

ALPINE RALLY OF EAST GIPPSLAND



LAKES ENTRANCE
28-30 NOVEMBER 2025

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COMPETITOR GUIDE



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FROM THE EVENT DIRECTOR:

Welcome to the 2025 Lovells Alpine Rally of East Gippsland! We know 2022 was a long time ago for those of you who have been hanging out to get back to Lakes Entrance ever since, but by the time you reach the finish the finish on Sunday November 30, I'm confident you'll agree it was well worth the wait! We examined to competitor feedback from the last "Alpine", and we've very much tried to give you what you asked for.

The team has worked tirelessly to give you the best experience that we possibly can; the operating "mantra" has very been "celebrate the past, creating history". That is to say that whilst we very much acknowledge those who have come before us, the rally is still evolving and growing, and this year a new chapter will be written. I have been particularly focused on bringing some traditional "Old-School Alpine" vibes back, and you'll particularly notice that in the roads we've chosen. Longer stages, over more challenging terrain; trying to bring back the elements of endurance and vehicle reliability over just out and out speed. There's still plenty of that, but it will be up to you to manage the balance! The roads are unbelievably good, and I am incredibly envious that I'll be stuck in HQ while you're out on the stages.

You'll notice that there are far stricter limitations on servicing and refuelling than in previous years; keeping in line with that "endurance" mentality. The added bonus is that it places far less pressure on your service crews, and levels the playing field for those of you who don't have an army of intercept crews. Put simply, servicing is only allowed in the service zones (Orbost on Saturday and Nowa Nowa Sunday), refuelling is allowed in the designated refuel locations (including commercial fuel outlets), and that's it. You can change tyres if you're carrying them in the car, but it's up to you to balance the speed and reliability against the potential wear and tear of tyres and fuel consumption. There will be plenty of opportunity to refuel when required, but you'll need to drive this one with your eyes and your brains, not just your right foot!

The following guide should provide some valuable extra details to assist you with your final preparations. As always, I'd encourage you to plan to spend as much of your budget in the local regions as you can, and support the businesses and communities that support us. Our Event Sponsors have also made it possible to stage this event, so be sure to seek them out as well.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the relevant member of the team, or feel free to reach out to me. I look forward to seeing you all in Lakes Entrance for the next exciting instalment in the history of the Lovells Alpine Rally of East Gippsland.



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1: KEY CONTACTS:

(The people you might need to find!)

Clerk of the Course	Troy Bennett	0428 541 809
Deputy Clerk of the Course	David Johns	0409 939 888
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Bill Bennett	0408 346 765
Secretary of the Event	Hannah Holloway	0423 272 612
Officials Coordinator	Susan Day	0412 676 902
Competitor Relations Officer	Kevin Wilson	0417 370 756
Chief Scrutineer	Frank Black	0412 028 508
Service Park Manager	Ken Macleod	0417 552 052
Results Manager	AJ Dyka	0494 311 584

RALLY HQ: (BELLEVUE ON THE LAKES, 201 THE ESPLANADE LAKES ENTRANCE)

GENERAL ENQUIRIES: 0428 541 809

EMERGENCIES ONLY: 0444 516 495



2: SCHEDULES

Saturday November 22	09:00- 15:00	Official Scrutiny, Penrite Museum "Lane 88", 88 Lewis Rd Wantirna South
Wednesday November 26	16:00- 20:00	Rally Headquarters opens at Bellevue on the Lakes function room, 201 The Esplanade, Lakes Entrance
Thursday November 27	09:00- 16:00	Competitor Book-in & Documentation at Rally Headquarters.
Friday November 28 <i>Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda (start location)</i>	09:00	Competitors to park cars in formation
Friday November 28 <i>Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda (start location)</i>	11:00	Competitor briefing
Friday November 28 <i>Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda (start location)</i>	12:00	Ceremonial Start - Lakes Entrance
Friday November 28	19:00	Day 1 Finish - Lakes Entrance
Saturday November 29	07:30	Day 2 Start - Lakes Entrance
Saturday November 29	19:00	Day 2 Finish - Lakes Entrance
Sunday November 30	08:00	Day 3 Start - Lakes Entrance
Sunday November 30	16:00 TBA	Day 3 Finish - Lakes Entrance
Sunday November 30 <i>Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda (start location)</i>	16:00 TBA	Presentation - Lakes Entrance
Sunday November 30 <i>Lakes Entrance Youth and Recreation Centre 21 Carpenter St Lakes Entrance</i>	19:00	Celebration Dinner - Lakes Entrance

