



## **2024 Tour of 1987 High Country Trial**

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Organised by the Historic Rally Association**

### **Sort of Supplementary Regulations**

#### **1. THE EVENT**

The event shall be known as the Tour of 1987 NECC High Country Trial, hereinafter referred to as “the event”. The event will revisit the territory and route of the 1987 NECC High Country Trial.

The event will be a Multi-Club Social Touring Event, conducted over public and private roads in North East Victoria.

The event will be conducted as a social tour and will be permitted by MA as a Club Social (non competitive) Event.

#### **2. ORGANISATION**

2.1 The event shall be promoted by the Historic Rally Association Inc.

2.2 The organisers reserve the right to postpone, abandon or cancel the event if in their opinion the entries are insufficient or if weather conditions deem this necessary.

#### **3. KEY PERSONNEL**

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#### **4. CREW ELIGIBILITY**

4.1 Crews will consist of at least two persons. The maximum number of persons in the crew shall be subject to vehicle capacity and relevant civil regulations. The driver(s) must hold a current civil driving licence.

4.2 The entrant and at least one crew member must be financial members of either:

- The Historic Rally Association Inc.
- North Eastern Car Club
- Car Club RMIT
- Bendigo Car Club
- Peugeot Car Club of Victoria
- Albury Wodonga District Car Club

## 5. VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Vehicles must always be in a roadworthy condition during the event.
- 5.2 This is a long event (1,000 km) so you and your chosen vehicle will need to be capable of maintaining solid pace on gravel-based mountain roads. A 4WD or SUV is highly recommended as some of the drainage humps in steep terrain require clearance and driving wheels in contact with the ground. Besides, they will be a lot more comfortable.
- 5.2 As this is a tour along open public roads, it is preferred that cars of "normal" appearance are used. We must clearly distinguish ourselves from the competitive car rallies that run in these areas. Therefore, the organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to obvious rally cars carrying significant sign writing or those with high-end competition exhausts and driveability.

## 6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entries will be only accepted on the official entry form as below, complete in all details.
- 6.2 The entry fee is \$100. This is to pay for course checking, route instructions and map production. Competitors will be required to organise and pay for their own accommodation, overnight food and fuel. To avoid waiting for lunch and possibly missing out entirely at the lunch stops where there are no alternatives to the single store or café, lunch packs can be pre ordered and paid for with entry. Lunch packs will include a meat and salad roll, a fruit juice and a piece of fruit at a cost of \$15 each.
- 6.3 Entries must be forwarded to the **Entry Secretary** (email address above) and accompanied by the entry fee.

Our preferred method of receiving entry fees is electronic deposit. If doing so you **MUST** attach a copy of the EFT receipt to the entry form. In the EFT payment description field, please use the 3 letter event code "HCT" followed by the driver's surname, eg. "HCT Smith":

Electronic Funds Transfer Details:

Account Name: Historic Rally Association  
BSB: 033 050  
Account: 143 422

Cheques are to be made payable to "**Historic Rally Association Inc.**"

- 6.4 Competitors under the age of 18 must have the written consent of a parent or guardian to enter and participate.
- 6.6 The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry.
- 6.7 Entries are limited to 25, accepted in order of receipt.
- 6.8 Entries close on Friday 19 April 2024.

## 7. RUNNING DETAILS

- 7.1 The event will start from Wangaratta at 0900 on Friday 3 May.
- 7.2 The event will be run over approximately 1,000 km of sealed roads, unsealed roads, and tracks. The route will closely follow the 1987 original course as follows:

### **Friday 3 May**

Following a 9 am Wangaratta start it's a flat run through Bobbinawarrah to Myrtleford, then a climb up and down from Clearspot into Bright, a long haul over Mt Hotham with lunch picked up at the General store to Cobungra, where it is back into Alpine tracks south of Dinner Plain into Swifts Creek, with a final tour up and across the Nunniong Plains. Overnighting, dinner and socialising will be in beautiful Omeo at the Golden Age Hotel.

### **Saturday 4 May**

The 1987 Div 2, following a brief kip, was an afternoon blast on rarely used roads some of which popped up in the most recent Alpine Rally. We loop south around Swifts Creek, back up to Omeo, but onto Benambra for lunch from the General store there. We then launch into what was the 1987 night division, but can take in

the mountain vistas in daylight this time over the Dividing Range at Mt Gibbo and onto Corryong for the night, where dinner and socialising will be at the Corryong Hotel-Motel.

