

## Rally Queensland 8 -10 May, 2009



### New Developments

Well in less than five (just 5) months the Brisbane Sporting Car Club will host the first International Rally ever to be held in Queensland - yes that's right, from 8th to 10th May 2009, Rally Queensland will play host to competitors from China, Japan, India, Indonesia, New Caledonia, Malaysia and New Zealand in the Australian round of the FIA Asia Pacific Championship (the APRC). As well as the APRC Rally Q will be rounds of the Australian and Queensland Rally Championships, and we will also run the popular All Comers category for those competitors who want to also experience the same roads as our International visitors. This injection of overseas entrants, some of whom will also be competing in the coveted 2009 Pirelli Star Driver program, will see at least 20 crews, almost all of whom will have not been to Queensland before, battling it out for supremacy with Australia's best - Evans, Bates, Evans, Guest etc. We are planning a new spectator park to give all attending easier access with more facilities and plenty of action from passing rally cars. Entry ticket prices including car parking will probably be \$15 per day, or \$25 for both days.

### Key Dates



Rally Q will be launched in May with high profile Media Launches at the Sunshine Coast and in Brisbane - we are hopeful of having the current APRC Champions, Cody Crocker and our own Ben Atkinson present at both of these launches which should

d other media

Mayoral Welcome at

Surfair at Marcoola for all competitors on the evening of Thursday 7th May, and are hoping to involve an Aboriginal dance troupe to give our overseas visitors a traditional Australian welcome. Following the Shakedown and Media & Corporate Ride Day on Friday 8th May, we will be holding a Ceremonial Start at Cotton Tree Park Maroochydore, where we are planning a series of fun related competitions between our overseas visitors and teams from various Life Saving Clubs on the Sunshine Coast.

Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th May will see the real competition get under way on the now famous Rally Q roads in the Imbil Forest, culminating in the Podium Finish in the Imbil Service Park on Sunday afternoon. The stages will be similar to those used in 2008, although we might have to shorten our signature 35 km stages by a couple of kms to comply with the APRC requirements.

**Recruitment** and of course none of this would happen were it not for the valuable support and encouragement of the likes and you and your fellow volunteers - as I have said many times before, without you and your like minded 800 volunteers , Rally Queensland simply would not happen.

Peter Flynn has kindly taken on the role of Officials Co-ordinator and Training Officer, and will be adopting some new practices in readiness for Repco Rally Australia, our World Rally Championship, later in the year. Peter will be particularly interested in those people and teams who are keen to do both events. Our new Rally Q website will be up and running early in the New Year, so watch for its introduction and register without delay. Details of training will be available as soon as we arranged a few dates.

We are always mindful of trying to get new people involved in stage management roles. If you are interested in being a trainee stage commander, deputy stage commander, or stage safety officer, your first step will be to talk to Peter and register your interest. We will then see how you can be accommodated, and take things from there.

### Happy Holidays

All that remains is to remind you to mark your 2009 calendar with the Rally Q dates of 8th to 10th May, and to take this opportunity to thank you for your past involvements, and to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.