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RUNNING SCHEDULE

	Location Name	SS KM	LIAISON KM	TOTAL KM	TIME ALLOWED	AV SP KM/H	CAR 1	CAR 106
TC0	LAKES ENTRANCE ROTUNDA		15.54				12:00	15:42
SS 1	BROWN'S	11.34	10.17	21.51	21		12:21	16:03
SS 2	POLANSKI'S	15.22	19.52	34.74	32		12:45	16:27
SS 3	SHARPLEY'S	13.13	10.49	23.22	26		13:20	17:02
TC3A	BELLEVUE RALLY HQ						13:46	17:28
TC3B	BELLEVUE RALLY HQ		18.96				7:30	11:12
SS 4	BAKER'S	13.77	23.06	36.83	32		7:54	11:36
SS 5	DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL	45.95	25.70	71.65	70		8:29	12:11
TC5A	SERVICE 1 IN - ORBOST				40		9:39	13:21
TC5B	SERVICE 1 OUT - REGROUP IN		25.09		20		10:19	14:01
SS 6	KILFOYLE'S	70.98	30.23	101.21	95		11:12	14:54
TC6A	SERVICE 2 IN - ORBOST				40		12:47	16:29
TC6B	SERVICE 2 OUT - REGROUP IN		40.25		20		13:27	17:09
SS 7	HOLLOWOOD'S	13.97	9.69	23.66	24		14:08	17:50
SS 8	PATTERSON'S	38.85	43.4	82.25	82		14:35	18:17
SS 9	RICHARDS'	12.88	64.57	77.45	70		16:00	19:42
TC9A	BELLEVUE RALLY HQ						17:10	20:52
TC9B	BELLEVUE RALLY HQ		16.71				8:00	11:42
SS 10	BOYD'S	15.55	15.08	30.63	34		8:22	12:04
SS 11	OPIE'S	28.13	13.44	41.57	56		8:59	12:41
SS 12	LISTER'S	56.05	15.68	71.73	70		9:58	13:40
TC12A	SERVICE 3 IN - NOWA NOWA				40		11:08	14:50
TC12B	SERVICE 3 OUT - REGROUP IN		3.63		20		11:48	15:30
SS 13	PALMER'S	15.99	6.05	22.04	22		12:21	16:03
SS 14	FORD'S	15.88	9.99	25.87	30		12:46	16:28
TC14A	END OF EVENT			PARC FERME IN			13:16	16:58
	PRESENTATION						16:00	

3: SERVICING AND REFUELLING:

FUEL MATRIX:

DIVISION ONE: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28

TOTAL COMPETITIVE DISTANCE: 39.69kms

TOTAL LIAISON DISTANCE: 55.72kms

NO SERVICE OR REFUELS

DIVISION TWO: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29

TOTAL COMPETITIVE DISTANCE: 59.72kms

TOTAL LIAISON DISTANCE: 67.72kms

TOTAL DISTANCE TO SERVICE: 127.44kms

REFUELS AVAILABLE:

-123.58kms CUMULATIVE (BP NEWMERELLA-COMMERCIAL OUTLET)

127.44kms CUMULATIVE: ORBOST SERVICE

DIVISION THREE: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29

TOTAL COMPETITIVE DISTANCE: 70.98kms

TOTAL LIAISON DISTANCE: 55.32kms

TOTAL DISTANCE TO SERVICE: 127.44kms

REFUELS AVAILABLE:

-0.00kms CUMULATIVE (REFUEL ZONE AT ORBOST SERVICE)

-18.14kms CUMULATIVE (OPTIONAL REFUEL ONE: R1)

-109.32kms CUMULATIVE (OPTIONAL REFUEL TWO: R2)

-126.30kms CUMULATIVE: ORBOST SERVICE

DIVISION FOUR: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29

TOTAL COMPETITIVE DISTANCE: 65.70kms

TOTAL LIAISON DISTANCE: 157.91kms

REFUELS AVAILABLE:

-0.00kms CUMULATIVE (REFUEL ZONE AT ORBOST SERVICE)

-107.13kms CUMULATIVE (OPTIONAL REFUEL THREE: R3)

-135.97kms CUMULATIVE (OPTIONAL REFUEL FOUR: R4)

-163.81kms CUMULATIVE (CALTEX ORBOST-COMMERCIAL OUTLET)

-164.80kms CUMULATIVE (OPTIONAL REFUEL ORBOST SERVICE/REFUEL ZONE)

-168.59kms CUMULATIVE (BP NEWMERELLA-COMMERCIAL OUTLET)

(END OF DIVISION: 223.61kms CUMULATIVE)

DIVISION FIVE: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

TOTAL COMPETITIVE DISTANCE: 99.73kms

TOTAL LIAISON DISTANCE: 60.91kms

REFUELS AVAILABLE:

-34.37kms CUMULATIVE (NOWA NOWA GENERAL STORE-COMMERCIAL FUEL OUTLET)

-83.11kms CUMULATIVE (OPTIONAL REFUEL FIVE: R5)

(END OF DIVISION: 160.64kms CUMULATIVE)

DIVISION SIX: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

TOTAL COMPETITIVE DISTANCE: 31.87kms

TOTAL LIAISON DISTANCE: 19.67kms

REFUELS AVAILABLE:

-0.00kms CUMULATIVE: (REFUEL ZONE AT NOWA NOWA SERVICE)

(END OF DIVISION: 51.54kms CUMULATIVE)

Retail Fuel Outlets

Friday November 28

Lakes Entrance:	United, 16 Princes Highway	E10, 91, 98, LPG, Diesel
	Safeway, Church St	91, 95, LPG, Diesel
	Mobil, 27 Golf Links Rd	91, 95, 98, LPG, Diesel

Saturday November 29

Lakes Entrance:	United, 16 Princes Highway	E10, 91, 98, LPG, Diesel
	Safeway, Church St	91, 95, LPG, Diesel
	Caltex Service Station, Main St.	91, 95, 98, LPG, Diesel
Nowa Nowa:	Nowa Nowa General Store	91, 98, Diesel
Newmerella	BP Service Station	91, 95, 98, LPG, Diesel
Orbost	High Flagstaff	91, 98, Diesel
	United Service Station (Self-Serve Card only)	91, Diesel

Sunday November 30

Lakes Entrance:	United, 16 Princes Highway	E10, 91, 98, LPG, Diesel
	Safeway, Church St	91, 95, LPG, Diesel
	Caltex Service Station, Main St	91, 95, 98, LPG, Diesel,
Nowa Nowa:	Nowa Nowa General Store	91, 95, Diesel



4: DECALS

Competitors will be issued with two door panels (including competition numbers and sponsor logos), one windscreen number, one windscreen banner, one bonnet decal, and 4 sponsor stickers (bumper sticker size), two of each to go on either side of the vehicle. All decals will be provided by the Organisers.

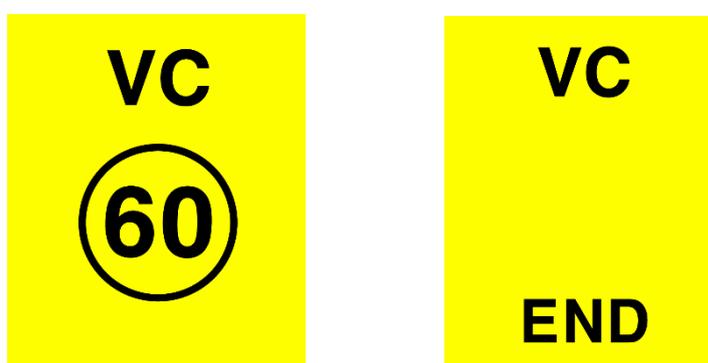
5: COURSE

Competitors are advised to be familiar with the following procedures that will be applied at various locations during the event:

VIRTUAL CHICANE

Virtual Chicanes (VCs) will be used in areas of very high speed as a safety measure. At a Virtual Chicane, competitors will be required to slow down to 60 kph or below, within a 300m VC zone.

