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# Welcome to Mt Barker

On behalf of the Mount Barker District Council, I extend a warm welcome to all visitors joining us for the Adelaide Hills Rally.

Our region sits in the heart of the Mount Lofty Ranges, just a short drive up the South Eastern Freeway from Adelaide. This land is the traditional home of the Peramangk People, and we acknowledge their enduring connection and custodianship of Country.

Mount Barker is one of South Australia's fastest growing areas, thanks to its unique mix of convenience, natural beauty, and lifestyle. Here, you'll find clean air, open spaces, and a vibrant community spirit.

Whether you're here to enjoy the rally, explore our parks and trails, or simply relax and take in the scenery, we hope your time in Mount Barker is memorable.

Enjoy your visit, and welcome to our community.

Mayor David Leach

## From the Clerk of the Course

Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> running of the Adelaide Hills Rally, the only council/shire road based event in the Australian Rally Championship. This year we start of the event on the Thursday night with the Rally Show & Street Party in Gawler Street Mount Barker. We welcome back MSS Safety as the sponsor for the Rally Show & Street Party and look forward to being back in the main street of Mount Barker again. Please be supportive of the local businesses that will stay open to accommodate the teams and spectators with food and drinks.

We welcome back side by side match racing on the Friday night with our 3.75km long Super Special Stage at Mid Murray Motorplex (MMM). MMM is the home of the Southern Districts Car Club where a vast majority of our officials come from. This year the Southern Districts Car Club are celebrating 21 years of their Junior Development Program which has produced state and national champions in various disciplines like Guy Tyler, Molly Spalding, Zayne Admiraal and Bradley Clements. \$5 from every ticket sold to the SSS on Eventbrite will be donated directly to the ongoing support of the SDCC Junior Development Program.

We welcome 2 new stages to the event plus one stage going reverse direction and one stage with a new finish. Once again, the event will be the final round of the South Australian Rally Championship, South Australian Clubman Series and the South Australian Regularity Series. The event attracts a 50% loading with points being the final round so it will be critical for teams to finish the year well to claim the big prize.

We would also like to thank the 5 councils that we are running the event in for their on-going support.



2025 Winner  
Hayden Padden  
and  
John Kennard  
Hyundai i20N Rally 2

**Interactive Spectator Guide**  
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# Adelaide Hills Rally Itinerary

|                |          |                                               |                        |
|----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Thursday Oct 1 | 6:00 pm  | MSS Rally Show                                | Gawler St. Mt Barker   |
| Friday Oct 2   | 5:00 pm  | autObarn MMM Super Special Stage              | Starick Rd, Cambrai    |
| Saturday Oct 3 | 7:15 am  | Cars depart service park for stages 3 to 5    | Summit Recreation Park |
|                | 9:20 am  | Cars arrive for service C                     | Strathalbyn            |
|                | 9:50 am  | Cars depart service for stages 6 to 8         | Strathalbyn            |
|                | 11:27 pm | Cars arrive for service D                     | Summit Recreation Park |
|                | 12:17 pm | Cars depart service park for stages 9 and 10  | Summit Recreation Park |
|                | 2:20 pm  | Cars arrive for service E                     | Summit Recreation Park |
|                | 2:55 pm  | Cars depart service park for stages 11 and 12 | Summit Recreation Park |
|                | 4:58 pm  | Cars arrive for service F (end day 1)         | Summit Recreation Park |
| Sunday Oct 4   | 7:20 am  | Cars depart service park for stages 13 to 15  | Summit Recreation Park |
|                | 9:27 am  | Cars arrive for service H                     | Summit Recreation Park |
|                | 10:02 am | Cars depart service park for stages 16 to 18  | Summit Recreation Park |
|                | 12:09 pm | Cars arrive for service I                     | Summit Recreation Park |
|                | 1:04 pm  | Cars depart service park for stages 19 to 20  | Summit Recreation Park |
|                | 2:10 pm  | Cars arrive for service J                     | Summit Recreation Park |
|                | 3:00 pm  | Cars depart service park for stages 21 to 22  | Summit Recreation Park |
|                |          | Podium Presentation                           | Summit Recreation Park |

*Itinerary correct at the time of publication*

## Spectating

There is free entry into the Galvaniize Insurance Rally Central Service Park at the Summit Sport and Recreation Park, come and see the cars and crews up close.

