

Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Officials Newsletter Wrap-up June 2018

AGL Rally SA – Rally of the Heartland has been run and won

1. **The Rally** was centred in the state's mid-north around Burra with stages stretching from Collinsville in the north East to Burra Gorge in the south.

Classic cars ran Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday and the MRF Tyres SARC on Saturday and Sunday only

The Service Park in Burra was centred on the Towns historic Paxton Square Cottages, and was a real feature. There are not many places, if any, where competitors can step out of their accommodation straight into their competition car.

Another feature was the second year that full competitive stages were run in the centre of Burra in the Heritage Mines precinct, spectated by hundreds of locals.

New and old Wind Farm stages were also featured, with their competitive technical roads providing real challenges

It was "Where Windpower meets Horsepower" and again turned the clock back for the sport in South Australia, as only the second blind event for many, many years

The event had a nice retro feel to it, and many commented on the relaxed ambience of the weekend

Pace notes/Recce were not allowed, and that showed in the pace of the event – all stages under 110kph average – a result that event management was hoping for, and very similar to last year

The results are here: - www.rallyresults.com.au/roth/2018

2. **Events cannot happen** without volunteer officials, and huge, huge thanks go out to the nearly 200 people that worked tirelessly to help execute our event. Our Stage Management Teams and their various groups of officials did a great job. We really appreciate you all

Equally, the managements of naming rights sponsor AGL, the landowners and residents along the route, and the local Goyder and Northern Areas Councils all contribute to enable things to happen. Thank you one and all – we know that we are

privileged to rally in the windfarm precincts, the Mine heritage area and in the district generally, and hope we contributed to the region positively

More than 30 official photographers and videographers captured the action and scenery of the Rally of the Heartland over the weekend. Many of their shots and video work are shown on our Facebook page and in the Community section of our media partners FAIRFAX PRESS via the Northern Argus

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rallyheartland/>

Northern Argus:- <https://www.northernargus.com.au/community/>

All stages were filled, and ran largely on time and the **UNFAILINGLY PLEASANT** mantra has got through for sure – and I thank you all for the positive impression you left with competitors, residents and spectators alike.

I would like to thank our various sponsors and supporters as well – without them, events like this would suffer, so let's put our hands together for AGL ENERGY, LIGHTFORCE PERFORMANCE LIGHTING, SHANNONS, BOILEAU, CMI TOYOTA, MITSUBISHI MOTORS AUSTRALIA LIMITED, and FAIRFAX PRESS. Please buy from them or use their services whenever you can to show your appreciation of their support for our sport.

So too, our friends at GOYDER council, NORTHERN AREAS Council and WICEN, SAPOL, CFS, CAMS, all the RESIDENTS along the route, and of course all OUR ARMY OF VOLUNTEER OFFICIALS.

3. 2018 AWARDS

Awards for officials have been allocated. Lots of discussion and the final lists are below.

Best Stage Official Award

Each Stage Commander nominates their best official – 8 awards to be won. The winners are –

MOUNT BRYAN – Andrew Challen

AGL WINDFARM – Debbie Angel

TURBINE ROW- Alan Hook

JOHNNY GREEN – Peter Tann

NORTH TO SOUTH TO NORTH – Bill Scott

MOUNT DARE MALLET – David Eddy

BURRA GORGE – Phil Gough

SERVICE PARK – Lynton Denton

Each official who worked at various locations with Scrutiny, in the MIV's, at Remote Refuels, in the Course Car Teams and in Rally Control are highly commended for their work in their specialised fields. It was impossible to select one for an award so our thanks go to all.

The Official of the Year Award

As always it was a difficult decision to pick a winner, and after a lot of consideration the award has been issued once again (second year straight!) to **JAMIE ROBERTSON** – Jamie goes the extra mile in many and varied areas, is the leader of the Ramp Construction Crew, The Course Car Manager, and to top it all off, he drives Sweep!

CONGRATULATIONS Jamie, well done!! We truly appreciate your efforts and dedication. Our Rally would be the poorer without you

Best Stage Award

Awarded to the Stage Commander of the stage judged as best by a range of observers, including the crew of 00. **The winner is Mount Dare/Mallett.** Everyone did a big job there. Well done to all

Congratulations go to Phil Matthews and his team. This has yet again been a decision based on very marginal factors – all stages performed well and everyone should be more than pleased with the jobs they did, and the way they were carried out. AGL Wind Farm and Johnny Green were a very close run second

Clerk of Course Award

This award is given to the person(s) who stand out with their time and effort prior, during and after the rally. The winners of the 2018 Clerk of Course Award are **Phillip and Sandra Matthews**

CONGRATULATIONS. Without them and the team they assembled, there was no “long” stage, and their execution/support was amazing

5-Year Awards	10-year Awards	15-year awards
Alan Benney Damien Rollond Lisa Totani Rob Williams	Allan Braham Douglas Glover Andrew Ownsworth	Phillip Matthews Tony Mott David Wilson Michael Woodward

We are getting to be a very experienced group, and it shows. A big thank you to all

Please note: **If your name is not there, and you think it should be, TELL US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We may not be able to fix it for this year if we do not know about it by the end of JULY 2018**

4. **All competitors at the AGL RallySA** - Rally of the Heartland were asked to bring toys to the event as part of their entry requirements. Well, everyone excelled at that, and many of Burra's children were delighted with them at a toy handing over event at the Burra Early Learning Centre ahead of the start.

Check out the kids in the pictures. Thanks everyone, it was a great thing to do for a community that supports us - and will be the tradition going forward

Photos by Nomad Zoom



Help us to help you

We think that the best way to stay in touch with you all is via our **facebook page** here: - facebook.com/rallyheartland/ - everyone is on facebook, and so can access this easily.

Sponsors always look for a return on investment when making sponsorship decisions, and so we need to be able to point to positive attention from loads of people, and as big a reach as possible. One way to do that is via Facebook

Add us to your favourites, hit "like", and "share" and comment OFTEN to help us to build social media numbers that help with sponsorships – it's a win/win. If EVERYONE involved got really active on our facebook page, it would create a great positive for the sponsors, and consequently, a great positive for the event

Our next event is The SHANNONS ADELAIDE RALLY



Adelaide Rally 2018 – a part of the Adelaide Motorsports Festival

November 28th to December 1st, 2018

This is our next event, and one that will be super interesting to be involved in. Lots of information is coming out soon. Spaces for officials will be limited, so get in early to get a position and newsletters etc going forward

Register at: - <http://lightforcerrallysa.com.au/register-adelaide-rally-official/>

On a final note, everyone can be proud of what we did in the Heartland, and I look forward to working with you all again.

Cheers Ivar



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