



RALLY NOTES

Christmas 2015



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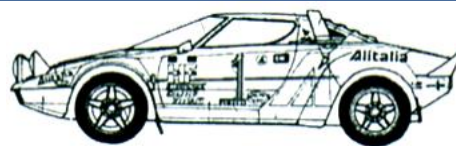
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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Another year is almost to an end with the club running five very successful events. Our finances continue to increase as does our membership.

The year started with the Fluffy Duck, directed by the ageless Ron Fraser. Split into tarmac & dirt certainly would have made the setting of the event more difficult and time consuming. The dirt competitors had a “huge” lunch at St Auburns Tavern and everyone enjoyed a drink at the golf club at the finish.

Dan Robinson and Andrew Park set a testing Des West event. Unfortunately the wet weather resulted in dropping some forest stages and significantly shortened the event. Great to see Ruth West at the lunch break and flag some cars away after lunch. Many thanks to Dan's wife, Jane for the selection of cakes and slices for morning tea at Buladelah.

The Heart of the Hunter saw a record field of 35 entries. This all tarmac event seems to attract many members who would prefer to avoid the forest trails in their collectable cars. Congratulations to Rod Conry and his partner who blitzed the field and took the outright win. The lunch break at Dungog gave competitors a view of a town ravaged by flood waters a few months earlier. I couldn't believe the height of debris in the trees when setting this event. Shannon Fraser definitely won the karaoke competition at Potters Brewery that night, with husband Troy breaking the microphone and dazzling the crowd with his dance steps. Definitely takes after his pop, Ron.

The Nov 200 temporarily replaced the Evan green for 2015. Ron Fraser and David Brown set another testing event with stages around the Upper Alyn River. Can't remember ever using Salisbury Gap Road before. Had to drive around a tree across the road and the Navigators had a view of a sheer drop on the left. The Brown family cooked up a BBQ for lunch in Dungog Park, much appreciated by all. Congratulations to Terry Collits on his first win in the Nissan Bluebird.

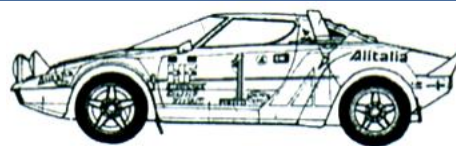
The BEST news this year must be the announcement by Transport Minister Duncan Gay on a 60 day log book trial for vehicles on historic plates. I was one of the first people to register our club for the trial. When you renew your registration, or if you would like upgrade to the 60 day trial, fill in a form at the RMS to change “The Conditions of use” for your vehicle.





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**VERY IMPORTANT:** Don't forget to fill in the form at the back of this newsletter **AND RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**. If membership lapses your car is **UNREGISTERED**. Also, the committee will be reviewing members who have not presented their vehicle for inspection this year.

As I write this the Christmas register run would have just finished. Many thanks to Carey Fraser for setting and running this annual event.

We have some ideas for next year which will include new territories to explore. Requests for special timed stages is on the increase so we will do our best to fulfill your wishes. Many thanks to the Committee who have been a pleasure to work with. Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas, hope to meet at some stage next year each and every one of our 150 members.

Yours in Rallying ,  
Geoff Thomas.

#### Patron: Ruth West

##### Office Bearers;

President/Vehicle Examiner

Secretary

Treasurer .

Eligibility

Public Officer

CAMS delegate

Club Capt./Scorer

Editor/Web Master

Geoff Thomas

Kay Fraser

Karen Piggott

Peter Meddows

Darval Thomas

Rod Towers

Laurie Gahan

Darren Grainger

4957 0999

0404 497 401

0412 133 899

4936 1588

4920 7961

0408 291 203

49511300

0437 673 932

##### General Committee;

Rod Piggott

Carey Fraser

Andrew Park





## 2016 Calendar

### Club Meeting Dates

Our meetings are held at 7:00 pm, every first Tuesday of each alternate month.

Meetings will continue to be held at Wallsend Diggers unless otherwise advised.

2nd February  
5th April  
7th June

2nd August  
4th October  
6th December

### AGM

Due to a delay in finalising our proposed amendment to the club constitution, we are considering postponing the AGM until April. Formal notice will be given soon (and watch the club web site).

Proposed date - 5th April 2016

### Club Event Dates

(As proposed and submitted to CAMS)  
See website for full sup regs and info

Fluffy Duck 12th March

Des West Winter Classic 25th June

Heart of the Hunter 20th August

Evan Green 12th November

Christmas Run 10th December

### AHRG WEBSITE

Visit [www.historicrally.com.au](http://www.historicrally.com.au)

Many thanks to all those who have made valuable contributions to the website.

