



## QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Wednesday, 1 March 2017  
at Sports House, 150 Caxton St, Milton

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

|                          | Attended | Apology |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|
| Paul Woodward (Chairman) | 2        | 0       |
| Shaun Gill               | 1        | 1       |
| Gerard McConkey          | 1        | 1       |
| Bob McLean               | 2        | 0       |
| Matt Sosimenko           | 2        | 0       |
| Clay Weston              | 2        | 0       |

#### APOLOGIES:

|                 |   |   |
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| Kent Lawrence   | 1 | 1 |
| Peter Marcovich | 1 | 1 |

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Queensland Rally Advisory Panel Chairman, Paul Woodward, opened the meeting at 7.32pm and noted apologies.

#### RAP17.

##### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

014 The minutes from the previous meeting held on 1 February 2017 were presented and accepted at QSC February meeting.

##### BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

015 Prior to the review of the business arising from Minutes, Matt Sosimenko congratulated Paul Woodward on the award of the CAMS Service Star and noted the other members of the Rally community who received awards at the recent Evening of Champions. Special mention was made of the award for Event of the Year to BSCC's SR Automotive Manumbar Rally and Officials of the Year to Gordon and Maree Fischer. Rising Star award went to Wayne Morton.

- 016 Ref. RAP17.003 - Mentor Tyres 2017 Event Collateral  
Panel was briefed by Shaun Gill on the availability of tyres for 2017 QRC teams in mid-February 2017. Windscreen banners and vehicle decals are in Melbourne. Panel Chair to send an email to Mentor Tyres requesting delivery of all banners etc by 10 March 2017. Panel will also liaise with CAMS Office to raise the first Invoice for 2017 sponsorship money.
- 017 Ref. RAP17.004 - QRAP Website  
Matt Sosimenko is finalising the short form contract and Invoice and will present these at the April meeting of the Panel.
- 018 Panel finalised the draft FAQs developed by Kent Lawrence for the information of competitors in the coming QRC season. These will be prepared for publication on QRAP website and Facebook.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 019 Letter from Gold Coast Tweed Motorsport Club was tabled at the meeting. This letter advises that due to a number of issues including the need to increase the in-club capacity to organise State level events, GCTMC will have to withdraw as promoter of Round 4 of the MRF Tyres QRC – the Border Ranges Rally scheduled to be run on the weekend of 18-19 August 2017. It further states that it believes that the Club will be able to run a QRC in 2018. Rally Panel discussed the implications of this letter and what may be the options to maintain a 5 round QRC.  
**Decision required by QSC:** Pending these outcomes, Panel requests State Council to approve that the Border Ranges Rally (QRC 4) be removed from the 2017 Calendar. The Calendar to continue to show Benarkin as QRC 5 to avoid confusion. QSC to note that Panel has made a “without prejudice” approach to Rally Australia to see if a QRC round (Round 6) could be held in conjunction with the Coffs Harbour event.
- 020 **Post RAP meeting activity:** Since the meeting Panel was advised that IROQ 2017 has been cancelled and the APRC and ARC had been cancelled with the APRC round being moved to Canberra on the same date in May. The ARC round has been abandoned and the ARC will run as a reduced 5 round championship. No mention was specifically made of the QRC round in any Rallycorp press releases.  
Since that announcement Panel has had many discussions with the former IROQ organisers on the potential to run QRC 3 with a team drawn from the Queensland based IROQ team. Panel raised the issue of the closeness of Wowan now that APRC is not the driving force for the date and after discussion Panel has noted that Brian Everitt has worked with Gold Coast Tweed Motorsport Club to continue with the running of the QRC round at Imbil as a once-off for 2017. It has been accepted that the previous closeness to Wowan be resolved by having GCTMC promote QRC 3 at Imbil on August 12.  
**Action required by QSC:** That QSC note that QRC 3 will now be promoted by GCTMC in conjunction with the former IROQ team and that QRC 3 be moved from 26-28 May to 12 August 2017.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- 021 An issue was raised to Panel that a competitor over the age of 25 has purchased a fully prepared turbo 4WD rally car and intends to run it in QRC 1. This competitor has only run a Gemini in rallies before and the move to the EVO is a big step up. For new licence holders under 25, CAMS requires an observed licence test before the licence is issued but there is no requirement for a reasonably inexperienced older driver to do an OLT when stepping up to a very powerful rally car. Panel considers that this matter should be raised to CAMS (through ARCom) with a view to a rule change to address potential risk.

In the meantime, Panel is seeking to have some experienced drivers mentor the upgrading driver to help in the transition.

**Action required by QSC:** That QSC agrees that Panel can contact ARCom seeking consideration of a rule change for Rallies.

022 Following discussion on the timetable for the compulsory introduction of FHRs for all gravel Special Stage Rallies regardless of status, Panel was informed that while the mandating of FHRs for Circuit and Off-Road apply from 1/1/18, no such decision has been made for Gravel Special Stage Rallies.

**Action:** Panel asks QSC if representations can be made to ARCom seeking a decision to mandate FHRs in all Special Stage Gravel Rallies regardless of status as from 1/1/18.

023 Bob McLean highlighted the section(s) of Schedule B of the General Requirements for Cars and Drivers which requires that each external door handle that is not easily distinguishable from the surrounding bodywork be marked with an arrow and the words Open Lift, Push or Pull. These requirements are used and checked in Circuit and Off Road but are yet to become regular practice in Rallies. Bob McLean has recommended that this requirement be included in the review of the National Rally Code.

**Action:** That QSC approve that Panel contact Mr Ross Runnalls (author of the review of the NRC) seeking inclusion of this requirement for rally cars.

024 Bob McLean also noted that the QRAP submission to Ross Runnalls on the review of the NRC recommended that Car 0 and Fast Sweep cars that are log booked or not must be scrutineered for safety prior to the event and that the crew must wear appropriate apparel and helmets. The last version of the draft rewrite of the NRC did not include this as there was opposition from one or two other Rally Panels. Panel considers that this matter should again be raised to Ross Runnalls with a view to inclusion.

**Action:** That QSC endorse a recommendation to be sent by Panel to Ross Runnalls addressing the above issue.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 9.50pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 5 April 2017

“I have signed this draft document and believe it is a true and accurate record of the meeting”.

Signed:.....

Paul Woodward  
Chairman: Rally Advisory Panel