



Rally results finalised

The dust has settled around the forests of Ballarat, the litter has been picked up and the computer has done its work on the results.

For 38 of the 65 starters in the Windcreens O'Brien Rally the event proved expensive; they either blew up motors, broke suspensions or crashed. A further 22 crews

shared over \$2700 in prize money.

The Bell/Ellis team, that convincingly won the event, took home the trophy and \$720.

They amassed \$220 in stage awards by winning 22 of the 36 special stages.

Bell is obviously in top form and has to be a

favorite for this weekends Castrol International Rally in Canberra. (it will be televised).

The team — took second place. 'Dinta' officer and Kate Hobson won \$504 which should help 'Dinta' cover some fairly extensive panel beating costs.

MOTORING IN THE 80s

It was officer's best result in a fairly short rallying career and has put him in equal first place with Bell and Portman for the Victorian Rally Championship.

Third place getters David Hodge and Tom Seymour in the Cortina won \$320.

David Hodge did a magnificent job to drive this bigger car into this position.

A further \$1200 was divided up amongst 19 crews.

With so many retirements this year there were many hard luck stories.

Local driver, Gary Harrowfield, was running strongly in 2nd position after four stages when a blown motor finished his efforts.

Ballarat teacher, David Chestnut, had worked his way from 57th into top 10 when a roll-over in an inaccessible section ended his chances of a best-ever result.

The only local crew to finish was Randall

Lowrey and Colin Markham who drove their Datsun 1600 very consistently and finished in 19th place.

Perhaps the unluckiest entry in the event was the Ian Hill — Ann Heaney Escort from N.S.W.

The car crashed heavily on the 7th stage and both crew members were taken to hospital.

Ian is recovering with a broken kneecap and Ann is having to keep very quiet with a broken bone in her chest and problems with the vertebrae in her neck.

Both were to take part in the Castrol International this weekend in a new B.D.A. Escort Ian has just bought from Colin Bond, but unfortunately will only be watching it on television.

The Ballarat Branch of the Light Car Club, organisers of the event for the past 27 years, can now get back to a less hectic routine before preparations begins in a few months for the 1982 Windcreens O'Brien Bagonia Rally.