



# NSW Rally Panel

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
Teleconference

## MINUTES

### 1. Attendees

**Present:**

Matthew Martin (Chair) (MM), Andrew Crowley (Secretary) (AC), Adriana Pallister (AP), Col Fletcher (CF), Chris Giddins (CG), Darren Mowett (DM), Katie Fletcher (KF), Lui MacLennan (LM), Michael Harding (MH), Michael Taylor (MT).

**CAMS Personnel:**

Nil

**Observers/Visitors:**

Nil

### 2. Opening / Welcome / Confidentiality

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7:33pm and welcomed all attendees.

### 3. Apologies

Nil

### 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: "That the NSW Rally Panel accept the Minutes of the Panel Meeting held at Blacktown RSL on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 as being a true and accurate record of the meeting."

Moved: AC      Seconded: MH      All in favour. CARRIED.

### 5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- Revised Standing Orders sent to CAMS. Approved by State Exec on 3/12/2014 and now on Rally NSW website. CF - There is a new template for Standing Orders for use by all Advisory Panels that will be released by CAMS in the coming months. When this occurs the Rally Panel Standing Orders will need to be revised to fit in with the new template.
- 2015 Competition Conditions updated since previous meeting have been sent to CAMS for approval by State Exec. Approved in principle following some minor tweaks for clarity. CF advised to wait for the minutes of the State Exec meeting before advertising the updated Competition Conditions, especially the inclusion of G2 vehicles in the NSWRC. There are also some other changes to be added, refer section 19. General Business from this meeting.
- Follow up payment of outstanding sponsor invoices for 2014. MM – all under control, CAMS have this in hand and no reason to believe that those remaining invoices will not be paid in full.
- Richard Houghton to provide clock hire invoice for all 2014 events to date. Received by email on 3/12/2014.



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- CF – Revised Technical Manual (Version 1.2) for the Rally Vehicle Scheme has now been released and on Rally NSW website.
- CF – CAMS have been advised to include Dennis Trigg on the list of Certifiers for the Rally Vehicle Scheme. CF to finalise the arrangements between CAMS and Dennis.
- MM – Conversation with Matt Boorman of LCCC by telephone regarding trophy requirements for events took place in first week of December. Use of standard Rally NSW certificates to reduce costs for organisers discussed as a good solution.
- MM – Border Ranges Rally has a new name, Rally of Kyogle, and is now confirmed as a one day pacenoted format. Tom Snooks to be Clerk of Course, and planning for the event is underway.
- Investigate with CAMS the possibility of running a rally specific face to face Bronze Event Command theory module to train more officials. CF advised that a request has been made, ongoing work with the Australian Officials Commission required to obtain the relevant permissions and Course Presenter status.
- MM – The proposed 2015 Budget and Chairman's Report were sent to CAMS for distribution to the State Exec on 25/11/2014.
- MM – The question of accepting scanned copies of licences, club memberships and other documentation prior to events to save time for Event Secretaries was raised at the last Panel meeting and sent to State Exec. This was missed at the last State Exec meeting for 2014, CF to liaise with Ben Pretty on the best way forward with this idea.
- MM – Investigate Dropbox for storage of common Rally Panel files allowing access for all Panel members. Still outstanding, AP to assist MM with setting this up.

## 6. Decisions made by email vote between meetings

- 6/11/2014 - Vote to split the Seeding List into separate Rally and Rallysprint seeding lists as discussed at the November Panel meeting. 7 For, 2 Abstained. CARRIED.
- 7/11/2014 – Vote to approve the amended 2015 Competition Conditions as discussed at the November Panel meeting and by email. 8 For, 1 Abstained. CARRIED.
- 10/11/2014 – All Panel members for 2015 have given their consent to abide by the Confidentiality Agreement referred to in the latest Rally Panel Standing Orders.
- 26/11/2014 – Vote to approve the budget for the 2015 'Win the Ultimate Rally Navigating Experience' competition. 7 For, 2 Against. CARRIED.

## 7. Correspondence

- 3/11/2014 – Clock hire invoice received from Richard Houghton.
- 12/11/2014 – Email from Mike Cherry regarding cancellation of the Walcha Blue Ribbon Touring Assembly planned for 26/11/2014.
- 10/12/2014 – Email from BLCC advising that their club will not be conducting any rally events in 2015.



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## 8. Chairman's Report

- New members of the Rally Panel for 2015, AP and MT, have been approved by the State Exec. John Thomson will not be re-joining the Panel next year.
- MM reported on the recent CAMS Awards Dinner. Tony Sullens received the Colin Bond Award for the best all-rounder in NSW motorsport.

