

George Woods Rally

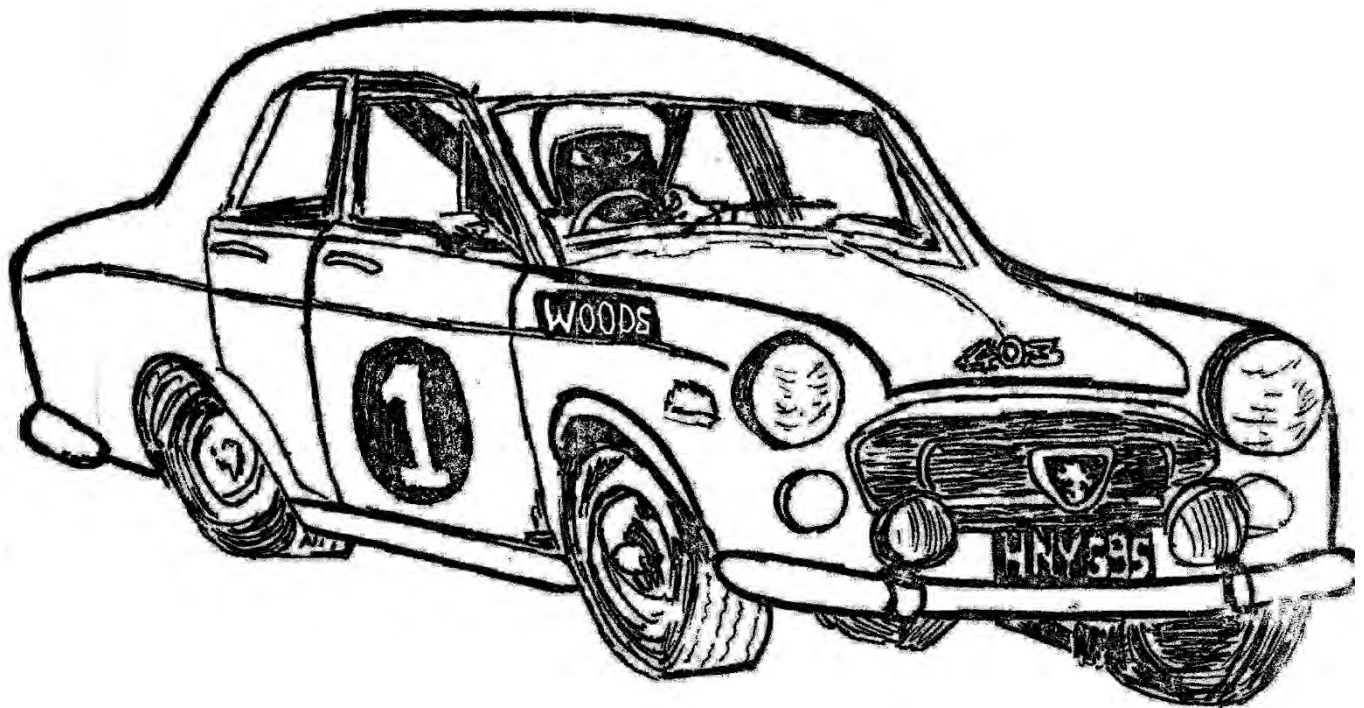
incorporating the *Rookies Ramble* and

Round 1 of the

2023 PRO Rally Motorsport Fabrications Standard Car Challenge

Saturday, 18 February 2023

Promoted by



Historic Rally Association, Inc.

Thank you for taking an interest in the 2023 George Woods Rally.

This is the 43rd anniversary of the George Woods Rally. It was established in 1980 following George's untimely death in 1979. Apart from two or three years where conditions conspired against us, it has run every year since.

The George Woods has always been designed to give an opportunity for club members to try rallying using either their road car or the car they use in other types of motorsport. In recent years, the Historic Rally Association introduced a category/class for Standard Cars. The PRO Rally Motorsport Fabrications Standard Car Class uses the George Woods and similar events. Many of these cars are showroom standard, using standard seats and seatbelts and without a roll cage. Others have changed or added these items so they can compete in a greater range of events.

