible to allow all of our members the chance to enjoy as many rallies and tours that we can fill our calendar with.

Simply put, only 8 crews entered along with cost and difficulty to obtaining fuel in the more remote areas of the route (farming regions relying on fuel to be able to function) simply doesn't stack up with the current date/s.

We are of course truly sorry, and on behalf of the CRC - we can't thank Drivetek Motorsport enough (Jon and Tina Mansell) for their consistent and incredible efforts in ensuring that we have so many great events available to us.

We will keep you posted when a suitable timing can be sorted and thank you for your understanding and look forward to ongoing support with all of our CRC and partner events in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

Alan Walker

CRC President

ENTRIES WILL BE OPEN NEXT MONTH

**Tour d' Course
Sunday 28th June
2026.**

Join the Alfa Romeo Owners Club in conjunction with the Classic Rally Club on the annual TOUR d'COURSE.

This year is the 25th Anniversary of the TOUR d'COURSE which started & finished at the Bargo Community Hall and this year will be a re-run of the original 2001 event.

The TOUR d'COURSE is known for fine food and this years anniversary will be no exception with an Italian lunch at the Bargo Community hall.

Travelling through beautiful countryside covering approximately 300km of some of the best driving roads in the Southern Highlands.

You can choose from 2 Levels of Navigation:

MASTERS - Challenging Navigation.

SOCIAL TOUR - Simple & enjoyable route-charted instructions.

Both Navigation Levels do not require Motorsport Australia Licences.

Entry Forms and Supplementary Regulations will be available soon from -

www.alfaclubnsw.org.au

www.classicrallyclub.com.au



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Shoalhaven Sojourn 2026

The 2026 Shoalhaven Sojourn was a one day event run by Tony Norman, and assisted by Edul Dhondy. A very professional team of volunteers officials help make the event run incredibly smoothly and the sun shone bright and bathed the beautiful Shoalhaven region in the brightness it deserves.

‘Sojourn’

noun

a temporary stay.

verb

stay somewhere temporarily.

Tony Norman returns from a sabbatical from rally directing to bring us the first event of 2026 on the CRC calendar, and what a return he has made. All of the clever challenges and nuances as expected from the veteran director. Even throwing in a clock instruction for good measure and old times sake. The event started in Haywards



Bay, for a reasonable start time and an easy location to step deep into what the Shoalhaven has to offer. All of the crews arrived on time and all of the various cars look resplendent in the carpark awaiting drivers briefing. Tony was kind enough Or chose it just to rub it in, to hold the briefing right next to our trusty Alfa 105

whilst I was attempting to track a small wiring gremlin that had us without indicators. Needless to say, the small fault couldn't be located before the first car away, so hand signals will be the task for today.



As each car was let go by Edul, they all set off deep into the foothills and the lush green countryside of the area. The juxtaposition from dairy farms and open farms to the encroachment of dense suburbs can be seen from one side of the roads to the other. Today the route took us up Jamberoo Mountain Road to dabble around the areas of Robertson, Burrawang, Wildes Meadow until leading us back down Kangaroo Valley toward Berry and Bomaderry for lunch.

All of these areas were lush with the various shades of green the area always seems to be draped in. It was fantastic to see Berry hasn't lost any trade by being bypassed if anything it has become even more of a go-to destination of the area.

We managed the morning section with only a few 'small' navigational errors lets say, all of which we managed to fix as best we could, just missing a board or two I think. Maybe had something to do with giving the driver the added task of turn signals?



The lunch was at Bomaderry Bowling club, and what a fantastic spread they put on for us. Tony had opted for the 'cold' meats and salad buffet and it was something to behold. Great selection, and all topped off by afternoon tea – with a selection of many cakes treats and fruit to go. A great choice for quite a warm day by then.



The afternoon section had us still delving further south deep on the maps toward Nowra and tracing a route around the airbase HMAS Albatross. Either being a little rusty or just the added 'sting' in the tail from a Tony Norman event this section was certainly a challenge to piece together. A mix of out of bounds, various instructions/rules that overlapped and the background pressure of minutes slipping by whilst trying to string it all together.