Register for your free tickets to access the 4 Closed Road Special Stage Spectator Points. See pages 12 and 13 for directions to these points.

Entry to the MMM Friday Super Special Stage is \$22.49\* per adult and free for under 15's.

## To Register for the free Spectator Point tickets and to buy tickets for the MMM Friday Super Special Stage please visit:

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\* \$20.00 + \$2.49 service fee



# MSS Safety Rally Show

From 5:00pm\* to 9:00pm on Thursday Oct 1 everyone is welcome to come and meet the teams and crews and enjoy the atmosphere of the MSS Safety Rally Show & Street Party in Gawler Street Mt Barker. The cars will be on display and crews available to meet and greet.

Come and grab a poster and have it signed by the teams before they are waved off by the Mayor.

There will be a live band, circus performers, a DJ and Food and Drink vans on site. Local fooderies will also be open, so make a night of it and grab a bite from The Barker Hotel while watching the entertainment on the street.

(\* Gawler Street closed at 5:00pm, cars arriving from 6:00pm)



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# autObarn MMM Super Special Stage

On Friday afternoon October 2, come for a drive out to the Southern Districts Car Club's Mid Murray Motorplex and watch the competitors tackle the twists and turns of the 3.64km track.

MMM is located at 40 Starick Rd, Cambrai, about 20 minutes East of Mt Pleasant on the Angus Valley Road. Enter of Starrick Rd just North of the Angus Valley Road intersection. Competitors will do two runs over the course and cars will line up side by side in a "Race of Champions" style event where one car completes the small lap while the other car does the long lap. They then cross over to do the other track and should cross the finish line very close together. The entire track is visible from the spectator areas which makes this incredibly unique to rallying in Australia and extremely exciting to watch. The cars will be on display between runs where you will be able to get up close to the cars and crew. Don't miss seeing Australia's best rally drivers and their machines up close in this family friendly environment.

There will be food and drinks (and amenities) available at the track.

Scan or Click on the QR Code or visit the Website below for tickets from Eventbrite.

Entry to the MMM Super Special Stage is \$22.49\* per adult.

Children 15 and under are free but need to register on Eventbrite for their free tickets. Tickets are limited so get in early.



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Click or Scan  
for directions  
to MMM



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# Galvaniize Insurance Rally Central Summit Sport and Recreation Park



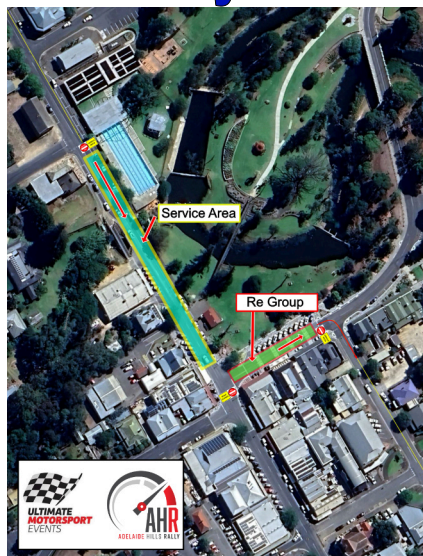
Located 5 minutes from the centre of Mt Barker, the Summit Sport and Recreation Park on Springs Rd will be transformed into Galvaniize Insurance Rally Central.

Cars and crews will be coming and going throughout both days of the rally.

Food and drinks will be available on site or there is the Aston Hills Shopping Centre close by.



## Strathalbyn Remote Service



Located on Commercial Rd in Strathalbyn there will be a remote service and refuel for all rally cars. Commencing around 9am on Saturday, crews will be setting up for the first cars to arrive around 9:15am.

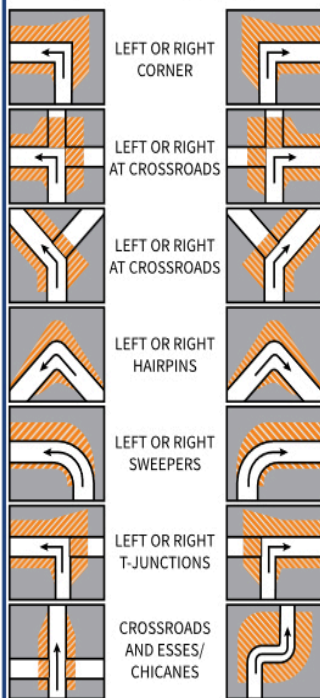
Following that the cars will move into a Regroup for 20 mins on Albyn Tce before heading back out for the second pass through Signal Flat, Hillview and Bugle Ranges.

