



# Rally Whitsundays

*“An Adventure in Paradise”*

Round 1 of the 2019 CAMS Queensland Rally  
Championship

4 May 2019

## Rally Guide to assist planning by QRC 1 Rally Competitors

Note: This document has no regulatory value unless specifically referred to in the Supplementary Regulations or a Bulletin and therefore should be used as a guide only. For regulations, please refer to the Qld Rally Handbook, the Rally Whitsundays Supplementary Regulations and any Bulletins issued.

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## 1. Introduction and Welcome to Rally Whitsundays

Welcome to the Rally Guide for the first running of Rally Whitsundays which is promoted by Whitsunday Sporting Car Club and Round 1 of the 2019 CAMS Queensland Rally Championship. Rally Whitsundays will be contested on Saturday 4 May 2019 on Shire roads, private property and within the township of Bowen.

It is my privilege to be Clerk of the Course of this new and exciting rally adventure at the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, and by any stretch of the imagination a very beautiful location for an event.

The Whitsundays 74 Island Wonders, just on the beautiful tropical coast of Queensland Australia, at the heart of the Great Barrier Reef is indeed a feast for the senses, from the stunning natural landscapes of coasts and islands to secluded beaches and friendly towns, a Whitsundays trip is one you surely won't forget.

The stages are all new and traverse an interesting and testing combination of gravel roads around a coastal headland, through hinterland savannah, cane country and a bitumen stage within the town of Bowen.

Rally Whitsundays is the central focus of the Whitsundays Festival of Motoring and the key stakeholders behind its creation are Abell Point Marina, Whitsunday Regional Council and Tourism Whitsundays who aspired to create this land based event.

The Whitsunday Regional Council and the local business community are strong supporters of the Rally. Your entry in the event will contribute to its success.

This Rally Guide is something new for a State Championship Rally but it gives the organising Committee the opportunity to provide some non-regulatory information and contacts that can be used by prospective competitors in their planning for and participation in, Rally Whitsundays.

Paul Woodward

Clerk of the Course

## 2. Event Summary

Total distance: 386 km\*

Stage Distance: 115 km\*

No of Stages: 10

Stage Surface: Gravel except for about 2.2 km bitumen in Bowen

Sunset: 1743 hours AEST (Saturday 4/5/2019)

(Note \* - These reflect reduced liaison distances. See Article 6.2 for action to remove the proposed remote refuel. Final distances will be published in Supplementary Regulations)

## 3. Event Programme

**Monday 22 April 2019** – Entries Close

**Thursday 25 April 2019** – Seeded Entry list published

**Sunday 28 April 2019** – Scrutiny and documentation for Brisbane competitors' vehicles at Roo Systems Banyo 0900 to 11:00 hrs. Note: Regional Scrutiny will be available as per Supplementary Regulations

**Friday 3 May 2019**

1630 to 1730 hrs – Scrutiny Represents (and approved scrutiny only) at Cane Country Tyres Proserpine;

1700 to 1800 hrs – Documentation for non SEQ crews at Rally HQ, Mantra Club Croc Boardroom, 240 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach

1800 hrs – Rally cars at Ceremonial Start parking area (Abell Point Marina)

1830 hrs – Ceremonial Start commences at Abell Point Marina, Airlie Beach followed by rally cars secured in pre-start Parc Ferme

**Saturday 4 May 2019**

0700 hrs – Crew and Service Crew Briefing at Abell Point Marina, Airlie Beach (TC 0)

0730 hrs – 1<sup>st</sup> car starts from TC 0

1658 hrs – 1<sup>st</sup> car finishes Rally at Bowen Foreshore. (Revised from 1800 hrs. Note: After the final control and parc ferme period, Rally cars can be returned to Airlie Beach on trailers.)

2045 hrs – Presentation of Awards Function at Mantra Club Croc Conference Centre, Airlie Beach

**4. Getting to Airlie Beach, The Whitsundays.**

**4.1 Road Travel**

It is expected that most teams will tow their rally cars to Airlie Beach on a trailer and maybe bring a second vehicle for servicing/Remote Refuels and general travel during the event. The Bruce Highway (A1) between Brisbane and Proserpine and the road from Proserpine to Airlie Beach are in good condition but you may experience roadworks in a number of areas. The following distances and travel times will assist you to plan your road trip.

The distance from **Brisbane to Proserpine (via Rockhampton, Sarina and Mackay)** is 1090 km which can be done in 13 hours and 40 minutes. It is suggested that you break the journey at Rockhampton (allow about 7 hrs 45 min). Please note that arrangements are being finalised with Rockhampton Regional Council for a special Rally Hub and overnight stop for rally teams at the Rockhampton Showgrounds on the Thursday 2 May night (and again on the night of Sunday 5 May). Full camping facilities and secure trailer parking will be available and local community groups are planning to provide food and refreshments at reasonable prices. These arrangements will be confirmed very soon and advised to competitors.

The distance from **Proserpine to Airlie Beach** is 26 km and can be safely covered in 25 minutes.

The distance from **Townsville to Proserpine** is 264 km with a recommended time of 3 hours 18 minutes.

#### **4.2 Air Travel and Hire Cars**

For those competitors, service crew, officials or spectators who decide to fly to the Whitsunday Coast Airport/ Proserpine to hire a car and/or meet their crews on site, Virgin and Jetstar both provide direct services from Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne to Whitsunday Coast Airport / Proserpine which is located 12 km south of Proserpine town and return. See airline websites for details and times of flights.

Flights are also available direct from Brisbane, Cairns, Sydney, Melbourne into Hamilton Island. See airline websites for details and times of flights.

