



Track Talk November/December 2018

Cowra to Canberra via NSW South Coast Region

September 8 to September 18, 2019

Christmas and New Year Greetings to all.

To the best lot of Rallytives a person can have.

Well here we are again just about at the end of another year, I hope it was a good year for yourself and family.

2018 was not the best year for the Great Escape as far as numbers of cars and of course fundraising, but it did prove from what has been said and communicated in various ways to me that it was the best rally ever expressed by both seasoned rallytives and new comers, those words were greatly appreciated. I even had people who could not go in 2018 GE for various reasons, saying they were extremely sorry they had missed it, as they heard of the great reports and they will be certainly be back for next year.

You know when putting a rally track idea/course together you never really know if it is going to be good, ordinary or washed out, that's the punt you take, but you get on with it and try to bring the best to the start line. That is helped along by asking questions of people within the course and within milli seconds you have a dozen people all wanting to help and with the vision you have in your mind and a mud map, it all starts to come together and becomes a great looking track. From that I would really like to acknowledge those people who go out of their way to assist in any way they can, particularly with tracks.

Craig Yates AKA (CQ), Pete Roulston AKA (Rolly) Jerry Dunn AKA (video man) Jamie AKA (Road Boss).

CQ and Rolly spent days away with me showing me tracks that would have taken me days to find, they are not only good company, but their local knowledge was such a great asset to me and the rally. Their local knowledge put us on some great tracks and put us into some good villages and of course some great pubs with great tucker and entertainment.

Then we were down on officials this year, so from that position others who could not come on the whole course decided to come and help, some coming for a day others staying for 2,3 or 4 days, so everything worked and I would like to thank those people for their time and commitment in making sure the rally went on in a very seamless way, they included; Rick Smith AKA (Smithy), Gray Tesch AKA (Teschy), Sharon Johnson AKA (Shazza), Rolly and Bluey, Barry and Sandra Cornford, Ben Mayhew AKA (New boy), Craig Willis AKA (Kiwi). Not forgetting Barry Burn AKA (Towball) who had to step into a position he was very unfamiliar with but just got on with it, when I was taken to hospital just prior to the Welcome Diner in Wilberforce.

To all those people a big thank you from myself and Sharon, I am sure CFA would also like to say thank you, as they say in 'Hollywood' the Show must Go On, and you all did it.

I feel starting from a different type of venue set us up right from the beginning for a very different type of rally, the Australiana Village was the right place to start, a real bush setting, great characters and entertainers, great food and they got involved. I will be helping them in the future, in their quest to get State funding for the village. Then moving onto the Settlers Arms at St Albans, a place that Sharon and I go for a drive to in the MG for lunch on a Sunday, I know everyone enjoyed the history of the place and of course the food. Our first overnight stop was my cousins Olive Grove and Reception Centre, that was a hoot, with food, wine and entertainment and we may get 2 new cars out of the stay. So, we were certainly on track for a great rally.

2019 GREAT ESCAPE INFORMATION. LETS STEP INSIDE YOUR BACKYARD.

I am now fully recovered from the medical issued I had at the Welcome Diner which I followed up on my return to Sydney, so that is all behind me, it is now onward and upward. Which means course setting for 2019, getting officials in place and maintaining or going beyond the enjoyment of the 2018 Great Escape.

As you would be aware, we are starting in Cowra, NSW and finishing in Canberra, ACT. Not a great distance apart, approx. 150klms but we will be doing just over 3000klms to get there. Just a short interesting, adventurous and scenic drive, with good tracks, good pubs and good tucker, using the 2018 formula of success.

I tried a few different things this year that worked and I will be doing little surprise things again for GE 2019, so be prepared.

During the 2018 rally we heard some of the stories about the drought from those who really know and from those chats I have decided to do something for the farmers. Several people know of my idea and they like it, it's not money or stock feed etc, its something that is all coming together with regions and the wonderful CWA. I have held talks with the State Office of the CWA outlined my plan and got their approval, so it is now up to me to work with the regions in putting this all together, the early discussions are very encouraging.

The course for 2019 Great Escape is coming together, due to my medical issues I was not permitted to do track work by myself during October and November, but I have started that work now and it will continue and be completed in January '19. There are just a couple of towns that I am still working through. The completed mud map regarding towns will be finished at the end of January '19, so I'll have a GE Newsletter out in January, it could be earlier with towns and accommodation options.

2019 Entrants at this point, in date order of receipt of entry.

- Car 65 Colour Explosion Teresa Carlson
- 508 Rosie (George Nichol) Paid by Greg Breen.
- Car 66 Rolling Red. Troy Campbell
- Car 1915 Charlie Company Craig Yates
- Car 808 Rod Muir/Gus Clements
- Car 88 Kamikaze Geckos. Terry and Shawn Rebetzke
- Car 102 Old Muds Jon Chapman
- Car 666 Beast. Ken Constable
- Car 188 Tassie Devil. Stephen Scott

As you will note there is 3 new cars within the list and I have been advised by the principles there should be another 3 to 4 new cars/teams coming.
Not forgetting the return of at least 4 cars who could not make it in 2018.

So, if you could get your entries in along with Registration Fee to either myself or CFA. I have attached, so no excuses, fill it out return by email and cheque or bank transfer to CFA.

I will be doing information evenings in Mudgee and Cowra early in the new year, so if you have friends who are interested please get them to come to one of these meetings where it is a Q & A time along with talking with others who are old hands at rallying, dates to be advised after the holiday time.

Also looking at a weekend rally from Mudgee (Wine Country) across Cessnock (Wine Country) so should find a good drop amongst all those cellar doors.

From Sharon and I, thank you for your friendship and your loyalty and wish you all a wonderful, joyful Christmas and a healthy and successful 2019, see you on the Great Escape in 2019.

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2019 GREAT ESCAPE – ENTRY FORM

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COWRA TO CANBERRA

VIA THE SOUTH COAST REGION



COWRA



CAR #: _____ CAR NAME: _____

PRINCIPAL:

ADDRESS:

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Registration: \$ 410.00 Paid: Y / N

Fund Raising: \$3,800.00 Paid: Y / N

Catering: \$ 820.00 Paid: Y / N

Above Amounts Inclusive of GST

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT RECEIPT TO:	PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:
Robyn at CFA on RobynP@cfa.org.au	COMMONWEALTH BANK BSB: 062 227 A/C #: 10011488 REF: Your Car Number

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