2020 saw a significant change to the rules governing low level, introductory types of motorsport. This has meant a lot of behind the scenes work by both volunteer officials and Motorsport Australia staff to see events like the George Woods continue into the 2020s and beyond.

Understandably, Motorsport Australia (formerly CAMS) seeks to ensure the safety of all involved in the sport and have thus mandated the use of Frontal Head Restraint (FHR) devices for most events from 2020 on. This makes it difficult to allow potential new competitors a toe-in-the-water entry into an introductory event like the George Woods. Standard, unmodified, road cars would need considerable modification before FHR could be safely used.

After much discussion about how to mitigate the risks of allowing essentially unmodified road cars to participate in rallies, consensus has been reached. This requires the event to be designed to ensure that maximum speeds achieved by crews are actively controlled. Our event will be a Special Stage Rally Regularity. For this type of event (introduced for 2020), times allowed on competitive sections are limited to a maximum average of 70Km/h and crews must not exceed 110Km/h at any time. This minimises the risk, allowing a crew to experience a real rally without going to the expense of roll-cage, special seats, harnesses and FHR.

While careful selection of roads ensures a fun, competitive event can be run within these speed requirements, all competitors will be required to keep their speed below 110Km/h. The Rally Regularity regulations set severe penalties for exceeding the speed limit. Speeds will be monitored, and the relevant penalties applied.

The George Woods was the first Special Stage Rally Regularity event to be run; Motorsport Australia monitored it to ensure the new rules worked as intended. These Regularity events are now a well-established step on the rally ladder.

The 2023 event will follow a similar format to the 2020, 2021 and 2022 George Woods Rallies.

About George Woods...

George Woods competed for many years in all facets of motor sport. At the same time, he encouraged others, especially novices, ladies, youngsters and the like to have a go, too. George always used a very standard Peugeot for his motor sport.



George's Peugeot 403 (and later his 404) went in everything, whether it was a motorkhana, a trial (anything from club event to national championship rally), an open race meeting (in the early '70s, you could see George's 403 fighting Peter Brock for a corner—George proudly wore a tee-shirt emblazoned with the words 'Ecurie Mobile Chicane' accompanied by a picture of him and Brockie disputing the same bit of bitumen), a circuit sprint, a hillclimb or an observed section trial. He was an important part of CAMS, being Chairman of the Victorian State Council for several years in the late '70s; he was awarded CAMS' Service Award in 1979.

George lived life to the full. As well as motor sport he was passionate about music, particularly jazz. An accomplished musician, he played his guitar at many a function, motor sport or otherwise, either solo or with his group.

George succumbed to a heart attack in 1979. In honour of the man and his enthusiasm for motor sport our event is called the GEORGE WOODS RALLY.



This is the 43rd anniversary of the George Woods Rally; as such, it is the longest running introductory event on the calendar and one of the longest running events of any kind. Many of today's top rally competitors cut their teeth on this event before going on to bigger things. For many other club level competitors, it is the only rally they compete in each year.

Please participate in this event in the spirit George always embodied—trying as hard as he could no matter what sort of machinery the rest of the field was running, but above all having fun. If you drive in the event knowing, as George usually did, that you have to drive the same car to work on Monday, you will be able to get a lot of enjoyment out of the sport without needing to be a millionaire. You will also find that with a bit of experience, you will regularly embarrass those with deep pockets but the wrong attitude!

Have Fun, but be safe.

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Supplementary Regulations

1 THE EVENT

The **George Woods Rally** (hereinafter referred to as “the event”) will be conducted on public and/or private roads in the State of Victoria on the afternoon and evening of 18 February 2023. The event is a **Club Special Stage Rally Regularity**. It will incorporate the **Rookies Ramble**, a shorter, daylight, event for Novice and Rookie competitors only.