If you would like to contribute, please contact : [secretary.ahrg@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ahrg@gmail.com)







Message Board

## Notice To All Members

All members with historic registration please note:

The Committee has voted and passed the following: Historic Plate Holders registered with AHRG must compete in **at least one organised event** during the year to retain certification by the club. ALL Historic Plate holders must be financial members of the club or their Registration is null and void i.e. your car is unregistered. The club registrar will keep a record of members' participation in club events and has Committees approval to decline renewal of registration if the above is not adhered to.

This has been decided for the benefit of the club and its members. Some members cars have not been seen at club events for years and the same can be said of the members.

On the subject of membership please note that all memberships end at the end of December each year and should be renewed **BEFORE** then to maintain your membership of the club and also legal registration of historic vehicles registered under the club.

## ATTENTION AHRG Club Constitution

This year has seen the committee review the club's constitution for the first time since 1997. It is the committee's intention to have this review completed and ready for presentation to the club membership at the 2016 AGM for voting to update this very important document.

Please keep an eye out for the draft proposal on the club's website early in the new year.





### November 200

It was suggested that we needed something to fill in the gap in events following the Heart of the Hunter which featured an outstanding rollup of entries. As organised by the outstanding Directorship of Geoff Thomas in gaining a field of over 30 cars which brings back memories of the early days of AHRG events which gained these numbers.

It is not correct as suggested by certain disgruntled members that Geoff poached a dozen doubtful people to run so as to put one over yours truly in running the Duck. Twenty two runners, the best ever. Top effort Geoff. It won't be bettered for a long time.

David Brown was contracted after just returning from a holiday in New Zealand and asked by a certain anxious Director if he could design something around 200kms long which would make a nice event to fill in the gap till the Duck of 2016 in March.

Having become a Bowls enthusiast, Dave agreed after being pursued for several weeks of intensive pleading, cajoling and in the end bullshitting and serenading his wife, Lona he gave in and did it.

Not only did he agree to design the course but my efforts of persistence got his wife Lona involved and she organised the catering at the meal break.

Being close to Xmas it was thought runners may be few and far between but we were pleasantly surprised to get a top class field of 17, all of which were highly talented. Kearsley was the starting point and the meal break was at Dungog where Lona Brown and their two extremely attractive girls served the sausages and rolls, tea and coffee, free to runners and officials.

We employed top class officials with Darren Grainger at the start, Howard McLean stolen from the MG Car Club on a control. John Wilson and his fiancé handling the vital control deep into the country area.

Clive Blanch and Matthew Wolthers were the other two important control officials. Sweep was Peter Howlett Stevens and family and they did a terrific job.

After days of indecision the end control was handled by long standing senior club member Andrew Park who never missed a bloody thing.

It is not an idle claim the route design by Dave was very warmly received by all competitors and not surprising going to a tight result.

Among the competitors I had built up high hopes that the family connection of Carey and Peter would shine driving the family heirloom, the Peugeot 404, which could actually find its own way without taking any wrong turns, which it did. But you also had to see and mark down the boards and Peter was extremely confident this is exactly what they did, except missed two boards. I was crushed.

The whole field got to the finish and the scores were so close that the tie break mileage had to be used to get a winner.

Next main event is the Duck on March 16.

Ron Fraser





### 2015 Christmas Registration Run

On Saturday 5 December twelve cars participated in the Register Run. The weather was perfect for an enjoyable day drive. Crews left Croudace bay and headed towards Newcastle passing through Gateshead, Whitebridge, Kahibah, Merewether, Nobbys Beach and onto Kooragang Island which included driving on the infamous and illegal drag strip.

Competitors then passed through Fullerton Cove, Williamtown, Medowie and onto the control at Raymond Terrace. Of course there were questions to answer along the way.

After a short break cars headed towards Duckenfield, Morpeth, Buchanan onto West Wallsend all the while still answering questions and identifying landmarks from the photos attached to their instructions.

From west Wallsend to Fassifern and around the lake and passing through Warmers Bay to the finish at Valentine.

There were various different makes and models of vehicles, including a Statesman, a Lancer, Datsun 1200, Mustang, Valiant Ute, Datsun Bluebird, Peugeot, P76, 370Z just to name a few.