The Masters had a great mix of entrants and I can only commend them all by being in Masters. Ross Warner with Coops (Ross coming back from not too many events last year), Andrew Taurins and Bruce Miller giving it their all in Masters (whilst challenging still a great effort to step up from apprentices) and David Shaw and Ray Arthurs (a couple of dark horses) always there when the time is right. So Robbie and I certainly had a challenge within the category and didn't do it easy either. Lots of head scratching and a couple of wrong roads, but we managed to piece it together just in front of the others this time round.

A huge thank you goes out to Tony Norman and the officials. A lot of work went into this one again, and you could tell. I thought the 'final countdown' may have been Tony's best event to date, but I think even with a small break the Shoalhaven Sojourn had all the characteristics that a ' Tony' event has and the challenge for our category at least was up there.

So, will the Shoalhaven Sojourn be a 'temporary stay' ?

Only time will tell, but I can't thank Tony enough for his efforts and leading on a great event to kick off 2026.

Alan Walker

SHOALHAVEN SOJOURN RESULTS

DIVISION 1 - MASTERS and APPRENTICES

CAR NO.	VRC AND PASSAGE CONTROL PENALTIES										QUESTION PENALTIES	OTHER PENALTIES LATE TIME	PENALTIES THIS DIV.	TOTAL PENALTIES	POS'N
	MB	TV	RZ	7N	PE	PC.1	A6	PC.2	RW	F2					
1	12			12	12	30		30	12	12		154		274	
2												11	60	71	
3												11	60	71	
4		12	12					30	12			44		110	
8											15	11		26	
9												33		33	
10												11		11	
11		12										11		23	
12		12		12				30	12			55		121	

DIVISION 2 - MASTERS and APPRENTICES

CAR NO.	VRC AND PASSAGE CONTROL PENALTIES												QUESTION PENALTIES	OTHER PENALTIES LATE TIME I.R.	PENALTIES THIS DIV.	TOTAL PENALTIES	POS'N			
	A8	RU	EB	ET	XE	6E	T4	6E	PC.3	4V	H7	PC.4						CB	GT	VRC BOARD ON WRONG ROUTE
1					12	12				12		30	12	12	30	33	153	427	4	
2												30					30	101	1st	
3											12	30	12	12		77	143	214	2nd	
4		12									15	30	12	12	15	66	60	222	3rd	
8																	0	26	1st	
9										12	25	12	12			66		127	160	4
10																	50	50	61	2nd
11															15	33		48	71	3rd
12										12	25					33		70	191	5

DIVISION 1 - TOUR

CAR NO.	VRC AND PASSAGE CONTROL PENALTIES										QUESTION PENALTIES	OTHER PENALTIES	PENALTIES THIS DM.	TOTAL PENALTIES	POS'N
	MB	TV	TN	PE	PC.1	AG	PC.2	GA	FZ						
14											33		33		
15		12									33		45		
16											110		110		
17											11		11		
18		12	12								33		57		
19											22		22		
20											22		22		
21								12			22		34		
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23		12	12								44		68		
24	D.N.F.												-		
25											33		33		
26											22		22		
27								12			55		67		
28											22		22		

DIVISION 2 - TOUR

CAR NO.	VRC AND PASSAGE CONTROL PENALTIES													QUESTION PENALTIES	OTHER PENALTIES	PENALTIES THIS DM.	TOTAL PENALTIES	POS'N		
	AB	RV	EB	ET	H9	GE	T4	GE	4V	PC.3	4V	HT	PC.4						CB	GT
14																23		23	56	
15																11		11	56	
16												12				48		60	170	
17																		0	11	2nd
18																		0	57	
19								12										12	34	
20																		0	22	= 3rd
21																11		11	45	
22																		0	34	
23						12				12				12		192		228	296	
24	D.N.F.															-				
25																11		11	44	
26																		0	22	= 3rd
27																6		6	73	
28																6		6	28	

MYSTERY CRC MEMBER

The CRC has an elderly member who joined back in 2009 with his wife, taking out family membership and has been a financial member for the last 17 years. They have never had the chance to come along to any our rallies, social runs, Tours or events, not one. His passion with our Club is Rally Directions Magazine which he loves reading. He has a love of motor sport and reading our stories about our rallies and events. Sadly, his wife of 64 years passed away 4 years ago, leaving him to live on his own. He doesn't use or have a computer, or a mobile phone, meaning he was cut off from all things CRC once the print version of our magazine ceased back in December 2017, when we went fully electronic.