As well as its primary role in introducing new competitors to the sport of rallying, the event will form Round 1 of the Historic Rally Association (HRA) PRO Rally Motorsport Fabrications Standard Car Class (**SCC**) series for 2023.

2 AUTHORITY

The event will be conducted under the FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices and the National Competition Rules (NCR) of Motorsport Australia, the National Rally Standing Regulations (NRSR) and its Rally Regularity Appendix, the Victorian Rally Bulletin (VRB)—current at the time of publication of these Supplementary Regulations—and these Supplementary Regulations and any Further Regulations that may be issued.

The Motorsport Australia Permit Number **323/1802/02**, authorising the event, will be displayed at Rally HQ.

This Event will be conducted under and in accordance with Motorsport Australia OH&S, Motorsport Australia Safety 1st, Integrity and Legal, and Risk Management and Return to Race Policies, which can be found on the Motorsport Australia website at www.motorsport.org.au.

Certain public, property, professional indemnity and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia in relation to the Event. Further details can be found in the Motorsport Australia Insurance Handbook, available at www.motorsport.org.au.

3 SCHEDULE OF DATES

Entries open	Saturday 1 January 2023 at 00:01
Entries for Ballot close	Friday 10 February 2023 at 19:30
Ballot	Friday 10 February 2023 at 20:00
Official Scrutiny	¹ Sunday 12 February 2023 from 10:30 to 16:30
Further Regulations emailed	Monday 13 February 2023
Entries Close	Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 20:00
Event Start (exact times will be published in Further Regulations)	Saturday 18 February 2023 Start time depends on number of starters First car at 15:30 (60 starters) 16:10 (40 starters)

4 PROMOTER AND ORGANISERS

The Event will be Promoted and Organised by the Historic Rally Association, Inc. PO Box 631 Camberwell Vic 3124. The organising committee comprises the Clerk of the Course, the Event Secretary, and the Assistant Clerks of the Course.

Clerk of the Course (Director):	Glad Fish (<i>Licence 1031757</i>), gladfish@netspace.net.au , 04 1014 805
Assistant Clerk of Course (Documentation)	Nick Wright (<i>889842</i>), awrally@gmail.com , 04 2744 3821
Event Secretary:	David McKenzie (<i>885369</i>), david@jandmck.com , 0407 405 109
Assistant Clerks of Course (Road Directors):	Mitch Garrad (<i>1104431</i>) Tay Murphy (<i>TBN</i>) Ray Garrad (<i>9883422</i>)

¹ If you cannot attend on Sunday, contact John Roberts (0408 355 123) to arrange a mutually suitable date/time.

Entries Secretary / Scorer	Gary Hodgskiss (881485)
Send entries to:	Use Motorsport Australia MEE system to submit entry Email: gzh2028@bigpond.com AusPost: Gary Hodgskiss, 21 Blair Crt, Warranwood, Vic 3134 Tel. 0408 541 441
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Area Coordinator:	Glad Fish (1031757) & Nick Wright (889842)
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Officials Co-ordinator	Barry Johnston (220203) 0457 136 788 barrvi1952@gmail.com
Equipment Officer:	Chris Ellis: (1054977)
Publicity/Sponsorship Officer:	Alan Baker (1073653)
HRA SCC Contact	Rob Cranston 03 95630977 / 0414560688

5 CREW ELIGIBILITY

Each crew member must hold a Motorsport Australia Speed (or higher) Licence; the competitor (if not a crew member) must hold a relevant Motorsport Australia Competitor Licence.

Each crew member must be a financial member of a club affiliated with Motorsport Australia.

Each crew member must hold a valid Driver's Licence allowing him/her to drive on Victorian roads; a navigator who does not present a valid Driver's Licence at Documentation must complete a Declaration of Co-driver without Civil Licence form which can be found at motorsport-australia-declaration-of-co-driver-without-civil-licence.pdf (motorsport.org.au).

All crew members must meet officiating requirements listed in the Victorian Rally Bulletin; that is either be a new competitor or have acted as an official on a rally or trial in the previous twelve months. Crew members under the age of 18 years are exempted from this requirement.

