

Begonia Rally gains major sponsor

After two highly successful years of all-daylight rallying the 1981 Windscreens O'Brien Begonia Rally promises to be an outstanding event.

This is due mainly to two major changes.

The first and most important is the sponsorship of the event by Windscreens O'Brien.

The benefits of this will flow on to both the competitors and spectators.

The second change is that the event has been made the second round of the Victorian Rally Championship and will attract top competitors from Victoria and interstate.

For motor sport enthusiasts this will be a unique opportunity to see excellent rally action right at their doorstep.

The rally has been designed with spectating as a top priority and every opportunity will be provided for the

spectators to experience the challenge and excitement of this spectacular sport.

Comprehensive spectator guides will be made available before the event and will be supplemented by up-to-the-minute scores and commentaries on local radio station 3BA.

The event will commence at 10.45am Saturday February 28 in Armstrong St south when the 1981 Begonia Queen will flag the first car away.

The first special stage will again be the exciting — bitumen/gravel section in Victoria Park which is made available thanks to the co-operation of the Ballarat City Council.

The cars will then

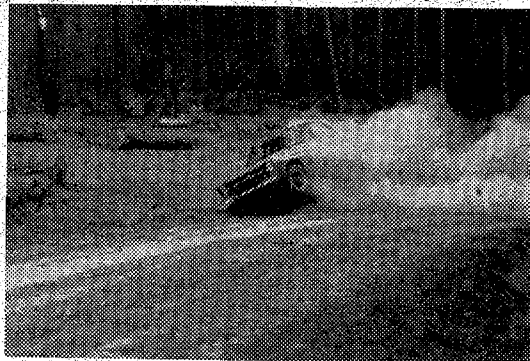
travel into the Creswick—Daylesford areas where the rest of Saturday's sections will take place.

On Sunday the event will be in the forests south of Ballarat.

The event is again to be directed by Geoff Boyd and a team of members from the organising club, the Ballarat Branch of the Light Car Club of Australia, will assist him.

Thanks to the generosity of more than 50 local business houses, \$3000 will be offered as prize money for the event, thus making sure of a top field.

During the next three weeks, The NEWS, will carry full details of roads to be used, crews taking



•Barry Lane in action in last year's Begonia Rally

part and other relevant details for those who wish to follow what is shaping up to be an exciting event.

It has become one of the major regular at-

tractions of the Begonia Festival so motor sport enthusiasts should make sure that they keep the weekend of Feb 28 and March 1 free.

....Bruce Campbell