

# W. H. Lowe Rally for Carburettor Ferrari

24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009



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**Please drive safely, enjoy the rally and have fun. If you have any questions please talk to –**



## Welcome

The organisers, pictured above, would like to welcome you all to the second bi-annual W.H. Lowe Rally for carburettor Ferrari.

The W.H. Lowe Rally is named in honour of W.H. Lowe, and the driving forces behind W.H. Lowe, Bill and Ralph Lowe. W.H. Lowes became the Australian representative for Ferrari in 1952 and was one of Ferrari's first agents outside of Italy (in fact, they boasted of being the first Ferrari representative in the world).

The first Ferrari imported by the Lowes was a 212, which happily remains in Australia owned by Les Miller. The Lowes were responsible for importing a number of wonderful Ferraris into Australia- including a number of which are here this weekend. The list of Ferraris which were imported through W.H. Lowe remains impressive by any standards- including 250s (including a 250LM, which Bill used as his road car and a 250 SWB), 275s, 330s and 365s.

Now I do have a "small" confession to make. The photo above is not of the organisers, although many have compared our driving abilities with the gentlemen pictured above!! In fact it is a great photo of REAL driving talent. From L to R they are Hawthorn, Fangio, DePortago, Castellotti, Collins, Moss and Gendebien, taken before the 1956 French GP at Reims. The black armbands are in memory of Dino Ferrari who had died the day before. Please be careful this weekend and drive like Fangio, Moss, Gendebien, and not like Hawthorne, DePortago, Castellotti, Collins !!

# Cover Photo Story

Whilst we are being nostalgic, the cover photo for this booklet is of a 1955 Mondial that has a unique history. How many Ferrari have raced as Official Ferrari Team cars in French Racing Blue colours? This Ferrari 500 Mondial was completed on May 10, 1955. It was the 4th of the 8 of these cars made by Ferrari, a two liter, 4 cylinder sports racer. It's first owner was French privateer, Francois Picard, so it left the Factory in French Racing Blue. Picard and business partner Gino Munaron raced the car fairly extensively during the summer of 1955, including the GP of France at Monthlery. As he often did with his racing Ferraris, Picard traded the car back to the Factory in October as a trade-in on a new car. At that time Ferrari was preparing to ship works cars to the first GP of Venezuela. They had no time to re-paint the returned the car in red, so they just put the SF shields on the blue car and shipped it to Caracas. Harry Schell started the race in the car. In those days, both two and three liter cars ran in the Grand Prix races - some GPs were for formula cars and some for sports racers. Eugenio Castellotti started the race in one of the 6-cylinder 121LMs, but had mechanical failure in the first lap. Ferrari pulled Schell from the Mondial and put in Castellotti. Castellotti drove like a maniac and finished first in the 2-liter class and fifth overall - at the end of the race he was putting in lap times only a hair slower than Fangio in the 3-liter Maserati.

Enzo had been paid the return freight costs but the Factory sold the car to international playboy, Porfirio Rubirosa after the GP of Venezuela and pocketed the return freight fee. Rubirosa ran the car at the Nassau Speed Week and then (with Jim Pauley) the 1956 12 Hours of Sebring where they won first in class. Like so many Ferrari sports racers that came to the US in the 50s, the car then had a succession of American owners who ran the hell out of the car in SCCA races all over the Mid-West.

The car entered the 1959 Road America where, after about 200 miles, the transaxle seized. The owner towed it to a Rambler dealer in Richmond, California where he left it. In May, 1960, US Navy LT Robert Phillips was stationed at the old Oakland Naval Air Station and racing his MGA 1500 when he heard about the Ferrari for sale. He went to the Rambler dealer in Richmond and was told that the car was in the shop around back. The body guys had been using the side of the car to clear their spray guns and the car was completely filthy from being towed a long distance. Robert Phillips took a rag and wiped off the cam cover, revealing the classic "Ferrari" logo and that's all she wrote. He bought the car for \$2300, rebuilt the car over 9 months, took another driver's school (since this was a quantum leap over the 70 HP MGA) and went racing.

After racing the car through most of the 1960s, and he even once drove the car coast to coast, (about 3000kms) in the winter, as freighting the car was expensive, he stored the car as it had become uncompetitive. After over 30 years in storage, Admiral Phillips then commenced a preservation-oriented restoration in 2000. On completion it won the Ferrari Competition class award at Pebble Beach in 2008 as well as Best in Show - Competition at the Cavallino Classic in 2009. He has now owned the car for nearly 50 years and it is part of the Phillips family.

