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## KCF Rallysport Short Course Rally Round 1



# President's Report

2004 proved an extremely challenging year in all aspects of Club activities. Three rounds of the KCF Short Course Rally Series were conducted, along with three rounds of the Queensland Rally Championships (Cooloola Classic Rally, Philcomm Benarkin and the Goodyear Auto Service Centre Rally Rally), a round of the Globalstar Australian Rally Championship (Falken Tyres Rally Queensland) as well as a round of the - I'm still getting dust out of my clothes and mud off my boots - Australian Off-Road Championships (the Goondiwindi 400"). Throw in a round of the Queensland Motorkhana Championships (the highly memorable cyclonic Centro-Toombul Motorkhana), the Century Batteries Queensland Challenge, the RACQ "Motoring of Yesteryear and the end-of-year Family Fun Day just to help fill up the calendar (that's 13 major events in 12 months and a huge testament to the efforts and enthusiasm provided by all the organisers, volunteers and sponsors). The reward for me as President, is that all these events were high profile and conducted in the usual professional BSCC "way". The scary thought is these events are shaping up as bigger in 2005.

At the beginning of last year the Board made a very brave decision to employ a full-time Administration Officer. Initial concerns centred around the financial impost this might have on the Club's income, but I am happy to report that the financial outcome (albeit modest) is showing in the black. My personal congratulations to our Treasurer John Colvin, for his on-going scrutiny in this area - job well done.

2004 also saw the Club embark on a major Official's training program, now required by CAMS. As of 1<sup>st</sup> July this year, all officials will be required to hold an Official's licence to assist on an event. This of course presents a whole new world of challenges, not only to those intending to help out on events, but to organisers who need to fill all the necessary roles - with appropriately-licensed officials.

After great deliberation and expectation, Club merchandise is now available for purchase and includes a (pretty sexy) line up of T-shirts, caps and hats. Demand for these items has been increasing since their arrival and the intention is to expand the

selection over coming months. Thank you Margot Knowles and Sheridan. (continued page 3)

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# President's Report

Every year, within the Club membership, there is always someone who comes to the attention of their peers. This year is no different. Most of us here would have already heard/seen/experienced the invasion called Atkinson. The story started about 4 years ago when two brothers had a dream of competing in rallies and started out in a humble, yet potent, Toyota Corolla. I am of course referring to Ben and Chris Atkinson. From raw talent and unending enthusiasm, the brothers' dream continued to gather momentum with meteoric rise to stardom at State and then National level rally competition. Congratulations and well done lads.

It's no secret that Chris has chosen to continue his passion and talents behind the wheel of a rally car, and will compete for a spot in the World Championships in 2005 and beyond. The rest of this story is still being written about the "Wizard of Oz" (our great white hope), but you can rest assured, the Atkinson name is one this Club is honoured to have in it's member list. Chris, on behalf of the BSCC - go get 'em mate!!

I extend hearty congratulations to the outgoing 2004 Board, including Margot and Simon Knowles, Steve Davies, John Colvin, Tony Kabel, George Sheppard, Errol Bailey, Craig Porter, Angela Heuer, Fred van Tuinen and Del Garbett. Thank you ladies and gents for your continued enthusiasm and direction. While we are always trying to encourage newer members to be more involved in their Club, it is extremely gratifying for me to see all the previous Board members have re-applied to volunteer their valuable time and expertise again in 2005. On a Board note, and as most will already know, Margot Knowles has agreed to take on the Chairperson's role of Queensland Rally Panel, and will no longer be able to continue as Vice President of this Club. This is a huge blow to the Board and to me, but I have a feeling that your unbridled enthusiasm and other notable talents will be of tremendous use to Rally Panel and Queensland rallying as a whole.

In closing, I trust the incoming 2005 Board will continue with the traditions and values previous Boards have cemented in place, and I wish them, and everyone of our members, sponsors, supporters and their families a safe 2005.

C'yall in the forests.

Brian Everitt

President

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## 2005 Brisbane International Motor Show

Once again the club continued its long history with the Brisbane International Motor Show by having a display. We were very fortunate to have on display Keith Fackrell's escort and the Green Corolla driven by Chris and Ben Atkinson just a short time ago and now owned by Zahir McGill.