- 1st Hal Moloney and Col Braye, P76
- 2nd Steve Nihlas and Mal Sinfield, Lancer
- = 3<sup>rd</sup> White Brothers, Datsun 1200
- =3<sup>rd</sup> Amy, Josh, Jack and Darren Grainger, Mustang

I would like to thank everyone for coming along especially the Sydney crews.

Carey Fraser







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Some more shots from 2015

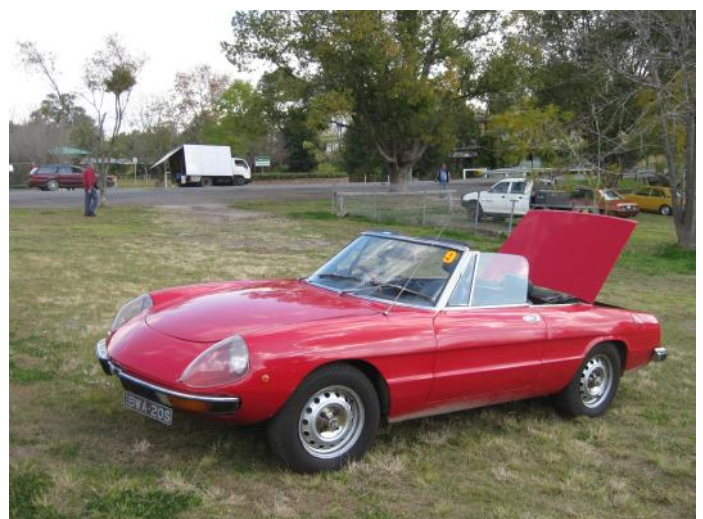






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*And Finally*

*From the committee to all our members, families, and friends  
wishing everyone a safe and healthy festive season*

*a very Merry Christmas*

*and a Happy New Year*

*Looking forward to seeing you all in 2016*



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**APPLICATION / RENEWAL OF FULL MEMBERSHIP**  
(Voting rights [AGM only], Committee eligibility, CAMS Licence validity, Newsletter)  
**APPLICATION / RENEWAL OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (Newsletter)**

I, ..... (Full Name of Applicant)

of, ..... (Address & Postcode)

Home Ph: ..... Mob: .....

Email: .....

**Please print clearly (do not use if you don't want to receive club emails)**

I desire to become/renew as a Member/Associate Member. (Cross out non-applicable words) In the event of my admission as a Full Member, I agree to be bound by the Rules of the Australian Historic Rally Group Inc.

.....  
(Signature of Applicant)

Date:        /        /

**Direct Deposit**        **BSB: 182-222**  
**Account:**        **120660865**  
Please email receipt of transfer to: membership.ahrg@gmail.com

Single Membership: \$35  
Family Membership: \$55  
Associate Membership: \$10

Cheques made payable to:        THE AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC RALLY GROUP INC.

CAMS Licence No:        .....

Competition:        .....

Official:        .....        .....        .....

Do you have a vehicle/s with Historic Rego?    Y / N        Facilitated by the AHRG?    Y / N

**Historic Vehicle/s**

<i>year</i>	<i>make</i>	<i>model</i>	<i>capacity</i>	<i>rego</i>
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**NOMINATOR:**

I, ..... *a member of the AHRG. Nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the AHRG*

..... (Signature)        Date:        /        /

**SECONDER:**

I, ..... *a member of the AHRG., Second the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the AHRG*

..... (Signature)        Date:        /        /



Return to:

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## Nomination for AHRG Committee

NAME OF NOMINEE:

.....

COMMITTEE POSITION:

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NOMINATOR:

I, ..... an eligible member of the AHRG, nominate this member for election to the AHRG committee.

..... (Signature) Date:     /     /

SECONDER:

I, ..... an eligible member of the AHRG., second this nomination for election to the AHRG committee

..... (Signature) Date:     /     /

ACCEPTANCE

I, ..... a member of the AHRG, accept this nomination for election to the AHRG committee.

..... (Signature) Date:     /     /

*Nominations for office bearers must be received by the club secretary at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting  
Acceptance is not mandatory on this form, but all nominations must be accepted in writing at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting*

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## Appointment of Proxy

*MEMBER:*

I, ..... *being an eligible member of the AHRG,*  
*name*

*HEREBY APPOINT:*

..... *being an eligible member of the AHRG,*  
*name*

*as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting for the purpose of the election of officers*

*held on* .....  
*date*

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.....  
*Member signature*

.....  
*Proxy signature*

*Appointment of proxy to be received by the club secretary no later than 24 hours before the Annual General Meeting.*