1993 AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP
HEALESVILLE STAGES

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Minutes of ARC General Committee meeting held 9 December 1992 at the Cuthbert residence.

Present: Keith Morling, Stuart Lister, Gary Hodgskiss, Ken Ash, Jenny Cuthbert, John Brann, Col Hardinge, Suzi Wiseman, Monty Suffern, Bob Buck, Glen Cuthbert, Roger Baker.

Apologies: David McKenzie, Brian Asher, Ken Cusack.

Meeting opened: 8:20 pm

1. **Sponsorship.** Melbourne Motorsport have bought the naming rights to the Healesville town stage. Glenn has had a meeting with Mick Ditchburn who will try to find us $50,000 sponsorship in return for 15% of the money. Shell have agreed to supply $10,000 mostly in the form of goods (mainly petrol) but we can have some of it as cash if we wish. Melbourne Major Events Committee at this stage have nothing for us, and in fact may be out of existence soon due to government restructuring. Citizen have agreed to supply analogue clocks for the start of each stage, and large digital clocks for the start ramp. Melbourne City Council have reduced their sponsorship and will not be supplying the marquees, however Shell will pick up the tab for the marquees. Tuckers Diners is a Shell subsidiary and may be interested in supplying food at the city square.

2. **Route.** The ARC will be 343 km competitive, 576 km total plus Melbourne-Yarra Glen transport. VRC will be 58 km competitive shorter. Yarra Park looks like it will not go ahead due to car parking requirements for Garden Week. It was suggested that roads in the Domain be used, which will have to be investigated. Reconnaissance of the three bitumen stages by competitors is still being negotiated with CAMS.

3. **Safety.** The sub committee met last Monday. Col Hardinge has since spoken to Nissan Patrol Car Club about providing 4WD recovery vehicles. They seem keen. A safety plan will be formulated based the Esanda safety plan. The plan should be finalised by the end of January 1993. There will be an ambulance and recovery vehicle at the start of each stage and every 10 km on long stages.

4. **Supp Regs.** A draft version was circulated. The idea of a glossy black cover looks like a dead duck due to printing difficulties. The idea now is to have white glossy card with black and three colours. It was decided to change the closing date for entries from 5 February 1993 to one month prior to the event.

5. **Stage Commanders.** We still do not have a full complement. We must sort this out very soon. Suggested names so far: Ken Ash, David Ridley, Andrew McCathie (may be competing), Jim Kennedy (will probably be away), Peter Holt, Helen Lister, Colin Elliot, Terry Frost, Trevor Woods, Ian Boyd, Paul Lechner. We will need at least 15 people.

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6. **Stunts.** Glenn has suggested a wheel changing competition in the city square.

7. **Manuals.** Bob Buck will have a look at preparing manuals for scrutineering, parc ferme, etc. Gary to scan the Rally Australia Parc Ferme and Regroup Marshals Manual.

8. **Parc ferme.** Overnight Saturday will be in the car park beside the Healesville Shire Office. Event end parc ferme will have to be in a compound at the sports ground. Every car to be held until one hour after the last car arrives.

9. **Media.** Suzi has been working on material Glenn sent her. Chris de Fragra at The Age says he hasn't received anything yet. Auto Action may publish a spectator guide if we can cover the cost with advertising. Australian Rallysport News has yet to be contacted, as has the Melbourne Leader. There are other tourist/promotion type publications which we need to contact.

10. **Radios.** Wisen has the ability to transmit data from a laptop at the end of a stage via packet radio to the headquarters. Wisen can run two radio nets - scoring and safety - but we need a third for general operations. Wisen will need to know the exact location of radio points very soon so that test transmissions can be carried out. We will need to have a scoring sub committee meeting soon to sort out the technical aspects.

11. **Maps.** We will not be having digital maps because they cost too much.

Meeting closed 11:00 pm

Next meeting Thursday 7 January 1993 at the Cuthbert residence.