

## NSW Rally Panel Report to the State Executive – June 2017

The resignation of former Chair, Katie Fletcher, was tendered to the State Executive at the February meeting. Col Fletcher also resigned from the Panel due to work commitments. Whilst Katie's resignation left a major void, the work of the Panel was quickly re-established with the addition of three new members ratified by the State Executive at the beginning of May, and John Sparkes taking on the role of Chair.

### Panel members

Currently the Panel has the following members:

John Sparkes - Chair

Lui MacLennan – Secretary, TRE Representative

Carol Sparkes – Treasurer, Registrations

Ernie Martin – Checkers, RSS Co-ordinator

Tim Wilkins – NSWRC and DRS/HRS Co-ordinator

Brett Middleton (new) – Marketing and Promotion

Adriana Pallister (new) – Website Manager

Jim Gleeson (new) – Pointscores and Driver Seeding

The following Championship and Series events form the NSW Rally calendar and are progressing well.

### 2017 NSW Rally Championship (NSWRC)

Date	Event Name	Organising Club	Series
4th March	Rally New England	NESCC	NSWRC Round 1
27th May	National Capital Rally	BMSC	NSWRC Round 2
12th August	Rally of the Bay	NSSCC	NSWRC Round 3
14th October	Brindabella Stages	BMSC	NSWRC Round 4
18th November	Rally Australia	Rally Australia	NSWRC Round 5

### 2017 NSW Development Rally/Hyundai Rally Series (DRS/HRS)

Date	Event Name	Organising Club	Series
8th April	Caves Classic	NSSCC	DRS Round 1
1st July	"BP Clybucca"	KSCC	DRS Round 2
22nd July	Narooma Forest Rally	BMSC	DRS Round 3
26th August	Myall Stages	NDDC	DRS Round 4
23rd September	Minidulla	SKDAC	DRS Round 5
4th November	Cooma Rally	BMSC	DRS Round 6

## 2017 Rallysprint Series (RSS)

Date	Event Name	Organising Club	Series
19th February	Nabiac Rallysprint	CNCSCC	RSS Round 1
12th March	Johanson Brothers Motorsport Rallysprint	CHDSCC	RSS Round 2
21st May	Volksmuller Gravel Rallysprint	NSSCC	RSS Round 3
9th July	Awaba Rallysprint	WAC	RSS Round 4
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Hastings Rallysprint	HSCC	RSS Round 5
10th September	Barraganyatti Rallysprint	KSCC	RSS Round 6

Many other non-championship/series events are also being run in 2017.

### 2016 Presentation Dinner and 2017 Season Launch

A very successful and well-attended 2017 Season Launch and 2016 Presentation night was held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at the Atura Hotel, Blacktown. A similar event is planned for 2018.

### Improving security of personal information

Due to instances of security breaches involving identity theft, earlier this year CAMS commenced a new online method of registering for a Rally Series which includes secure payments through PayPal. Individual clubs are also being encouraged to have secure payment systems. For example, the requirement to provide dates of birth and drivers licence details on entry forms has been removed and new templates uploaded to the website.

### RallyNSW

RallyNSW is operated by the Panel for the marketing and promotion of rallying. The Panel has secured agreements from Gary's Motorsport Tyres as the naming rights partner for the 2017 NSWRC; TechWorkz as naming rights partner for the DRS; Premier Panel Beating as the naming rights partner for the HRS; and V-Sport as naming rights partner for the RSS.

In addition, the Panel has negotiated an agreement with OHM Productions (John McCredie) to collect audio/video footage from the NSWRC and DRS to produce high quality videos of competition through the year. Members of the Executive are encouraged to view the Rally NSW Facebook page to see the excellent coverage of the recent National Capital Rally produced under this arrangement. The arrangement is funded by Rally NSW from the above naming rights sponsorship agreements and will enhance our sport's exposure on social media and platforms such as YouTube.

The RallyNSW website has also been reviewed and updated for 2017, including new templates for Supp Regs and Entry Forms.

The Panel is working on a number of new initiatives to further promote our sport, improve dialogue and communication with existing competitors and encourage new competitors to enter the sport.

A highlight of 2016 was watching the progress of the winner of the 2015 RallyNSW Ultimate Navigator Experience, Michelle van der Wilk. At the end of her year, Michelle thanked



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RallyNSW and each individual sponsor who had made this experience possible. We'll finish with a few feel-good words from Michelle.

*"It's hard to believe that it was 12 months ago today that I won Rally NSW's Ultimate Navigator Competition. In the last 12 months I have had the opportunity to navigate for 5 different drivers in 8 events across 3 states. I've competed in both Blind and Pace noted events at Rallysprints, State Championships and even at a WRC Round.*

*To say I am hooked is an understatement! I am currently finalising my plans for 2017, which will involve Navigating at both NSW and QLD events. Earlier this year I also started building my own Rally Car, a Subaru GC8 so all going well I will be competing as a driver at a couple of Kahnacross events too :) I look forward to working on all I have learnt over the last 12 months and growing as a navigator in 2017. See you in the Forests!"*

John Sparkes  
Chair – CAMS NSW Rally Panel  
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