

Cootamundra Trial 2023 Update, 9 February 2023

Gravel/Bitumen information:

The **Tour and Social Tour** categories will use 100% ALL bitumen roads. When we did our route charting in January there was about a kilometre of gravel being prepared for its bitumen top coat, total distance for these / groups is just over 700 km the route is completely separate to the one the M+A crews are using.

The **Social Gravel Tour** is also different again theirs being 40% gravel and 60% bitumen and of their 650 to 700 km most gravel is in Div1 before lunch on Saturday being just over 100 km.

The **Trial Crews Masters and Apprentices** use similar roads, not 100% the same we are giving the lesser category more help with their plotting. The Masters have just under 200 km of gravel during Div 1 and 2 and about 300 km of bitumen, the most challenging navigation day is Sunday, we are leaving the best till last only 60 km of gravel over the 200 km day.

With most of the area suffering from last year's wet weather problems a lot of roads were under water for months but nearly ALL the shires have since re graded their roads and most are in better condition than the Pot Holed major highways. We have 2 sections on our route that are Red Clay based roads so we already have written up reroutes in case there is an over abundance of rain. This will be fixed by a Manned Passage control or another format.

Vehicle Safety Check

Further updates and a Bulletin will be forthcoming over the next few weeks, our Self-Assessment Vehicle Safety Check form will be available on the HRC website soon along with the current forms there including the Supp Regs and Entry Form

Regulation 2.8 states that the Vehicle Safety Check form must be received no later than Wednesday 16th March but no EARLIER than 1 month before the event, this is to coincide with the NSW registration guidelines and this will be available soon especially for our interstate crews.

IMPORTANT: Remember this is a test of Navigation and it's not a Speed Test. We will have the radar unit out to penalise speeding.

Accommodation and Administration:

Officials are staying at the Southern Comfort Motor Inn on Parker Street, official Administration is from 5.30pm to 8.00pm at the Cootamundra Ex Servicemen's Club but can be done also from 1 to 5pm at the Motel on Friday 17th March as well from 5.45am on the Saturday morning in the Carpark of the club.

Drivers briefing at 7.30am sharp first car leaves at 8.00am

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