



# NSW Rally Panel

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
Teleconference

## MINUTES

### 1. Attendees

**Present:**

Matthew Martin (Chair) (MM), Andrew Crowley (Secretary) (AC), Chris Giddins (CG), 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 7:37pm and welcomed all attendees.

### 3. Apologies

Col Fletcher (CF)

### 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: "That the NSW Rally Panel accept the Minutes of the Panel Meeting held by Teleconference on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 as being a true and accurate record of the meeting."

Moved: MT      Seconded: MM      All in favour. CARRIED.

### 5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- MM has spoken with Alan Vaughan about having a Rally NSW presence at Rally Australia in September, near the Service Park or Super Special Stage for advertising purposes. Alan advised that this year there will be no Super Special Stage in Coffs Harbour itself, and the feeling is that there would not be enough spectator traffic to make it worthwhile. KF and AC suggested having the Rally NSW marquee at one of the major spectator points like Nambucca or Wedding Bells, near the food vans and merchandise stalls. MM to investigate further.
- KF advised that template award certificates are now completed and will be used at the Caves Classic Rally and Hastings Rallysprint. Event organisers are impressed with the look and a great way to reduce trophy costs for minor placings and class awards.
- MM – recent bulletin B15/010 received from CAMS now allows G2 cars to enter rallies and rallysprints below National level. The Panel acknowledges the support of ARCom in helping achieve this outcome.
- MT advised that Andrei Artamonov is bringing the perpetual trophy for the Excel Series to the National Capital Rally this coming weekend. KF to collect at Service Park.
- MM and CG advised that the update of the NSW Checkers List is almost complete.



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- MM advised that Ian Slater is going down the path of recognition of prior learning in applying for his Bronze Event Command licence due to approximately 15 years experience in organising speedway events and AMSAG rallies in the past. Other officials from Sapphire Coast Sporting Car Club being assisted by CAMS in becoming accredited are Kim Boyd (Bronze Administration) and Pip Barker (Bronze Scrutineer). Les Boaden is now a Bronze Scrutineer, MM to contact David Ballard next week after NatCap to check the status of his upgrade.
- MT advised that he is working through the process of upgrading from Trainee to General Official based on past event experience, will be completing the Bronze Event Command theory module before Narooma 2015 and will then be assessed at that event. AC confirmed that the State Officiating Panel are aware of this impending upgrade and wish MT every success on this journey.
- MM advised that recent discussions with RMS have confirmed that RVS Certifiers need to also be licenced to issue NSW pink slips. MH advised that Jon Waterhouse is currently going through the process of becoming an RVS Certifier for AMSAG, once this is completed he will be added to the CAMS list as well.
- LM advised that a number of competitors with modified cars that compete in Touring Assemblies are being encouraged by their club registrars to transfer their registration from Historic Conditional Rego to the new RVS. There is a concern that the wording of the RVS does not allow these vehicles to then compete in TAs. MM and CF to investigate further with CAMS and RMS.
- AC to arrange for either Jarrod Gotch or John Paine to get photos of the NSWRC Honour Roll boards in the Bathurst Motor Sport Museum to assist with updating these.
- Rally NSW presentation of trophies for the NSWRC section of the National Capital Rally will occur at the Civic Pub on the Saturday night of the event. MM and MT coordinating.

## 6. Decisions made by email vote between meetings

- 20/4/2015 – Bega Valley Rally postponed from the original planned date on the June Long Weekend. Email discussion suggesting alternatives and then vote to approve Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September as the only suitable new date to avoid clashes with other events in the second half of the year. 5 For, 3 Abstained. CARRIED.
- 6/5/2015 – As an ARC round, entries closed for the National Capital Rally three weeks out from the event. Vote to extend series registration cut-off date for the NSWRC for this event until 8<sup>th</sup> May to be more in line with other State level events where entries would normally close one week out from the event. 7 For, 1 Abstained. CARRIED.

