



A Touring Road Event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1966 Southern Cross Rally

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Guide to the Event

Nature of the event

The Southern Cross Gold Anniversary Rally (SCGAR) is being run as a Touring Road Event. That means that under CAMS rules we are allowed to run up to two closed forest stages per day, limited to approximately 3-4 kms length, plus speed events on established CAMS approved tracks. These tracks will include hill climbs, autocross and sprint tracks. These events will be timed to the second. There will also be khanacross events timed to the hundredth of a second.

The timed sections will be linked by touring stages with some historic interest. From Albury to Sydney the route will follow roads used in the 1966 Southern Cross, and from Sydney to Coffs Harbour a large part of the 1976 Southern Cross route is being used. On the Touring stages you will be given a time range to arrive at the next control. See **Timing on Touring sections** below.

On two occasions there will be Night Navigation sections. The navigation on these sections will be very straightforward, and will give crews the opportunity to experience rallying as it was back in the 1960s and 1970s. These sections will be timed to the minute, not the second.

It must be remembered at all times that the Touring sections are run on roads open to the public, and all road rules must be adhered to. In some cases these roads are narrow, so the chance of oncoming traffic is significant. We will also be travelling past houses at times, these are called up in the instructions and we ask that you drive quietly past them.

The course has been designed to avoid rough roads, however some variation on road conditions due to weather is unavoidable, and where the instructions warn of hazards they should be taken literally.

Social functions

There are three major social functions during the event. The first is the **Welcome Barbecue at Lake Hume Resort** after the conclusion of documentation. Food and drinks will be supplied for a time, after which drinks are at your own expense. Remember the rally starts early next day! Cost is included in the entry fee.

There is a **dinner in Sydney at the Penrith Panthers Leagues Club in Penrith**. This is at the cost of \$60 per head for competitors and officials. A number of top competitors from the Southern Cross Rally days will be present including former Ralliart boss and Mitsubishi driver **Bob Riley**, works driver **James Laing-Peach**, three times winning co-driver **John Bryson** and two times winner **Barry Ferguson**. **Colin Bond is an apology**. During the dinner we plan to cross live to **Andrew Cowan** in Scotland for a chat and some conversation with his Australian friends.



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The finale will be the **Presentation Dinner at the Sawtell Golf Club**, (cost included in the entry fee for competitors and officials) where awards will be made and much letting down of hair and celebration will take place. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$40 per head.

Meals during the event

Meals during the event are at your own expense, except for some event venues where lunch will be provided by the organisers. In other cases arrangements have been made for lunch at specific places (eg Telegraph Point Hotel, Taylors Arm Hotel). These will be advised in the Road Book and competitors need to pay for themselves. Please support these venues.

Some evening venues will be specified by the organisers as suitable for people to get together for a drink and a chat about the day's activities. These are noted below, but please check your Road Book in case there are changes.

Mansfield	The Delatite Hotel
Jindabyne	Jindabyne Bowling and Sports Club
Taree	Club Taree (Taree Golf Club)
Port Macquarie	HQ Sundowner Breakwater Tourist Park

Official Notice Board

This will be located at the Rally Headquarters venue each night. These venues are shown below:

Mon November 7th Albury, Book in and documentation, late PM.
HQ Ibis Styles Lake Hume Resort

Tue November 8th Mansfield
HQ Mansfield Valley Motor Inn

Wed November 9th Sale
HQ. Captains Lodge

Thu November 10th Jindabyne
HQ Jindabyne Holiday Park

Fri November 11th Canberra
HQ Canberra Carotel

Sat November 12th Sydney
HQ Prospect Hotel-Motel.

Finish of first leg of event.

Dinner at Penrith Panthers Leagues Club

Sun November 13 Taree
HQ Caravilla Motel

Mon November 14 Port Macquarie
HQ Sundowner Breakwater Tourist Park

Tue November 15 Kempsey
HQ Kempsey Rose Motor Inn



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Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat November Coffs Harbour (Sawtell).
HQ Coasters Motel

Please ensure you check the Official Noticeboard regularly for any Bulletins or Event updates.

Competitor Relations Officers.

Kaye Kilsby will be available to deal with queries or if necessary, hand on to the Event Management any issues that you may have. You must use the Query Sheet contained in your Road Book to lodge these queries, which will be responded to as quickly as possible.

Overall schedule of activities

See Appendix A attached

Road books, maps

A road atlas will be required as a backup for general navigation on Touring sections. This will be specified in Further Instructions. Maps for timed events where required will be included in the Road Book.

Regalia

Each competitor will be given a T shirt at the start of the event, as part of the entry fee. Polo shirts and floppy hats (useful if the weather is hot) will be available on an order and pay basis.

E Tags

There is some freeway driving in Sydney, so **carry your E Tag** on the event, or arrange a day pass.

Luggage Truck

A Luggage Vehicle will be available to transport **personal luggage only**. Own arrangements must be made for transportation of all vehicle spares, tyres and other miscellaneous items.

Safety and First Aid tips

Weather conditions during the event should not be extreme, but it is always important to keep your fluid intake up. For any minor illnesses or first aid, we have two trained medical people manning the Mitsubishi Pajero Medical car. They are **Carol Both** and **Liz Partington**.

