

TITLE PROPOSED BORDER RANGES RALLY 2012

Summary/Purpose

This report is to advise the Committee of a proposal to hold the Border Ranges Rally on August 24 to 25, 2012 within the Local Government Areas of Kyogle and Tenterfield.

Report

A proposal has been received from the Gold Coast Motorsporting Club for the proposed routes for the 2012 Border Ranges Rally. The Border Ranges Rally has been held annually in the Woodenbong and Urbenville areas over the last four years, except where wet weather led to cancellation of the event.

The rally organising committee has requested an opportunity to make a presentation to Councils Technical Services Committee in relation to the proposed 2012 event.

Recommendation

1. That the report on the Proposed Border Ranges Rally 2012 be received and noted.
2. That Council agrees in principle to the expansion of the Border Ranges Rally event for 2012 to include some roads used in the World Rally Championships in the Kyogle Local Government Area.
3. That Council does not object to the rally organising committee to undertake consultation with the residents along the proposed routes for the 2012 Border Ranges Rally event.

Attachments

1. Submission from the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club dated February 19, 2012.



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Preamble

The Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club Inc (GCTMC Inc) is seeking to expand the very successful Border Ranges Rally to include a promotional start in Kyogle and compete on some roads previously used for the 2009 World Rally Championship round in the Kyogle area. These would be additional roads to those currently used in the Woodenbong and Urbenville area.

The date of the Confederation of Australian Motorsport (CAMS) sanctioned event is the 24th and 25th August 2012 and is a round of the prestigious Queensland Rally Championship. This is the same body responsible for sanctioning the WRC. If successful in our wishes to expand the event, the organising club will also seek to make the rally a "State of Origin" Challenge between NSW and Queensland.

What is being sought from the Kyogle Council?

The Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club Inc is seeking from the Kyogle Council an agreement in principal for the following:

1. Council support in principal for the expansion of the event to include some roads used in the WRC in the Kyogle area. (See maps and details below.)
2. Allow members of the rally organising committee to 'door knock' and "letter drop" resident along the proposed route closed for competition stages.

The usual approach by the club has been, where possible, to talk directly one to one with residents along any new route, at their property. If the resident is not present a

letter is left or posted to them with our contact details and a member of the rally committee will talk with them to answer any questions. Service providers (eg; milk truck operators) are also contacted. This is also the procedure required by our governing body CAMS.

3. Allow members of the rally organising committee to organise a static display and promotion start within the Kyogle township area Friday afternoon/evening followed by a super special stage under lights at the Showgrounds on Friday night (approximately 7.00pm to 9.30pm).

Use of the Showgrounds is pending approval. The GCTMC Inc will formally approach the Showground Trust / Society if an agreement in principal with the Kyogle Council for the event expansion can be reached.

4. The Kyogle Council to supply infrastructure and logistical support such as access to road closure signage, safety barrier, rubbish bins etc. Note: NO direct financial support is being sought by the GCTMC Inc from the Kyogle Council.

Economic Impact

While this event is not a round of the World Rally Championship event it is still a significant event on the Australian Rally Calendar. Because of this there should be a positive economic impact on the township of Kyogle should the Kyogle Council agree to the rally being expanded. The event would be conducted over two days (Friday and Saturday) so accommodation and eating establishments should be well attended.

