



Classic Outback Trial 'pit stops' in Glen Innes

Glen Innes will experience the excitement and colour of a traditional 'Around Australia' motoring event when the 2,260km Frontier Services Classic Outback Trial 'pit stops' in the city on Thursday, September 3.

Around 45 competitors in a variety of pre-1995 classic rally cars will be arriving from Forbes via Coonabarabran, Barraba and Inverell on the fourth day of their six-day adventure event to Repco Rally Australia – Australia's round of the World Rally Championship – which will be staged in the Tweed area from September 3-6.

Along with service crews, officials and supporters, the Trial will bring an army of up to 250 enthusiasts to Glen Innes, where's the event's headquarters will be at the New England Motor Lodge.

The first of the Trial cars is expected at the Glen Innes Show Grounds from 4.15pm on the Thursday afternoon, with the last arriving around 5.30pm.

The following morning (Friday, September 4), the field will leave the Show Grounds from 8.00am for the Tenterfield area, where two timed Special Stages will be staged in State Forest areas either side of a service, refueling and lunch break in the Tenterfield Main Street. The first Trial cars are expected to arrive in Tenterfield around 11.00am, with the last car departing for Casino around 12.30pm.

From Casino, the field will head to Tweed Heads by way of Lismore before tackling the Repco Rally Australia Super Special Stage on the streets of Murwillumbah under lights that evening.

The following day, Trial entrants will compete against the clock at full rally speeds over three of the actual unsealed Repco Rally Australia special stages used by competitors in the World Rally Championship – two immediately after the WRC cars and the last ahead of the International rally field – giving entrants the same unique driving experience as RRA entrants.

Entrants in the Classic Outback Trial include former Australian Rally Champions David ('Dinta') and Kate Officer from Melbourne, who will crew the same 1971 Mitsubishi Colt Galant that they crewed to victory in last year's 7,600km Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial.

"The Trial will bring a colourful and spectacular event to Glen Innes and Tenterfield," said Classic Outback Trial organiser Philip Bernadou. "This is not a 'Bash', but a serious motorsport event for classic and historic rally cars. It will give the City a taste of the action to come at Repco Rally Australia at the weekend."

Sponsored by Frontier Services – the organisation founded by the Rev John Flynn ('Flynn of the Inland') to assist disadvantaged people living in remote regions of Australia, the Trial starts in Forbes on Monday August 31.

On the way to see the world best drivers compete in Repco Rally Australia, entrants in a variety of vehicles, from classic rally Porsches to Mustangs to a Lada Samara, will compete against the clock over 21 special stages on unsealed forestry roads and private property. Many of the tracks selected by the Classic Outback Trial have never previously been used for rallying, with up to 40 per cent of the route being competitive on some days.

Further event information

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