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**Incorporating
Bog-a-Duck, VCRS Round 5**

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GUIDE TO COMPETITORS**



Richie Dalton/Dale Moscatt – 2019 winners. Pic by John Douch – b-team media

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GUIDE TO COMPETITORS

Important Reminder: RallySafe Power Supply

The Event is using RallySafe as the Official Timing Source. Ensure your RallySafe power supply is separate, continuous and reliable – as specified in Supplementary Regulations.

Further Regulations

There will be no document called “Further Regulations” issued. Any amendments to regulations or new regulations will be advised via a Bulletin. Bulletin 1 has already been issued and is available via Sportity.

No access to Service Park on Saturday (Recce day) until 2pm

Competitors are advised that access to the service park on Saturday 19 October is prohibited until 2pm. It is intended that any contraventions will be penalized – refer to the relevant new regulations in Bulletin 1 (above). There is a sporting competition taking place prior to 2pm and there just isn't enough room to fit rally crew vehicles or trailers as well as the vehicles for players and spectators.

We strongly recommend that VRC competitors arrange that none of their vehicles other than the recce car arrive in Alexandra before 2pm Saturday. If they do, they will need to find suitable street parking until Sportsground access is permitted from 2pm.

Note there will be no security provided Saturday night.

Vehicle Scrutiny

Competitors are reminded that each competitor must arrange for scrutiny of their vehicle and apparel prior to the event. Apparel for co-drivers (including safety helmets) may be checked with the Chief Scrutineer prior to starting the event.

A note from the Chief Scrutineer:

“I will be at the event from Saturday morning until the finish on Sunday. If you require any apparel or vehicle rectifications to be checked, please contact me with when you are available.

Also, all competitors must have their vehicle logbook with them when they present at the Rallysafe Technical zone immediately prior to starting the event. I intend to conduct extraction tests for both crew members at that time and the results will be recorded in the logbook.”

Frank Black
Chief scrutineer
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Document Presentation

Copies of the following documentation should be sent to the Entries Secretary at pmaxotzen@hotmail.com

- Signed copies of the MA disclaimer
- Signed copy of the Statement of Vehicle Compliance (available via the Sportity App)
- CAMS Licence – Driver, Co-Driver & competitor (where applicable)
- Civil Licence – Driver and Co-Driver (if the co-driver may drive the vehicle) Note: we appreciate that some crew members prefer not to send copies of their drivers licence by email. In that case, physical or digital licences can be presented at documentation.
- Club Membership Card – Driver & Co-Driver
- Proof of officiating fulfillment – Driver & Co-Driver (Vic competitors only)
- CAMS Vehicle Log Book
- Vehicle Registration/Permit papers
- Permission letter for Car use (where applicable – see NCR 43A; if competitor isn't the owner)

Please send the copies by October 16th, so they arrive while internet access is still assured.

Competitors Packs

Competitors Packs will be issued at Recce Registration or event book-in.:

- Vehicle Numbers and Door plate
- Car Number Board (to be returned at the end of the event)
- Road Book
- Service Crew Instructions
- Spectator Guide
- Service Crew Sign-on Sheet

It will be the competitor's responsibility to check that their pack is complete.

Road Book

A full Road Book is issued when documentation is successfully checked. An electronic copy of Part of the Road Book is included with Further Instructions so crews can plan their Recce day in a timely manner. It is not necessary to print out this section – the official Road Book, including Schedule and Emergency pages will be issued in printed form at documentation.

Rally Headquarters

Rally Headquarters will be in the Alexandra Football Club rooms at the Alexandra Sportsground – enter via the gateway at the corner of Grant and William Sts. Alexandra. Rally Headquarters will be open at the times listed in Supplementary Regulations. Competitors should not visit Rally Headquarters, but rather, direct all queries to the CRO (Competitor Relations Officer), John Downs 0407 070 154.

Competitor Book-in and Recce Registration

Book-in and Recce Registration takes place as per Bulletin 1 and the Supplementary Regulations, noting that Recce Registration applies only to VRC competitors. Note also the different times of closure for VRC and VCRS competitors on Sunday 20 October.

Competitor Packs are issued at Recce Registration or at book in.

Recce Cards and numbers will be issued at Recce Registration. No crew may undertake Recce without first registering – at either the Friday Night session, or the Saturday Morning Session
Crews are reminded of vehicle restrictions for Recce vehicles – check Supplementary Regulations.

For crews not undertaking recce, Saturday Afternoon and Sunday Morning Book-in times are provided. Competitor Packs are issued at that time.

It is necessary for all Service Crew personnel to sign-on in order to be covered by CAMS Personal Accident Insurance (maximum of 8 (eight) personnel per competing crew). Sign-on sheets are included with the competitor Pack and should be lodged at Book-in.

