**Welcome**

**This is not a rally or a race but a Touring Assembly. / Family Observation Fun Drive**

The event is **NOT TIMED** and all road rules **MUST** be obeyed at all times.

Time taken takes **NO PART** in the calculation of results

*As well as the touring Assembly, there is being conducted a non-competitive* ***Observation Fun Drive*** *for members of the NDSCC or invited clubs. If you are not a member of the NDSCC or an invited club, temporary day membership can be arraigned for $5:00.*

*There are no awards for the* ***Observation Fun Drive*** *but the points achieved or lost will be available to the crews. No results or placing’s will be issued or published for this component of the event as it is a non-competitive* ***Observation Fun Drive****.*

*The route to be covered and the instructions will be exactly the same as the touring assembly.*

*Details*

These apply for both the Touring assembly and the Observation Fun Drive

**All crewmembers MUST complete the event entry form and sign the indemnity.**

The event will start at the Yamanto shopping centre car park Warwick road Yamanto (look for McDonald’s)at 9am, book in from 8 am. All crewmembers must sign on at the start. This sign on sheet will also be the disclaimer as required by CAMS. If any of the crewmembers are under 18 an authorisation must be signed by the parent or guardian and witnessed.

**Time table**

* 8:00 am. Crews can book in and once all the required paperwork has been received completed the instructions and maps will be issued. Crews can then commence plotting the route.
* 8:45 am. there will be a compulsory briefing. Questions may be answered.
* 9:00 am. The crews answer sheet will be issued and cars may leave the start in their own time.
* 10:30 am. Cars should be at a service station that has food outlets and fuel.
* 2:00 pm. The cars should arrive at the finish location from this time.

The event MAY finish at a cafe in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range in the Helidon area. The exact location of the finish will be advised.

It is a drive visiting various places specified on the map. We will record your time of leaving the assembly place so we can keep track of entrants.

If a crew decides to retire from the event they are to contact the organiser, Laurie Garth at 0434886283 to advise of the retirement.

There are many establishments along the route where food and fuel can be obtained.

Locations of some medical facilities and phone numbers are located at the end of this document.

Results For 2017 interclub touring assembly will be available as soon as possible and will be forwarded to the Scorer for the interclub challenge series.

**If there is enough interest** It is proposed to conduct a Navigation map reading training night in the week leading up to the event. Please contact me by email if you wish to attend a training night. If there is no interest then we will not hold one. Feel free to contact me re map reading if needed.

 lauriegarth@icloud.com Further information may be added as required.

**Some definitions that may be encountered in the instructions, and their meaning.**

“Maps”. The organisers will supply all required map. In these events the map is deemed to be correct. There may be roads that exist but are not shown on the map, there may be roads shown on the map that don’t exist and there may be roads that have had a name change. The map is always correct and all instructions refer to the items as shown on the map and are as mapped. To follow the correct route only the roads as shown on the map may be used.

“GPS devices. “As this is a navigation skill test GPS devices are forbidden and not to be used; I know that this is difficult to police and we rely on a gentlemen’s/gentlewoman’s agreement that they are not used. The penalty for use of these devices will be exclusion from the event and the disdain of other competitors.

A “Control”. Is a location where the crew is required to stop and report to the control official. An M board placed before the control will indicate a control

The “correct route to follow” will be found by using the “Generally the shortest route” as shown on the map, that complies with the instructions and visits all the required via locations. This is satisfied by working out the shortest route on the map using the instructions then following the route using the current new alignments if required i.e. some right-angle turns may now have been truncated. It is ok to follow the new bitumen alignment etc.

 “Shortest Mapped route”. Sometimes the instructions may use the words “Shortest Mapped route” This means that you have to visit the locations and use the roads EXACTLY AS MAPPED. These do not occur often but are important.

 “As mapped”. Indicates that you must proceed using the roads and intersections exactly as shown on the official map.