## 7. Correspondence

### Inbound:

- 8/4/2015 – Email from Ben Pretty of CAMS regarding vehicles registered under the RVS being used in Touring Road Events (Yes) and Touring Assemblies (No).
- 8/4/2015 – Email from Fro Horobin summarising topics discussed at the most recent ARCom meeting.
- 13/4/2015 – Email from Adrian Dudok of BMSC, responding to Rally Panel concerns over the Supplementary Regulations for the NatCap Rally. A number of compromises put forward to address conflicts with the NSWRC Competition Conditions. The Panel appreciates the difficulties in running a combined ARC/NSWRC event and thanks Adrian for his assistance in making these concessions for competitors.



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- 19/4/2015 – MM advised by Selina Goodreid of CNCSCC of cancellation of the Taree Rally scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> May.
- 20/4/2015 – Email from Ian Slater of SCSCC advising that the Bega Valley Rally scheduled for the June Long Weekend has been postponed.
- 21/4/2015 – Email from Jamie Neale of NDDC requesting an audience at the May Rally Panel Teleconference.
- 21/4/2015 – Email from Darryl Ferris of CAMS Melbourne Office promising improvements to their financial reporting on the Rally Panel accounts going forward.
- 23/4/2015 – Email from competitor David Weller requesting clarification on the rules for co-drivers at Rallysprint events, specifically whether it is compulsory to have two crew members in each vehicle.
- 23/4/2015 – CAMS Bulletin B15/010 released, now allowing G2 cars to be entered in rallies below National level.
- 27/4/2015 – Email from Judyth Humphreys of the NSW Stewards Panel with a list of all CAMS Appointed Stewards for the remaining events on the 2015 Rally Calendar.
- 27/4/2015 – Email from Jan Munroe of Kempsey Sporting Car Club thanking the Rally Panel for their assistance and advice in organising their rallysprint in June.
- 28/4/2015 – Email from Col Trinder of ARCom regarding time penalties for booking in late at controls in relation to NSWRC events.
- 7/5/2015 – Email from Ben Pretty of CAMS with an updated draft version of the RVS Inspection Form.
- 12/5/2015 – Email from Kim Boyd of SCSCC advising that the Bega Valley Rally rescheduled to 19<sup>th</sup> September has now been cancelled for 2015, with a view to running it in 2016 once approval is obtained to use the popular shire roads closer to Bega.

## **Outbound:**

- 12/4/2015 – Email to Adrian Dudok requesting amendments to NatCap Supp Regs in line with 2015 NSWRC Competition Conditions.
- 14/4/2015 – Rally Panel report sent to State Council and State Executive.
- 16/4/2015 – Email to Darryl Ferris of CAMS regarding an invoice for freighting of rally clocks.
- 20/4/2015 – Application form for 2016 Rally Calendar dates sent to NSW CAMS Office for distribution to NSW/ACT car clubs.
- 21/4/2015 – Request to Ben Pretty of CAMS to provide assistance to members of the Bega Valley Rally Organising Committee from SCSCC in upgrading their Officials licences in relevant disciplines.
- 21/4/2015 – Email to Jamie Neale of NDDC declining his request to participate in the May Rally Panel Teleconference.
- 27/4/2015 – Group email from Rally NSW to registered competitors with an update on information for future events. These included the NatCap Rally, Hastings Rallysprint, Caves Classic date change, new WSID Gravel Rallysprint as part of the RSS, Bega date change and inclusion of Bathurst in September as a round of the DRS.
- 12/5/2015 – Email to Rick Fletcher of SCSCC offering organisational assistance from the Panel to help enable the Bega Valley Rally to run in 2015.



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## 8. Chairman's Report

- MM discussed the recent incident at a rally in Western Australia involving the tragic loss of life of a young spectator. The NSW Rally Panel wishes to express sincere condolences to the family involved, and our thoughts are with the competitors, officials and event organisers at this difficult time.
- Recent Rally Panel report to State Council and State Executive was very detailed in an effort to explain to non-rally clubs and officials the great achievements by the Panel in recent times and specifically the role played by the Rally NSW Working Group.
- The Vehicle Signage Order Form has been sent to the CAMS NSW Office in early April to distribute to car clubs. AC did not recall his car club receiving it as yet but will double check and advise MM to enable follow up with CAMS.