### **Sunday 5 May**

A slightly shorter day that briefly takes in the Koetong plantations before heading south towards Mitta Mitta, picking up lunch at the Eskdale Café, before running past Mt Big Ben, with a final run through the Stanley pine plantation to the finish at the NECC clubrooms at Tarrawingee. It should not be too late to head home to the big city. Other survivors may like to adjourn to the Plough Inn for a meal or somewhere closer to accommodation in Wangaratta.

7.3 The course will be fully route charted and detailed maps provided.

There is no provision for crews to navigate from the original event maps as there are a lot of them, the route is long and we don't want crews wandering off route in remote areas due to navigational challenges. Navigational challenges were not key to the 1987 event and not relevant to this event.

## **8. TOURING STANDARDS**

- 8.1 Other road users will be encountered, it must **never** be assumed there is no one coming the other way over crests or around blind bends. There are no cautions in the instructions as you are expected to drive carefully.
- 8.2 Road rules must be obeyed at all times during the event.
- 8.3 There will be times when you will be required to drive very quietly past houses or camping/picnic areas.
- 8.4 During the event, consumption of alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden until touring activity is concluded for each day. Any driver or crew member who is found to be affected by alcohol on the day of the event therefore shall not be permitted to participate.
- 8.5 Crews will be encouraged to travel in small team convoys. These teams will look out for each other to ensure members progress safely to the conclusion of each day.
- 8.6 Comprehensive route instructions will be provided, in addition to maps that display the route, intermediate distances between intersections and other features.
- 8.7 There will be no controls as such but a manual method for crews to sign off attendance at a 'control location' will be employed.
- 8.9 As the event distance is quite long, some entrants might choose to 'Cut & Run'. If this is the case, entrants must indicate (by way of a note at the last 'control location' record sheet) that this is their intention. This **must be** in addition to any advice to other entrants and officials.

## **9. ACCOMMODATION**

Crews will require accommodation in the Omeo area on the evening of Friday 3 May, Corryong on Saturday 4 May and possibly Wangaratta on Sunday 5 May, if choosing not to head home after the Sunday division. It is expected that Sunday's tour will finish at approximately 2:30pm.

A list of accommodation options is attached to these Supp Regs.

## **10. OFFICIAL MAPS**

Maps will be supplied by the organisers. A road atlas may also be useful,

GPS devices are allowed and may be useful. A tripmeter phone App may assist greatly in following the detailed route charts.

## **11. UHF AND PHONE CONTACT**

A UHF radio may be useful. UHF channel and contact phone numbers will be supplied with the route instructions.



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## Entry form

### Entrant (Car Owner)

Name:

Address:

Email:

Day phone:

Night phone:

### **Driver:**

Name:

Civil licence no:

Club:

Club membership number:

Mobile phone number:

### Other occupants

#### **Name:**

Civil licence No. (if intending to drive):

Club:

Club membership number:

Mobile phone number:

#### **Name:**

Civil licence No. (if intending to drive):

Club:

Club membership number:

Mobile phone number:

#### **Name:**

Civil licence No. (if intending to drive):

Club:

Club membership number:

Mobile phone number:

### **Car details:**

Make:

Model:

Year:

Body style:

Colour:

**Lunch packs:** (please tick the box, and include the total cost with entry fee)

Friday Mt Hotham General Store	One @ \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	Two @ \$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	Three @\$45 <input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday Benambra General Store	One @ \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	Two @ \$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	Three @\$45 <input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday Eskdale Cafe	One @ \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	Two @ \$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	Three @\$45 <input type="checkbox"/>

**Accommodation Guide**  
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Accommodation Venue	Address	Phone contact
Omeo, Friday 3 May		
Golden Age Hotel (Dinner Venue that night)	189 Day Ave	51591344
Hilltop Hotel	107 Day Ave	51591303
Colonial Motel	159 Day Ave	51591388
Omeo Motel	43 Park St, Omeo	51591297
Snug as a Bug Motel	188 Great Alpine Rd	0427591311
Mt Mesley Lodge	18 Crisp St	
Omeo Views	8 Crisp St	
Corryong, Saturday 4 May		
Corryong Hotel/Motel (Dinner Venue that night)	54-60 Towong Rd	0260761004
Mountain View Motel	74-76 Towong Rd	0260761716
Corryong Country Inn	7-11 Towong Rd	0260761333
Corryong Courthouse Hotel	27 Hanson St	0260761868
Jardine Cottage	23 Jardine St	0447484641
Mt Mittamatite Caravan Park	Murray Valley Highway	0260761152
Milton Boutique	59 Hanson St	0488134234
Jeryn on Jephcott	28 Jephcott Ave	
Colac Colac Caravan Park	Murray Valley Highway (6.4km from Corryong)	0260761520