Our goal for this year was to recruit members and officials for our forthcoming events which was a great success and we welcome our new members. With 100 hours of public viewing it took over 30 people to fulfil the club's commitments with many doing double shifts. I would like to thank the following people for their immense efforts.

Pat & Ann Hetherman, Greg Miatke & Vicki Hanning, Craig Aggio & Therese Feldman, Tony Arbon. Helen and Tony Best, Angela & Stuart Hower, Sebastian Black, Peter & Matt Whalley, Errol Bailey, Bruce Dawson, Pat Kennedy, Ross Cox, Craig Porter, Greg Sewell, Brad Smith, Steve Davies & Lynne Butcher, Viv Gees, Andrew & Stuart Owen, Dick Owen, Rod Sams, Myles Frost & Emma Bromley, Margot & Simon Knowles, and Chris Murphy

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# **HIRE COMPANY COATES TO BACK RALLY QUEENSLAND FOR NEXT THREE YEARS**

QUEENSLAND'S leg of the Globalstar Australian Rally Championship will be known as Coates Rally Queensland at Caloundra after national equipment hire company Coates was announced today as title sponsor for the next three years. The 2005 Coates Rally Queensland, round two of the six-round championship, will be staged on the Sunshine Coast on 3-5 June. The event is one of the most popular and longest-running on the Australian rally calendar.

Last year's winner, 25-year-old Queensland driver Chris Atkinson, has graduated to a seat in the official Subaru team in the 2005 World Rally Championship. Welcoming the Coates sponsorship, Event Director Errol Bailey said it represented an ideal partnership for developing the rally over the next three years.

"A key element of Coates' sponsorship, apart from the financial contribution, is the company's ability to supply Rally Queensland's substantial and complex infrastructure needs," Mr Bailey said.

"This will be showcased everywhere from the start and finish venues at Kings Beach, Caloundra, to the competitive stages and service park at Imbil in the Mary Valley."

Coates Rally Queensland at Caloundra adds to Coates' catalogue of major sports sponsorships, which also includes the 2006 Commonwealth Games. David Spillane, Coates Customer Service Manager (Northern), said the rally was a natural fit for the company.

"Coates Rally Queensland at Caloundra not only involves our business with a high-profile national sporting series, but also allows us to highlight our recently-expanded presence on the Sunshine Coast," Mr Spillane said.

"It's an important region for us and we are involved in a number of local projects, so this is a good opportunity to put something back into Caloundra."

Further recognition of the community and economic benefit of Coates Rally Queensland at Caloundra has come recently in the form of a \$25,000 grant under the Queensland Events Regional Development Program.

Mr Bailey said this money would be used to enhance the organisation and public appeal of the rally, including a proposed "round-the-houses" competitive stage at night at Kings Beach.

He also confirmed the renewed involvement of event supporting sponsors Caloundra Tourism, Rydges Oasis Resort, Mitsubishi Motors and Philcomm.

"All these organisations have made very substantial contributions to Rally Queensland over a number of years and we're very appreciative of their decision to remain part of the event," Mr Bailey said.

Coates Rally Queensland at Caloundra will be headquartered at Rydges Oasis Resort, Caloundra, with most of the competitive action based around Imbil in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

As well as national television coverage on Network Ten, it attracts up to 20,000 spectators and major regional media support.

Coates Rally Queensland at Caloundra received a financial boost with \$25,000 in funding provided under Round 7 of the Queensland Events Regional Development Program. The program is a State Government initiative designed to take unique and creative events to their full potential in order to increase local economic activity and development. Telstra Countrywide has partnered with the program, enabling additional events to receive funding assistance across the State.

