



## **TOP LEVEL RALLYING RETURNS TO BATEMANS BAY WITH KUMHO TYRES EXTREME DRIVING RALLY OF THE BAY**

Batemans Bay will welcome top flight rallying again on July 30 when the Kumho Extreme Driving Rally of the Bay comes to the brilliant South Coast Forests.

The third round of the Australian Rally Masters Series, Kumho Extreme Driving Rally of the Bay will welcome some of the most exciting and spectacular rally cars and drivers to what is the Mecca of Australian rallying.

Run on arguably the best roads in all of New South Wales, the event has been structured to re-unite rallying with the local community by bringing the rally and the promotional activities into the town.

As well as being the third round of the Australian Two Wheel Drive Rally Masters series it is also a round of the Pipe King Southern Cross Rally Series and the RaceBrakes Rookie series.

Event director Col Fletcher, one of the most experienced rally organisers in Australia, has structured the rally to ensure both competitors and spectators enjoy a memorable experience.

“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 national level rallying back to the Bay,” said Col Fletcher.

“The Bay hosted rounds of national championships throughout the 1970s and has not hosted a major national championship since the 1990s however we are proud to re-unite the sport with one of the best locations in the country,” he added.

“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 through its motorsport dealer Fsport as well as Extreme Driving.net, the 2EC radio network, MRT Performance, Simpson Race Products, Rallysport Magazine, Motorsport Memories and numerous motels in the Bay area,” Col Fletcher said.

“Local promotion is being handled by the 2EC radio network and Bay Post for the print media,” he added.

The rally will kick off with a ceremonial start at midday beside the river, giving locals the opportunity to see the competitors and their array of spectacular rally cars up close.

After driving over the start ramp competitors will face 132 kilometres of competitive running over nine challenging stages over some of the most flowing and truly enjoyable roads in Australia.

The first car is due to finish the rally around 8:30pm giving drivers and spectators plenty of action after the sun sets.

Spectators will have plenty of chances to view all the action, with four forest viewing points during the rally with the final point is a beauty fully flood-lit with live commentary with up to date results and rally news.

The Service Park and finish are located in the one place near the centre of Batemans Bay and the relaxed format will allow service crews to go to spectator points to see their car and be back to service with time to spare.

Full details of the Kumho Tyres Extreme Driving Rally of the Bay can be accessed via the website at [www.amsag.com.au/BatemansBay.php](http://www.amsag.com.au/BatemansBay.php)