



Forest Chatter

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2010 Quit Forest Rally 16-18 April, 2010 — Busselton & Nannup, Western Australia

Motor Sport Extravaganza

The **Quit Forest Rally** will be taking on another huge step in 2010. For the first time in the history of the Australian Rally Championship, **motorbikes** will be competing in the rally.

The Forest Rally first started 28 years ago as a round of the WA Rally Championship. Two years later it stepped up to be around of the Australian Rally Championship. Recently, the WA Clubman Series joined the event as did the LF Performance Speed Series running as a stand alone tarmac event on the Busselton Toyota Super Stage on the Saturday.

For 2010 we will be adding in the Rally Moto motorbikes. These competitors would normally compete in the Australasian Safari or similar desert type events. This will be there first chance to compete on forestry roads as part of a rally. The rally will be known as the **Quit Forest Rally — Moto**

They will run after the Rally Sweep & FIV has finished the stage. For 2010 the field will be restricted to 30 bikes or quads. The Moto will bring with them extra crews and spectators and add to the excitement of the Quit Forest Rally weekend.

They will not be the only bikes being part of the weekend Motor Sport Extravaganza. In Nannup there will be a Extreme Youth Festival where Freestyle Motorbikes will be doing demonstration runs as part of the activity on the Nannup Town Special Stage.

The Quit Forest Rally will also be supporting the **Black Dog Ride** to raise community awareness for Mental Health Awareness. On Friday evening at the Busselton Toyota Special Stage a group of bikes will be doing parade laps to promote the cause and then on Sunday they will be riding as group of up to 300 bikes from Bridgetown to Busselton, possibly dropping into Nannup along the way.



The rally will be Round 2 of the Australian Rally Championship and is the first gravel event for the year. Testing will be available on the Wednesday; Reconnaissance, Documentation and Scrutiny on Thursday. The Media Day will be on Friday morning and the rally start that evening on the tarmac Busselton Toyota Super Stage. Saturday and Sunday will see the crews competing in the plantations around Nannup.



The WA Rally Championship is almost identical as the ARC. Documentation and Scrutiny will be conducted the weekend before to make it easier during the rally. WARC are eligible to do testing on the Wednesday and they may also enter the ARC. The WARC crews will start immediately after the ARC Crews and will do entire event.

The WA Clubman Series has in the past started in Nannup on Saturday morning and then finished back in Busselton on Saturday night. We are interested to hear from Clubman competitors if this format still suits them or do they wish to change it slightly. It may be possible for the Clubman to drop the 2 hour service and jump ahead of the WARC crews back in Busselton. Please send your views though.



The **Shannons Busselton Sprint** will be back on in 2010. In 2009 we had a record entry of just under 100 cars. This caused a log jam getting all the cars through, but with improvements getting Scrutiny done in Perth and earlier start we will be able to ensure everyone gets their four runs.



The riders in the **Quit Forest Rally - Moto** will do parade laps around the Busselton Toyota Super Stage. They will then start the rally behind the Rally Sweep cars after the Clubman Crews. They will do all the stages on Saturday but will stay in Nannup that evening. On Sunday they will do all the stages except Brockman 2, but may do the Ellis Stage a 3rd time.

The Quit Forest Rally and WA Car Club Committees wish all our competitors, officials and supporters a Happy New Year and a great rally season in 2010.



2010 Calendar

The rally dates for both the ARC and the WARC are below.

2010 Australian Rally Championship Calendar

Rd 1	26-28 February	Rally Tasmania
Rd 2	16-18 April	Quit Forest Rally
Rd 3	15-16 May	Coffs Harbour NSW
Rd 4	26-27 June	Scouts Rally SA
Rd 5	31 July - 1 Aug	Rally Queensland
Rd 6	13 November	Victoria

2010 WA Rally Calendar

	14 February	CAMS Festival of Motor Sport
Rd 1	13 March	Trade Hire Donnelly Rally
Rd 2	16-18 April	Quit Forest Rally (WARC/WACS)
Rd 3	15 May	Lewana Stages (WARC/WACS)
	29-30 May	Targa South West
Rd 4	12 June	Experts Cup (WARC/WACS)
	26-29 August	Quit Targa West
Rd 5	17 October	Western Safari Rally (WARC/WACS)
	30 October	Come 'n' Try Day
Rd 6	13 November	Darling 200 (WACS)
	3 December	End of Season Celebration

2010 Quit Forest Rally Course is Set

The course for the 2010 Quit Forest Rally has now been set and awaiting approval from the authorities. The rally will be similar to other years as we use the same plantations each year. The only change is the start and finish location for the Kinky Stage. Keeping the stages the same will reduce costs and save time during reconnaissance.

