



Classic Trial to sync with Rally Australia

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Entrants in a new seven-day Outback Trial for classic rally vehicles will race over some of the same stages as World Rally Championship competitors in this year's Repco Rally Australia, including the international event's spectacular Super Special stage at Murwillumbah.

The **Classic Outback Trial (COT)** from August 30-September 5 has been welcomed by the organisers of Repco Rally Australia as a support event and will be integrated into the overall activities of Round 10 of the WRC during an exciting week of motor sport in north-eastern New South Wales.

The **COT** is being run by the same expert team that staged last year's 12-day Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial, headed by organiser and former rally competitor Philip Bernadou, former Australian Rally Champion Bob Watson, vastly experienced rally administrator Tom Snooks and leading rally navigator Phil Rainer.

The **COT** will start in the NSW town of Forbes on Sunday August 30 and will see competitors spend two consecutive nights in three major regional centres.

The course will take entrants over at least three of the RRA special stages plus the event's high-profile public Super Special stage. All **COT** competitors will additionally be given free entry to view the RRA Super Special stage, with special seating to see the WRC cars in action.

The **COT** will finish before WRC competitors, crews and the public at the RRA Service Park on Saturday September 5 and will be followed by an official presentation function.

The following day, all **COT** competitors will be offered the exclusive opportunity to enjoy the final day's Special Stage action of Repco Rally Australia from a fully-catered corporate viewing location.

A Sunday alternative will be to attend the annual Speed on Tweed displays and events at Murwillumbah, which is also being supported by Repco Rally Australia. With the World Championship rally, the **COT** and Speed on Tweed all concentrated in the one area, the Tweed area will be a Mecca for all motorsport enthusiasts.

The entry fee for the **COT** is \$3,500. This includes two tickets to the event's Welcome and Presentation functions, road books and service crew registration/instructions and all official vehicle signage.

Vehicles eligible for the **COT** (subject to CAMS approval) will be Historic Rally Cars built prior to 1981, Classic Rally Cars built prior to 1983, Production Rally Cars built prior to 1996 and station wagon-type Recreational Four Wheel Drive vehicles made prior to 1990, including Turbo Diesel models. Four wheel drive and turbocharged cars are not eligible to compete.

A touring event named the **Outback Classic Tour** will be run in association with the **Outback Classic Trial**. This will be open to any road-registered vehicle, with no special preparation required. The Tour will use only good quality roads and will basically follow the general course of the Trial, visiting Trial control points where appropriate. Social interaction between Trial and Tour competitors on a nightly basis will be a feature. Entry fee for the Tour will be \$1,500.

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