Food and drinks will be available from the locals shops.

### THE FOLLOWING DIAGRAMS SHOW AREAS THAT ARE CONSIDERED TO BE

#### **UNSAFE**

**NO STANDING AREAS ARE  
SHOWN WITH STRIPES**



Use this guide to ensure safe viewing in areas  
outside designated spectator points

### SAFE SPECTATORS...

#### **ALWAYS...**

- ✓ Stay **ALERT** and expect the unexpected
- ✓ Stand in a safe location
- ✓ Consider your own safety and that of others at all times
- ✓ Stand where you can see the competing cars coming and going
- ✓ Listen for approaching cars
- ✓ Remain alert
- ✓ Leave yourself room to move away quickly
- ✓ Keep children under close supervision
- ✓ Leave pets at home, please do **NOT** bring them to a spectator area
- ✓ Obey rally officials
- ✓ Help the officials to run a safe stage
- ✓ Take your rubbish home with you, keep our forests clean
- ✓ Assist our officials to run a safe event

#### **KNOW THAT...**

- ⚠ The unexpected can happen

#### **PROTECT...**

- ✓ Yourself
- ✓ Others around you
- ✓ Other people's property
- ✓ Wildlife and flora

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### SAFE SPECTATORS...

#### **NEVER...**

- ✗ Stand in prohibited areas (study the spectator viewing diagrams)
- ✗ Stand or sit close to the edge of the road
- ✗ Stand or Sit below the edge of the road or in gutters & culverts
- ✗ Stand in a run-off / escape route for the competing cars
- ✗ Sit down at a location on the same level as the cars - you need to be standing so you are able to move away quickly if necessary
- ✗ Remove rally signs or arrows, or stand in front of them
- ✗ Be distracted - always face toward the competing cars
- ✗ Stand or Cross a road that is officially closed
- ✗ play games with your safety, the competitors safety, or the safety of those around you
- ✗ Stand in front of fences or objects that may prevent you from moving quickly

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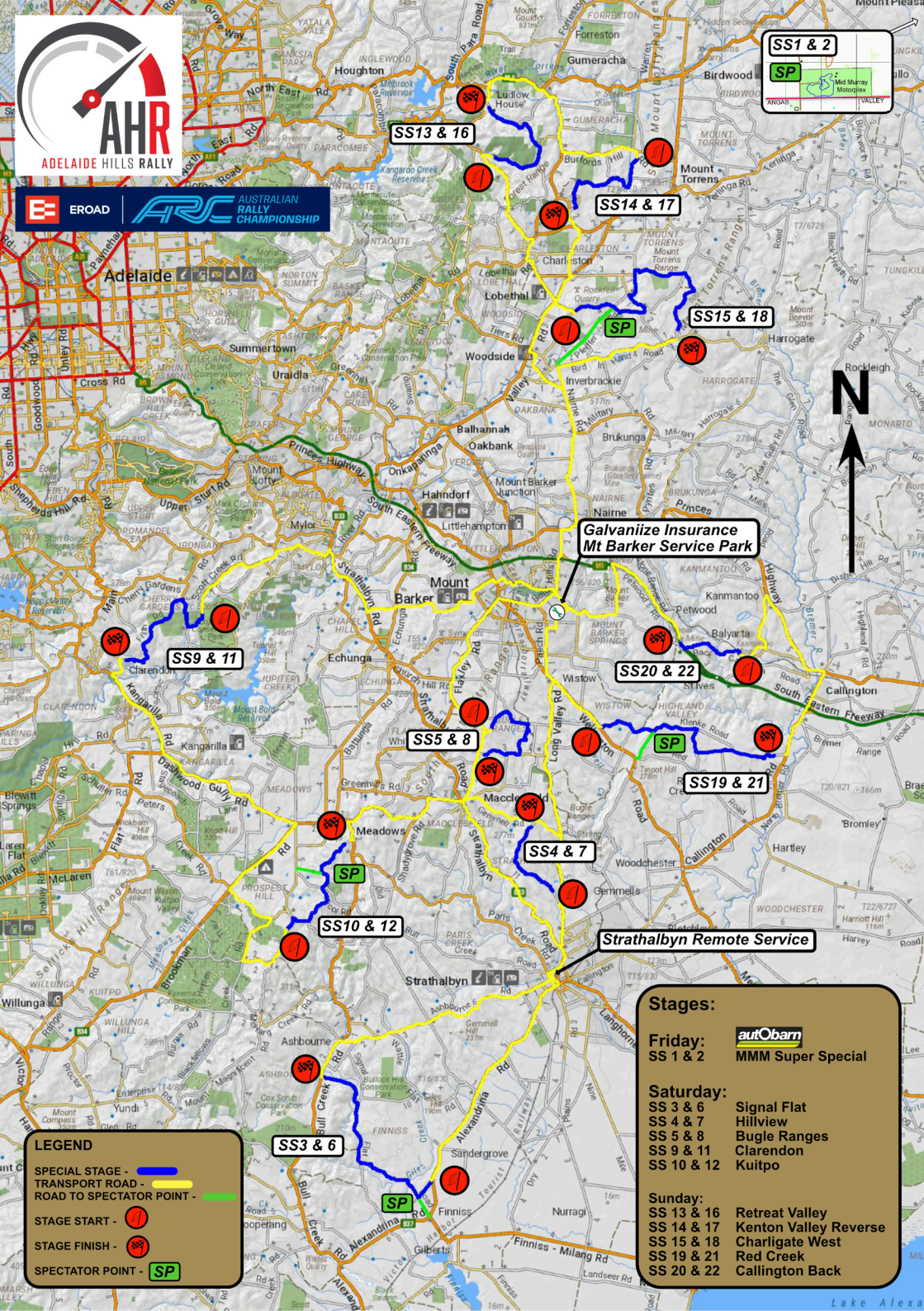
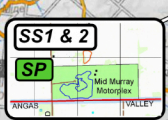
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#### LEGEND