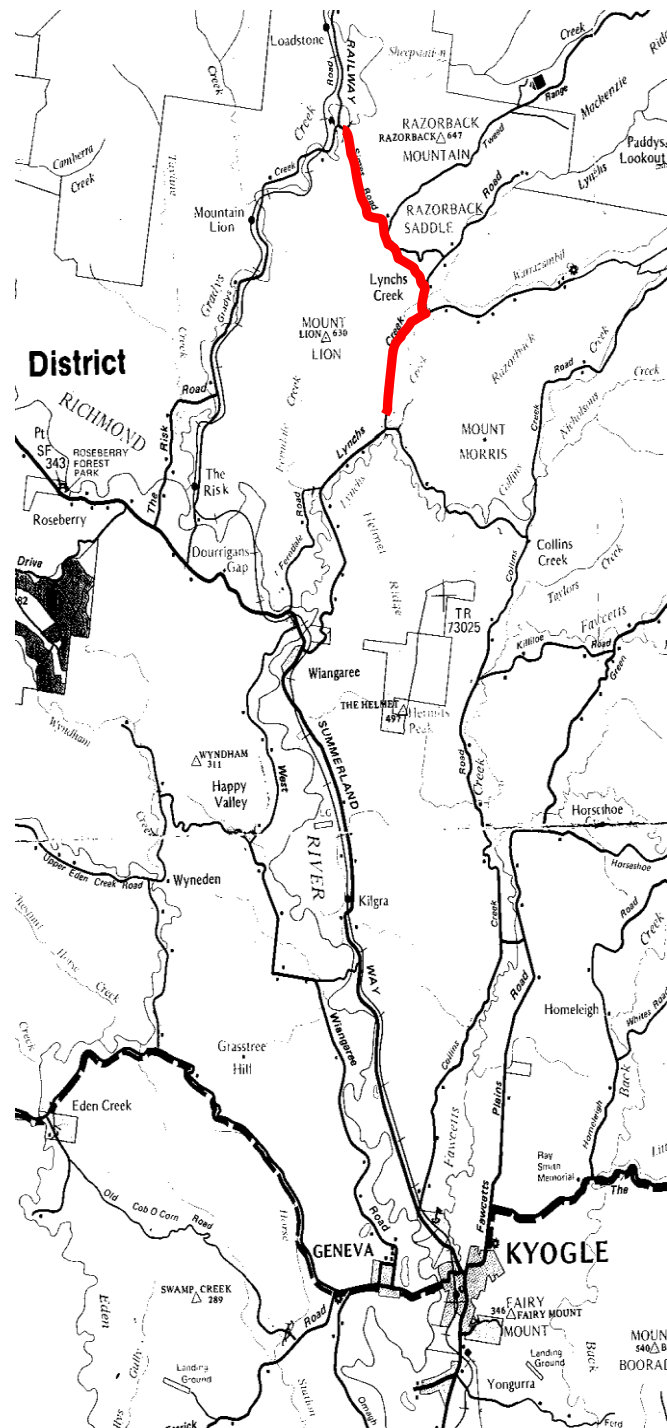
The local community service clubs will also be invited to be involved and thus have an opportunity for fund raising. The townships of Urbenville and Woodenbong will remain well serviced as the rally will still follow the same format for the afternoon / night stages as in the past.

Sponsorship opportunities for the event will also be highly dependent on the GCTMC Inc securing approvals to expand the event to include Kyogle.