When this happened, he contacted our Membership Secretary Glenn Evans, who kindly offered after hearing his problem, to print the magazine each month and post it on to him by snail mail, which has been a continuing gesture ever since. His next dilemma came at the end of 2024 when his bank cancelled his cheque book. No more paying bills by cheque, his only method of paying them, again by posting a cheque by snail mail, which then meant he now couldn't renew his membership to the CRC. Again, it was contacting Glenn to explain and seek a suitable solution. Finding out that he lives in Penrith, my home town, I was contacted by Glenn to see if I would go and meet him to collect the cash for his membership fees early in 2025 for him to continue being a financial member and to continue receiving his monthly Rally Directions.

Soon after that request from Glenn I made contact and dropped in to his residence the same day to arrange the pick up. I had the pleasure of introducing myself and meeting him for the first time. I collected the sealed envelope waiting for me with my name already written on it with the \$60 cash membership fee. We enjoyed a brief chat and I invited him to come along to some of our outings, which he said he should get around to someday. Fast forward 12 months, (where does the time go so fast) and Glenn approached me if I

could call in again to pick up his 2026 fees, which I gladly did. This time I had the opportunity to sit down on the deck chair alongside him, on the front verandah for a great old fashion chat to find out a little bit about this man.

His name is **Colin Toole**, this year in April he will be 89 years young. Unfortunately his wife **Nell** has passed on, you could tell by his tone of voice he dearly misses her. He has lived alone in his two storey brick veneer home ever since. His front verandah has a large steep set of concrete stairs leading up to the front door where it overlooks Jamison Park, a very large community park that has many organised sporting fields. This is where he enjoys his time reading and looking out at the many walkers and joggers on their fitness laps, dog walkers and fun runners. He is a keen gardener with many trees, a large collection of plants, fish and frog ponds, and many fruit trees out the back. Sometime back he had the water supply plumbed up to the verandah to a tap with a retractable hose reel where he can water the whole front yard from above.

Colin is in good health. He doesn't use a walker or walking stick, he is on very little medication, only needs his glasses for reading, no hearing aid, walks up to the shopping centre and back a few kilometres away for his paper, milk and bread. He sees his doctor monthly for a check-up, takes his blood pressure only to be told by the Doctor, all is good, see you next month and to top that off he still has a full driver's licence to drive his daily classic 1988 Toyota Camry Ultima and his 2006 S40 Volvo. These two stay out undercover from the large carport. I have now been fortunate enough to be shown into the double garage, both cars under car covers, a very pristine Subaru Outback, used sparsely and an older 244 Turbo 4 door Volvo, rarely used, all 4 cars are on full rego. His motorsport involvement goes way back, going up to Bathurst for nearly all the Bathurst races every year. He had some involvement with Damon Beck and Leo Geoghegan with the Chryslers. He would be a spectator at Amaroo, Oran Park, Catalina and Warwick Farm

race tracks. We talked about him and some mates starting a club in Smith Street Penrith for dirt Go Karts and Micro Midgets. They would build them up then race them out at the Castlereagh speedway and other places.

We spent some time chewing the fat, talking about Jamison Park. As a preferred contractor builder with the Council some of my past involvement with this large complex was building and renovating many of the Penrith Council sporting pavilions, disabled toilets, change rooms, netball facilities, kiosks, even built the turf wicket heavy roller brick storage garage for the cricket. We spoke about things that are controversial for us locals, including such things like traffic issues, the length of time delays with Mulgoa roadworks, the stupidity of removing the turn right tunnel under Mulgoa Road into Homeworld shopping replacing it with more traffic lights, the one lane Victoria bridge over the Nepean River and the speed of the build of the new Penrith Panthers Stadium.

We got on to travel. Colin and Nell enjoyed ocean cruises every year for 20 of his on again off again retirement years, including 4 consecutive times lapping around Australia, they enjoyed it that much. Getting onto the new Badgerys Creek Airport. He quite often goes out to the observation/information pavilion. He takes friends out there for a drive as he is so impressed with it. He's not concerned about the possible aircraft noise from the planned flight paths over our district, noting that on one of his world cruises, when docked in New York, he visited the Concorde and was very impressed with it especially its speed. He wondered why we couldn't do something like that again. He reminisced about his childhood living at Randwick, climbing onto the outside dunny tin roof and watching the planes take off and land at Kingsford Smith airport, loved the big Lockheed Super Constellation. I told him that there is one down at the HARS Aviation

Museum at Albion Park, which he knew about, but he hasn't been there, said he must visit one day.

