

# THREE BALLARAT DRIVERS IN BP RALLY

Considerable interest has been shown in this year's BP 2000 mile rally — the 12th to date — and 41 entries have been received from Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania.

The rally has interest for Ballarat people because three drivers from Ballarat will be competing in it.

They are Jack Ellis, Mal McPherson and Merv Collins.

Jack Ellis will be driving a Falcon GT, similar to the one he drove in the London to Sydney marathon and his navigator is Robert Vaughan, who was with Jack in the 12,000-mile event.

Mal McPherson will be driving a Renault 16 TS.

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recent rally, when Renault won the team's event.

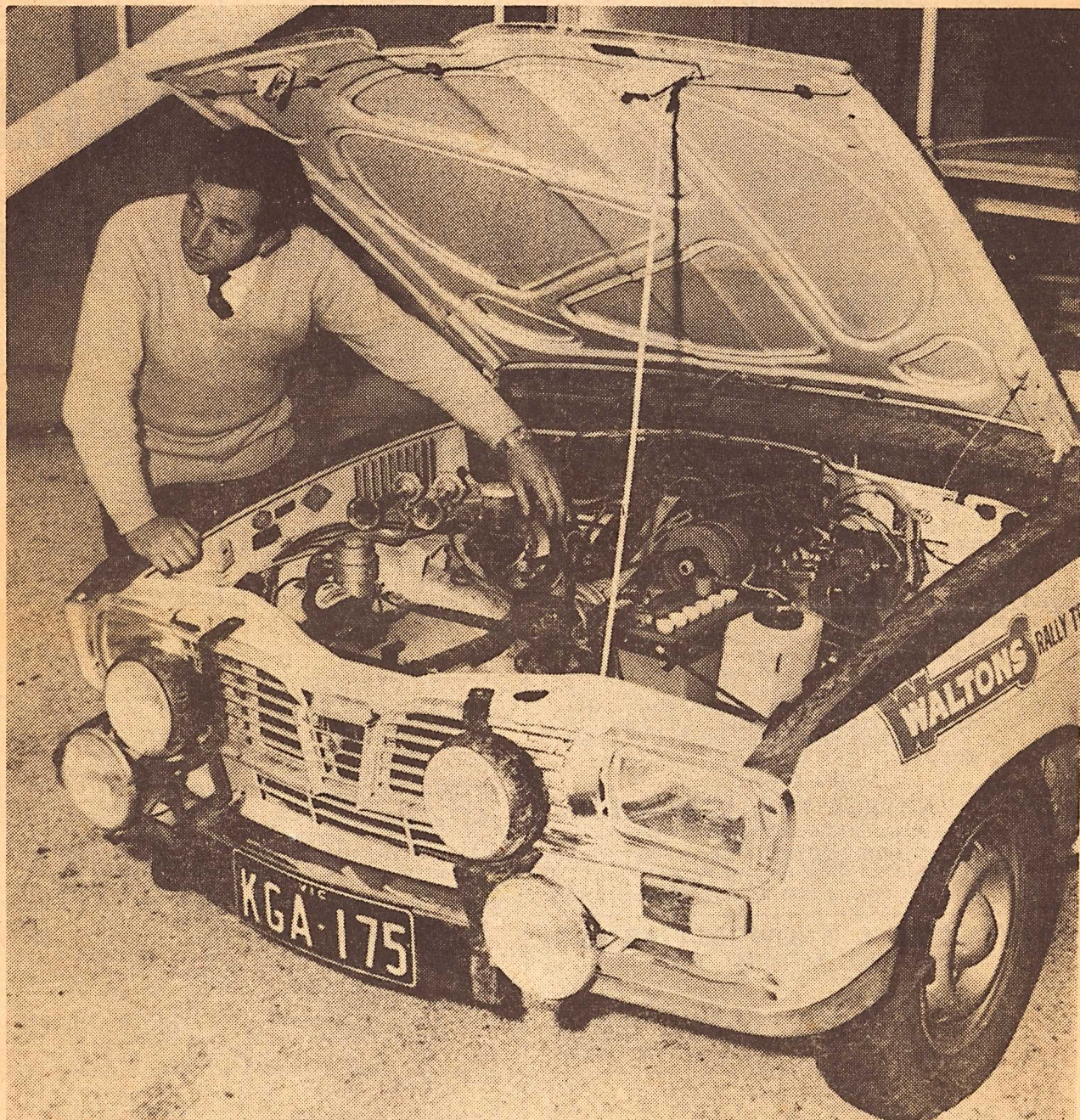
Merv Collins will be competing in a Morris Cooper S, the same one that Evan Green

drove so well in the Southern Cross Rally last year.

Merv's navigator is another Ballarat man, Ian Home.

The rally will commence at

8 pm tomorrow, May 7, from the Chadstone Shopping Centre and will finish there next Sunday, May 11, at approximately 3 pm.



ABOVE: Mal McPherson points out the twin carburettors on the Renault 16 TS that he will be driving in the BP Rally this week. He was recently placed ninth in a rally when Renault won the team's event.

TOP: This is the bright red Ford Falcon GT that Jack Ellis, of London-to-Sydney Rally fame, will be driving tomorrow in the 2000 mile BP Rally. Some of the instruments from the GT that Jack drove in the London-to-Sydney marathon have been installed in the GT seen here.