## 9. Past Events

- 11/4/2015 – Volksmuller Rallysprint at Awaba. Round 2 of the RSS, 30 entries in the S2 section with 23 drivers and 13 co-drivers registered for the series. 12 entries in the S1 section. KF attended as a competitor and reported it was a great event. CG reported it was a successful day for Westlakes Auto Club with no major incidents.
- 18/4/2015 – VSport Caves Classic Rally. Round 1 of the DRS. Postponed on advice from forestry due to wet weather, new date in May.
- 26/4/2015 – Northern Beaches Handi Hire Rallysprint at Coffs Harbour. Round 3 of the DRS. 30 starters, with 29 registered drivers and 14 registered co-drivers. The organisers were overwhelmed at the interest shown in their event.
- 2/5/2015 – AMSAG Orange Rally. 35 entries, 35 starters, 25 finishers.

## 10. Coming Events

- 16/5/2015 – National Capital Rally in Canberra. Round 2 of the NSWRC and Round 1 of the PRS. The Rally Panel appreciates the effort by the organisers to accommodate the NSWRC and PRS Competition Conditions. An analysis of total entries for the event shows the following distribution of competitors:
  - ARC Registered - 7
  - ARC 2WD - 9
  - ARC 4WD - 11
  - ARC Classics - 9
  - NSWRC - 23
  - NSW PRS - 11
  - ACT Series - 15
- 23/5/2015 – Hastings Rallysprint. Round 4 of the RSS. Entries are currently over-subscribed with 33 entries and great participation from registered drivers and co-drivers. MM to discuss with organisers the prospect of extending the field.
- 30/5/2015 – Taree Rally. Round 2 of the DRS (cancelled).
- 30/5/2015 – VSport Caves Classic Rally. Round 1 of the DRS. 27 entries at this point in time, including Charlie Drake and Martin Quinn. A stronger field anticipated than the original date in April.
- 7/6/2015 – Bega Valley Rally. Round 3 of the NSWRC (cancelled). Originally postponed from June Long Weekend to 19<sup>th</sup> September, but recently cancelled by the organising club. SCSCC plan to now run the event in 2016.



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- 14/6/2015 – Kempsey Rallysprint. Round 5 of the RSS. This event has room for a field of 40 cars.
- 20/6/2015 – AMSAG Johns River Rally.
- 27/6/2015 – Western Sydney International Dragway Rallysprint. Round 6 of the RSS.
- 19/9/2015 – Bega Valley Rally. Proposed NSWRC round recently cancelled by SCSCC. The Panel are now investigating an alternate promoter to run the event on this date in September.

## 11. Finance Report

- Financial Report – as distributed by MM on 13/5/2015. Reports from CAMS Melbourne Office are now much improved on past versions.
- MM advised that we are currently ahead of budget, year to date. Series registrations have been great so far.

## 12. CAMS Reports (ARCom / State Exec)

- ARCom report received from Fro Horobin on 8/4/2015.
- State Executive report received 18/4/2015. Questions on series registrations have been addressed by MM in report to State Council.

## 13. Rally NSW Working Group Update

- Report as distributed by KF on 13/5/2015.
- Plan is to launch the 'Win the Ultimate Navigating Experience' Competition on 1<sup>st</sup> July, pending final confirmation from sponsors but looking very promising at this stage.
- Awaba Rallysprint on 11/4/2015 - Selina Goodreid took some videos and KF uploaded results during the day for Rally NSW. Total reach of 11,000 on Facebook over the 3 days surrounding that event.
- Coffs Harbour Rallysprint on 26/4/2015 – results uploaded by Karen Martin from the event in between competing. Total reach of 5,000 on Facebook over that weekend. This event and the one above show the importance of video footage from events to promote greater sharing.
- National Capital Rally on 16/5/2015. Charlie Drake unavailable to perform interviews as he is competing. Many people have volunteered to assist as reporters for Rally NSW. Fro Horobin and Russell Hannah will be one interview team in the field, as will Toby Goldberg and Scott Fletcher. KF to provide support from the Service Park with news updates, Rally NSW merchandise sales and uploading results.
- A number of interesting news articles on the website in recent weeks, but KF stressed the need for more articles and from different writers where possible to reduce the workload of regular contributors.
- Reach on the Facebook page is still very healthy.



