

Frontier Services events

Frontier Services' sponsorship of the Classic Outback Trial in remote New South Wales provided the perfect opportunity to share the Outback spirit.

Spirit of the Outback soars

Over five days in September the inaugural Frontier Services' Classic Outback Trial, roared into action at the drop of the flag in Forbes, New South Wales. This car rally event featuring classic cars was a huge success on many levels for Frontier Services.

The 45 teams competing at the event travelled over 2,260 kms through the towns of Coonabarabran, Glen Innes right through to the climactic final stages of the Repco Rally Australia course in Tweed Heads. The Outback spirit was infectious and grew in strength at each stage of the event.

The enthusiasm demonstrated by the Frontier Services' volunteer team was compulsive. Serving breakfast each morning for Trial competitors, service crews and officials provided a fantastic opportunity to build relationships and raise awareness and support for Frontier Services' Outback Links program. Along the way, volunteers from local Rotary Clubs also lent a hand with the BBQ.

"There was no shortage of generosity, goodwill and determination, all qualities I associate strongly with the people of the Outback," says Outback Links Coordinator, Davida Melksham. She, along with Flick Voigt from the Remote Area Families Service in Charleville demonstrated their passion for the Outback Links service by taking leave from their normal jobs with Frontier Services in order to provide voluntary support for the event.

Appropriately Frontier Services presented a special "Spirit of the Outback" Award at the Gala Presentation Dinner in Tweed Heads. Novices Keith Hickling and Rhiannon Griffiths, driving Car 35 from Canberra were the stand out choice for the award. The dynamic duo nursed their beloved 1974 Torana the full distance



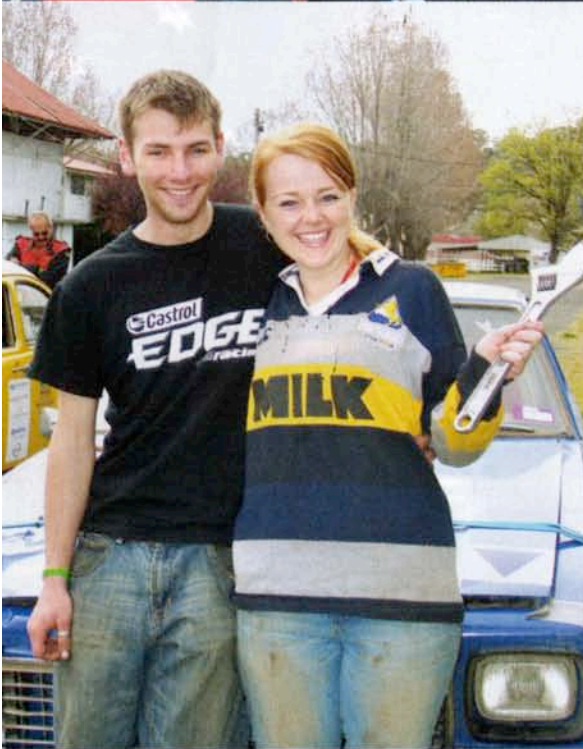
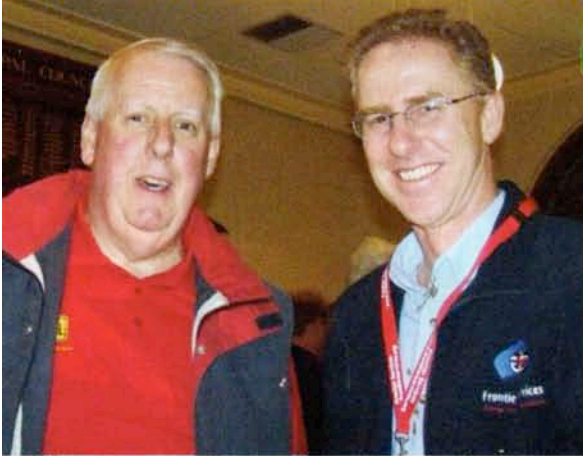
AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The results of the 2009 Frontier Services Classic Outback Trial

1. Terry Naish/Ross Runnalls,
1970 Datsun 1600
2. Steve Ashton/Ro Nixon,
1970 Mitsubishi Colt Galant
3. Michael Pinckham/Tomm Flegl,
1982 Holden Commodore VH
4. Andy Crane/Dave Anderson,
1970 Peugeot 504 Ti
5. Michael Giddings/Peter Giddings,
1970 Datsun 180B
6. Graeme Walkem/Bill Cromarty,
1985 Porsche 911 Carrera







Top: Breakfast is served. Middle: Left: Phil Rainer, one of the organiser's of the event, with David Sullivan, Frontier Services' National Development Manager. Bottom: Winners of the Spirit of the Outback Award, Keith Hickling and Rhiannon Griffiths

in their first official event without a support crew – a remarkable feat given the vehicle was literally being held together with tape by the end of the Trial.

“Surviving on sheer grit and endless positivity they were the obvious choice for this award which was voted on by their fellow competitors,” says Frontier Services' National Development Manager, David Sullivan.

“It was an amazing experience and we were so thankful for the help we received from the other competitors on our first ever trial,” says Keith.

The sportsmanship and generosity shown to car 35 could not go unacknowledged and Frontier Services decided to present two more Spirit of the Outback Awards; one for an outstanding Service Crew and the other for Officials who demonstrated that true Outback Spirit of “Lending a Helping Hand”.

Brian Asher from WA, Graeme Wires from the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria and Mike Dalton from Melbourne were the winners of the Frontier Services' Spirit of the Outback Awards: Service Crew. They not only serviced their own team's car but worked well past midnight on several occasions to help Keith and Rhiannon get back on the road the next day.

The Frontier Services' Spirit of the Outback Award: Officials went to Steve Hollowood and Chris Brown from Melbourne for the support they showed car 35 in a time of need. On hearing that Hickling and Griffiths had broken down, they embarked on a three hour round trip after borrowing a trailer to rescue the stranded Torana.

The event was an outstanding success and enthusiastic discussions about possible future events took place between Frontier Services and event organisers on its completion. **FB**