Start Location

The Start Location will be inside the entrance to the Alexandra Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve, also referred to as the Alexandra Football ground. 37°11'11.9"S 145°42'22.9"E

Starting Details

The Start Order will be posted via the Sportity App on the day of the event following approval by the Stewards of the Meeting. The starting order of the first three cars will be established by ballot.

Competitors Briefing

A competitor's briefing will be held immediately outside Rally Headquarters at approximately 8:15 am. All crews, driver and co-driver, and at least one member of the service crew are required to attend and sign-on.

Running Details

The event will be run in one division, comprising 2 heats (VRC only), with the first car starting at **9:00am**.

Cars will leave the start at 2-minute intervals.

RallySafe Technical Zone

Each crew must enter the RallySafe Technical Zone, located immediately prior to the Start Control, at least 10 minutes prior to their due start time.

If requested by an event or RallySafe official, one or both crew members must exit their vehicle to allow that official to conduct whatever checks they wish in relation to Rallysafe equipment and installation.

One or more scrutineers may request the crews to participate in extraction tests. Crews must comply with any such requests and present the vehicle logbook for the recording of test results.

Stopped Vehicles

To aid tracking of stopped or crashed vehicles with a view to increasing competitor safety, all competing cars are required to carry a "Car Number Board" and deploy it whenever the OK/SOS board is deployed. The boards are provided in the Competitor Pack. The board **MUST** be shown to all following crews when the OK/SOS board is deployed, and in the same manner. Please return to boards at the final control.

Re-Joining the event

Crews may rejoin the event in accordance with Supplementary Regulations HOWEVER, crews are reminded that there is limited time for vehicle recovery, and it may not be possible to recover a stopped vehicle from some stages before the second running of the stage.

Heats

Heat 1 finishes and Heat 2 Starts at the exit Control from the Alexandra Service – TC 4B.

Retiring after Heat 1

If you are retiring at the Alexandra Service Park (i.e. retiring after Heat 1), don't forget to book in at the Service Park Exit Control (the last Time Control of Heat 1). A crew member can book in, with the road card and a Withdrawal Form, provided the other crew member and the vehicle are in the Service Park. Any crew booking in and then retiring can nominate the time desired. Note that penalties apply for booking in Early and Late Time applies if booking in late.

Servicing

There is only one service location used during the 2024 Akademos Rally, the Alexandra Sportsground, where 45 minutes is allowed after SS4. In addition, there will be three locations where refuelling by service crews is permitted on liaison stages:

- a service vehicle may follow a competitor from the Alexandra Sportsground and refuel alongside the Goulburn Valley Hwy prior to the turn-off to Jamieson. This follows 23km of liaison stage. Refuelling in the liaison after that point is prohibited. No time allowed.
- a 5-minute road-side refuel zone at Taggerty – after SS 3 (all cars) and SS7 (VRC only)
- for VCRS competitors only, a service crew may meet their vehicle for refuel after the crew have completed SS7 (their final Special Stage). The meet point is on an old alignment on the Thornton-Taggerty Rd at the western end of Bulls Lane, 20km from Alexandra. A car should reach this point approximately 1hr 40 mins after it leaves Service. No time allowed.

Cars must not be refuelled at any other locations other than these three locations and the service stations list below.

Fuel Use Guides

VRC	Start to Optional refuel (Taggerty)		Refuel to Service (Alexandra)		Service Optional Refuel (Taggerty)		Refuel to Finish (VRC) (Alexandra)	
	km	litres	km	litres	km	litres	km	litres
First car due	11:05		12:24		15:16		16:33	
Competitive	49	38	17	13	49	38	17	13
Liaison	63	14	29	7	63	14	29	7
Total	112	52	46	20	112	52	46	20

* Fuel usage is based on the use rate of **1.3** km/l for competitive sections and **4.5** km/l for liaison sections. Crews refuelling prior to SS1/5 should do their own calculations.

VCRS	Start to Optional refuel (Taggerty)		Refuel to Service (Alexandra)		Service Optional Refuel (Bulls Lane)		Refuel to Finish (VRC) (Alexandra)	
	km	litres	km	litres	km	litres	km	litres
First car due (1)	12:35		13:52		16:40		17.08	
Competitive	49	38	17	13	49	38	0	0
Liaison	63	14	29	7	57	13	20	5
Total	112	52	46	20	106	51	20	5

Note 1: Assumes 40 VRC cars.

Fuel Supplies

98 RON fuel is available at the following locations. Competitors may leave the service park without penalty during the service period solely for the purpose of refuelling at one of the Service Stations in Alexandra.