I've since called on Colin again recently, just to give him an Alpine Classic Rally cap and some CRC stickers for his cars, not to mention just say G'Day for a catch up. I had the pleasure of meeting one of his sons, Rob, who was just leaving. This time sharing more stories of his past, comparing our life time Panthers football Leagues club membership which I paid off the \$200 fee some 50 years ago. I'm number 28000 something, only to be shown his card with number of 790, a very early membership. He is a keen patron of the Penrith Paceway where our CRC Club has hosted a few reunions, saying our club could utilise their facilities more if we had something on. As I was leaving, I was also happy to take up the offer of him giving me some more water lilies out of his pond for my ponds at home, can't wait for them to flower.

Well, that's my story of my new acquaintance and long time mystery CRC member. A very interesting man for me to chew that fat about things we have in common, Penrith's past and where its future is heading with all the new development and high rise. No doubt I will keep in touch and hopefully one day get him along to something so some of you other members can meet him as well. Now as I said at the start, the reason we have Colin along as a member is due to his love of reading our Rally Directions magazine, which at times our Editor is short on articles and stories to fill out the pages, so as I have always raved on about asking for your contribution, we would dearly appreciate anything about anything, with pictures of course, something from you to include in future editions.

Regards,

John Cooper

Life Member

Classic Rally Club NSW

So what has kept you occupied for the last month ?

Robert Panetta at Manning Motors

Many of you know that our very own Rob Panetta at Manning Motors has had quite a full month. Not only dealing with a small wiring issue in his trusty 105 Alfa Romeo as noticed by many at the Shoalhaven Sojourn. Mind you still managing to claw a win for the event in the process as well might be added. (Hendo did come and fix it – a wiring short in the high beam circuit = all fixed!)

It is also known by those in attendance at our monthly meetings that at Manning Motors he has had the privilege and pleasure to prepare another 105 (1750) to compete in Group S.



The owner's previous car unfortunately met its end at SMSP's turn 1 a little over a year and a half ago. In the meantime another car for him found and readied to be prepared for 'battle'.

With some delays and a few minor issues to be worked through we were very happy to be able to get the car ready to dyno tune the week before the event – with solid numbers and a drivable power curve it was only down to the last little pieces to be finished off to get it on the trailer to travel to Phillip Island.

Timing unfortunately was so tight that the 'shakedown' was to be practice 1 at the event! With confidence in all of the preparation it was well worth any risk. The car rolled off the trailer

and was well received by the paddock in its gleaming red and blue paint work.

Firing into life in readiness to turn a wheel in anger for the first time into turn 1 on the circuit that feels like it nearly falls into Bass Strait at times. The practice went well, with a n issue found in the brake balance (front/rear) adjustments made before the next couple of sessions helped the issue and the car felt 'amazing' as the smiles gleamed from the owner/drivers face. With strict instructions to 'take it easy' and the ramp it up over the several races lead to a solid outing overall with no incidents and a few key areas where a little further development could be worked on.

Mixing it in the mid field with some other very competitive cars showed that the preparation was well worthwhile. Sunday afternoon and Monday had the team return safely with the unmarked ride returned home.

Many of you will note that also Doug Barbour also competes within Group S with his 911 and had a very good weekend – again mixing it at the front in all of the races.



So, if you enjoyed this little tidbit of what some of your CRC members have been up to over the last month and would love to share what you have been enjoying and part of, we'd love to hear about it.

So please drop an email to Chris at crc.editor@classicrallyclub.com.au so we can share in your passion too.



Vale... Adrian Walmsley

We find ourselves saying farewell to another Classic Rally Club member, **Adrian**

Richard Walmsley, a true gentleman, a character

on many levels, very knowledgeable in so many ways, a passion for automobiles, his love of jazz music, well respected in his legal profession, classic car fraternity and International show dog judging. But most of all known as a true down to earth, great colleague and friend to myself and so many within our club and beyond. There are so many sides to Mr Walmsley, probably more than I know, but with respect I will try to provide a small insight to this man.

