



AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND ONE
13 - 14 MARCH 1993

Minutes of ARC General Committee meeting held 12 November 1992 at the Cuthbert residence

Present: Glenn Cuthbert, Keith Morling, Gary Hodgkiss, John Brann, Paul Thresher, Brian Asher, Stuart Lister, Jenny Cuthbert, Kim Ash, Steve Burton, David McKenzie, Colin Hardinge

Apologies: Jenny Ellis, Suzie Wiseman, Roger Baker.

Meeting opened 8:05 pm

- 1. Safety Plan.** Glenn gave Paul a copy of the Rally Australia safety plan. Paul will have a look and come back with a modified version to suit our event. To our knowledge no local rally in Victoria has ever had a serious safety plan, so we will be breaking new ground. There will be a need to have an experienced medical person in the field to coordinate any emergency. A separate meeting of the safety committee will be organised for 1 December 1992.
- 2. Sponsorship.** We have had no significant response to our proposals, mainly because we asked too late. We are already pursuing sponsorship for 1994. Paul suggested we contact the TAC (who we have already contacted) as an alternative person. We will be offering spectator passes and parking spots to all companies who both supply and use petrol. Coca Cola will supply a 40m x 20m marquee. We will use it as an information centre and also as a place for caravans to sell Coke, and cans of Coke at 55 cents a can. No limit on the number of cans. We are also seeking sponsorship, which could take the form of \$5,000 - \$10,000 worth of fuel. Perhaps we could give each team a tankful of petrol.
- 3. Route.** We have had a letter from VicRoads giving permission for the use of all roads except the Black Spur. We have sent a revised schedule for the Black Spur stage which will have the road closed for no more than 20 minutes at a time. VicRoads consider this to a very important event and the decisions have been made at a very high level. We have a very preliminary route and schedule. Start 9:00 am. Stage at MCG then to Healesville via Freeway and Maroondah Highway. 5 stages in morning. Healesville Stage at 12:30 pm. 10 stages in afternoon. Back to Healesville at 6:00 pm. 4 or 5 night stages (including Black Spur). Saturday competitive distance 175 km. Transport distance 120 km plus Melbourne to Healesville. Sunday stages yet to be decided. Total competitive for the event looks like being 250 km. Will need to write to the organisers of various trail rides.
- 4. Spectator Points.** We have 6 or 7 points on Saturday, 3 or 4 on Sunday. Nearly all will be catered, most will have an entry charge. MCG and Healesville Town will not be charged. Brian has partly assembled a team.
- 5. Marysville.** Glenn has had a meeting with the Marysville Tourist and Progress Association. A briefing of the event was given. It was emphasised that we were looking for support from them, not the other way round. It was suggested that the Marysville main street could be closed off for servicing. A request for \$5,000 was made. They were advised to register with our Accommodation Hotline.
- 6. Healesville.** Glenn and Keith went to a meeting of the Healesville Working Party. It was agreed that all sports to be played that weekend at the Don Road Sports Ground will be relocated somewhere else. The evening service (approx 6:00 pm) will be held in Maroondah Highway between Church Street and Victoria Street. Glenn had a meeting with the Healesville Chamber of Commerce last night. It was emphasised that we had no money and were looking for financial support. Keith has had a meeting with the Superkart Association. They may organise a kart race in Healesville. We need to nominate the spectator points so that they can be allocated to local groups for the purposes of catering. Ken has spoken to the SBCV who have said that there is minimal power available (max 20 amps?) at the Sports Ground. We will have to speak to the Shire about paying for an upgrade. We will need a list of all the equipment we want to run.

7. **Police.** Glenn has spoken to the Victoria Police Major Incident Unit. This unit coordinates police activity for major events (Moomba, strikes, etc). A visit will be organised to inspect the area. We could be up for costs of several thousand dollars.

8. **Parc Ferme.** Was going to be at the Sports Ground, but the carpark between the Shire Office and the supermarket looks much better. We will have to write to the owners of the supermarket who own the site.

9. **Television.** Glenn and Keith spoke to SportsCom who have been videoing the Subaru rally cars and getting 3 - 5 minutes TV time. There will be a meeting in Canberra between us, SportsCom, and some of the manufacturers, to try to pool our resources.

10. **Computers.** Glenn, Keith, John and Ken Cusack visited Rod Marks. He will supply us with 4 PC's for the event, faxes, a laser printer, and a laptop (which we already have). A software programmer was recommended to alter Ken's program to multi-user. There will be a cost and discussions will continue. We need a system administrator for our network. Gary has spoken to Nunawading Council's administrator, who is having a think about it. Colin said he may know someone who could do the job.

11. **Logo.** A logo has been designed, similar in design to previous ARC events. This will become the event logo for use on letterhead, press releases, door decals, etc. We can also have badges made which can be flocked onto t-shirts.

12. **Posters.** Glenn has spoken to Inhouse Design, a division of the Melbourne City Council, about a promotion poster with a rally car blasting out of the city centre. They will prepare a proposal for not only the poster, but the whole printing contract.

13. **Helicopters.** Brian suggested we contact Professional Helicopter Services, contact Ron Newman.

14. **Clocks.** We have spoken to Seiko and Citizen about supplying analogue clocks. Ken has spoken to John Thompson about John making leads for the clocks at the flying finish and hiring them out. Approximate cost \$50 per 100 metres, which is going to be expensive.

15. **Mapping.** Department of Survey & Mapping have maps, but the maps we need cost \$200 per 1:100,000 equivalent map area. We would appear to need 5 areas. Requires further investigation.

16. **Spectator Guide.** The Esanda have a 4 page A5 size full colour spectator guide. We want something more comprehensive, but something like theirs could be inserted into the local paper the week before the event.

17. **Rally Boards.** Keith has made a prototype of the metal support stake for the rally boards. Work has yet to commence on the start ramp.

18. **Equipment.** We will need a mountain of equipment. A list will need to be compiled. Road directors will make list of all boards required on the route and equipment at spectator points.

19. **Christmas Party.** A spit roast barbecue will be held on 13 December, 12 noon for 1:00 pm, for all organisational officials and their families at the Morling property. Address: Bridal Road, Tonimbuk. Keith to supply maps.. Approximate cost \$5 per head plus a salad or a desert. RSVP (including whether you are bringing a salad or a desert) to Jenny Cuthbert by 6 December. BYO everything except meat.

20. **Meetings.** From now on, General Committee meetings will be held at the Cuthbert office, due to lack of space at the Cuthbert residence. Address: 3 Ryland Avenue, Croydon. Phone 725 8222.

Meeting closed 11:20 pm

Next General Committee meeting: Wednesday 9 December 1992 at the Cuthbert Office.