Hire cars are available from Whitsunday Coast Airport / Proserpine but it is recommended that they be pre-booked to avoid any disappointment over the Rally week.

#### **Key highlights of the airport**

- Located just 30 minutes from Airlie Beach and 12 kilometres south of Proserpine, the Whitsunday Coast Airport offers direct flights to Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.
- Two commercial airlines: Virgin Australia and Jetstar can be booked through airline websites and/or accredited travel agents
- Facilities are available for Private Charter Flights and light aircraft. Pilot information for Whitsunday Coast Airport please call the Reporting Officer number on 0417 762 235.
- The airport allows access to free WIFI to all visitors and one can stay updated with Airport news the Whitsunday Coast Airport social media pages
- There are Coach transfers available to/from Whitsunday Coast Airport connecting with all island transfer ferries.
- Buses and taxis are available at Whitsunday Coast (Proserpine) Airport to bring you into Airlie Beach, Proserpine or Bowen upon arrival.

#### **5. Accommodation at Airlie Beach and neighbouring areas**

Mantra Club Croc, Airlie Beach is the official hotel and Rally HQ for the event.

We are pleased to confirm the Rally Whitsundays Promo Code for **Mantra Club Croc, Peppers Airlie Beach and Mantra Boathouse Apartments** for travel between **1-7 May 2019**, when booked before **1 May 2019**. The discount offered is 10% off the Mantra daily rate

Bookings can be made by following the below simple steps:

1. Visit <https://www.mantrahotels.com/australia/queensland/whitsundays/airlie-beach/accommodation/>
2. Select the your Travel Dates between 1-7<sup>th</sup> of May and the Number of People travelling
3. Input Promo Code **MOTOR19** (case sensitive) in the *Promo Box* – **hit SEARCH**. You will now see the discount applied to the Mantra daily rate.

4. Select the room type you wish to book and **hit BOOK NOW** to proceed to payment screen
5. Fill in all required details to confirm your booking and **hit COMPLETE BOOKING**
6. An email confirmation will be sent once all details have been processed.
7. Once booking is confirmed, it can be accessed via My Bookings on the same website by logging in using the **Reservation number on your confirmation and the Surname on the booking.**

Airlie Beach/Cannonvale have a range of caravan parks and apartments that can be booked direct.

## **6. Service Park and Refuelling**

### **6.1 Service Park / Servicing**

The Rally Whitsundays Service Park is planned to be located in the Proserpine Showgrounds. The Proserpine Showgrounds is accessible from the Bruce Highway via Faust and Jupp Streets. A detailed map with the layout of the Service Park and the Service Itinerary will be in the Rally Whitsundays Service Crew Instructions which will be available on the Rally Whitsundays website and provided to competitors.

### **6.2 Refuelling**

It is recommended that all rally cars and course cars start the Rally from Airlie Beach (Abell Point Marina TC 0) with full tanks as it is estimated that the distance from TC 0 to the next refuel will be about 125 km including up to 50 km competitive. There is a Liberty Service Station and other commercial stations (BP etc) with 98 RON and E85 pump fuel in Airlie Beach.

The proposed remote refuel at Peter Faust Dam is not needed after reduction of liaison distances.

Proserpine has BP, Caltex and other commercial outlets for 98 RON and E85 pump fuel.

A Refuel Zone will be set up within the Service Park at Proserpine Showgrounds.

Rally Cars and Course Cars should also plan to refuel from commercial fuel outlets in Bowen (locations will be advised in Route Instructions and Service Crew Instructions).

If a rally car is using an unleaded fuel other than 98 RON or E85, that crew will need to make own arrangements for the transport of fuel to the rally and dispensing Refuel Zones.

## **7. Visitor Information**

The Whitsundays is a diverse and beautiful region to visit with multiple offerings and attractions to enjoy. Located at the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsundays is an amazing holiday destination and a relaxing get away so come soak in the sun, enjoy the swimming and snorkelling.

With 74 island wonders in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsundays is one of the best boating destinations in the world. The Great Barrier Reef is home to more than 1,500 species of fish, turtles, whales, dolphins, dugongs and reef sharks and also has one third of the world's coral species.

Over the course of your stay, don't forget to walk on the beautiful white silica sands of Whitehaven Beach and visit the lookout and on Hill Inlet.

For more information on 'Things to Do' around the Whitsundays, please contact the WHITSUNDAY INFORMATION SERVICE on 07 4945 3967 or you can email them on [info@tourismwhitsundays.com.au](mailto:info@tourismwhitsundays.com.au)

[www.tourismwhitsundays.com.au](http://www.tourismwhitsundays.com.au)

## 8. About The Whitsundays Festival of Motoring



The Whitsundays Festival of Motoring is a multi-day extravagant event to be hosted for the first time ever amidst the beauty of the iconic locations across the Whitsunday Region. From fascinating relics of the past to mesmerising classics, the Whitsundays Festival of Motoring will be a diverse family friendly event with a range of activities attracting visitors across the globe.

May 2019, Whitsundays shall host the three-day power packed festival showcasing the natural wonders of the region. The Whitsundays Festival of Motoring aims to highlight the scenic beauty of the Whitsundays to ensure successful growth of this destination for futures motor events and festivals.

The Rally Whitsundays is the central focus of the Whitsundays Festival of Motoring.

Over the course of the weekend, you, your family and friends can get ready to embrace the varied offerings from Music and Live acts to Classic Car Parades, Displays and Show and Shines at this event that is fun and just the place all motor enthusiastic want to be.

We would like to welcome all family and friends to visit the Whitsundays to support the Rally Whitsundays and take part in the range of events from Friday to Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

For more information on 'Whitsundays Festival of Motoring', please visit the website,

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