## 9. Past Events

- 1/11/2014 - LCCC Blue Range Rallysprint (Multi-Club). Good event from all accounts on social media, everyone had fun. 25 starters, great to see the LCCC organising a rally event again after a few years off, well done to the organisers.
- 20/11/2014 - NSSCC Tarmac Rallysprint Round 2. Well supported event with 76 entries and 73 starters. Organisers anticipate a full field for Round 3 in December, improvements being made at each event.
- 23/11/2014 - CNCSCC Nabiac Rallysprint (Multi-Club). No reports from Panel members attending, but 40 starters on the day spread between the S1 and S2 sections.
- 29/11/2014 - Hastings State Rallysprint. Report by CG. Relaxed, easy-going vibe, good roads, successful event with 23 starters.

## 10. Coming Events

- 18/12/2014 – NSSCC Tarmac Rallysprint Round 3.

## 11. Finance

- Financial Report – as distributed by MM on 26/11/2014.
- 2015 Budget – some existing sponsors from 2014 looking to get on board with us again and additional sponsors being sought. MM and CF working on proposals and contracts for these, more to be announced at the 2015 season launch.

## 12. CAMS Reports (ARCom / Exec)

- CF to attend State Exec meetings when MM unable to attend.
- MM expressed concern at inconsistencies between some Stewards reports on field sizes and the Rally NSW participation report, as well as no appointment of a Series Steward for the DRS in 2015. MM to contact Stewards Panel regarding these.
- No ARCom report this month. Phonecall to MM from Adrian Dudok regarding a State of Origin Challenge being investigated by ARCom. The plan is to take the 2015 State Champions from each state and have them compete against each other at the 2016 National Capital Rally with a subsidised entry fee, yet to be determined, and a prize for the winner. The NSW Rally Panel are supportive of this concept, awaiting further details from ARCom in the coming months.



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## 13. Rally NSW Working Group Update

- Rally NSW Report – as distributed by KF on 10/12/2014.
- Win the Ultimate Navigating Experience. Sponsors being sought to fund the competition and prizes with positive feedback so far. MM estimates there should be no impact on the Rally Panel account.
- 2014 Awards Night. Covered in Section 15 below.
- Sponsorship for 2015. As mentioned in 2015 Budget in Section 11.Finance above.
- Website – content to be updated by KF for 2015 over the Christmas break.

## 14. RVS Report

- New Technical Manual Version 1.2 has been released.
- AP has recently gained rally registration for her car and was the 22<sup>nd</sup> car on the scheme. Number plates are not being handed out in numerical order and are now into the 40s.
- The use of UVPs for the purpose of rally events is to be phased out eventually by the RMS but no set timeframe has been given.
- Those competitors with cars on the old CAMS Rally Rego scheme will have to change to the new Rally Vehicle Scheme when it comes time for their registration renewal. All affected have already been contacted by the RMS advising this.

## 15. Presentation Night

- Penrith Panthers has been booked, first round of invites have been sent out via email and Facebook, and will be ramped up closer to the event. Already taking payments. Booked for 100 but room limit is 120.
- Highlights video package underway, being worked on by KF and Kris Muller, estimated to be completed by end of December. CG has extra video footage of rally sprint competitors to pass on to KF.
- Photographers at 2014 events have been contacted for Hi-Res photos of all the various trophy winners to display on the night, and for use on trophies.
- Discounted accommodation at Penrith Panthers available.
- Achievement Award. Last year awarded to John Mitchell & Jo Cadman for winning the 4WD National Series of the ARC. All agreed that this year's 4WD ARC winner Richie Dalton would be a worthy recipient of the Achievement Award.
- 18/11/2014 – Email from DM for assistance in locating the perpetual trophies for the NSW Excel Series. AC believed that Andrei Artamonov was the last to receive the Excel Drivers trophy following the 2011 series. KF to provide contact details to DM from the series registration records to chase up Andrei and his co-driver from that year. If not with Andrei then Rhys Pinter may have the trophies from 2012 or 2013.



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## 16. Participation Report

- As distributed by MM on 26/11/2014 and updated 3/12/2014.
- Numbers of registered competitors in all series have increased over 2013 figures. The Excel series in particular has shown a resurgence of interest with good numbers in 2014 and more cars being built for 2015 according to DM.
- DM advised the panel of well priced Excels with rollcages already installed and rollcage kits for sale from Nathan Fipps in QLD.
- The panel aims to align more NSWRC, DRS and ACT rounds in 2015 to boost entry numbers and series participation.
- The standout performer for 2014 has been the RSS going from 6 registered competitors in 2013 to 58 in 2014. More work required for NSWRC with the hope that a better calendar in 2015 will help achieve this.

