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TOP LEVEL RALLYING RETURNS TO BATEMANS BAY WITH KUMHO TYRES RALLY OF THE BAY

Batemans Bay welcomes top flight rallying back to the region this weekend when the Kumho Rally of the Bay roars through the brilliant South Coast Forests.

The third round of the NSW State Rally Championships, the Kumho Tyres Motorsports Rally of the Bay will see some of the most exciting and spectacular rally cars and drivers in what is a mecca of Australian rallying.

Batemans Bay and surrounding areas are set to reap a windfall of more than a half a million dollars in economic impact when the Kumho Rally of the Bay comes to town.

The rally's return to the South Coast centre will deliver more than 1000 bed nights over the weekend in the middle of winter at a time when tourism numbers are at their lowest, providing a major boost to a range of Bay businesses.

The rally has attracted a

strong field for what will not only be the third round of the NSW State Rally Championships but also a round of the Shannons ACT Regional Rally Series, the NSW Clubman Rally Series and the Webster East Coast Classic Rally Challenge.

More than 1000 people will be involved in the rally including almost 160 competitors, a similar number of service crew, around 150 officials and organisers close to 500 spectators as well as media, sponsors and families of competitors.

Run on arguably the best roads in all of New South Wales, the event has been structured to unite rallying with the local community by bringing the rally and the promotional activities into the town with a massive promotional start planned in Batemans Bay's main street, Clyde St from 10am on Saturday morning with an array of exciting activities.

According to rally manager

Ian Bigg, there will be an array of things to do and fun at the start to interest visitors of all ages.

"We will have an array of the most exciting rally cars around with the chance to catch up with the drivers, get their autographs and find out about the sport and enjoy the atmosphere."

"As well as the array of rally cars Batemans Bay's best cafes and food outlets surround the start enabling fans to have a leisurely coffee while the cars are flagged away for what will be one of the most exciting rallies in the state," he added.

"The Batemans Bay area has long been held in high regard for its rally roads and as a fantastic base for the sport of rallying and it is great to be able to bring top level rallying to the Bay," said Ian Bigg.

"The Bay area is renowned for its medium to fast hardwood

forest roads that offer an unending challenge of re-entry corners and end of ridge bends that just flow from one corner to the next.

"We are thrilled to have the support of many great organisations including Kumho Tyres, the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation as well as the 2EC radio network, MRT Performance, Simpson Race Products, Toora Competizione, Premier Pools, Carline Mufflers, Bond Roll Bars, V-Sport Canberra, the Bay Waters Resort and numerous motels and hotels in the Bay area and of course the Bay Post," Ian Bigg said.

Former NSW state rally champion Chris Giddins will be out to extend his lead after winning the previous round of the series in Bulahdelah back in August in his Mitsubishi Evo.

He will face some strong opposition from fellow Subaru

driver Michael Harding from Canberra, Gavin Crocker's earlier Mitsubishi Evo 3 and a host of other fast and highly competitive outright cars.

In the highly popular Webster East Coast Classic Rally Challenge North Coast rally driver Scott McLoy in his Datsun Stanza will have plenty of opposition including the BMW of rally legend Ed Mulligan, the Datsun Stanza of Justyn Snooks and the rapid Datsun Bluebird of Canberra's Brett Stephens.

The rally will kick off with a ceremonial start at 10 am in

the main street of Batemans Bay, (the northern end of Clyde St.), giving fans the opportunity to see the competitors and their array of spectacular rally cars up close.

After driving over the start ramp competitors will face 136 kilometres of competitive running over eight challenging stages over some of the most flowing and truly enjoyable roads in Australia.

The first car is due to finish the rally around 7:00pm giving drivers and spectators plenty of action throughout the day.

Spectators will have plenty

of chances to view all the action, with three different viewing points during the rally some with live commentary with four times Australian Rally Champion Neal Bates and well know rally commentator Jon Thomson delivering up to date results and rally info to the spectators.

The service park and finish are located at Corrigans Beach reserve and the relaxed format will allow people to get to spectator points and see the cars in action. Consult the spectator instructions in this lift out, drive safely and have a great time?