It was only a few weeks ago that we got the word that Adrian was diagnosed with cancer from a brain tumour and that his time was numbered, so a quick trip for us was had, down the south coast to his home at Shoalhaven Heads to catch up with him and Jo and go out for a nice club lunch and drink. Unfortunately, not long after, within days Adrian was admitted to the palliative care ward at Shoalhaven Hospital where he passed away peacefully and without pain on the 6th March 2026.

Born in Parramatta in 1945, growing up in that area, with a local education attending Hurlstone Agricultural High School. Adrian went on to select a career in law. With a few unsuccessful relationships he married Joanna some 38 years ago, a family man, now leaving behind their four children, Jessica, Emily, Mitchell, Thomas and all their partners' five grandchildren and another on the way.

He had a love of classic cars and hearing about the inaugural Repco Mountain Rally in 1991 steered him to enter the rally on its 2nd year, 1992 in his Lancia Fulvia 1.3S. He was hooked on classic rallying. Adrian was an original attendee at the consensus meeting for the formation of the Classic Rally Club in 1994 and a foundation member with



a continuous 32 year membership, being presented with Life Membership in 2024 after my nomination. Adrian, with his legal professional background, drafted and had implemented our first Club Constitution in the same year as the club's formation with it being put forward at the Club's inaugural meeting, where he was also elected as our Club's first Treasurer, a position he held for 13 years.

Adrian was very active in competing in many rallies both as a driver and navigator, with various partners, but mainly with his wife Joanne. They competed together in the Fulvia in '93 & '94 Mountain Rallies. He was an entrant in the very first week long Targa Tasmania Rally in 1992, navigating for a friend Graham Vaughan. In 1993 he teamed up to navigate in a rare, fully rally prepared and tiny Abarth Berlina Corse to compete in the prestigious 4 day Snowy Mountains 1000, winning third in class with American Paul Vander Heyen, another who became a foundation member of the CRC the following year and the Club's first Editor.



1995 saw Adrian jump ship to navigate for Geoff Bott in the 6 day Repco Mountain Rally in the red E-Type Jaguar. For the next 6 or so years partnered Pete Geoghegan in the red MK2 Jaguar. He drove his black Fiat Spider in the 2000 inaugural 4 day East Coast Targa with John Vickery navigating, again they entered in 2001 & 2002 swapping to



drive his Lancia Fulvia, then the Fiat Abarth Double Bubble in '03 & '04. Incidentally Jo drove the Double Bubble with Sue Rawlings in 2002 forming a team with Adrian. He was always entering our Club's Classic Rallies, driving for John Vickery many times in John's blue MGB GT and once teaming up with Paul Morton navigating in the Lancia Stratos in the 2002 MG Mudgee Muster.

He provided much interest from fellow members with some of his exotic and popular classic/historic vehicles, mostly Italian 1950 & '60's all restored, rebuilt, modified and maintained by him and J, with assistance from some selected outside helpers. They including his rare Double Bubble Fiat Abarth, the Bulant Clubman, the 1934 Wolseley Hornet, the Fiat 1600 OSCA Fissore, which won a trophy in the 2019 Auto Italia car show in Canberra. Then there was the big silver Bentley and his last project the Simca Fiat 2300 Abarth coup which is nearly complete in the hands of his son Mitchell. We got Adrian over only the other week to hear it start up and it put a smile on his face. He has always maintained his involvement within the Classic Rally Club either administration, competing or as an official out there manning controls.

In the earlier times of the club, Adrian and Jo generously provided the venue on their property for our Presentation and Christmas party for many years, arranging all the catering, marquee tent, the swimming pool and occasionally musical entertainment. Their property was also used for many rally finish locations.

He had a huge love of music especially brass instruments, especially his trumpets of many sorts. On his retirement in 2013 and the south coast move he has been the Musical Director of the Berry Silver Band, having a remarkable input

searching out great tunes, transposing music, rehearsals and practice, playing gigs and was a much appreciated member for his commitment to the music community.

He was a man of many talents. Again upon his retirement he could concentrate on another passion of his, photography, starting up a sideline business of "Few Words Photography" specialising in providing photos to support cases for legal matters, councils and government clients. Throughout his life Adrian had a vast knowledge and commitment to dogs, specialising in Terriers. He was an international championship show dog accredited judge, judging throughout Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Scandinavia and many other parts of the world, often jet setting across the continent and the globe just for a few days of judging.



