



GREAT ESCAPE NEWSLETTER MARCH/APRIL 2019

COWRA TO CANBERRA 8th TO 18th SEPTEMBER 2019

G' day all,

This is not an April Fool's Day joke, but it is only 6 months to the 2019 Great Escape, so you better get cracking, getting the team together, working on raising the funds, preparing the car and developing your costumes (your get up gear) for theme nights etc and there are a few, I'll talk about that further in this and other Newsletters to come.

CFA have indicated they have some enquiries from possible new entrants asking if they could come in their normal street car, they would pay the same and they would decide on the roads/tracks they take due to the condition of the road/track. They would be competitive within their own group and would not take anything away from the rally scoring or trophies. If it happens then I would add trophies for that new class. Obviously, we need to be careful when they are not using the Track Book track as there will be no control points no workshop crew and of course no sweep.

On speaking with other possible new entrants, I have suggested having a look under Rally Car in either eBay or gumtree if they need a rally car.

Entry forms have been circulated far and wide (1 attached to this Newsletter). We are still waiting for many of the regular entrants to

send their entry forms in. You do realise that the earlier you get your entry form in the higher up the scale when scoring gets so tight that we look at the registration/entry form dates when we received the form from you, so it could be very important to you.

The other thing to think of here is your CAR NUMBER. Within the next couple of weeks, I'll be sending off to get the 2019 GE DOOR STICKERS printed, all the cars entered at time of printing will have their car number printed on the door stickers. Those who have not entered at that point will need to go to Bunnings and buy your sticker numbers, its far better and it looks impressive if all the cars have the same style lettering.

SO, THESE ARE ALL GOOD REASONS TO GET YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS TO ME NOW.

2019 GE REGISTRATIONS AT THIS POINT.

- Car 65
- Car 54
- Car 66
- Car 1915
- Car 808
- Car 88
- Car 102
- Car 666
- Car 188
- Car 69
- Car 99
- Car 56
- Car 1163

I will be going out on the final survey next week, hopefully with some good weather. I know there will be some good tracks. I have had some great help from Tow ball and Gus, Craig and Troy, John (Mule) Milne and Greg and Paul from Murrumbateman, I thank all these entrants for their time and resources that they give the 2019 GE.

I would like to hear back from any of those entrants on the above list who have not received their 2019 GE Welcome Pack, it seems that some have gone out from CFA and I just need to know who has not received all the relevant paperwork, as it is important that you have all the correct and up to date information.

Now, you would have read in the February GE Newsletter that beds in some of these small towns we are overnighting at are low on beds so get in early.

A bit of history on the Cowra Rugby Club, this is where we are having the Welcome Dinner. Many of you may remember Cowra local Ben Casey, who was the original owner driver of an old NSW ambulance, that was either going a 1000 klms an hour or broken down. Well Ben has moved on, although I am trying to get him on board for this year, so there is still a chance. A very keen rugby player he is the President of Cowra Rugby. When I started talking to him last year about having the Welcome Dinner at the Club, he was all keen, but no kitchen, so what, just leave it to Ben. As the club has its share of tradies, so the Cowra Ruby Club has a brand-new kitchen and we have a place to have some fun.

We have entertainment on the night from another retired entrant in Andrew (Roo) Arcus who will let his guitar and voice give some of that ole country and western music.

I have some other surprises for you on this year's rally, along with some helping hand to the farmers, its not giving them money but giving them the opportunity to communicate with a different group.

This has all come from the farmer/journalist that spoke to us at Wallabadah Pub over lunch. From that talk it gave me an idea that we could be a bit of a listen post for the farmer. The farmer really does not talk about the troubles of the farm at the dinner table, but he left that to talk to the farm hand, but the farmer is not getting money in, so he must let the farm hand go, then he has no one and that's when we come in. So, I have lined up 2 pub locations that we will link up with farmers for a beer and chat. I have arranged this with the CWA and the pubs.

I hope you are using Facebook to get the word out about the Great Escape, anything you see relating to the GE SHARE IT OUT and have your network share it, you never know where new entrants may come from.

Please find attached a 2019 GE ENTRY FORM, fill it in and return it to me.

Also attached a couple of the theme nights that are planned, so you can do your planning.

See'y down the track'

Terry Stewart Track Boss Great Escape for Cystic Fibrosis Australia