The new bridge is now open allowing access to the original start on the Healthway Stage.

Heat One

Busselton Toyota SS (2)	2.16kms	Same as 2009
Kinky (2)	11.38kms	Slight Change
Ferndale (2)	24.40kms	Same as 2009
Healthway (1)	10.67kms	Same as 2009
Ellis (1)	14.56kms	Same as 2009
Nannup Oval (2)	0.85kms	Same as 2009
Total	102.81	

Heat Two

Busselton Toyota SS (2)	2.16kms	Same as 2009
Brockman (2)	19.12kms	Same as 2009
Folly (2)	8.87kms	Same as 2009
Healthway Loop (2)	10.88kms	Same as 2009
Ellis (1)	14.29kms	Same as 2009
Helium (1)	15.73kms	Same as 2009
Total	112.08kms	

Entry Fees to Stay The Same

With CAMS maintaining similar fees and an expected increase in the number of competitors, the Entry Fee for competitors will be the same as 2009.

ARC with advertising	\$2250
ARC without advertising	\$2910
WARC with advertising	\$1035
1st time WARC	\$935
1st time WARC, no dinner	\$805
Clubman with Recce	\$395
Clubman NO Recce	\$350

Supplementary Regulations and Entry Forms will be available late January.



Forté Cape View New Home for Rally

The accommodation home for the 2010 Quit Forest Rally will be moving to the Forté Cape View Apartments. They are just slightly further down the road from the Bayview where the rally has been previously.

The apartments at Cape View are either 2 or 3 bedroom, all self contained and of a very high standard with the right price for rally crews. The staff are rally friendly and keen to help in any way they can.

If you are planning on staying longer after the rally to enjoy the south west this is an ideal location to be based. It is close to Busselton, Dunsborough and the wonderful Margaret River Wine Region and beaches.

Arrangements have been made for teams with large trucks and requiring a pre-event service area. Chris Reynolds from another of our sponsors, Trade Hire, has offered his property for teams to set up and park their vehicles.

If apartment style accommodation is not what you are after we would suggest contacting the Geographe Bay Tourism Association who will be able to find accommodation to suit your needs and budget.

Please remember, it is school holidays and accommodation will be at a premium so please make arrangement ASAP.

Rally HQ at Super Stage

Rally HQ this year will be at the Marine Rescue building which is located on the hairpin of the Busselton Toyota Super Stage. This will make it very convenient for everyone. With the rally Media Day, Start and overnight Parc Ferme all within walking distance and scrutiny not far away everything is all very central.

Rally Presentation at The Goose

The Sunday Presentation Dinner will be held at The Goose restaurant which is near the Busselton Toyota Special Stage.

The Goose is the leading restaurant in Busselton and has been the caterers for the corporate area at the rally for the past few years. The owner of The Goose, Rhys Passmore, is a rally supporter and has ensured that everyone will get a terrific meal and the party can continue into the night for as long as everyone is enjoying themselves. The rally organisers will be providing buses to make it easy to get to and from the dinner.

Nannup Accommodation

Our officials are also encouraged to arrange their accommodation in Nannup. With many of the popular locations already having booking due to the school holidays it would be wise for everyone to get in early and reserve a booking. Bookings can be made through the Nannup Visitor Centre.

Be Part of the 2010 Quit Forest Rally

If you would like to know more on how you can be part of the 2010 Quit Forest Rally either as a competitor, an official or a supporter please call Ross on 0418 950022 or email rosstapper@bigpond.com.