## 17. Organisers Forum – 31/1/2015

- Invitation sent to all 2015 event organisers by MM. Originally planned to be held at Penrith Panthers before the Presentation Night, but will now be held at Blacktown RSL Club from 1pm to 4pm to reduce room hire costs.
- Forum to be open to all CAMS car clubs and members, not just event organisers to ensure good numbers on the day.
- CG suggested that interested parties should submit specific questions to the Panel before the forum. This will allow more time to prepare for detailed answers on the day.
- MM to discuss the issue of registration jurisdiction on event supp regs, so that competitors are aware of the vehicle registration requirements for each event they plan on attending.
- CF or MM to discuss the importance of positive tracking at events and demonstrate the common Rally NSW paperwork that is available for event organisers to use to ensure consistency between events for officials and competitors.

## 18. TA/TRE Resolution

Motion: "That a working group is formed to draft rules for Touring events that are consistent with the National Rally Code. The group will be chaired by David Johnson, and consist of nominated representatives from involved clubs and invitees as follows:

Lui Maclennan (nominated by Classic Rally Club)

Tony Wise (nominated by Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia)

Jim Richardson (nominated by MG Car Club of Sydney)

Roderick Tower (nominated by Australian Historic Rally Group) – *amended by email 11/12/2014.*

Arthur Evans (Invited)

Mike Cherry (Invited)



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The working group shall report to State Council via the Rally Panel, and liaise with John Young and the ASCDC, with a view to asking the ASCDC to adopt the formulated rules nationally if it sees fit.”

Moved: MM      Seconded: LM      All in Favour. CARRIED.

## 19. General Business

- NSWRC now has 6 rounds as follows – New England, NatCap, Bega, Batemans Bay, Kyogle and Tumut. Some of these were questionable prior to the November Rally Panel meeting but are now confirmed. MM suggested that a round in Bathurst to make 7 rounds is no longer required, MM to liaise with BLCC on this.
- CF stressed that the Panel needs to work closely with clubs in 2015 to implement positive tracking systems at events.
- AP and AC stressed the importance of consistent paperwork between events to help competitors and officials, to be brought up at the Organisers Forum.
- Seat belt rules for 2015. 5 or 6 point harnesses are now the standard for State level events. This is to facilitate the use of frontal head restraints. It only applies to NSWRC, not DRS, HRS, RSS or multi-club events. MM working with Greg Yard of Simpson Safety on a press release to go on the Rally NSW website to inform competitors of the changes.
- MM advised that the Qld Rally Panel have scheduled a pacenoted state round one week before the Rally of New England in March next year.
- AC asked if the Rally of Kyogle was nominated as a round of the Qld Rally Championship for 2015. MM advised yes. The hope is that the Rally of New England in Glenn Innes might one day be part of the QRC as well, but it may take a few years and depends on the QLD Rally Panel’s assessment of the success of the event.
- MM distributed the Victorian Rally Panel Competition and Organiser Conditions for comment. They are very comprehensive and make for interesting reading. There may be some information we can use.
- CG going through an old version of the NSW Checkers List and updating for 2015. To be finished for next Panel meeting in January.
- MM discussed 2015 Competition Conditions following December State Exec meeting. Clean up of seeding section required, as well as better wording of classes in NSWRC to avoid confusion. MM to action.
- CG discussed permit fees for ralliesprints run at Awaba where the event is run as a meeting with a multi-club permit for the RSS competitors and a closed to club permit for club competitors. CF advised that this should be available to all clubs to use.

Motion: “Amend the Competition Conditions so that the two tiered entry fee scheme with discounts for registered competitors is not applicable to ralliesprints.”

Moved: CF      Seconded: CG      All in Favour. CARRIED.





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MM to contact Westlakes Auto Club so that they know they have permission to keep running their ralliesprints as a meeting.

- DM asked about the trophies for the Excel Series. KF will be organising these along with the other NSWRC, DRS and RSS trophies.
- CG asked what will be happening with the old Clubman Series perpetual trophies. It was suggested that these should go the Bathurst Museum and new perpetual trophies be made for the DRS. CG to arrange new DRS trophies. MT to collect the old Clubman trophies from Stephen Duthie and Damian Hans in Canberra.
- CF advised that the NSW CAMS Office will be moving location (but still in Homebush) in February 2015.
- CG offered a ride in his Lancer Evo6 around Awaba as one of the prizes for the Ultimate Navigating Experience competition.
- AC and KF discussed using an article by AC on co-driving in the Rally NSW website.