Crews may enter more than one component of the event if they meet the eligibility requirements.

George Woods Rally		Rookies Ramble	PRO Rally Motorsport Fabrications SCC
Entries are open to Motorsport Australia Graded crew combinations as set out below.		Only Motorsport Australia Grade F (Rookie) and E (Novice) crews are eligible for the Rookies Ramble awards. There is no need to enter the Rookies Ramble specifically; we will score all eligible crews for this component.	Entries are open to all HRA Grade A, B and C crews providing they are driving a log-carded Standard Car as defined by the HRA
Driver Grade	Navigator Grade		
F	F, E, D, C, B, A		
E	F, E, D, C		
D	F, E, D ¹ , C ¹		
C	F, E, D ¹ , C ¹		
B	F		
¹ D/D & D/C combinations may enter, but are not eligible for George Woods Rally awards			

If the competitor is not the owner of the vehicle, he or she must obtain a letter, signed by the vehicle owner, consenting to the competitor entering the vehicle in the event. This letter must be presented at Documentation.

6 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

All vehicles must comply with the requirements of National Rally Standing Regulations, Vehicles General of the current Motorsport Australia Manual and the Victorian Rally Bulletin.

Classes

George Woods Rally and Rookies Ramble	PRO Rally Motorsport Fabrications SCC
R1: log-booked rally car (PRC, HRC, Club, Classic) up to 2000cc R2: log-booked rally car (PRC, HRC, Club, Classic) 2001cc and over O1: other road registered/permitted vehicle up to 1600cc O2: other road registered/permitted vehicle 1601cc and over	Vehicles with an SCC log-card ² : A: 1974 and earlier B: 1975-1987 C: 1988-1999 D: 2000-2009
² An SCC log-card may be obtained (by HRA members) by contacting Rob Cranston (03 95630977 / 0414560688)	

7 ENTRIES

Entries are to be made through the Motorsport Australia MEE system². Use the following link to enter the Motorsport Australia Portal: [Login \(motorsport.org.au\)](https://login.motorsport.org.au)³. Click on **EVENT ENTRY** (left panel), then one of **QUICK ENTER NOW**, **UPCOMING EVENTS** or **MY EVENTS +CREATE ENTRY**. Select George Woods Rally 2023, complete your details, pay, and submit your entry.

To be accepted, entries must be complete and accompanied by the appropriate (proof of) payment.

An Early Bird Discount applies for **complete** entries made via the Motorsport Australia MEE system, fully paid and received before the ballot. The Early Bird Discount will be refunded to such entries as soon as practical after the event). Entries received, completed, or changed after the ballot will not receive a refund.

The entry fee is as follows:

Entry Fee	\$250
Early Bird Discount (refund amount)	\$50

Electronic Funds Transfer: If paying by EFT, include the Transaction Report with the Entry.

In the payment description field, please use the three letter event code—GWR—followed by the Competitor’s surname NAME, e.g., GWR Jones.

EFT Details: Account Name **HISTORIC RALLY ASSOCIATION INC.**
BSB 033 050 Account No. 143 422,

Credit Card (only available to MEE entries): a surcharge of 2% (\$5) applies to credit card payments.

Cheques: should be made payable to “HISTORIC RALLY ASSOCIATION (INC).”

The field will be limited to 60 vehicles.

The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry in accordance with the NCR.

Competitors are reminded of the penalties under the NCR for false statements.

8 BALLOTS: ACCEPTANCE and STARTING ORDER

If more entries than the field limit are received before the time Entries for Ballot Close, entries will be accepted in order of crew grades with the lowest grades taking preference: F/F, F/E, E/E, F/D, E/D, F/C, etc. If necessary, a ballot will select which of the final group will be accepted. An additional five entries may be accepted conditionally on withdrawals.

Crews will start in Motorsport Australia Driver grade order with B grade first, followed by C, then D, then E, then F. Ballots held at the time set out in the Schedule of Dates will determine starting order within driver grades.