# General Information

## Drive Starts: Saturday and Sunday

The start for Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009 and Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009 is at **9.00 am** and **9.30 am** respectively outside the main reception of Seacombe House on corner of Cox and Sackville Streets, Port Fairy. Please be on time. On the Sunday, you will need to make sure that you are checked out prior to the start.

## Morning Teas and Lunches

Morning tea on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009** is at Mt Eccles National Park. Lunch is at the Surf Life Saving Club, Cape Bridewater. This morning tea, lunch and drinks are included in your rally registration fee.

Morning tea on **Sunday 22nd April 2007** is at the Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld. Lunch is at the Quarry Restaurant, Halls Gap. Both are NOT included in your rally registration fee.

## Dinners

Dinner on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009** is at **7.00 pm** at the Saltra Brasserie, 20 Bank Street, Port Fairy. Pre-dinner drinks are from **6.30 pm** at the Saltra Brasserie. Friday night dinner is included in your rally registration fee but you will need to pay for your drinks separately.

Dinner on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009** is at Penny and Andrew Fraser's lovely property, Harton Hills. We have arranged a bus to leave from the main reception at Seacombe House at **5.30 pm SHARP** to transport us to Harton Hills. Please be ready at 5pm. The bus will also return us to Port Fairy at the completion of the dinner. Your rally registration fee includes transportation, dinner and drinks for Saturday night at Harton Hills. We would like to sincerely thank Andrew and Penny Fraser for putting up with us for the Saturday night dinner at their lovely home, Harton Hills.

Harton Hills was taken up by William Carmichael in 1840 and retained by him for 50 years. Initially the property consisted of 39,000 acres. The second owner was Sir Frederick Sargood who also owned Ripponlea in Melbourne. He changed the property name to Ripponhurst and sold some of the land so that the property was reduced to 17,000 acres. There was a golf course, tennis court and the Cobb & Co road ran through the farm. That road can still be seen today. The property was then sold in 1927 to the King Family who owned it until 1998 when it was purchased by the current owners, Penny and Andrew Fraser. The Frasers restored the house and home gardens to their former glory after being neglected for many years.

## Licensing and insurance

Your vehicle must be currently registered or be on a club permit scheme, and must be covered by third party liability insurance. The event is covered by a CAMS permit. The driver of each vehicle must have a current motor vehicle licence.

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# Rally Timetable of Activities

## Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Time	Activity
PM	Arrive at Port Fairy
6.30 pm	Pre dinner drinks at Saltra Brasserie, 20 Bank Street, Port Fairy
7.00 pm	Dinner at Saltra Brasserie, 20 Bank Street, Port Fairy

## Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Time	Activity
9.00 am	Meet for Saturday run at front of Seacombe House
10.00 am	Morning tea at Mt Eccles National Park.
1.00 pm	Lunch at Cape Bridgewater Life Saving Club.
3.30 pm	Return to Port Fairy
5.00 pm	Meet outside Seacombe House for 5:30pm bus to Harton Hills for dinner
6.00 pm onwards	Dinner at Harton Hills

## Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Time	Activity
9.30 am	Meet for Sunday run at front of Seacombe House. You will need to be checked out
10.30 am	Morning tea at Dunkeld at the Royal Mail Hotel
12.30 pm	Lunch at Quarry Restaurant, Halls Gap. Official Rally finish

# Entrant List

<b>Names</b>	<b>Car</b>
Bill and Nola Alexander (Vic)	550
Philip Allen (Vic)	246GT
Brian Arundel and Jacqui Quinn (Vic)	308 GTB
Rob Bailey and Roman Valher (Vic)	E-Type Jag
Robyn and Ian Begley (Vic)	330 GTC
John Bishop (Vic)	C4
Ian Buddery and Samuel King (NSW)	Daytona
Andrew Cannon and John Stansfield (Vic)	275 GTB
Geoff Corah and Sharon Alcock (NSW)	246 Dino
Ray and Michelle Delaney (Vic)	550
Lance and Yvonne Dixon (Vic)	330GTC
Peter Dowdle and Russel Olssen (Vic)	365GT4 2+2
Jenny Peardon, Andy and Penny Fraser (Vic)	400
Terry Healy (Qld)	Daytona
Gary and Janine Higgon (Vic)	Daytona
Tony and Allison Kelly (Vic)	330 GTC
Will and Judy Macdonald (SA)	365GT4 2+2
John and Sandra Maher (Vic)	275 GTB
Barb and Bryan Meredith (Vic)	365 GTC
Bill and Susie McDonald (SA)	328GTB
Phil and Chris Moore (SA)	Queen
Grant and Oscar Perryman (SA)	250 PF
Geoff and Maureen Petherbridge (Vic)	Daytona
Geoff and Jan Phillips (Vic)	308 GTB
Peter Pless (Vic)	308 GT4
Robert and Jennifer Preston (Vic)	365 Boxer
Janis Priedkalns and Christobel Royal (SA)	Daytona
Brendan and Graeme Quinn (Vic)	250 GTE
Tony and Angela Read (Vic)	365 GT4 2+2

