

## **2018 MALLEE RALLY**

ARB Australian Off Road Racing Championship - Round 3, Victorian Off Road Club Shield - Round 5

**SUNDAY 10 JUNE 2018**

### **RADIO OPERATOR NOTES**

#### **Frequencies:**

Voice 2m 147.300 MHz Simplex.

Packet 70cm 434.150 MHz Simplex. APRS 2m 145.175 MHz Simplex.

UHF CB channel no. to be determined on site. (Normally channel 32)

#### **Location:**

The Mallee Rally is conducted around the perimeter of Lake Tyrrell, just North of Sealake township. The event will consist of 2 laps, 1 hour break then 2 laps of the 100km course for ARB Series competitors and 2 laps of the 100km course for VORC shield competitors.

From Melbourne direction, proceed through Sealake on the Calder Hwy until a right turn into the Sealake/Robinvale Road around 2.5 Km out of Sealake. (look for the SLORC rally signs). Proceed for about 4 km until you see bunting on the left hand side. Enter through gate and follow straight down this track until the fence line (do not turn left into rally parking, go around to right of barrier and straight), turn sharp right just through the fence and follow track to the WICEN camp area.

#### **Campsite:**

The campsite has no amenities other than, the organisers provide portable toilets nearby and firewood and WICEN provides power generation for light at our campsite.

Public showers are available at Sealake township.

Don't forget your tent, and a tarp for shelter out on your checkpoint.

Conditions may be dusty and/or windy sometimes.

Because it sometimes gets very cold at Sealake, it would be advisable to ensure that you have adequate bedding. It is also a good idea to have with you a torch or lamp.

**You will need to cater for yourself at camp and checkpoints, including water.**

#### **Arrival:**

Operators will need to arrive Saturday afternoon if at all possible as the event starts at 0930 hrs Sunday morning.

#### **Departure:**

Most operators will stay Sunday night and then return home on Monday morning so as to give themselves a nights rest before driving home.

#### **Briefing:**

This will commence at 2015 hrs. at the WICEN camp Saturday, officials will attend at 2030 hrs. with paperwork and further advice. Operator positions are subject to change due to checkpoint access conditions.

#### **Debriefing:**

All operators may email their comments and thoughts to [pelvey@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pelvey@bigpond.net.au)

All comments may then be put together with replies and emailed out to all participants

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### Contact:

An alternate mobile number that you can leave with your family if they need to contact you while you are at Sealake is 0431 384 152.

### Duties:

- Safety

Any issues of safety are to be logged and advice may be sent informally. If there are any medical or safety issues requiring dispatch of assistance, then a formal message is to be sent to Net control on our message pad either by voice or TRAK software.

- Car numbers

All operators to log each car with an approximate time when it passes.

Voice only stations to record on the running sheets and send details if requested.

Voice only stations should also report the first car as it goes through on each round and the sweep car.

Packet stations are required to transmit back to Net Control the number of each car as it passes their checkpoint. (using TRAK software which will be provided to you)

- Recovery traffic

Messages of breakdowns may be sent informally by voice and are to be logged.

Packet operators may send a score entry with comment for a car that has stopped.

If a vehicle is ready for recovery at an access point, then a message is recorded at Net control on our message pad for CB & 2M nets. Most recovery traffic is handled directly by officials on the CB net. If an official has advice to be sent via WICEN, then send a formal message to Net Control and hand the white copy to officials.

### Equipment:

This year we intend to use a 9 metre mast at Net Control. All stations should ensure they have adequate elevation for their antennas. Those in the northern parts of the course should consider a 4 metre or higher mast and those running packet may wish to use a 70cm yagi if available.

All packet operators are encouraged to test their equipment beforehand and/or at camp on the Saturday afternoon. Packet operators should consider using an independent power source for computers to that used for radios and TNC, this may minimise noise on receiving and/or distortion on audio transmitted.

### Announcement:

“This is VK3AWI for WICEN conducting safety and logistics communication for the Mallee Rally. Abbreviated callsigns are in use. *List personal callsign for each location.* A clear frequency would be appreciated. Thank you, VK3AWI Out.”

### Event Commander

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