- SPECIAL STAGE - —
- TRANSPORT ROAD - —
- ROAD TO SPECTATOR POINT - —
- STAGE START - ●
- STAGE FINISH - ●
- SPECTATOR POINT - ● SP

#### Stages:

**Friday:** autObarn  
SS 1 & 2 MMM Super Special

**Saturday:**  
SS 3 & 6 Signal Flat  
SS 4 & 7 Hillview  
SS 5 & 8 Bugle Ranges  
SS 9 & 11 Clarendon  
SS 10 & 12 Kuitpo

**Sunday:**  
SS 13 & 16 Retreat Valley  
SS 14 & 17 Kenton Valley Reverse  
SS 15 & 18 Charlgate West  
SS 19 & 21 Red Creek  
SS 20 & 22 Callington Back

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# Spectator Viewing - Saturday Oct 3

## Signal Flat 1 & 2

SS 3 First Car 8:00 am

SS 6 First Car 10:08 am

### Directions:

Turn North West from the Alexandrina Rd just out of Finnis into Signal Flat Road and travel 1.1km to the Spectator Point.

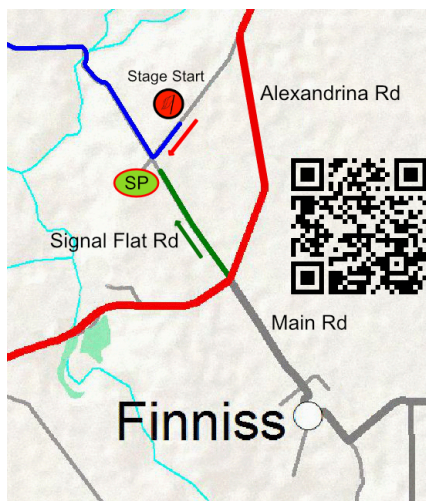
Competitors will be leaving the start only 1km away so you will hear them rev up before launching into the stage, they will arrive at high speed before sliding into a sharp right hand corner and then accelerate away from you.

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First Car times listed are the scheduled departure time of the car from the start and may alter throughout the day.

Special Stage

Road to Spectator Point

Spectator Point



Parking is on the side of the road close to all spectator points. Please be considerate and do not block other cars when parking and do not park in resident's driveways.  
Please note that there are no facilities or catering at any of the Spectator Points.

