ARC General Committee meeting held 15 October 1992 at the Cuthbert residence

Present: Ken Ash, John Brann, Glenn Cuthbert, Jenny Cuthbert, Jenny Ellis, Gary Hodgskiss, David McKenzie, Keith Morling

Apologies: Roger Baker, Stuart Lister, Paul Thresher.

Meeting opened 8:30 pm

1. Staff. Field Media Liaison Officer will be Bill Bennett. Competitor Relations Officer will be Alan Patterson.

2. Commitment. Glenn emphasised the fact that everyone in the rally fraternity will be watching us closely and we must perform faultlessly. We all have a lot of work to do and we must get on with it. If you are not busy busy busy then something is wrong - ring Glenn for a job! A further point was made that officials will not be paid, particularly for work done on the days of the event. Members of the organising committee may be reimbursed for some costs depending on the size of the kitty. If there is no sponsor we can expect nothing.

3. Supp Regs. The supp regs are with CAMS at the moment and are anticipated to issued on 15 November 1992. The passport sized photos previously requested must be supplied as soon as possible to meet this deadline.

4. Event Name. As we have no major sponsor yet and the supp reggs are about to go out, the event will be known as the Healesville Stages Rally. Letterhead paper etc will be changed to reflect this. The word "Melbourne" will appear somewhere on official notepaper.

5. City Square booking. Glenn reported that the Moomba organisers had disputed our booking of the city square and Swanston Walk. It has been resolved in our favour.

6. Media day. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne has confirmed that he will start the event and attend the media day on the Wednesday prior to the event. It was suggested that we invite many public figures to the media day. Attendance at the media day will be by invitation only. We only want 6 to 8 cars. High profile crews only.

7. Patron. Glenn has arranged a meeting with Brian Naylor ("May your news be good news") who runs a sponsorship recruitment company. Amongst other things we will ask if he will be the patron of the event.

8. Army. The Department of Defence have replied to our initial letter by saying that they need a firm proposal before they can give a firm answer. Apparently the Army has a user-pays policy in these situations, but maybe we can arrange a sponsorship deal.

9. Route. VicRoads have responded positively (verbally) to our proposed route. The official response will forthcoming shortly. The Yarra Park stage will have to be worked out by a site visit. Not all ground conditions are apparent from the map. David and Ken to follow up.

10. Promotion. We need a new newsletter. Glenn wants a different style to the last one. Gary and John to follow up.