Margaret & Tony Reeves (Vic)	550
David and Diane Reidie (Vic)	Lusso
Kay and Mark Robertson (SA)	400A
Kate Robey (NSW)	246 Dino
Brian and Lyn Robinson (Vic)	308 GTB
Miles Sandy and Russell Reeves (NSW)	365 Boxer
Bryan and Rosemary Sawley (SA)	250 GTE
Kim and Maria Shearn (Vic)	Queen
Alan and Lucy Simpson (Vic)	400A
Clive and Caroline Smith (Vic)	275 GTB
Tony and Heather Smith (Vic)	246 Dino
Peter and Jane Strauss (Vic)	330 GTC
Ian and Monique Wolstenholme (Vic)	C4
Harry Wysokier and Mary Deane (Vic)	C4



# Route Instructions

## Nature of instructions





The instructions for the Rally are set out in the following pages. In addition, maps are included. The maps illustrate each of the relevant turning points for the Rally.












In addition to setting out navigation instructions, cumulative distances in travelled together with intermediate distances (in each case in kilometres and miles) are set out.









We have also attempted to identify in the notes information that you may find useful, such as rough roads. You will also find graphics illustrating right, left turns and roundabouts.

## Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Morning Tea at Mt Eccles National Park. Lunch at Cape Bridgewater Surf Life Saving Club at around 1pm, and Dinner is at the homestead "Harton Hills" 50km from Port Fairy. BUS PROVIDED. The bus leaves Seacombe House at 5:30pm SHARP, so please be ready at 5:00pm.

Total Distance <i>(Miles)</i>	Sector Distance <i>(Miles)</i>	Total Distance <i>(Kms)</i>	Sector Distance <i>(Kms)</i>	Description	Notes	Graphic
0	0	0	0	<b>Turn Left</b> into Sackville St on leaving Secombe House car park and <b>Straight Ahead</b> at the <b>Roundabout</b> .		
0.12	0.12	0.2	0.2	<b>Turn Left</b> at <b>Bank St.</b>		
0.68	0.56	1.1	0.9	<b>Turn Left</b> at Stop Sign. <b>A1 Portland</b>		
18.6	17.9	29.5	28.4	<b>Turn Right</b> into Codrington Bessiebelle Rd. This is only a 100 meters <b>AFTER</b> the wind farm viewing area on the left.	There may be a photographer on the side of this road.	
28.0	9.4	44.5	15.0	<b>Turn Right and immediately Right again</b> to McArthur Woolsthorpe C176.		

<b>Total Distance</b> <i>(Miles)</i>	<b>Sector Distance</b> <i>(Miles)</i>	<b>Total Distance</b> <i>(Kms)</i>	<b>Sector Distance</b> <i>(Kms)</i>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Graphic</b>
	1.8	47.4	2.9	<b>Turn Left</b> into Lake Gorrie Rd	<b>CAUTION</b> Rough bridge at 15.5 km ( 9.7 miles) on this road.	
	16.7	73.9	26.5	<b>Turn Left</b> to Mt Eccles National Park		
	3.5	79.5	5.6	<b>Turn Right</b> into the Mt Eccles National Park.		
	0.6	80.5	1	Continue until the end of the loop road where morning tea will be served.		
	0.6	81.5	1	Return to the main road and <b>Turn Left.</b>		
	1.8	84.4	2.9	<b>Turn Left</b> into Christies Rd		
	2.5	88.3	3.9	<b>Turn Left</b> into C186 Heywood	<b>CAUTION</b> There are some DIPS in this road, so please be careful. Very approximately the worst are around the 5 and 15 km mark.	
	12.3	107.8	19.5	<b>Turn Left</b> into A200 Heywood		
	10.7	124.8	17.0	<b>Turn Right</b> to A1 Mt Gambier		
	22.7	160.8	36.0	<b>Turn Left</b> to Lower Glenelg National Park Nelson Rd	There may be a photographer on the side of this road.	
	15.8	185.8	25.0	<b>Turn Left</b> to Portland		
	22.9	222.1	36.3	<b>Turn Right</b> into Heath Rd	Sign to Cape Bridgewater and Airport	