## 20. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:47pm.

Next Face to Face Meeting: Blacktown RSL Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at 10:00am.  
Organisers Forum: Blacktown RSL Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at 1:00pm.  
Next Teleconference: TBA February or March.

## 21. Distribution to

State Executive, ARCom, Ben Pretty, NSW Stewards Panel, NSW Scrutiny Panel, NSW Officials Panel.

## 22. Action Points

Item	Responsibilities	Timeline
Follow up payment of outstanding invoices for 2014 series sponsors.	CAMS, MM	Ongoing
Liaise with Rally Australia organisers regarding Rally NSW tent and display in Service Park and/or spectator areas at Coffs Harbour WRC in September 2015.	MM	Early 2015
Finalise arrangements between CAMS and Dennis Trigg for inclusion as a Certifier for Rally Vehicle Scheme. Update list on Rally NSW website once completed.	CF	Ongoing
Design of template award certificate to reduce trophy costs at events for organisers.	KF	Early 2015
Arrange quotes and purchase of Rally NSW printed marquee.	MM, CF	2015
Update of Director Manual	CF	Ongoing
Update of Checker Manual	CF	Ongoing



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Investigate with CAMS (AOC) the possibility of running a rally specific face to face Bronze Event Command theory module.	CF	Ongoing
Planning for 2014 Presentation Night	All	Ongoing
Liaise with CAMS as to whether it is possible to accept scanned copies of competitor licences, club membership cards, etc, prior to events to save time at documentation. CF to work with Ben Pretty initially and proceed further from there.	CF	Ongoing
Updated 2015 Competition Conditions to include G2 cars as eligible vehicles for NSWRC. Also clean up the wording of the seeding section and NSWRC classes, remove two tiered entry fee comments relating to ralliesprints. To be sent to State Exec for email vote and approval.	MM	ASAP
Investigate Dropbox for storage of Rally Panel documents – better access for all.	MM, AP	ASAP
Arrange return of perpetual trophies for Excel Series from 2011 winners for engraving prior to Presentation Night.	KF, DM	ASAP
Encourage event organisers to include in their supp regs the registration jurisdiction in which the event will be running. This will better clarify vehicle registration requirements for competitors prior to each event.	MM	2015 Organisers Forum
Sponsorship proposals for 2015 season – existing sponsors and new.	MM, CF	ASAP
Contact Stewards Panel regarding Stewards reports and Series Steward appointment for the DRS in 2015.	MM	ASAP
Liaise with ARCom regarding State of Origin Challenge at 2016 NatCap Rally.	MM	Ongoing
Organise the Win the Ultimate Rally Navigating Experience competition for 2015.	Rally NSW	Ongoing
Videos for Presentation Night. KF still requires some video of RSS winners to complete.	KF, CG	ASAP
Update website content for 2015.	KF	Early 2015
Invites for Organisers Forum 31/1/2015 to include all CAMS car clubs, not just event organisers to boost numbers.	MM	ASAP
Liaise with BLCC regarding the running or cancellation of a multi-club non series rally event on 26/9/2015.	MM	ASAP
Formulate press release regarding the latest rules for frontal head restraints and 5 or 6 point harnesses for Rally NSW website.	MM	ASAP
Update of NSW Checkers List	CG	Jan 2015





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Contact Westlakes Auto Club to advise that the Rally Panel is happy for them to continue running ralliesprints as a meeting of events.	MM	ASAP
Arrange new perpetual trophies for DRS Driver and DRS Co-Driver and re-engraving of the NSWRC perpetual trophies.	CG	ASAP
Arrange collection of Clubman series perpetual trophies from Stephen Duthie.	MT	ASAP
Article for Rally NSW website on co-driving.	AC	Early 2015

## 23. List of Attendees

Panel Member	Meetings	Reason
Andrew Crowley	7/7	
Adriana Pallister	1/1	
Colin Fletcher	5/7	3,3
Chris Giddins	6/7	3
Darren Mowett	7/7	
Katie Fletcher	6/7	3
Lui MacLennan	6/7	3
Michael Harding	4/7	3,3,9
Matthew Martin	7/7	
Michael Taylor	1/1	

### Legend

1. Absent due to officiating
2. Absent due to club commitment
3. Absent due to work commitment
4. Absent due to urgent commitment
5. Absent due to competition
6. Absent due to personal leave
7. Absent due to National meeting
8. Absent due to illness
9. Absent no apology