More information:

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## **EVENT CALENDAR March – April 2005**

### **April 2<sup>nd</sup> Supersprint**

Saturday Afternoon Sprints. Queensland Raceway <http://www.queenslandraceway.com.au/>

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### **April 3<sup>rd</sup> Khanacross**

Queensland Interclub Challenge. Willowbank

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### **April 9<sup>th</sup> One Car Sprint**

Club Sprint. Queensland Raceway <http://www.queenslandraceway.com.au/>

### **April 9<sup>th</sup> Sprint Day**

7AM - 5PM Darlington Park. Total Driver <http://www.totaldriver.com.au/>

### **April 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Off Road Long Course**

QORC1 / QORDS3. Condamine

### **April 10<sup>th</sup> One Car Sprint**

Reserve Raceway, Millmerran. Millmerran Auto Club Inc

### **April 10<sup>th</sup> Motorkhana**

Willowbank Raceway. Holden Sporting Car Club <http://www.hscq.asn.au/>

### **April 10<sup>th</sup> Hillclimb**

Mt Cotton. Historic Racing Car Club of Qld Inc [www.mgccq.org.au](http://www.mgccq.org.au)

### **April 10<sup>th</sup> Speed Event**

Willowbank Park, Ipswich. Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club [www.iwmac.org.au](http://www.iwmac.org.au). Contact Ross Williams PO Box 112, Ipswich 4305 0417 766 073 (07) 3814 2402 (Priv)

### **April 10<sup>th</sup> Race**

Top Gear Race Meet. Queensland Raceway <http://www.queenslandraceway.com.au/>

### **April 16<sup>th</sup> Rally**

QRC. Rally Benarkin [www.bscc.asn.au](http://www.bscc.asn.au)

### **April 16<sup>th</sup> One Car Sprint**

Porsche Club. Queensland Raceway <http://www.queenslandraceway.com.au/>

### **April 16<sup>th</sup> Driver Training Day**

8AM - 4PM. Darlington Park. Total Driver <http://www.totaldriver.com.au/>

### **April 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> One Car Sprint**

Australian All Rally Group. Contact Bernard Nixon (07) 4634 1529 (Bus) (07) 4634 1529 (Priv)

### **April 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Race**

Morgan Park, Warwick. Warwick District Sporting Car Club. Contact Tony Locke PO Box 16, Warwick 4370 (07) 4661 2266 (Bus) (07) 4661 5041 (Priv)

### **April 16<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup> Khanacross**

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### **April 24<sup>th</sup> Hillclimb**

Mt Cotton MG Car Club of Qld Inc. [www.mgccq.org.au](http://www.mgccq.org.au)



# 2005 KCF Rallysport Short Course Rally

## Round 1 - 15 March 2005

### Provisional Results By Car Number

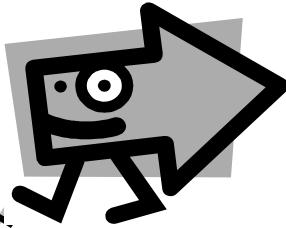
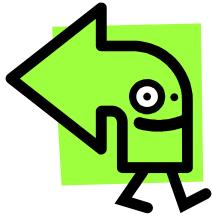