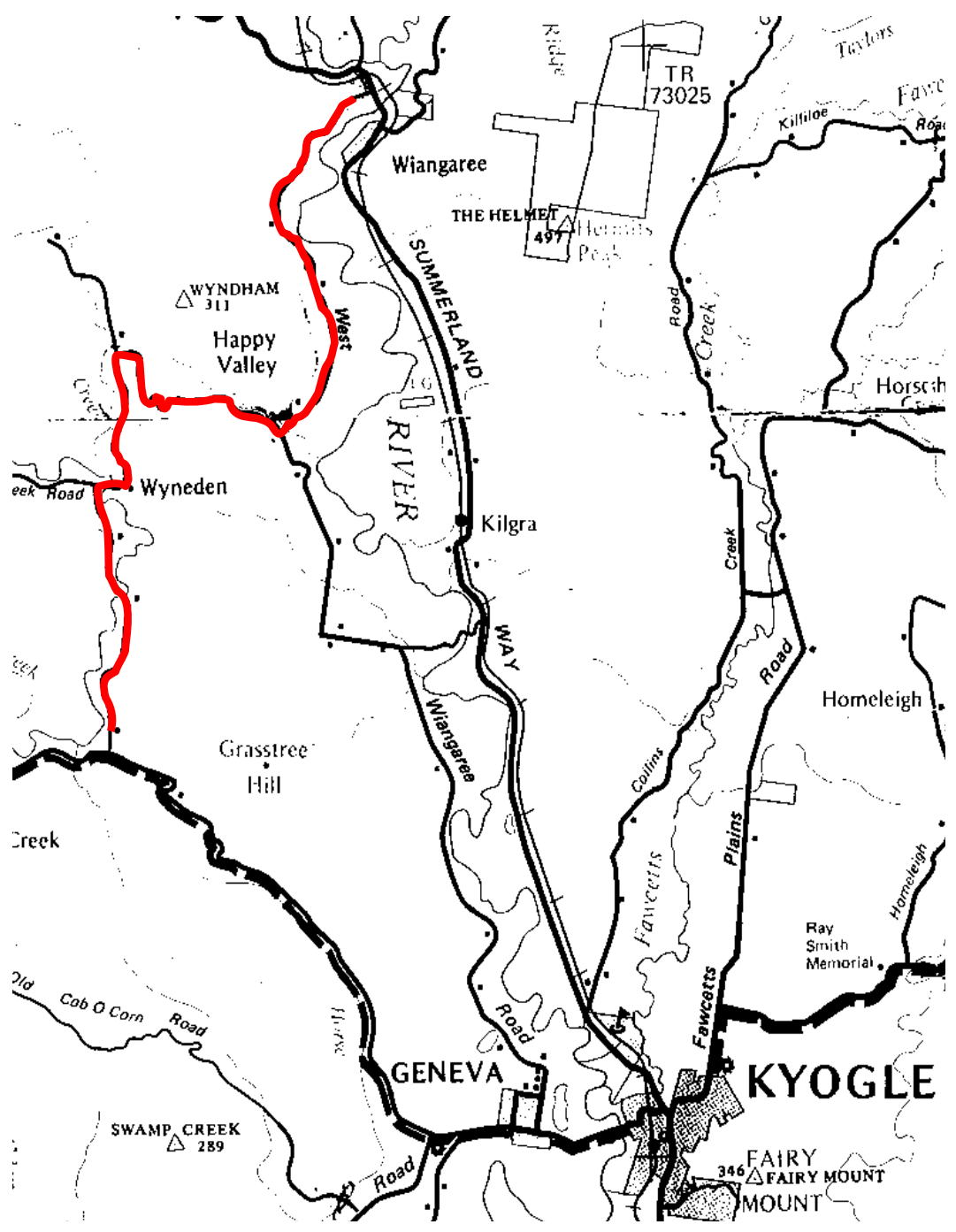
Roads to be reviewed

The roads to be reviewed are as below. Note that three roads around Kyogle are being listed for evaluation. However, only two roads may be used dependent on road suitability, consultation with local residents, as well as Police and Council approvals.

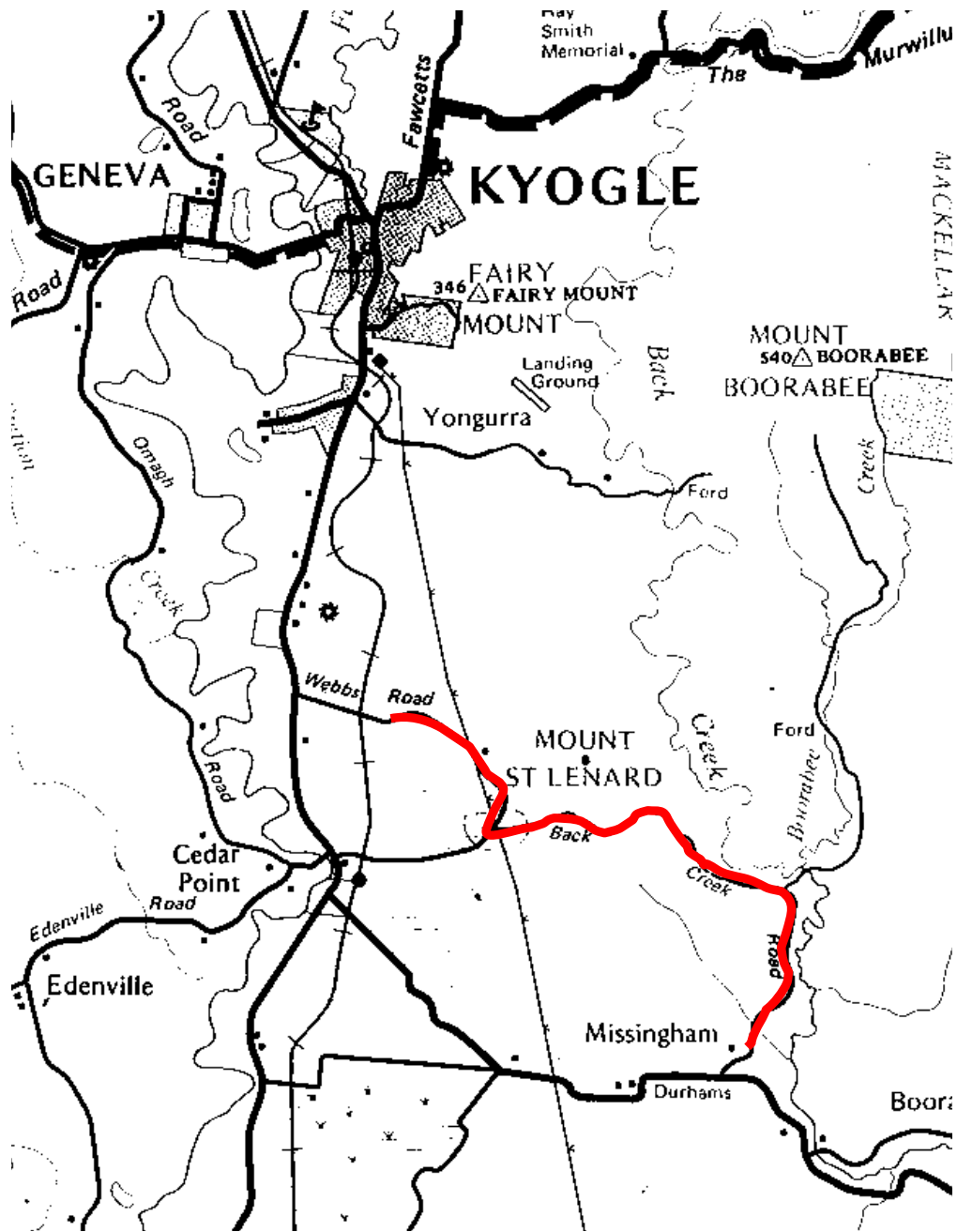
1. Lynch's Creek Road, Forest Road, Simes Road, finish near Grady's Creek Road.