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## 14. RVS Report (MM on behalf of CF)

- MM to follow up with Warren Markham of Nowra on applying to be a new Certifier for the RVS.
- Jason Ruse of Tweed Heads region is now a Bronze level Scrutineer and is working through becoming accredited as a pink slip examiner. Once this is complete he can be added to the list of Certifiers.
- Matthew Windsor of Bathurst (Kelso), Trevor Osborne of Tamworth and Malcolm Smith of Broken Hill are now all up and running as Certifiers for the RVS.
- Jon Waterhouse of Canberra will become an RVS Certifier once he is accredited as a pink slip examiner.
- AC suggested Pip Barker as a possible Certifier on the far South Coast once he has a Bronze Scrutineering licence. MM to investigate the possibility of this.
- As discussed by LM and AC earlier in the meeting, further work is required in determining the eligibility of vehicles on the RVS being able to compete in Touring Assemblies as well as Touring Road Events.

## 15. Registrations

- List of current registrations updated by MT on 10/5/2015. Registrations to date, compared with end of 2014 figures are:

### May 2015 vs Dec 2014

NSWRC	82 vs 70
DRS	41 vs 68
DRS4	29 vs 0
HRS	3 vs 11
RSS	83 vs 58
PRS	34 vs 0
Total	272 vs 207
Individuals	164 vs 146

- Total number of registered competitors is up and improvements can be seen in NSWRC and RSS. It is anticipated that DRS registrations will increase as we get closer to the first round of the series later this month.
- It is to be noted that both DRS4 and PRS are new series for 2015. Whilst a number of Excel rally cars competing in the 2014 HRS have now been sold to Victoria, the Panel is aware of new cars currently being built that will hopefully join the HRS at rounds of the series later in 2015.

## 16. TRE Working Group Report

- Work in progress, nothing new to report at this stage.





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## 17. Report on Re-write of the Rallysprint Regulations

- MM working with Ross Tapper of WA on this project for ARCom.
- The aim is to have a set of regs that make it easier for current kharacross and supersprint/hillclimb competitors to progress into rallysprints to get a taste of the sport of rallying before continuing on to higher level events.
- Draft of new regulations is half finished but progressing well, MM hopes to provide to the panel in the next few months to allow feedback.

## 18. 2016 Competition Conditions

- To be discussed in greater detail at the June face to face meeting. MM needs input from the rest of the Panel on requested improvements to the 2015 Conditions, such as capacity limits for classes, number of rounds to count, better wording of the eligibility criteria for DRS, plus a review of points allocation going forward.
- MM - The plan is to have a separate document for the NSWRC, a separate document for the DRS and a separate document for the RSS to make them easier to read and understand for competitors only chasing a single series.

## 19. Event Checkers Report

- MM - Pre event Checker's reports currently go to the event organiser and the Checker and Organiser work together to resolve issues. Is there a need for these reports to go to the NSW CAMS Office and be forwarded to the Rally Panel as well?
- MM to discuss the current procedure with Ben Pretty and raise with the State Executive if improvements required.
- CG has gone through the entire Checkers List and updated with latest contact information for those willing to work in these roles.

## 20. Supp Regs and Event Management Templates

- CF and MM have created templates for draft supp regs for NSWRC, DRS and RSS events to encourage consistency between clubs when submitting paperwork for approval, as well as reducing errors. These have been uploaded to the Rally NSW website along with other template forms to assist organisers in running events, and provide consistent paperwork for competitors across all events.
- The Panel welcomes feedback from car clubs to continuously improve these documents, and fully understands that these will be a work in progress until a number of clubs and organisers have used them during 2015.



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## 21. E85 Fuel

- MH explained the difficulties with the current wording of the definition of 'pump fuel' in Schedule G (Article 2.1) of the CAMS Manual which stipulates an ethanol content of no more than 10%. E85 is now available at numerous service stations as a commercial 'pump' fuel and there is a growing level of support amongst competitors for using this cost effective and safe fuel.
- The Panel recommends a change to Schedule G to allow E85 as a pump fuel, however, if this is not possible due to ramifications through other disciplines of motorsport, a more rally specific change could be made with a modification to the PRC regs.
- Submission to ARCom: "To allow E85 fuel to be used in unrestricted turbo PRC cars, and E85 to be recognised as a commercially available pump fuel."  
Moved: MH      Seconded: CG      All in favour. CARRIED.