Alexandra

- The “Endeavour” Service Station, Downey St (Goulburn Valley Hwy). This service station is an optional refuel location approximately 100m off the liaison after the Alexandra major service. We are advised it will be open from 7am to at least 6pm on 20 October.
- The Ampol Service Station, Aitken St (Maroondah Hwy/Goulburn Valley Hwy). This service station is not on the event route but is the closer to the service park. We are advised it will be open from 7am to 7pm on 20 October.

Competitor Relations Officer (CRO) Schedule

The CRO is **John Downs**, phone **0407 070 154**

Activity	Location	Time
Start and Driver’s briefing	Alexandra Sportsground, in the vicinity of Rally HQ (clubrooms)	0800 - 1100
Service	Alexandra Sportsground, in the vicinity of Rally HQ (clubrooms)	1200 - 1500
Event finish	Finish control, Alexandra Sportsground	1550 - 1700
Event finish	Alexandra Sportsground, in the vicinity of Rally HQ (clubrooms)	1700 - 1830

Tyre providers

We are advised that there will be no tyre providers attending the event. Crews should note that SS1/5 is rocky in places and will likely generate greater tyre wear per km than the other stages. Crews may wish to carry two spare wheels/tyres.

Controls & Timing

The event will be using A - A Timing as per 2024 RSR EG 1.2 and include and/or omit rules as per VRC Standing Regulations. All crews are advised to familiarise themselves with this system of timing prior to the event.

A reminder that at a Time Control which is Liaison in and Liaison out - for example, as you pass through the service IN and OUT controls - has **the same** OUT time as the IN time.

Crews will not be able to book in early to service or nominate a service book-in time. However, crews can book in Early at the Finish Control at Alexandra Sportsground, without penalty.

Finish

The 2024 Akademos Rally finishes at the Alexandra Sportsground.
First car is due to finish approximately 4.00pm.

Catering

Pre-Event

The Alexandra Football Club will have breakfast available from 7:00 am on the day of the event, adjacent to Rally HQ.

Alexandra Service Park

A range of lunch options is available for purchase at the service park from midday until 2pm.

Finish – Alexandra

The Alexandra Football Club will have a dinner service at the Service Park from 5:00 pm.
Drivers and co-drivers are provided with a meal ticket for a hot dinner and drink as part of the entry fee.

Crews can exchange their Car Number Boards for meal vouchers at the final control.

Additional meals for service crews are also available for purchase.

Spectating

Given the increasing requirements to effectively manage risk, we have been unable to find a point on the route that satisfies all of the requirements to be safe for spectators. Therefore, the official spectator location will be the service park, where the public can view the cars.

Recce Reminders and Tips

Recce is run on Saturday 19th October, with the roads opening at 9:00am.

General instructions:

Refer to both the Supplementray Regulations and Bulletin 1 for the regulations regarding recce.

Crews may do a maximum of **two (2)** passes over the stages.

Stages may be recce'd in any order, however travelling in the opposite direction to rally traffic is not permitted.

Please remember that the roads are open to the public during recce and normal road rules apply. In addition, the event imposes a 60km/hr speed limit on the stages – see below.

Every vehicle used in recce must have the RSLite app operating on a mobile phone for the full duration of recce. Refer to Bulletin 1 for details.

If this is your **first time doing a pace noted event**, ensure you allow as much time as possible to undertake Recce. It is suggested that you be at the beginning of chosen first stage by 9am, which may mean leaving Alexandra/Thornton at least 40 minutes before this time.

In order to find your way through the forest during recce, the following signs will be erected along the route:

- Small start and finish boards
- Arrows to show the direction to take at each relevant tulip
- Tulip numbers, matching the tulip numbers in the road book.

When writing pace notes it may be useful to note the Tulip numbers in your notes in case you "fall off" your notes during competition.

Speed limits during recce:

- Special Stage speed limit: 60km/h
- Liaison speed limit: All speed limits mentioned in the Road Book

These speeds may be monitored at various points along the course. Crews found to exceed speed limits may be referred to the Stewards for an appropriate penalty.

Stage opening and closing times:

	Stage Opens	Stage Last Entry	Stage Closes
Stage 1/5 – Warby	9:00 am	2:30 pm	3:00 pm
Stage 2/6 – Browns	9:00 am	3:30 pm	4:00 pm
Stage 3/7 – Quartz	9:00 am	4:00 pm	5:00 pm
Stage 4/8 – Camerons	9:00 am	4:00 pm	5:00 pm

If you have any specific question regarding the technical operation of recce please ask us at book in/recce registration.

Odometer Check

To be advised in a future Communique.

Alexandra Sportsground

