

**APPLICATION BY
THE FORD FOUR CAR CLUB
INCORPORATED
TO CONDUCT A ROUND OF
THE AUSTRALIAN RALLY
CHAMPIONSHIP 1992**

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The Ford Four Car Club

The Ford Four Car Club Incorporated is one of the largest car clubs in Victoria, with a current membership in excess of 400. The club is in its 23rd year and during that time has established a reputation for excellence across a range of motorsporting events.

Ford Four's forte' is rallies, which it has been organising since 1969, and during that time an enviable record of success has been built up. The Club has organised nine Victorian Rally Championship events in the past ten years, a period which has seen State level rallying evolve from forest orientated rallying to Shire road rallying. This is considered a quantum leap forward by all rallyists.

Ford Four first organised a Victorian Rally Championship event in 1981. Since then, the Club has run a State Championship rally every year except 1986. These events have always been of a high standard, with successive directing teams steadily improving their events over the years.

The change from forest rallying to Shire road rallying is seen by the Club as a major innovation and Ford Four claims a major share of the credit for bringing this change about in Victoria. Shire road rallies require significant organisational skills, and Ford Four has demonstrated it possesses these skills with its rallies in the Gippsland area in the past few years. The liaison required with Government bodies, community organisations, and the public is enormous, and the success of the events is a direct result of the efforts of the directing teams. The events have drawn praise from all quarters for their attention to detail and for their emphasis on making the event a highlight for all those involved, be they officials, spectators, or competitors.

The combination of the senior personnel from previous State level events will form the nucleus of the proposed directing team for the Australian Rally Championship event. These people are highly regarded in Victorian rallying. The directing team boasts three members who are classified as A Grade directors by C.A.M.S. and have a combined length of experience of 34 years. The rest of the team consists of people with experience equivalent to B Grade directors.

In addition to the State Championship events, Ford Four has also organised another three club level events each year. All of these events have projected the same level of organisational ability as the State Championship events. This demonstrates the depth of experience that Ford Four has on tap for organising rallies.

The Ford Four Car Club is a financially sound, well managed Club, and has a core of members who are highly experienced in the art of organising rallies. These members have made themselves available to assist in conducting a round of the Australian Rally Championship. Ford Four believes this experience is the key to a successful event.

The Event

It is proposed to start the event in Melbourne, i.e. mall or city square, and use a selection of spectator orientated sections within metropolitan Melbourne before arriving in the Healesville area.

An overnight halt is planned for Saturday evening in the Healesville area and then having the event finish back in Melbourne on Sunday afternoon. The event would be made up of approx 250 - 300 competitive kms of excellent gravel roads, with some bitumen stages being considered. (Refer to the attached area map).

Healesville and the surrounding districts are an ideal location for an Australian Rally Championship round. It is situated only 60 kilometres from the Melbourne G.P.O. and gives the Club access to a wide range of excellent stages. The effort invested in obtaining positive publicity in Healesville during previous events conducted in the area has paid dividends. The club has the support from the Shire of Healesville, Healesville Police, the Department of Conservation and Environment, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Healesville Tourist and Promotion Association, all of whom are extremely enthusiastic about the possibility of a round of the Australian Rally Championship in Healesville.

Depending on ARC sponsor requirements the event could be known as the BP HEALESVILLE STAGES or the BP GARDEN STATE RALLY, HEALESVILLE.

It is proposed to schedule the event in the later part of 1992 due to our current commitments with our round of the 1991 Victorian Rally Championship to be held on 23 November 1991.

The Organising Committee

Chairman: John Bramman

John has been directing events since 1976 and has extensive experience including directing four Victorian Rally Championship events. He is classified as an A Grade director by C.A.M.S., has course checked numerous events, and is an Area Co-ordinator for rallies within Victoria.

Clerk of Course: Glenn Cuthbert

Glenn has been directing events since 1986, including Ford Four's round of the 1991 Victorian Rally Championship. He is the V.R.C. co-ordinator for 1991 and has a reputation of running high profile events which is an essential ingredient of high level rallying.

Road Director: Alan Patterson

Alan has been directing events since 1979, and has directed two Victorian Rally Championship events as well as being on the organising committees of seven other V.R.C. events. He is classified as an A Grade director by C.A.M.S., has course checked numerous events, and is an Area Co-ordinator for rallies within Victoria.

Road Director: Andrew McCathie

Andrew has been directing events since 1983, and has been on the organising committees of four V.R.C. events. He is classified as an A Grade director by C.A.M.S., has course checked numerous events, and was V.R.C. co-ordinator during 1990.

Event Checker: Stuart Lister

Stuart has 20 years experience at all levels of rallying in Australia, including 10 years as Director of the Alpine Rally, which is currently a round of the Australian Rally Championship.

Event Secretariat: Gary Hodgskiss & John Brann

John and Gary have been members of Ford Four for 10 years, and have been involved in the organisation of many rallies, including the secretariat of several V.R.C.'s.

Financial Controller: Michael Cains

Michael has been a member of Ford Four for 6 years and has been directing events since 1987. His attention to detail will be an asset to the directing team.

Other Ford Four Car Club personnel will be used in nominated capacities which will include Press Relations, Competitor Liaison, Spectator Control, Officials Co-ordinator, Results and Scoring etc.

Proposed Event Programme

Wednesday	-	Rally HQ opens in Melbourne at a major hotel, e.g. Hilton	
Thursday	-	Turbo Scrutiny	0900 to 1100
	-	Pre-Event Scrutiny	1400 to 1800
	-	Pre-Event Function	1930 to 2230
Friday	-	Driver's Briefing	0900
	-	Media Function	1330 to 1600
Saturday	-	Rally Office opens in Healesville	0800
	-	Vehicles assemble at Melbourne City Mall	0800
	-	Start Leg One	1000
	-	End Leg One (Healesville)	2300
Sunday	-	Start Leg Two	0800
	-	End Leg Two (Melbourne)	1600
	-	Post Event Scrutiny	1630
	-	Declaration of Results	1700
	-	Winners Press Conference	1730
	-	Prize Presentation Dinner	1930
Monday	-	Rally HQ and Healesville Office closes	