

Imagine This

- 100 of this countries top rally cars, drivers and co drivers, all converge in Melbourne March 13/14 1993
- Two large marquees erected in the Melbourne city square, flanked by coloured flowers, conifers, astro turf, public viewing areas, VIP and media areas, a 3 piece jazz band and a choir to sing the Australian National Anthem just before the Melbourne Lord Mayor flags away the first car from the city.
- Banners and flags around the square, tea, coffee and biscuits for the public and outdoor seating strategically placed so the public can be a part of the rally atmosphere.
- A start ramp that will rock your socks off, PA system and lighting.
- All of this countries top rally cars on display
- Scrutineering in the city square on Friday in open marquees, so that the general public can view the proceedings behind effective barriers.
- The official rally hotel, the Hilton on the Park will play host to competitors on Friday evening, the place for the Media launch, the drivers briefing and the pre event get together.
- A special stage within 5 minutes from the centre of the city.
- A super special within the Healesville township, twice as long as previous years and double the action
- Another super special located at the Healesville Sporting complex
- Rally headquarters will be at the Department of Conservation and Environment head office, in short they move out we move in! This will also be our Media centre equipped with faxes, phones, computers and radios.
- We will be closing off the township of Marysville, just so the competitors can service there cars in the main street and be close to all facilities, not out in some paddock.

- A rally on the road that competitors will not want to leave
- The finish at the Healesville sportsground, under a huge marquee decked out for the presentation finish, fully catered for, a buffet spit roast, with all the trimmings, a dance floor and a bush band.
- **This is what is going to happen so far**

So what else is in the melting pot.?

We do not yet have a major sponsor, however minor sponsors are coming in all the time, some are Dunlop, Shell, Baron Signs, City of Melbourne, Marks Computers, Strut Recharge Industries, Coca Cola

Hilton Hotel, this is a new event and we new things were not going to be easy. This event will go ahead with or without a major sponsor. For what it is worth even Rally Australia in 1988 did not have a sponsor.

A fly past over Healesville by a F18 jet fighter , an air display by the roulettes, a Go Kart race through the streets of Healesville, Displays from the police and the army.

All roads we have applied for we now have approvals, with the exception of the Black Spur, they haven't said no but require some more info. (I am very confident)

The support that this event is generating is fantastic, departments from Vic Roads, the Shires, the Police, the City of Melbourne, local community groups.

I spend an average of three nights a week in meetings for all this behind the scenes work and it is now time to slot this event into top gear, less than five months to go and alot more things yet to happen.

We are only going to get one chance at this, eyes from all walks of life will be watching us from all around Australia. A quote just recently from our observer Mike Bell "My job is going to be easy, I will not have to move as I will have 100s of other observers all trying to pick the eyes out of this event"and believe me he is dead right.

Does this bother me? In short I know that we have one of the most experienced directing teams on the job and confident that with all of our resources pooled together, we can run one of this countries top rallies.

All that we do for 1993 can only enhance our efforts for a better event in 1994.

If you haven't got a job or don't know what to do give either myself or Keith a call so we can get this whole shooting match up and going.

If you have any ideas that you think can make this event even better, forget about how much it costs and how difficult it may be to organise, please give me a ring.

A favourite saying of mine is **where there is commitment there's success**

We have got the ball and now need to run with it

Glenn Cuthbert

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Cuthbert', written in a cursive style.