In his occupation as a Solicitor/Lawyer and his legal business he would not hesitate to provide the Rally club with professional legal advice, pro bono on such matters that affected the CRC when needed. Adrian's lifelong law profession saw him work for many firms in the beginning, commencing his own practice "AR Walmsley and Co Solicitors" in 1971 at Castle Hill, moving to Windsor in 1975. Over time operating in various locations in the Hawkesbury and Nepean areas. At one time I was called on to assist in his downsizing, wanting to cut back, moving his practice to his residence and property in Cranebrook, converting the granny flat into an office and car garage. The attempt to reduce his work load didn't last long and after a few years saw Adrian and Jo taking on the large empty Council Library building in Windsor, fitting it out to accommodate and oversee more solicitors and law professionals. Adrian was very well liked

and respected by Hon Justices as one of the best solicitors and a most decent human being.

Many of our CRC members over the years have used Adrian's legal services at some stage, including myself with personal and business issues, conveyancing, court matters, wills and work contracts. We shared many good and serious times together, both socially and business related, like so many more of us I have so many great memories and stories of our times together.

Always up for a good joke or laugh, having a unique sense of humour, with an unforgettable laugh. On a not so serious note, Adrian has provided a monthly joke, usually a bit risqué at times, either in person, or via another member, for over 30 years, all for our amusement at Classic Rally Club meetings. We will now have to

recycle some of them to keep his tradition going and keep his continued association and memory within the Classic Rally Club.

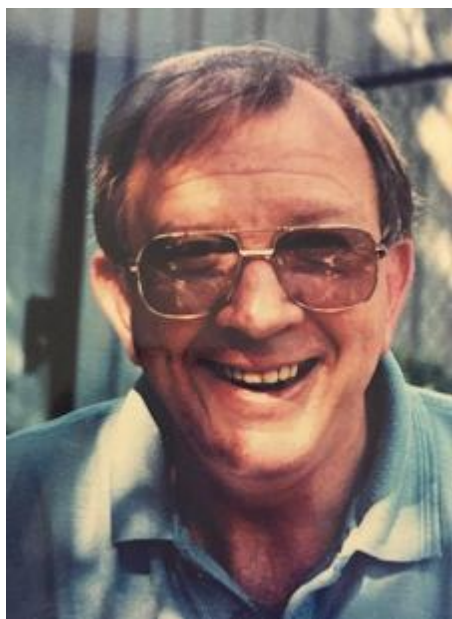
We now say goodbye to another CRC member, not just any member but a true gentleman, a character of all sorts, someone who provided good advice and assistance when needed and for me and many others a longtime friendship. Our sincere condolences are expressed to Jo, all the family and friends. In loving memory old mate.

Rest in Peace, Adrian.

John Cooper

Life Member

Classic Rally Club NSW



Classic Rally Club Inc.
Minutes of the February General Meeting
Held at the Canada Bay Club on 24 February 2026

Present:	Alan Walker	President
	Peter Reed (via Zoom)	Treasurer
	Geoff Bott	Committee Member
	John Cooper	CMC Delegate
	Ron Cooper	Committee Member
	Doug Barbour	
	Xanthea Boardman	
	Gerry Both	
	Edul Dhondy	
	Chris McDonald	Editor
	Bruce Miller	
	Paul Morton	
	Robbie Panetta	
	Andrew Taurins	
	Tanya Votano	
	Ross Warner	
	Tony Wise	
	Greg Yates	
	Leonard Zech	
	Glenn Evans	Secretary

Apologies:	Murray Baker	
	Nikki Baker	
	Mike Batten	
	Ron Cooper	Committee Member
	Wendy Cooper	
	Bernard Corbett	
	Madelon Corbett	
	John Henderson	
	Warren Herrick	
	Andrew Inglis	
	Steve Maher	
	Lui MacLennan	
	Bob Morey	
	Tony Norman	
	Darren Taylor	
	Garth Taylor	
	Dominic Votano	
	Lauren Walker	
	Stephen Wells	
	Karen Yates	
	Helen Young	
	John Young	

Item 1: Opening

The President opened the meeting at 7:42pm.

Item 2: President's Report

The President reported that the committee is working in the background on the adoption of the membership management system. The first event of the year, the Shoalhaven Sojourn, will be run on Saturday. The revised pointscore system, explained in the February issue of Rally Directions, will apply. The new system will be discussed in General Business.

