



THE DINKUM OIL # 34

A drop from the Council of Heritage Motor Clubs to keep you going.

Future CHMC Annual Rallies.

The CHMC Annual Rally has been Councils blue ribbon event for the past 50 years. Although recent rallies have been successful, participation has been declining, and available clubs for hosting limited.

This situation led to a wide-ranging survey of every club to find out members expectations for future rallies.

Rally aspects that were not strongly supported were:

- Club investment in time and members required for rally organisation.
- Mal Mason Shield and Concours d' Elegance.
- The number of trophies and shadow trophies and associated judging.

The features that were supported:

- Continuation of rallies, but in a different format.
- The comradery amongst regular rally participants remains strong with many friendships being made over the years. This is seen by many as the most important rally aspect followed only by the opportunity to "show" their vehicle.

Of concern were:

- Cost, age and/or health of participants, and timing and distances travelled.

The Survey results, were discussed at the Delegates Meeting at Cowra on 25th October 2025, and the following changes were supported for future rallies to ease the onus on hosts clubs, whilst honouring the tradition of the Rally

- The Rally be held over a weekend. Host clubs could extend this if they so wish. The basic elements being Saturday morning CHMC Delegates' Meeting; Saturday afternoon Tour / Activity; Sunday morning Display; Sunday Evening Dinner & Farewell.
- The Rally preferably be held over the National Motoring Heritage Day weekend, i.e. the third weekend in May. This avoids public and school holidays, the Pre-31 Autumn Tour, and is a fixed date on the calendar.
- The Rally remains known as the CHMC Annual Rally with the tag line "A weekend of heritage motoring hosted by [club name]."
- Vehicles to be judged by Rally participants in a condensed number of categories: Veteran/Vintage; Post Vintage/40s; 50/60s; 70/80s; 90/2000s; and motorcycles. To reduce organisational requirements, judging would be managed by a CHMC sub-committee.
- There is no expectation a rally bag or rally badge will be issued. A rally programme could be produced as a memento if the host club wishes to do so.
- Morning teas, lunches, afternoon teas and the Saturday evening meal will be self-catered for by the Rally participants. Hosts clubs may consider making suggestions of suitable outlets and/or venues.

A more detailed analysis of the Survey results can be obtained from Council upon application by Club Secretaries.

More information about this, and other items of interest, can be found on Council's website:

www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au