2013 Kumho Rally of the Bay entry list

DRIVER	CO-DRIVER	CAR
1.Gavin Croker	Eric Croker	Mitsubishi EVO 3
2..Chris Giddins	Damian Graham	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo6
3..Mick Harding	Julie Boorman	Subaru WRX ST1
4..Richie Dalton	Kirrilee Gentleman	Mistubishi Evolution Lancer
5.Scott McCloy	David Opie	Datsun Stanza Violet GT
6.Joe Chapman	Greg Westman	Subaru WRX
7.Carl Stewart	Lizzy Ferme	Subaru 1600
8..Brett Middleton	Andrew Benefield	Honda Civic
9..Matt Martin	Karen Martin	Mitsubishi Galant VR4
10..Richard Knight	Campbell Inglis	Mitsubishi Evo 3
11..Bethany Cullen	Mathew Cullen	Mitsubishi Evo 6.5
12.Andrew Penny	Rhys Llewlyn	Subaru Impreza WRX
13.Stephen Duthie	Damien Hanns	Datsun 180BSSS
14.Peter Neal	Tom Flegl	Subaru WRX
15.Russell Winks	Stephen Hodgkin	Holden Commodore
16.Steve Forsberg	Jake Skeffington	Mazda RX2
17.Jon Waterhouse	Carolyn Wilson	Subaru WRX
18.Ed Mulligan	Nigel Walters	BMW 325i
19.Dan Vrubel	David Parsons	Subaru WRX
20.Toby Goldberg	Craig Van Munster	Nissan S13 Silvia
21.Matthew Linning	Craig Morrison	Ford Escort MK2
22.Brett Wright	Rob Edwards	Holden Gemini
23.Tim Erwin	Dave Parkinson	Mistubishi Lancer Evo 3
24.Doug Wright	Jon Hall	TBA
25.Sean Kelly	Russel Skeffington	Mazda RX8 SP
26.John Sparkes	Fiona Sparkes	Nissan S13 Silvia
27.Brendan Mulhearn	Chris Wensrich	Datsun 1200
28.Justyn Snooks	Steuart Snooks	Datsun Stanza
29.Nicholas Herrald	Phillip Herrald	Datsun 1600
30.Darren McGuire	Tim Joass	Datsun 1600
31.John Paine	Andrew Crowley	Mistubishi LA Lancer
32.Sid Sparkes	Lisa Emmerson	Datsun 1600
33.Brett Stephens	Tony Brandon	Nissan Bluebird
34.Dennis Stanford	James Stanford	Datsun Stanza
35.Max Roberts	Kim Boyd	Ford Escort MK11
36.Tom Clarke	Mal Sinfield	Datsun 1600
37.Denis Stevens	Frank Brookhouse	Honda S2000
38.Bob Moore	David Gray	Datsun Stanza
39.Meng Chung	James Thornburn	Honda Integra Type R
40.Hugh Daly	Barry Russ	Daihatsu Charade
41.Peter Valtonen	Mark Wagstaff	Ford Escort
42.Ashley Smith	Victoria Scullin	Holden TG Gemini
43.Robert Burke	Matthew Burke	Mitsubishi Galant VR4
44.Paul Fletcher	Nigel Shellshear	Toyota Celica GT 4
45.Nigel Bland	Mickey Rourke	Holden VP Commodore
46.Matt James	Andrew Whitfield	Ford Escort
47.Rick Gray	Tony Wilcockson	HYUNDAI Excel
48.Rhys Pinter	Simon McKern	Hyundai Excel
49.David Feruglio	Michael Feruglio	Datsun 1200
50.David Wright	Marko Berndt	Mitsubishi Mirage
51.Caroline Vale	Matthew Grudhoff	Toyota
52.Terry Gunter	Steve Newell	Ford Escort NR2
53.Janelle Ballard	Mel McMinn	Datsun 1600
54.Kirsti Murdoch	David Williams	Datsun 180B SSS
Rally of the Bay Meander		
59.Tom Dixon	Roly Dixon	Nissan Patrol
60.David May	Alan May	Holden VS Commodore
61.Kayla Southwell	Brett Southwell	Holden Gemini
62.Matthew Ferguson	Matthew Addis	Nissan Bluebird 910 Turbo
63.Cody Passlow	TBA	Toyota
64.James Finnis	Tony Finnis	Hyundai Excel
65.Michelle Arnold	Bradley Arnold	Datsun P510



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