

# Historic Endurance **TRIAL**

June 10<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

2022

Continuing the tradition of great motoring trials.



The explosion of motoring trials during mid last century provided Australians with an insight into their country and gave all spectators a glimpse of famous drivers and crew who realistically were just like them.

Brands like REDeX, Mobil and more recently Repco held round Australia Reliability Trials with AMCOA – Australia managing the 2019 Reliability REtrial which celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the original Repco trial which was won by Peter Brock in 1979.

Events of this nature are limited in the modern era, however with specialist planning and an ideal on providing a safe, cost-effective challenge for historic vehicles yet providing manageable distances, and routes combined with significant localities can bring the past into the future with enthusiastic owners of historic and vintage vehicles given the opportunity to celebrate great motoring trials.

In 2022 invitations are open to individuals and members from all motoring clubs to participate and continue 'historic' motoring endurance trials with the following key points in place –

: Start Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June Canberra.

Route to include historic towns and locations such as the Birdsville Track / Lightning Ridge / Gillies Range / Cooma / Winton / Normanton / Combo Waterhole / Lake Cargelligo / Longreach / Charleville / Bathurst / Betoota / Mossman Gorge / Yackandandah / Innamincka / Atherton Tablelands / Cooktown...

: Finish Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June Milsons Point Sydney.



Whilst the event is non-competitive each team will be sent away from the daily starts at split times with 'tulip' directional roadbooks. There may be days where a group start will occur, however this will be due to operational aspects unknown to the entrants.

The route itself will engage with dirt roads, however the course will also have periods where it will be sealed with a carefully planned exit strategy off dirt in place regarding wet weather possibilities and river/creek crossing issues that may arise once the event is underway. Some days will see what will be known as 'DS' where entrants will leave from their prospective overnight locations earlier than sunrise. These 'DARK STARTS' are put in place to allow a reasonable arrival to days end and to provide a further challenge. The tarmac elements of this event are put in place to ensure distance is achieved in a manageable timeframe allowing the event and its entrants to arrive with time each evening to regroup and attend to any mechanical issues. These timeframes will also provide adequate time to socialise.

Each entrant and crew member will be awarded a finishing medallion with specially produced grill badges provided during the formal check in which occurs in Melbourne pre-event.

Post event there are 3 awards presented to teams including

- **The Kipo Award** (the best 'character' of the event)
- **The Walker / McCann Award** (awarded to the team that finishes through adversity)
- **The 'Barry' Ferguson Perpetual Award'** (this award will be voted on by all entrants with the criteria set on humility, engagement and a positive outlook on life)

Set amongst a backdrop of Sydney Harbour is where the awards will be provided after 17 days of an historic motoring trial, for not only machine, but those that wish to experience motoring the way it was with a glimpse of Australian towns, and locations accompanied by perhaps new faces that become lifelong friends for this is the ethos of the event.

- : **Start Canberra Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Finish Sydney Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June**
- : **Rest Days - Day 9 Cooktown / Day 14 Lightning Ridge / 14 driving days**
- : **Shortest distance Day 17 Windsor – Milsons Point 83.5km (final day)**
- : **Longest distance Day 13 Longreach – Lightning Ridge 1013km**
- : **Min percentage of dirt roads per day 25% - average 45%**
- : **3 Days dirt percentage is above 80%**
- : **DS (Dark Starts) Days 3,5,8,13 and 16**
- : **Total distance 9347km - approx.**
- : **Interchangeable crew in addition to the starting line up at no additional cost that can join/leave at the halfway point (CAIRNS)**
- : **Shared support vehicles can be used across a max of (2) teams**
- : **Vehicles to be entered MUST BE PRODUCED BEFORE December 1990**
- : **No 4WD vehicles to be entered**
- : **Support Vehicle eligibility is open to modern/historic 4WD/2WD**

If this sounds like you, then entries are now open with entry numbers available to be reserved.

Simply reply to the email address listed and reserve your team numbers to be involved in 2022 Historic Motoring Trial –

Yours in endurance motoring



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