



# RALLY NSW

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## CAMS NSW Rally Panel Report to the State Executive – June 2018

### Series updates

#### ***MTA NSW Rally Championship & East Coast Classic Rally Series***

Round 1 of the MTA NSWRC and ECCRS was held at Oberon on 14 April and Round 2 was held at Mitta Mitta in Victoria as a joint round with the Victorian Rally Championship on 5 May. Both events were well organised and successfully run.

Round 3, the Border Ranges Rally, will be based in Kyogle on 14 July, as a joint round with the Queensland Rally Championship.

The remaining rounds will be held as follows:

11 August - Batemans Bay (joint NSW/Vic Championship)

22 September - Bathurst

20 October – Cooma

Unfortunately the Panel was forced to drop Rally Australia (17 November) as the 7<sup>th</sup> and final round of the Championship, as the organisers required reconnaissance to be held on the Tuesday prior to the event, or else the NSW Championship competitors would have to run the stages on a road book (no reconnaissance required). Neither of these options was acceptable to the majority of intending competitors, so the Panel had little choice but to drop the event from the MTA NSWRC.

#### ***TechWorks Clubman Rally Series***

This series also incorporates the Development Rally Series, SpeedMaster Open Rally Series and Premier Panel Beating Hyundai Rally Series.

The first round was held in conjunction with the MTA NSWRC/ECCRS at Oberon on 14 April and second round at Clybucca on 26 May.

The remaining four rounds will be held at Bulahdelah (23 June), Narooma (21 July), Ulladulla (15 September) and Cooma (20 October)

#### ***V-Sport Rallysprint Series***

Four of the seven rounds have been held at Nahiack, Coffs Harbour, Awaba and Sydney International Dragway, with the remaining three to be held at Kempsey (8 July), Port Macquarie (13 October) and Wagga Wagga (10 November).

## **CAMS Championship and Series Policy**

This policy has recently appeared and there is one area where the NSW Rally Competition Conditions are at variance. The Panel regards it to be inappropriate to change its Competition Conditions mid-year and proposes to make the 2019 Competition Conditions consistent with the policy.

The inconsistencies are in the area Championship/Series points awarded for each event (Article 5(a)), which states the scale of points will be structured to favour the top 3 positions with the remaining points awarded on a diminishing scale.

Article 5(a) also states that only one outright winner will be awarded. The Batemans Bay round has been promoted as both a blind and pace noted event, with the winners and placegetters in each category receiving equal points. The Panel will obviously review this arrangement for 2019.

## **Strategic Planning**

The Panel requests the input of the State Council into strategic planning for CAMS rallying into the future. There are a number of threats to be addressed, including:

- Restrictive vehicle categories
- The gulf in communication between CAMS/ARCom and rally competitors
- Lack of vision for encouraging grassroots rallying
- Increasing regulation with little engagement or overall strategy
- The bureaucratic nature of officials licensing (including Checkers)
- Technical regulations hard to read, understand and translate
- Absence of shared plans for attracting new competitors and officials

Interestingly, most of the above are increasing the attractiveness of AMSAG as an alternative to CAMS rallies. The Panel will liaise further with the Chair for guidance and assistance in strategic planning in the coming weeks.

John Sparkes  
Chair – CAMS NSW Rally Panel  
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