- 2. Wiangaree back Road, Apple Gum Road, Wyndam Road, Eden Creek Road, finish near Afterlee Road.



3. Webbs Road, Hillyards Road, finish near Bentley Road (Kyogle / Lismore Road).



Event Timetable

It is intended that the event will follow the timetable set out below. Please note the road closure times are approximate and a more definitive timetable will be submitted for publication when:

- an agreement on whether a promotional start will occur in Kyogle
- an agreement has been reached on whether a super special stage is acceptable at the Kyogle Show Grounds
- an agreement has been reached on the suitable roads to be used after consultation with local residents
- approvals are gained from the NSW Police and Kyogle and Tenterfield Councils.

Friday 24th August

Friday will be “set up” by the rally officials and the stages bordering Kyogle will be accessed by competitors for recognisance. Note that during this time the competing crews only will drive over the stages at normal road speeds observing all road rules, usually in road cars. These roads will NOT be closed to normal traffic for this procedure. It is simply an exercise to allow the crews to familiarise themselves with the new stages for safety reason. This will not occur on the roads bordering Woodenbong and Urbenville.

A static display and promotion start within the Kyogle township area Friday afternoon/evening followed by a ‘Super Special Stage’ under lights at the Show Grounds on Friday night (approximately 7.00pm to 9.30pm). This would be primarily to allow spectators the opportunity to see the cars and crews close up and to focus the public and media attention on the Kyogle leg of the event.

Saturday 25th August

Saturday morning the crews will assemble at the Kyogle Showgrounds (pending approvals) then complete the stages bordering Kyogle twice with the crews returning to the Kyogle Showgrounds for service and remarshalling.

A spectator point or spectator observation point could be located at the junction of Webbs Road and Hillyards Road. Note that the large number of people attending this point will not be as per the WRC.

It is expected that all competitors will have departed Kyogle by 2.00pm and proceeded to Woodenbong to continue with the event as in previous years. Road closure times for the roads bordering Kyogle would be approximately 8.00am to 2.00pm. This may of course be reduced at time of publication as stated above.

Saturday afternoon the crews will compete on roads in the Woodenbong / Urbenville area. The roads will include Boomi Creek Road, The Glenn Road and Old Bruxner Road as well as roads in the Tenterfield Shire. These roads will be closed from approximately 11.00am. to 8.00pm.

The event will conclude with the usual Woodenbong town Special Stage. Crews will then retire to the Woodenbong Showgrounds by approximately 8.00pm. Presentation of trophies will follow at the Showgrounds.

It must be noted that this event is not a World Rally Championship Rally but still is a significant event for the Northern Rivers. And unlike the WRC this event is being conducted only by volunteers and by a not for profit organisation, the GCTMC Inc.

It is hoped that this clarifies our intentions and will assist with discussion on Friday 24th February.

Regards

The Border Ranges Committee