Further Instructions

These will be issued one week before the start of the event.



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Scrutiny and Documentation

For Melbourne competitors, this will take place at Performance Exhaust on Wednesday, 2 November. Details in Further Instructions. Sydney and Regional competitors must arrange their own scrutiny. A fully completed Scrutiny Slip **MUST** be provided to the Entries Secretary at Check In.

Check In

This will take place at Lake Hume Resort on Monday, 7 November. Exact time and location will be specified in Further Instructions.

Start of event

Make your way to the Bethanga Hotel for breakfast, where a ceremonial start will take place. A history of the famous **Bethanga Stampede**, a part of the first Southern Cross Rally in 1966 will be on display.

Timing on Touring Sections

On touring sections you will be given a time range in which to arrive at the next time control (usually at the start of a timed sub event). This means that you do not have a strict time schedule for the touring sections, but if you arrive at the time control after your time range the control may be closed. So as not to delay officials you are requested to be earlier rather than later.

Apparel for Timed Sections

For all timed sections a CAMS approved helmet must be worn. Your helmet will be checked at scrutiny for compliance. For all timed sub events crew must wear non synthetic clothing that provides coverage of the body from neck to hands to ankles. Shoes and non synthetic socks must be worn. Heat from a fire will melt synthetics which then burn into your skin causing serious injury.

If you have a CAMS approved driving suit, that would be even better.

Scoring system.

Each timed event or touring section is scored as a separate event. You receive points depending on your placing in each event. First placed competitor scores 1 point, 2nd 2 points and so on up to the number of competitors. If there are equal scores for an event, the points for the placings will be divided equally between the cars involved. For example if three cars finish equal third, the points for third, 4th and 5th (ie 3+4+5 = 12) each car will receive 12 divided by 3 =4 points.

You are unlikely to lose any points on touring sections, this would generally only occur as the result of a breakdown.



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Scoring and Results

Scoring and results will be by the very experienced **Gary Hodgskiss**. On Touring sections and closed road forest stages times will be sent to Gary via the Sweep vehicle by phone to allow the early production of results each night. Results will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Rally Headquarters as early as possible each night.



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Appendix A Event Schedule

Mon Nov 7. Scrutiny, documentation and welcome BBQ at Lake Hume Resort.

Tue Nov 8: Event starts with breakfast at the Bethanga Pub where the Ceremonial Start will take place. Tour of one of the Bethanga 1966 loops, closed road stage at Jarvis Creek Plateau, lunch and khanacross at Carboor, tour 1966 route plus closed road stage and khanacross at Whitlands. to overnight at Mansfield.

Wed Nov 9: Tour original route to Pakenham ,khanacross and lunch, hill climb at Bryant Park (Haunted Hills), dinner at Sale, Night Trial. Overnight Sale.

Thu Nov 10: Maffra Car Museum, closed road stage at Boisdale, closed road stage at Briagolong, lunch Bruthen, touring via Barry Way (1966 Southern Cross Route) to Jindabyne. Overnight Jindabyne.

Fri Nov 11: Breakfast at Cooma Car Club rooms, closed road stage near Adaminaby, visit Snowy Mountains Scheme Museum, touring to Canberra via 1966 Southern Cross route, two closed road stages in Kowen forest. Overnight Canberra.

Sat Nov 12: Tour original route to Khanacross at Gundaroo, lunch and two closed road stages at Marulan, dinner at Penrith Panthers World of Entertainment Club. Overnight Sydney. Competitors doing the Sydney to Coffs Harbour leg join event for documentation and dinner.

Sun Nov 13: Closed road stage at Eastern Creek Dragway, closed road stage at Awaba, hill climb, khanacross and lunch at Ringwood hill climb. Tour 1976 stage, Overnight Taree.

Mon Nov 14: Tour 1976 route to closed road stage and autocross at Nabiac track, tour a 1976 stage, closed road stage at Burrawan, Visit site of Tom Barr-Smith incident in 1971. Overnight Port Macquarie.

Tue Nov 15: Two closed road stages in Lorne forest, khanacross at Rollands Plains, tour a 1976 stage, lunch at Telegraph Point pub, Cooperabung hill climb. Dinner Kempsey, Night Trial Tamban forest. Overnight Kempsey.

Wed Nov 16: Two closed road stages in Tamban forest, khanacross at Eungai, lunch at the Taylors Arm pub (Slim Dusty's Pub with No Beer). Touring to Gordonville Ford near Bellingen. Overnight Sawtell.



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Thu Nov 17: Closed road stage Raleigh Raceway, Rally Australia Rally Car show (15 SCGAR cars). Overnight Sawtell.

Fri Nov 18: Closed road stage at Lower Bucca 50% of our cars participate in Rally Australia Super Special night stage in Coffs Harbour. Overnight Sawtell.

Sat Nov 19: Spectate the WRC in Bowraville area in morning then the other 50% of our cars participate in Super Special stage in Coffs. Presentation Dinner at Sawtell Golf Club. **End of event.**

Sun Nov 20. Spectating Rally Australia, Rally Australia ceremonial finish. Special spectating arrangements for our competitors and officials.

Note: Participation in the Super Special Stage depends on the time available. With our smaller field than expected we are hoping to give you all a run on both days. We will certainly be trying to achieve this.