“U” turns are not required or allowed. You are not permitted to travel along a road in the opposite direction to that previously travelled to complete the route unless permitted to do so as notified in the instructions.

“Questions are in order” of passing I.e. the answer to question 4 will be found after the answer to question 3 and before you pass the answer to question 5.

“Answers to the questions”, In General, will be found on the left of the road. If the answers are on the right this will usually be specified in the instructions or the answer will be quite obvious. I.e. the name of a road at an intersection

**“Visual Route Checks”** or **P** boards also called **VRCs.** Or **info’s**, depending what state you are from. These are an information board that will be located on the correct route. Generally they will be used where there is nothing available to form a question. In general they will be white boards with three or for letters or numbers on them. They will be placed in a conspicuous place and easily seen if you are following the correct route. They are to be treated as answers to questions and recorded in the correct place on the answer sheet. The **P** board will be a larger board with a red **P** on it. In the bottom right corner will be a letter. Record the letter as you would record an answer to a question.

**“R boards”. Or ‘ Redirection** boards. It is envisaged that these will only be found in the “**Navigators Challenge**” section.
These are **VRCs** where the first letter is an **R.** These are placed on the correct mapped route where, for some reason, it is impossible to now follow the route. The **R** boards will also have an associated number. Included in The **“R”** instructions are redirection instructions advising what to do at this point for example: you arrive at a board that reads **R8** which indicates that you are on the correct route but there is now some issue. You look up **R8** in the instructions and it might say**.**

***“****You are at Via 4 but the mapped road behind this board to Via 5 is no longer passable. Follow the bitumen road to the south for .5 of a kilometre then turn right at the intersection and follow this road to Via 5”*.

You record the board **R8** in the appropriate place on the answer sheet. This is a method of sorting out the good navigators from the better navigators. At this stage I have only had to place a couple of VRC boards and **R** boards. They sound daunting but they are just like an answer to a question. The reason they are used is that the road no longer follows the map and we need to assure that you are indeed correct and put you on to the correct road.

**Triangles** that are placed on the road are to warn of an unseen or dangerous situation should one crop up. These will be placed at the discretion of the organisers if and where the organisers feel they are required. The absence of a triangle does not indicate that there is no situation that requires care.

There will be a **VRC/P** board, an **R** board, an **M** board and a **triangle** on display at the start.

**The following scoring will be used**

For the **Touring assembly component**, the crew with the most points will be declared the winner and so forth

**Scoring.**

Each correct answer recorded, including VRCs/P and R boards. = +10 Points.

For each control entered from the correct direction. = + 25 points.

For each control entered from the wrong direction. = - 25 points.

Any detected traffic breach = -100 points.

The use of a GPS device = exclusion from the event.

The event will finish at a Cafe in the Foothills of the Great Dividing Range, near Helidon. The exact location of the finish will be advised.

The event passes through some towns along the way and there are places that you can get refreshments should you wish. At a couple of points I have directed the route along the highway where it passes service stations and cafes.

Remember relax refresh revive survive.

Emergency services 000.

Directors phone. Laurie Garth 0434886283

**Hospitals / health services in he area are**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Ipswich Health Plaza**[21 Bell St, Ipswich QLD 4305](http://maps.google.com/?q=21+Bell+St%2c+Ipswich+QLD+4305)(07) 3817 2444 | **Gatton Health Service** (Gatton Hospital) [97 William Street, Gatton QLD 4343](http://maps.google.com.au/?q=97+William+Street%2c+Gatton+QLD+4343)(07) 5462 0123 |
| **Laidley Health Service** (Laidley Hospital)[75 William Street, Laidley QLD 4341](http://maps.google.com.au/?q=75+William+Street%2c+Laidley+QLD+4341)(07) 5466 8100 | **Toowoomba Hospital**154 Pechey St, South Toowoomba QLD 4350.**Phone:**(07) 4616 6000 |