Car No	Pos	Driver/Co-Driver	Vehicle	SCRC Gem			Classic	Reason for Retirement	SS1	SS2	SS3	SS4	SS5	SS6	Tot Pen	TOTAL
				Cls	D	Co-D			Peach Trees I	Moonscape I	Peach Trees II	Moonscape II	Peach Trees III	Moonscape III		
1	2	Matt van Tuinen, Ben Atkinson	1993 Subaru WRX	R5					3:58	12:34	3:51	12:07	3:46	12:02	0:00	0:48:18
2		Ian Menzies, Bob McGowan	1997 Ford Falcon XR8	R4				Broken Diff	3:51	12:14					0:00	
3	6	Bruce Fullerton, Hugh Reardon-Smith	2000 Subaru WRX	R5					4:08	12:59	4:07	12:46	3:59	12:43	0:00	0:50:42
4	3	Wayne Johnston, Nancy D'Arcy	1972 Datsun 1600	R3			x		4:01	12:36	3:58	12:32	3:54	12:24	0:00	0:49:25
5	1	Matt Dyne, Mark Neary	1989 Toyota Celica GT4	R5					3:51	12:04	4:01	12:36	3:43	12:02	0:00	0:48:17
6		Bernhard Graf, Barrie Burr	1998 Mitsubishi Lancer V	R5				W/D								
7	22	Dave Gaines, Nikki Doyle	1975 Datsun 240K GT	R4			x		4:01	25:47	3:59	12:12	3:55	12:11	0:00	1:02:05
8		David Ovenden, Colin Moyse	1972 Mazda RX 2	R4				No Brakes								
9	5	Craig Aggio, Therese Feldman	1985 Toyota Supra	R4			x		4:02	12:41	3:55	12:51	3:55	13:01	0:00	0:50:25
10	4	Tony Scott, Peta Davies	1982 Toyota Corolla DX	R2			x		4:09	12:57	4:02	12:36	3:58	12:37	0:00	0:50:19
11		Craig Mole, Simon Campbell	1982 Holden Commodore	R4			x	Navigator Sore	4:09	13:21					0:00	
12		Allan Griffin, Scott Evans	1981 Nissan Stanza	R3			x	Bent & destroyed strut	4:31	17:11					0:00	
13	7	Rodney Biggar, Paul Young	1974 Datsun 180B Coupe	R3			x		4:27	13:26	4:06	12:52	4:05	12:43	0:00	0:51:39
14	8	Gary Stacey, Tony Blackshaw	1980 Datsun Sunny	R2					4:27	13:31	4:06	13:04	4:09	13:19	0:00	0:52:36
15		Andrew Pearce, Scott Beckwith	1993 Mazda Famalia GTX	R5				W/D								
16	18	Allan Clunes, Gavin Wieland	1994 Mazda 323 GT/R	R5					4:54	14:46	4:34	14:14	4:39	14:27	0:00	0:57:34
17		Stephen Hetherman, Danial Hetherman	1979 Mazda RX 7	R4			x	OLT	4:52						0:00	
18	11	Jamie Macfarlane, Larisa Skyring	1979 Holden Gemini	R2	x	x	x		4:28	13:33	4:17	13:19	4:13	13:32	0:00	0:53:22
19		Erik Johnsson, Catriona Kelly	1976 Holden Gemini	R2	x		x	OLT	4:43	14:03	4:45	51:05	4:41	14:07	0:00	
20	9	Ross Cox, Tony Best	1984 Holden Gemini	R3			x		4:27	13:02	4:15	13:23	4:13	13:36	0:05	0:53:01
21	24	Craig Newell, Linda Newell	1980 Holden Gemini TE	R2	x	x	x		4:18	13:39	4:15	44:23	4:26	13:56	1:00	1:25:57
22	12	Darren Jones, Greg Bankin	1977 Datsun 240 K	R4			x		4:36	13:39	4:37	13:31	4:26	13:31	0:00	0:54:20
23		Jamie Lawson, Kevin Hunter	1979 Mazda RX 7	R4				Off Road Excursion	4:34						0:00	
24	20	Andrew Gee, Tony Arbon	1988 Lada Samara	R1					4:46	15:00	4:41	15:13	4:32	14:49	0:00	0:59:01
25	15	Nathaniel Dillon, Graeme Offer	1976 Holden Gemini	R2	x		x		4:31	14:18	4:26	14:03	4:25	14:17	0:00	0:56:00
26	17	Michael Francis, Dale Bullock	1976 Mitsubishi LA Lancer	R2			x		4:28	13:43	4:35	14:07	4:26	14:01	1:15	0:56:35
27		Nathan Phipps, Bradley Smith	1969 Datsun 1600	R3			x	Hit Gum Tree	4:22	13:08	4:15				0:00	
28	13	Darren Kurzok, Steve Taylor	1972 Datsun 1600	R3			x		4:31	13:38	4:24	14:21	4:34	14:24	0:00	0:55:52
29	10	David Scharf, Andrew Longuet	1982 Nissan Bluebird	R3			x		4:22	13:23	4:15	13:38	4:09	13:28	0:00	0:53:15
30		Melinda Both, Chris Murphy	1996 Subaru Impreza WRX	R5				Blown Turbo	4:10	12:55	4:02	13:53			0:00	
31	21	Richard Baggarley, James Ford	1979 Ford Escort MK 2	R3					5:02	14:54	4:51	15:03	4:53	15:13	0:00	0:59:56
32		Chris Wedding, Michael Lasijczuk	1970 Datsun 510	R3			x	Motor no go	4:45						0:00	
33		Brendan Mole, Simon Teed	1970 Datsun 1600	R3			x	OLT								
34	16	Peter Clydesdale, Wes Depper	1971 Datsun 1600	R3			x		4:29	14:22	4:20	14:17	4:18	14:19	0:00	0:56:05
35	19	Gideon Street, Daniel Grisinger	1979 Holden Gemini	R2	x	x	x		4:48	14:14	4:42	14:55	4:46	14:39	0:05	0:58:09
36	14	Brad Hurford, David Gregory	1982 Holden Gemini	R2	x		x		4:41	14:05	4:27	13:50	4:27	14:15	0:05	0:55:50