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## Kuitpo 1 & 2

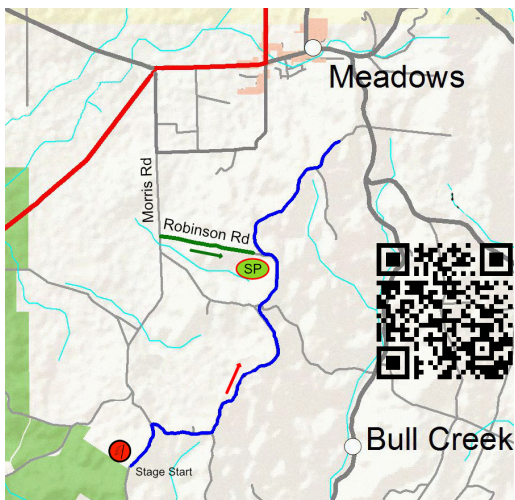
SS 10 First Car 1:40 pm

SS 12 First Car 4:18 pm

### Directions:

Turn East into Robinson Rd (Meadows) from Morris Rd, travel 1.4km to the Spectator Point.

Competitors arrive at this point around a fast left hand bend coming into view as they change direction for a fast right hand bend before disappearing up the tree lined road.



# Spectator Viewing - Sunday Oct 4

## Charligate West 1 & 2

SS15 First Car 8:49 am

SS18 First Car 11:31 am

### Directions:

Travel North-East on Pfeiffer Rd (Woodside) 4.2 km from the intersection of Bird in Hand Rd to the Spectator Point.

Competitors will be seen approaching the Spectator Point from the left for about a kilometer before crossing Pfeiffer Rd and disappearing up the tree lined Kings Rd.

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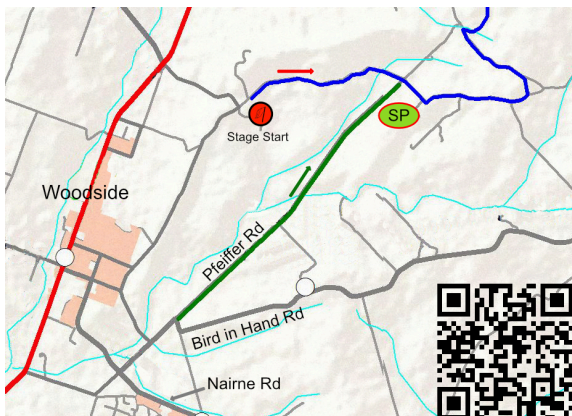
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## Red Creek 17 & 19

SS19 First Car 1:19 pm

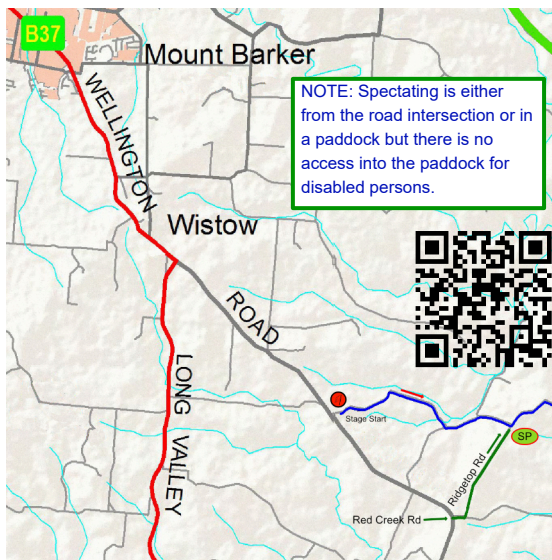
SS 21 First Car 3:15 pm

### Directions:

Turn into Red Creek Rd (Highland Valley) from Wellington Rd, then in 200m turn Left in to Ridgetop Rd and travel 1.6km to the Spectator Point.

Competitors will arrive at this Spectator Point from the left travelling uphill over a series of small crests before a quick left hand corner at the top of the hill, then accelerate away from you along a short straight .

The local land owner has given permission to spectate on his property (using a fence ladder) to the left of the intersection so viewing should be very good. Please respect that you are on Private Property.



**Caution:** When using the QR code to pin the Spectator Points please refer to the Overview map so you do not try to navigate onto or across a closed rally stage.



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Mitsubishi Lancer EVO 9

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Aaron Bowering  
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Subaru Impreza WRX



2022 - Lewis Bates/Anthony McLoughlin - Toyota Yaris AP4  
2023 - Lewis Bates/Anthony McLoughlin - Toyota Yaris AP4  
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