



Q: Questions A: Answers

Below are some commonly asked questions and queries. Please feel free to contact us at anytime should you require any further information. We enjoy sharing our knowledge with you and by asking now, it will make your preparation period more useful and will enhance your experience during the rally and out on the track, so ask away.

Q: How old does the car have to be?

A: Any age or type of motor vehicle can take part on the Road Boss Rally. We strongly encourage 2wd cars that are 20 years or older. These are in the spirit of the event and still have plenty of charm and character. On saying that, any car can come along and will be welcomed. Note that large 4wd type vehicles must have roll over protection (ROPS) installed, as they are taller and have a higher centre of gravity, making them less stable on outback roads.

Q: How many people can we take?

A: You need at least two people in the car, one to drive and one to navigate. Most crews enjoy having two or three, however you can have up to the legal seating capacity of your car.

Q: How much does it cost to enter?

A: Fees and minimum fundraising donations will vary each year, depending on the length of the event. Check with the current year's official rules and entry forms for up to date amounts. In general, the entry fee will be approx \$2800 and donation will be \$1000 per vehicle to enter, plus a per person catering fee of \$750.

Q: How young or how old do you have to be to go in it?

A: Like the cars, any age or type of person is eligible. In general, people over 16 and under 100 are most suitable. We would not encourage or invite anyone younger than 15 to participate. Due to the remote and isolated areas that the event travels, it is also highly recommended that anyone participating is off good health.

Q: Is it rough?

A: You betchya it is! But it won't break your heart or car. The course is hand crafted and designed to provide an adventurous challenge for your car and crew. It won't be easy, but you will come away with a great sense of achievement knowing you took on and conquered what most people say is too hard and walk away from. We don't take risks, but we don't walk away from a challenge either and we never say never.

Q: Cruise Course, what's that?

A: If you do not wish to take on the more challenging rally course, but still want to be involved and get around enjoying the amazing country we venture into, we have an easier option available. The entry fee is slightly less as there are not as many resources required such as officials and scoring etc.... Enjoy all the night and lunch stops, join in with all the belly aching laughs and amazing sights, but take your own time as you travel each day on a more user friendly course to each overnight stop.

Q: How does the catering work?

A: Every person pays a catering fee prior to the event. We organise and arrange breakfast, lunch and tea every day. We can assure you, you will eat like a king. Weight Watchers has done very well out of people returning from our rally.

Q: How much money do I need to raise?

A: Each car is required to raise a minimum of \$1000 to our event's charity, so that is all you are obliged to donate. However, it is a charity rally and we will hopefully motivate and excite you enough to give a little more if you are willing and able. There will be awards and incentives for our higher fundraisers, but

no one will feel compelled, obligated or uncomfortable. Give what you are willing and able to give, and we will all be extremely grateful for that. \$1000 or \$100 000, it is money that the charity never had before and will be very appreciative of receiving.

Q: Do we have to keep forking out money for fines etc.. along the way?

A: No, once you start the rally, that's it. Everything after that is your own personal choice. Auctions, raffles etc..... If we do set up a gag or gimmick with a local organisation to have some fun, we keep it to small amounts like \$5 - \$10. All the coin from these small fundraising antics stays locally in the town or community that we are in.

Q: How much fuel do I need to carry?

A: You will need to carry sufficient fuel to be able to handle at least 450km un-assisted between fuel stops. Most people aim for more to be safe and comfortable.

Q: Do I need a roll cage?

A: No, roll over protection systems (ROPS) are not compulsory, but are strongly recommended in all cars. For safety, ROPS will be mandatory in all 4wd type vehicles. That is, Landcruisers, Hi-luxs, Pajeros, 4 runners etc.....

Q: Can I take a motorbike?

A: The Road Boss Rally is not set up or designed to cater for motorbikes. However, we never say never and love characters that enjoy a challenge on our event. Bikes are not encouraged, but if you have an idea, we may just listen. The sort of thing we may consider is if you had a team of at least three bikes and a support vehicle etc..... If you are fair dinkum, give Road Boss a call and we can discuss it further.

Q: Where do we sleep? Camping, swags or motels?

A: All of the above. Every night stop, whether we are in a small or large town, we arrange a designated and common camping area. These are usually free and at footy grounds, show grounds etc... In order to ensure good facilities, on occasions, we may need to utilise a commercial caravan park and a fee may apply. Should you want accommodation such as a hotel or motel room, this will be your responsibility to book and pay for. We will send out some advice and suggestions in newsletters during the lead up. Most people camp alongside their car, and get a room every third night or so or in the larger towns.

Q: Do I have to carry everything in my car?

A: Sort of, but we can help. It is very wise to aim to be completely self sufficient and carry everything you may need to be comfortable out on the road and carry out minor repairs or breakages. As part of the Road Boss Rally service, we provide a baggage/spares truck to help carry your large and bulky items that you are unable to safely store or carry in your car. The truck gets locked and loaded each morning, then heads direct to the next overnight stop where it will be waiting for you.

Q: What if I break down?

A: Fair chance you will and that's all part of the fun and adventure. Most friendships are made when the chips are down and people need a hand. We don't call them breakdowns; we call them 'Bonnet Parties'. When and if you strike trouble, help is not far away. Whether it comes from a fellow entrant that will always stop and help, or one of our experienced and helpful volunteer officials, you will never be left alone. Usually you will be up and running again in no time. If it is major and can't be repaired road side, our sweep car will pick you and your car up and take you to the next overnight stop, or the nearest town or facility where you can arrange repairs, parts or transport etc.....

Q: Is it a race?

A: No. The Road Boss Rally is not a race, speed event or timed trial. We do score the rally, but it is not there to encourage speed or unsafe driving. We use the scoring to have a lot of fun, keep crews occupied and concentrating during the day and as organisers, it provides us with a method of being able to monitor and manage the cars during each day to make sure everyone is on track, being sensible and is accounted for, especially in very remote and isolated areas. So you can win the Road Boss Rally, but it's not a race. It's about vehicle preparation, taking on a challenge and being reliable and consistent.

Any questions or queries, please call Road Boss on 0427 633 098