Item 3: Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that he was contacted by Cathy Moore a couple of weeks ago. She advised that Bob had suffered a fall and a stroke on 1 November and has been in hospital ever since. Cathy expected Bob to return home in the next couple of weeks. Bob and Cathy have been members of the CRC for more than 20 years.

The Secretary reported that he has been continuing to familiarise himself with the RevSport membership management system while it is still offline to avoid any inadvertent messages being sent to all the members.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the bank account balance is healthy and has increased recently due to the receipt of Shoalhaven Sojourn entry fees.

Item 5: Membership Secretary's Report

The Club currently has 321 members, including 19 who have not yet renewed for 2026. We have gained one new Individual member and a Family of two who rejoined. Three memberships, totalling seven members, have advised that they will not be renewing, and eight members have been removed from ongoing memberships (Family memberships which have been changed to Individual ones).

Item 6: Future Events

The Shoalhaven Sojourn will be run this coming Saturday, 28 February. There are 29 entries: four in Masters, five in Apprentices and 20 in Tour.

The one day Sheep Station Rally will be held on Sunday 29 March, out of Goulburn. It is promoted by Drivetek Motorsport. There will be a social dinner in Goulburn on the Saturday night.

A lunch run is being planned for April; details to be advised.

The Canowindra Reliability Trial will run on 23 and 24 May. This also will be promoted by Drivetek Motorsport.

The 25th running of the AROCA Tour d'Course will be held in late June. Tony Wise will be reprising the original event, with the Tour category being fully route charted. This was not offered in the first event.

Glenda Lawrence and Warren Herrick again will be running their Hidden Gems social tour, on the weekend of 8 and 9 August. There will be a full tarmac option and a route with some unsealed sections.

The Shannons Display Day also will be held in August, at Sydney Motorsport Park.

Drivetek Motorsport will run the Southern Cross Reliability Trial on the weekend of 19 and 20 September.

The Alpine Classic will be run on the weekend of 24 and 25 October. This date avoids clashes with other motorsport events but Orange will not be the overnight venue as another event has reserved much of its accommodation that weekend.

The President asked members to submit their entries for events as early as possible to assist event directors, particularly in the booking of venues.

Item 7: CMC Delegate Report

The CMC Delegate reported that over 300 people attended the funeral of Terry Thompson, the President of the Council of Motor Clubs. He gave a brief eulogy for Terry; his full eulogy is in the February issue of Rally Directions.

The CMC's new policy of allocating places for the Shannon's Display Day at the January meeting on a "first in, best dressed" basis resulted in many attendees at that meeting. John was able to get in near the head of the queue as the CRC had paid in advance and he already had completed the entry form.

The Shannons Display Day will be held on 16 August.

The CMC advised that Transport for NSW is considering an electronic log book system for vehicles on conditional registration; perhaps in the form of a mobile app.

The National Motoring Heritage Day will be held on 17 May but the venue is yet to be advised, as Berry is not available.

Item 8: General Business

The President advised that the revised Championship Rules were published in the February issue of Rally Directions. Many competitors now use a modern vehicle for more than two days of competition and the committee wants to reward members' support of multiple events by enabling users of modern vehicles to compete for the Club championship. Various options were considered, including separate Classic and Modern competitions; a weighting for the age of the car and significantly revising the allocation of points for placings. In the end, these were considered too complex for the number of entries in most of our events. The outcome was to remove the restriction of modern cars being permitted to contribute to the championship pointscore of no more than two days of competition per year, and adding one bonus championship point per day of competition for the use of a classic car. If this system were applied to the 2025 competition, there would have been no change to the Apprentice or Tour championship placings.

The system will be reviewed after the 2026 season.

John Cooper stated that neither he nor Ron Cooper were included in any category in the 2025 pointscore. John and Ross Warner received no points for their DNF in the Ire of Man TT. The President stated that even a DNF will receive minimum points.

The presentation of Tony Wise's life membership has been deferred to the March meeting.

John Cooper spoke about Life member Margaret Brown's celebration of life, which was held near Bermagui.

John Cooper reported that he and Ron recently visited Life member Adrian Walmsley at Greenwell Point. Geoff Bott visited Adrian a day or so earlier. The doctors have given Adrian three to six months to live.

Secretary's Note: Adrian Walmsley passed away on 6 February. Members have been advised by e-mail of this, and that the celebration of his life will be held at Shoalhaven Memorial Gardens Chapel, Worrigeer NSW on Thursday, 19th March 2026 commencing at 12:00pm.

