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## Queensland Rally Championship Opening Round set to steal the show at Whitsundays Festival of Motoring

Queensland, AU, 18 February 2019: The Confederation of Australian Motorsport (CAMS) Queensland Rally Advisory Panel has officially announced that Rally Whitsundays, the central focus of the Whitsunday Festival of Motoring, has been confirmed as the Opening Round of the 2019 P3 Solutions CAMS Queensland Rally Championship on May 4th, 2019.

The rally is set to steal the show at the Whitsundays Festival of Motoring, navigating a mixture of private and public roads across 120kms of epic scenery throughout the Whitsunday Region.

The popular race will feature over 20 rally cars that will take their mark on day 2 of the festival, showcasing the scenic beauty of the Whitsundays and providing impressive vantage points for spectators to enjoy.

President of CAMS Queensland Advisory Panel Gerard McConkey said after hard work finding the roads and pulling everything together to make the rally happen, the event is sure to impress locals, motoring enthusiasts and visitors to the region.

“We can't wait to see over 20 of the best and fastest Rally Cars in Queensland attack these iconic Stages.

We know that the teams are going to love them, and the spectators are going to have a ball seeing these fire breathing weapons in action in what will be a very tough contest to find out who will be the inaugural winner of Rally Whitsunday,” Mr McConkey said.

Paul Woodward is appointed as the Clerk of the Course of this inaugural event and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the organisation at the International, National and State Championship levels.

“I am excited to take on the role as the Clerk of the Course for this new and challenging championship race. We are offering an event that will have over 120 kilometres of new and exciting gravel special stages and a bitumen street stage around the hub of Bowen, all within a locality that has referred to as tropical paradise,” Mr Woodward said.

While the Queensland Rally Championship will be a highly anticipated feature of the weekend, the Whitsundays Festival of Motoring is a multi-day event including community welcome and festival opening activities, a classic cars parade, show and shine classic car displays, live music, licensed venues and kid’s activities.

Tourism Whitsundays CEO Tash Wheeler said the Whitsundays Festival of Motoring is a completely new event offering to the Whitsunday Region.

“One of the most exciting things about this new event is that it encompasses several towns within the Whitsundays, we therefore get to showcase to the world the truly diverse and beautiful landscape a Whitsundays holiday can offer visitors from Airlie Beach, Bowen, Collinsville, Islands and Proserpine,” Ms Wheeler said.

The Whitsundays Festival of Motoring is inviting you to enjoy an adventure in paradise while taking advantage of free community activities throughout the festival weekend.

For more information and regular updates on the event visit our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

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**About Tourism Whitsundays:** *Tourism Whitsundays (TW) is the organisation responsible for destination marketing and visitor attraction for the Whitsunday region. It is the lead agency recognised by Tourism and Events Queensland and the Whitsunday Regional Council to lead the promotion of the region as a tourism destination. Tourism Whitsundays markets all aspects of the region including the Great Barrier Reef, Whitsunday Islands and Coast, accommodation, boating and sailing, fishing, touring, recreational activities, adventure, dining, shopping, weddings and honeymoons, conferencing and business events.*

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