<b>Total Distance</b> <i>(Miles)</i>	<b>Sector Distance</b> <i>(Miles)</i>	<b>Total Distance</b> <i>(Kms)</i>	<b>Sector Distance</b> <i>(Kms)</i>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Graphic</b>
	5.7	231.2	9.1	<b>Turn Right</b> to Cape Bridgewater		
	8.3	244.4	13.2	<b>Turn Right</b> to Cape Bridgewater	Signs to Blow Hole and Seal Colony.	
	1.9	247.4	3.0	<b>Stop</b> at Surf Life Saving Club	<b>LUNCH</b>	
	10.6	264.3	16.9	<b>Turn Left</b>	Signs to A200 Port Area and Hamilton	
	0.3	264.8	0.5	<b>Turn Left</b> to Hamilton		
	2.0	268.0	3.2	<b>Turn Left</b> to Hamilton and Warnambool		
	1.6	270.6	2.6	<b>Turn Right</b> to A1 Warnambool		
	42.1	337.5	66.9	<b>Turn Right</b> into Bank St		
	0.6	338.4	0.9	<b>Turn Right</b> into Sackville St		
	0.1	338.6	0.2	Seacombe House Hotel is on the right. HOME AGAIN !		






**\*\*NOTE\*\*** Bus for dinner will leave at 5:30pm SHARP so please be ready at 5:00pm

## Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Morning Tea at Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld at around 10:30am

Lunch at The Quarry, Halls Gap at around 12:30pm

Total Distance <i>(Miles)</i>	Sector Distance <i>(Miles)</i>	Total Distance <i>(Kms)</i>	Sector Distance <i>(Kms)</i>	Description	Notes	Graphic
0	0	0	0	<b>Turn Left</b> into Sackville St on leaving Secombe House car park and <b>immediately Turn Left</b> at the <b>Roundabout</b> into Cox St		
0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	<b>Turn Left</b> at James St		
0.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	<b>Turn Left</b> at T intersection after Caravan Park then follow the road around.		
5.8	5.2	9.3	8.4	<b>Turn Right</b>	Sign: A1 Warnambool	
10.3	4.5	16.6	7.3	<b>Turn Left</b> This is a nice detour drive through the crater of an old volcano.	Sign: Tower Hill Reserve	
12.3	2.0	19.9	3.3	<b>Turn Left</b> at the end of the scenic drive		
13.9	1.6	22.5	2.6	<b>Optional Stop</b> (Photo Opportunity) Scenic lookout on the <b>Left</b> that looks out over the crater. (Car park can only hold maybe 10 cars.)		
14.3	0.4	23.2	0.7	<b>Turn Right</b>	Sign: O'Briens Lane	
14.7	0.4	23.8	0.6	<b>Turn Right</b>		
15.4	0.7	25.0	1.2	<b>Turn Left</b>	Sign: C183 Hamilton	

Total Distance <i>(Miles)</i>	Sector Distance <i>(Miles)</i>	Total Distance <i>(Kms)</i>	Sector Distance <i>(Kms)</i>	Description	Notes	Graphic
47.7	32.3	76.2	51.2	<b>Turn Right</b> in Penhurst at the roundabout with the granite column.	Signs: B140/C178 Town Centre  Dunkeld Geelong	
48.3	0.6	77.1	0.9	<b>Turn Left</b>  <b>Note:</b> At 6 miles (9.6 kms) along this road there is a cross road. Look for cars.	Signs: C178 Dunkeld Grampian Via Dunkeld	
63.3	15.0	101.2	24.1	<b>Turn Right</b> immediately after crossing the train line.	Signs: Dunkeld 3 B160 Ballarat  To Grampians via Dunkeld	
64.9	1.6	103.8	2.6	<b>Morning Tea</b>  Royal Mail Hotel is on the <b>Left</b> just as you enter Dunkeld. There are other morning tea options in the town if the hotel is too crowded.		
65.2	0.3	104.2	0.4	<b>Turn Left</b>	Signs: C216 Victoria Valley Halls Gap Stawell	
66.8	1.6	106.8	2.6	<b>Turn Right</b>  (Note: Dirt car park on left)	Signs: C216 Halls Gap 2 Grampians Retreat	
104.1	37.3	167.0	60.2	<b>Lunch</b> at Quarry Restaurant which is 50 meters off the road on the right, at the end of a series of tourist shops perpendicular to the road. <b>Parking</b> is on the <b>LEFT</b> in public car park in the main street 200 meters AFTER Best Western Hotel.		