On approaching a VC zone, there will be 300m, 200m and 100m warning boards.



At the start of the VC zone there will be "VC START" boards on both sides of the road and at the end of the zone there will be "VC END" boards. Between the VC START and VC END boards you need to decrease your speed to 60 kph or below.

As soon as the target speed has been achieved, RallySafe will go Green and you can then accelerate back to competition speed.

- The RallySafe system will be used to determine the speed of the vehicle
- The RallySafe system will show the distance to the end of the Zone.
- Overtaking is not permitted within the Virtual Chicane Zone.
- Vehicles must not impede another Competitor.

The following penalties will apply for actions within a Virtual Chicane Zone:

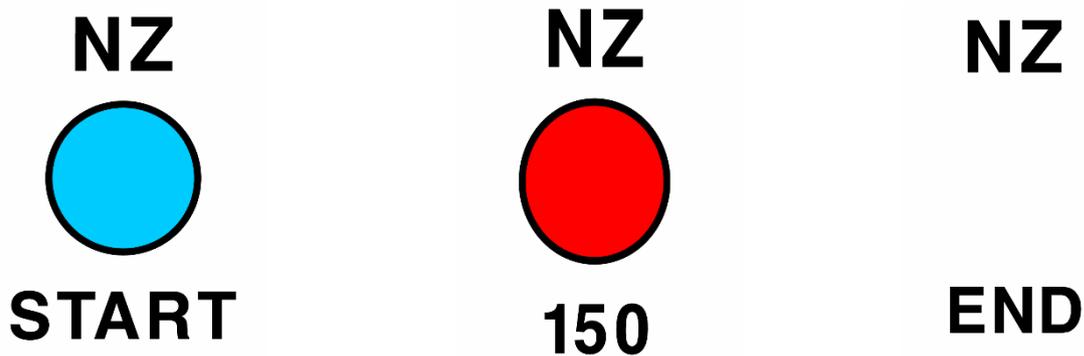
- Overtaking within a Virtual Chicane Zone - 30 seconds
- Lowest speed in Zone less than 5 km/h over 60 km/h - 5 seconds.
- Lowest speed in Zone between 5 and 10 km/h over 60 km/h - 15 seconds.
- Lowest speed in Zone more than 10 km/h over 60 km/h - 60 seconds.

Chicane observers will be deemed to be judges of fact over all activities relating to their location. The Stewards shall determine such other penalties as appropriate, in addition to the minimum mandatory penalties outlined above.

NEUTRAL ZONE

The event will be utilising a Neutralisation Zone (on SS 12: Lister's) to minimise potential Road Damage by arrangement with DEECA; the other option was to lose the entire stage so competitor compliance will be heavily enforced.

Neutral Zone (NZ): Defines a specified length of road that has a speed limit set, as per an RSZ. For the purposes of results/scoring, the actual time taken, or the specified time is subtracted from the elapsed time for that Special Stage. The first 150m of the neutral zone is to be permitted for competitors to slow to the Neutral Zone Speed limit which will apply for the remainder of the zone. The minimum speed for the Neutral Zone is 20 km/h (competitors may not go below this speed) so as crews do not stop to take advantage of the Neutral Zone. There is no overtaking allowed in the Neutral Zone (unless a proceeding car has stopped for some reason). The maximum speed in the Neutral Zone is 50 km/h. The penalty for any breach of these regulations will be up to 10 minutes added to the competitor's stage time.



QUIET ZONES (QZ)

This has often been referred to as a Restricted Speed Zone in the past. Whenever a QZ is specified in the route instructions, please use your common sense and drive appropriately.

A number of QZ's are specified past houses and also where there is two-way traffic. Speeds will be checked on RallySafe and those speeding will be referred to the Stewards for penalty.

On all transport sections, particularly in a QZ, your passage should be as inconspicuous as possible, i.e. minimum of noise etc. and courteous driving with respect for other road users.

RESTRICTED SPEED ZONES (RSZ)

There are a number of locations specified in the Route Instructions that may impose lower speed limits on Competitors than may otherwise be allowed (such as gravel roads, in service parks etc.). These restrictions must be followed; speeds will be checked on RallySafe, and those speeding will be referred to the Stewards for penalty.

