

**BP - BE PART OF IT**

**MAY 9 - MAY 11**

Where's WALPEUP?  
Matt Philip and Richard Davies  
in Ric Bainbridge's Mercedes at  
Walpeup in 2009

### OLD BP RALLY-PRE EVENT BULLETIN 3

Supplementary Regulations are now available on the website.

The director has just completed a pile of maps and letters. 46 approvals are required for the passage of the event. Catering arrangements have been made with eight clubs across rural Victoria. Refuel arrangements have been made with ten fuel stops, mainly, but not entirely BP!

A 2013 Old BP rally facebook page has been created to spark interest in the event. A range of photos from recent and old events has done that along with latest news about prospective entrants.

The focus given to the heritage of the original BPs run between 1958 and 1973 has drawn out enough memorabilia in terms of photos, magazine reports, route instructions, results and personal reminiscences to compile a thick book. In this day and age a dedicated website may be more appropriate. The retired elves will keep working away at the compilation!

The E-bay challenge for cars purchased for less than \$1000 is attracting keen interest. It embodies the Donald Thomson BP spirit where car performance was never a deciding factor, but the quality of the occupants always was.

The event should attract entries from all States of Australia, but a three car team from each State may prove more difficult. Each State needs to work on that to create a true national championship of team rallying.

**Discounts for new and young competitors is also arousing interest.** Previous but young competitors cannot believe the free kick they are receiving.

Then there are those who have legitimate reasons for not competing but regret that they cannot be there, such as Peter Riseborough who told us "I will be in Europe for a month when your event is on..... bloody shame as I reckon it's the best thing going around. Best of luck with the event", and from Bob Watson "I am very pissed off I am going to miss this year's BP. We had a long term camping trip commitment to the Kimberley, and in spite of trying to work out the logistics of people needing to look after grandchildren in the school holidays etc etc we just could not make the dates work. Grrrrr....I hope it goes well. Please run another one soon before I forget what a BP is!"

An announcement in relation to sponsorship is expected soon.

The prized control official positions are all filled, so if you want to be involved, you will have to try and compete or help someone else.

This event is unique. So much value and quality rarely comes so cheap. There is unlikely to be another. Make the effort to be part of it. You will regret it otherwise. BP. Be Part of it!

- Ross Runnalls

Check out Facebook page "OLD BP RALLY 2013"