

### **Last Group 5 Event for 1973**

This event was directed by Phil Carruthers and John Freeman from the Hunter Valley Sporting Car Club and was run within the confines of the Cessnock State Forest. As the roads were very dry and dusty the field ran with three minutes between cars. There were 29 Starters.

Several crew were clean at the mealbreak but a tricky tulip direction caught several crews including Neil Faulkner who was navigating for Peter Houghton plus several other crews also missed tulip directions and went down wrong roads far enough to drop valuable points. As the event unfolded Gary Wade damaged the front suspension of his Ford Escort putting him out of contention. Hal Moloney in the Colt SS ended up in Cessnock and Yvonne Grimes and Keith Bateson drove well against the male opposition even after a puncture in the last section.

Ron Fraser and Jim Williamson won by a half point after fracturing a brake hose also in the last section.

Final Placings were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ron Fraser & Jim Williamson Peugeot 404
- = 2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Horn & Bruce Beavis Cortina
- =2<sup>nd</sup> Tom McLean & Steve Corner Peugeot
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kevin Mason & Gary Clarke Datsun
- 5<sup>th</sup> Don Grimes & Ray Mettam Galant
- 6<sup>th</sup> Robert Wilson & Revs Rowney Galant
- 7<sup>th</sup> Peter Houghton & Neil Falkiner Ford Capri V6
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ken Bolinger & Brian Mepham Cortina.