Entries received after the ballot will be accepted and started (at the end of their driver grade) in order of receipt.

² Using MEE for the first time may seem complex; however, once you have entered one event, all your and your car details are saved on the system, making the next event you enter much simpler. If you cannot use MEE, contact Gary, our entries secretary for an alternative entry method.

³ Once in the login screen, enter your Member ID (= MA licence No.) and password (if this is your first time, follow the prompts to create a password and authenticate your account).

9 OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Further Regulations, Results and other official correspondence will be emailed to the address supplied with the entry. Bulletins may be posted on the official notice board at Rally HQ.

10 DOCUMENTATION

Documents will be checked before a car can start.

Documentation will be part of the entry process: the following **original documents** must be brought to the event where spot checks may be conducted:

- The Competitor and all crew members' current Motorsport Australia Licences,
- The Driver's and Navigator's current Civil Licences (or completed Declaration of Co-driver without Civil Licence form),
- Current Club Membership cards for Competitor and all crew members,
- The vehicle's current Certificate of Registration or Permit showing the Competitor as the owner. If the Competitor is not the vehicle owner, a signed letter from the owner giving the crew permission to use the vehicle in the event must also be provided, and
- The vehicle's Motorsport Australia Log Book (if issued) and/or SCC Log Card (if issued—PRO Rally Motorsport Fabrications SCC vehicles, only).
- The completed and signed (Regional or Official) Scrutiny Form.

11 CREW APPAREL

Crew apparel must be in accordance with [schedule-d.pdf \(motorsport.org.au\)](#) as set out for a S1 Rallysprint. NB, clothing should be non-flammable, a helmet meeting AS1698 or equivalent. Frontal Head Restraints are not required but are highly recommended in vehicles equipped for their use.

12 SCRUTINY

All vehicles must pass Scrutiny before starting the Event. Official Scrutiny will be at a 5-acre country property with plenty of room for social distancing:

- Hosts: John & Elaine Roberts
- Venue: 80 Alex Thomson Drive, Wandin East
(enter from north, see arrows on map, most other roads are blocked)
- Booking: Must book a time with John (0408 355 123) before attending scrutiny (for covid- safety)

A competitor whose vehicle is normally garaged more than 50Km from the Official Scrutiny venue may arrange to have the vehicle scrutinised by a Regional Rally Scrutineer. You must request permission from the Chief Scrutineer if you plan to use a Regional Rally Scrutineer.

All vehicles must comply with the General Requirements for Rally cars, per the Motorsport Australia Manual, when prepared for Scrutiny. The Chief Scrutineer (refer Regulation 4.) is happy to discuss safety and eligibility issues with competitors (particularly new competitors) before the event.

Equipment to be checked includes:

- ALL lights working,
 - Effective mufflers and exhaust systems,
 - Current registration/permit label, if issued, affixed to the vehicle,
 - Helmets and, if used, Frontal Head Restraints for each crew member
- All vehicles must, in addition, carry the following securely mounted inside the cabin, within reach of the seated and belted crew:
- Fire extinguisher(s) in accordance with Schedule H of the current Motorsport Australia Manual of Motor Sport
 - First Aid Kit
 - OK/SOS board
 - Two reflective triangles.

We also advise you carry—tow rope, spare oil, spare water and a tool kit (all securely mounted).

The Chief Scrutineer or his representative will be present at the event and may conduct a spot check on any competing vehicle.



13 CAR NUMBERS

Self-adhesive competition numbers will be supplied at the start. For officials to identify vehicles, numbers must be displayed on front door panels or rear side windows. Any other competition number on competing vehicles must be removed or covered during the event.

14 INSURANCE

Certain public, property, professional indemnity and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia in relation to the Event. Further details can be found in the Motorsport Australia Insurance Handbook, available at www.motorsport.org.au. All crew members are encouraged to have their own personal health insurance and ambulance cover.

15 RUNNING DETAILS

The Event will be run in two Divisions. The Rookies Ramble will run only over Division 1.