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				Cls	D	Co-D										
37		Mark Joyce, Matt Daniels	1980 Holden Gemini	R2			x									
38		Grant Brecknell, Aidan Brecknell	1975 Holden Gemini	R2	x	x	x	5:53	25:47	5:49	18:08	6:07	18:28	1:15		
39		Ian Armstrong, Bryan Armstrong	1978 Holden Gemini TG	R2	x		x	4:41	14:28	4:34	16:40	4:32		2:50		
40	23	Robert Davies, Andrew Fuller	1976 Holden Gemini	R2	x		x	5:29	16:44	5:16	16:31	5:11	16:00	0:00	1:05:11	
41		Peter Stringfellow Snr, Peter Stringfellow Jnr	1980 Holden Gemini	R2			x	4:51	19:28					0:00		



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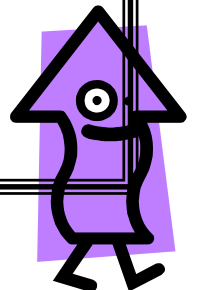
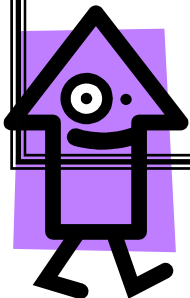
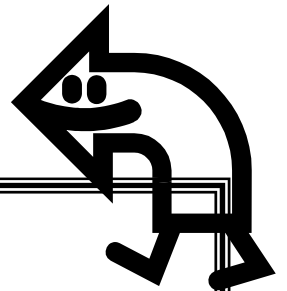
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Time: 7.30pm

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If you would like to be part of the action, why not become a volunteer official for **“coates rally queensland at caloundra”** – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

Rally Queensland is now recruiting for a wide range of jobs, both out in the forest, and at Kings Beach, Caloundra. This year there will be some new variations to stages plus some additional roads, with the ever popular road stage in Imbil being run twice on the Saturday.

Apart from the excitement generated by the Australian Rally Championship, entries will include the Queensland Rally Championship, Classics, and the close competition from within the Subaru Challenge.

Whether you are an experienced campaigner or first time fan, Rally Queensland has a position to suit your level of experience. If you would like to be part of one of Australia's most exciting Rally events, then all you have to do is contact the Officials Co-ordinator at P.O. Box 150 Bli Bli, Qld. 4560, or email [bsccofficials@bigpond.com](mailto:bsccofficials@bigpond.com) Alternatively, the Officials Registration form can be downloaded from the rally.com website.

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The Rally / Off Road emodule is now online and available to CAMS officials.

CAMS has two experienced facilitators acting as tutors:

- \* Marilyn Emmins (Off Road)
- \* Margaret Manners (Rally)

Any CAMS officials interested in undertaking this new emodule should ring the hotline on 1300 657 673 with their member number and an email address.

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The 1st round of the 2005 QLD interclub challenge was the QLD motorkhana series round 1 at Willowbank on 27/2. Peter Stanford, Peter Clydesdale & myself were the only bscc members out of 61 starters. Peter Stanford won best placed bscc entrant finishing 20th. Holden Sporting CC won the teams event with the WRX club beating the bscc team for the wooden spoon. Full details of the series can be obtained at [www.icq.org.au](http://www.icq.org.au), the next being The Willowbank Khanacross 3/4. Suppregs & entry forms can be downloaded from the website.

The 2nd round of the Qld interclub challenge is the Willowbank Khanacross 3/4/05. The event is held on the autocross track & surrounds on an unsealed but smooth surface. It is similar to an autocross except the course is changed after each run. The event is suitable for road cars & only road tyres are allowed. A minimum of a cams 2ns licence is required & you can double enter cars. If we could get at least 10 bscc entries it would boost our chances of winning the challenge. Details of the series & supp regs & entry forms can be downloaded from [www.icq.org.au](http://www.icq.org.au).