The President thanked Editor Chris McDonald for another excellent issue of Rally Directions. He also thanked Andrew Inglis for his article on his participation in the HRA's Boisdale Rallysprint in January. The President stated that Andrew's participation in as many different events over the past year made him a worthy recipient of the Bryson Family Sportsmanship Trophy for 2025.

Gerry Both thanked everybody for their support of Carol over the past year. He said that he was blown away by the number of CRC members who attended Carol's funeral. Many other attendees told Gerry that they appreciated the CRC presentation as they had no idea that she was involved in motorsport.

Item 9: Closure

The President closed the meeting at 8:40pm.

Alan Walker
President

Glenn Evans
Secretary



CRC CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORE 2026

For 2026, there are six events with nine days of competition. This will mean the best six results will be scored. The requirement to use a classic car for all but two days of rallying has been dropped, with crews in classic cars being given a bonus point for each day of rallying. Crews that do not finish will receive placing points based on the number of divisions completed. In the case of the Shoalhaven Sojourn, the crew that retired in Division 2 was scored above the crew that did not complete Division 1. Crews that enter, but do not start will be given one point. The different scoring ranges for Masters, Apprentices and Tour have been removed. This gives more placings for Tour crews to accrue points, and makes it easier to compare the consistency between the categories.

Masters Drivers										
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6				
	Shoalhaven Sojourn	Sheep Station Rally	Canowindra Reliability Trial	Tour d'Course	Southern Cross Reliability Trial	Alpine Classic	Classic Car Bonus Points			
	1 day	1 day	2 day	1 day	2 day	2 day			Points to date	Position to date
Competitor										
Robert Panetta	20						1		21	1
John Cooper	19						1		20	2
David Shaw	18						1		19	3
Bruce Miller	17						1		18	4
Edul Dhondy	18								18	4

Masters Navigators										
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6				
	Shoalhaven Sojourn	Sheep Station Rally	Canowindra Reliability Trial	Tour d'Course	Southern Cross Reliability Trial	Alpine Classic	Classic Car Bonus Points			
	1 day	1 day	2 day	1 day	2 day	2 day			Points to date	Position to date
Competitor										
Alan Walker	20						1		21	1
Ross Warner	19						1		20	2
Ray Arthurs	18						1		19	3
Andrew Taurins	17						1		18	4

CRC Event Calendar 2026

Date	Event	Promoter
January		
Tuesday 27th		Club Meeting (Hawaiian shirt night!)
February		
Saturday 28th	The Shoalhaven Shuffle	CRC - Tony Norman
Tuesday 24th		Club Meeting
March		
Sunday 29th	The Sheep Station Rally (Postponed)	Drivetek Motorsport - Jon Mansell
Tuesday 24th		Club Meeting
April		
Tuesday 28th		Club Meeting
May		
Sat 23 – Sun 24	The Canowindra Reliability Trial	Drivetek Motorsport – Jon Mansell
Tuesday 26th		Club Meeting
June		
Sunday 28 th	AROCA - Tour d'Course 25TH Aniversary	AROCA / CRC
Tuesday 23 rd		Club Meeting
July		
Tuesday 28th		Club Meeting
August		
Sat. 8 – Sunday 9th	Hidden Gems Tour	CRC
Tuesday 25th		Club Meeting
September		
Sat 19th – Sun 20th	The Southern Cross Reliability Trial (Provisional)	Drivetek Motorsport – Jon Mansell
Tuesday 22nd		Club Meeting
October		
Saturday 24th	Alpine Classic	CRC - Alan Walker
Sunday 25th	Alpine Classic	CRC - Alan Walker
Tuesday 27th		Club Meeting
November		
8 th to 14 th	Southern Cross 60th Anniversary Tour (Provisional)	HRC
Sunday 22nd	CRC Xmas Party	CRC - Alan / Lauren Walker
Tuesday 24th		Club Meeting– AGM
December		

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 Party insurance cover both at a very reduced cost. The Classic Rally Club is very grateful to the RMS and 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 is an accord between the RMS and individual car clubs. An annual signature and club stamp required to ensure you are a financial member of the CRC RMS Form for HVS 1259
- 2 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
- 3 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 from RMS 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 send 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 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 will charge 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.