Division 1 will run in daylight over approximately 60 kilometres competitive and 45 kilometres transport.

Division 2 will run after sunset over approximately 60 kilometres competitive and 45 kilometres transport.

Start, Service and finish will be at **Powelltown Recreation Reserve**. No pump fuel will be available during the Event. Food and drinks will be on sale at the start/finish area during the Event. The Football/Netball club's rooms are currently being rebuilt, so we will be operating out of tents/easy-ups this year.

16 TIMING and SCORING

Time of arrival at a control at the end of a competitive section will be recorded to the second. Time of arrival at a control at the end of a transport section and time of departure from all controls will be recorded to the minute.

Scoring will be

1 point per second taken in excess of the time allowed on each competitive section;

5 points per second taken less than the time allowed on each competitive or transport section; if a crew takes one minute (or more) less than the time allowed on any competitive section, they will receive a warning from the Clerk of Course; if they receive 3 or more such warnings over the event, they will be disqualified from the event;

plus any other penalties as set out in the NRSR or these regulations.

17 VEHICLE TRACKING

For safety reasons, we plan to use RallySafe Lite or similar. This requires all competing cars to carry, in the vehicle, a mobile phone, turned on at all times during the event and preferably on a hands-free mount. The system will allow us to track vehicles and monitor speeds for safety and compliance with the regulations.

18 OFFICIAL MAPS

There are no official maps for the Event.

19 FURTHER REGULATIONS

These will be emailed in accordance with Supplementary Regulation 3 (Schedule of Dates) and 9 (Official Correspondence). They will include the following details: Car Number, Start Location, Report and Start Times, Odometer Check, Any other relevant information.

20 AWARDS

Awards will be a minimum of trophies awarded to—

George Woods Rally	Rookies Ramble	PRO Rally Motorsport Fabrications SCC
First, Second and Third Outright and First Grade F (Rookie) First in each class with five or more entries	First and Second Outright, also Third Outright if five or more eligible crews are entered	First in each class with three or more entries

21 PENALTIES

Penalties will be as per the National Rally Standing Regulations.

22 PROTESTS

Any protest must be lodged in accordance with National Competition Rules 94 - 99.

23 SERVICE CREWS

Service crews must be registered on the entry form. Competitors are reminded that service crews are considered a part of the “crew” and penalties may be applied to competitors for actions of their service crew. For adequate social distancing at the service park and spectator areas, please keep your service crew to the minimum number necessary.

24 NATIONAL RALLY STANDING REGULATIONS VARIATIONS, ADDITIONS, AND CLARIFICATIONS

These are as per the Victorian Rally Bulletin

- All event Officials are Judges of Fact.

25 POSTPONEMENT, ABANDONMENT OR CANCELLATION

If necessary, this will be carried out in accordance with the NCR.

26 CREW BRIEFING

A Briefing for all crew members will (Covid-safe requirements allowing) be held before the start to explain procedures, signs and driving standards. Attendance is compulsory—crews will not be allowed to start the Event unless both crew members and (if a service crew is nominated) a service crew member have signed on at the briefing.

27 CONTROL & ROAD CLOSURE OFFICIALS

Running an event like this requires a lot of officials along the course. Please ask your friends if they would like to help. If so, get them to contact our Officials Co-ordinator to volunteer.

28 ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

The holder of a Motorsport Australia Licence (or a Licence issued by another ASN) may be tested for the presence of any drug or other banned substance and subject to a penalty for a breach of the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy and/or the Motorsport Australia Illicit Drugs in Sport (Safety Testing) Policy at www.motorsport.org.au.

Consumption of alcohol in the paddock, pits or any other Reserved Area is prohibited until all Competition is concluded each day. The holder of a Motorsport Australia Licence (or a Licence issued by another ASN) may be tested for the presence of alcohol by a Motorsport Australia Accredited Testing Official (CATO) in accordance with the Motorsport Australia Alcohol Policy at www.motorsport.org.au.