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## LAURIE GARTHS WEBSITE

Laurie Garth is a former member of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club. He joined the Club in the late 1960s and was Club Secretary when I joined the Club in 1971. He competed in many events and worked as an official in many others while living in Brisbane. He left Brisbane about 15 years ago and is now living in Wangaratta in northern Victoria.

Since moving to Victoria Laurie has continued his interest in motor sport and has become very involved in historic rallying which is very popular in Victoria. He has also continued his interest in the Brisbane Sporting Car Club and came to our 50th Anniversary Function in 2003. Those of you who were there may remember that Laurie spoke for much longer than his allotted 10 minutes and had to be told to stop talking.

While he was in Victoria Laurie also sent the Club a few stories to go into Brisport. I was talking to Laurie recently and told him how much I enjoyed the stories he did for our magazine. He told me that he had written a lot of stories for the Historic Rally Association and had produced his own website which contained all his writings. The website is in three parts. Possibly the easiest way to get on to it is to log on to his version of the home page which then gives links to the other parts. The Web Site is [www.greenvolkswagen.net/index.htm](http://www.greenvolkswagen.net/index.htm)

I have read some of the stories but not all of them. If I have a bit of spare time I get on to the site and read another one. I really appreciate Lauries sense of humour, but realise that some people with a different type of sense of humour may not have the same opinion. The fact that I know Laurie reasonably well means that I understand how he thinks. Many of his articles talk about his experiences on map reading rallies which is a subject that I can relate to, but which is almost foreign to many rally competitors in Queensland. I think that Lauries stories are very cleverly written and the site is well worth looking at.

Tony Best

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## NEW SERIES MEDIA CO-ORDINATOR APPOINTED FOR 2005 GLOBALSTAR AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Australian Rally Commission (ARCom) and the series commercial rights holder Rallycorp, have recently appointed media agency Media and Communication Services (MCS) to the role of Series Media Coordinator for the 2005 Globalstar

Australian Rally Championship. Headed by Managing Director David Segal, MCS is a professional consultancy specialising in marketing, public relations, and promotional programs for the corporate sector, sport and independent businesses.

The Melbourne-based company has proactively managed media and public relations for almost 20 years, and boasts a number of motorsport-related clients on its list, including the NGK Rally of Melbourne and Dick Johnson Racing. "David and the team at MCS have earned a reputation for outstanding marketing and communications programs, and I am delighted to welcome them on board," said ARCom Chairman Garry Connelly.

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## Philcomm Benarkin Rally

Patrick Hetherman

Over time the rally business sees changes. Philcomm Rally Benarkin is certainly one event that has seen pre-event new processes. Competitors out in the boondocks, slashing, cutting whipper snipping and so on. As the forestry cease to maintain tracks mother nature is taking over and some good rally roads simply are not there any more. The result being that if we want to run them then there is a need for clearing. Last weekend a group of competitors together with key officials took to the task with gusto. Sure the event had a slasher on the Saturday which did the lions share but when it broke down half way through then it was decision and re-route time. There are some photographs to prove that the work in the forest did actually happen. Rod Bigger is pretty mean with a brush cutter and concentrates pretty hard. Dave Gains is fearsome with an axe; Truthfully they all did a great job as the roads were littered with fallen branches and other hazards. Jim & Val Reddiex blazed a northern trail and of the 12 trees to move they accounted for 8 of them, a big effort just the two of them. C-of-C and Rod Sams had to do some cross country navigating in grass two feet higher than the vehicle, (no visual, thank goodness for GPS)



Craig Porter lead a team and moved several trees then got a bit bushed. Following the course backwards is not always that easy. C-of-C to the rescue. The spectator area has been prepared and what a beauty, almost 2kms of visual and several corners and yumps. (we just need a north easterly breeze). What a weekend it was Slashing and cutting on Saturday, Working "B", Sunday, first course check on Monday, Tuesday well the forest was returned to tranquility. So here is to Philcomm Rally Benarkin and a very different event to last September. Still some very fast plus real drivers roads, some tight and a challenge, it is all there. Catering all weekend from Saturday 6am through to 10am Sunday. So all you overnights are well catered for.