

Queensland Rally Advisory Panel
Advice to Queensland Rally Competitors and Organisers
about changes to the 2017 MRF TYRES Queensland Rally
Championship

At the 1st March 2017 QRAP meeting, Panel was advised that Gold Coast Tweed Motorsport Club (GTMC) would not be able to promote and deliver the 2017 Border Ranges Rally (QRC 4) to be held on 19 August 2017. GCTMC also advised Panel that the Club was working to ensure that it could promote the 2018 Border Ranges Rally on a date in August 2018. Panel agreed to request Queensland State Council (QSC) to remove QRC 4 from the 2017 CAMS Calendar.

On Thursday 2nd March, Panel Chairman was advised by Brian Everitt, Clerk of the Course of IROQ (which included QRC 3) that Rallycorp had cancelled IROQ which was to be held on 26 to 28 May 2017. Brian Everitt subsequently told Panel that his Queensland based organising team would like to run a single day QRC 3 at Imbil on a suitable date and was looking at options. Panel advised that with the loss of Border Ranges Rally, the successful delivery of QRC 3 would contribute to a viable 2017 Championship.

Panel also advised the Brian Everitt and the QRC 3 team that, as the FIA approved dates of 26 to 28 May were no longer compulsory for QRC 3, a date in early August would avoid the need to change any other QRC events in the 2017 CAMS calendar. It would also assist CQMSC by removing the 3 week gap between the Wowan based QRC 2 and the date of the former IROQ.

The organising team of QRC 3 advised Panel that August 12 was suitable and that GCTMC had agreed to promote QRC 3 and provide Secretarial and equipment to assist the organising team comprising Brian Everitt, Mike Verrall, Mal Bartolo and other officials who had committed to work on IROQ.

Panel noted that this “once-off” approach would resolve the issue with QRC 3 for 2017 and Panel made recommendations to QSC for consideration.

At its 14 March 2017 meeting, QSC considered these recommendations and approved and/or noted the following actions:

1. That 2017 QRC Round 4 (GCTMC Border Ranges Rally) be removed from the 2017 CAMS Calendar.
2. That the 2017 CAMS Calendar be altered to show that 2017 QRC Round 3 will not be held on 26-28 May 2017 but will be moved to 12 August 2017 with

GCTMC as the promoter. QRC 3 will be a one day blind State Championship Rally based at the Imbil Showgrounds.

3. QSC noted that these arrangements will apply for 2017 only as GCTMC has indicated that it will promote the Border Ranges Rally as a round of the 2018 QRC.
4. QSC has also noted that the dates for all other QRC rounds will remain unchanged and the P3 Solutions Benarkin Rally will remain as QRC 5 to avoid any confusion. The dates for the BSCC KCF Short Course Rallies in June, July and October are also unchanged.
5. QSC also noted that QRAP is working to achieve another round of the 2017 MRF TYRES QRC. Panel has had initial discussions which may see a one day QRC 6 being run as part of 2017 Rally Australia at Coffs Harbour. Details are to be finalised and details of a new event will be advised when known.

Mentor Tyres, the sponsor of the 2017 MRF TYRES QRC has been fully advised of these actions. GCTMC as the promoter of QRC 3 will provide more details on the Imbil based event in coming days so please watch for that information. GCTMC also expect to have the Supplementary Regulations for the Climatrol Air Conditioning Urbenville Short Course Rally on 22 April 2017, available on their website gctmc.org.au soon.

I apologise for the length of this advice but Panel considers that Competitors and Organisers need to be fully informed of the background to these decisions.

Regards

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Chair Qld Rally Advisory Panel