## 22. General Business

- CG brought to the attention of the Panel the difference between the minimum age for Co-Drivers as allowed by CAMS (14 years) vs NSW Department of Sport & Recreation (16 years) for events held on private property. MM and CG to follow up with Ben Pretty for clarification on this issue.
- MT applied on behalf of BMSC for a Department of Sport and Recreation Grant for the Narooma Forest Rally and was successful.
- MM advised that the organisers of Rally New England were also successful in obtaining a grant earlier this year.
- AC asked if there was a document describing how the Rally NSW Seeding List is calculated to direct competitors to. MM advised that this is available on the website and was uploaded there recently.
- CG advised that he will be an apology for the next face to face meeting in June.

## 23. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:19pm.

Next Face to Face Meeting:      Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00am at Blacktown RSL Club.  
Next Teleconference:              TBA July/August.

## 24. Distribution to

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





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## 25. Action Points

Item	Responsibilities	Timeline
2014-1. Liaise with Rally Australia organisers regarding Rally NSW tent and display at one of the large spectator areas at Coffs Harbour WRC in September 2015.	MM	Ongoing
2014-5. Update of Director Manual – long term project.	CF	Ongoing
2014-6. Update of Checker Manual – long term project.	CF	Ongoing
2014-10. Arrange return of perpetual trophies for Excel Series from the 2011 winners for engraving and distribution to the 2014 winners.	MT, KF	NatCap Rally
2014-13. Organise the Win the Ultimate Rally Navigating Experience competition for 2016. Advertise at Coffs Harbour WRC in September 2015.	Rally NSW	Ongoing
2014-14. Update of NSW Checkers List.	CG	Ongoing
2015-1. Liaise with QLD and VIC Rally Panels regarding State of Origin type challenges as part of 2016 Calendar process.	MM	Ongoing
2015-11. Officials licence upgrades for Ian Slater, David Ballard and MT for Bronze Event Command, Kim Boyd for Bronze Administration and Pip Barker for Bronze Scrutineer.	CF, MM, AC	Ongoing
2015-13. Assist Warren Markham to apply to be an RVS Certifier for Nowra.	MM	Outstanding
2015-16. Review new CAMS online entry system for rallies.	CF, MM, KF, AC MT	Ongoing
2015-18. Find a way to allow RVS vehicles to be used in both TREs and TAs.	CF, MM, LM	Ongoing
2015-19. Document the proportion of cars competing with Rally Rego vs UVP vs Historic Rego at events in 2015.	MM? CF?	Ongoing
2015-20. Arrange for photos of the current NSWRC honour rolls in the Bathurst Motor Sport Museum to be taken and sent to the Panel.	AC	ASAP
2015-21. Update the trophies/honour rolls in the Bathurst Motor Sport Museum.	CF	Ongoing
2015-22. Liaise with Ben Pretty regarding the difference in the minimum age allowed by CAMS and NSW Department of Sport & Recreation for co-drivers at rallysprint events on private property.	MM, CG	Ongoing
2015-23. Engage an alternate promoter to organise the Bega Valley Rally on 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2015.	MM	ASAP
2015-24. Liaise with Pip Barker of Bega/Eden region on the possibility of becoming an RVS Certifier on the far South Coast of NSW.	MM	Ongoing
2015-25. Project for update of Rallysprint regulations in CAMS Manual for ARCom.	MM	Ongoing



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2015-26. Update of Competition Conditions for 2016. Ideas to be sent to MM to include in draft.	All	Ongoing
2015-27. Liaise with Ben Pretty on the best process for handling pre Event Checkers reports. Formalise through State Executive.	MM	Ongoing
2015-28. Submission to ARCom regarding E85 fuel in unrestricted turbo PRC vehicles.	MM, MH	Ongoing
2015-29. Article for website describing how to apply for Department of Sport and Recreation Grants for car clubs and event organisers.	MT	Ongoing

## 26. List of Attendees

Panel Member	Meetings	Reason
Andrew Crowley	4/4	
Colin Fletcher	3/4	3
Chris Giddins	2/4	3, 6
Katie Fletcher	3/4	6
Lui MacLennan	2/4	7, 6
Michael Harding	4/4	
Matthew Martin	4/4	
Michael Taylor	4/4	

### 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
10. Absent due to Panel work