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## 1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CREWS

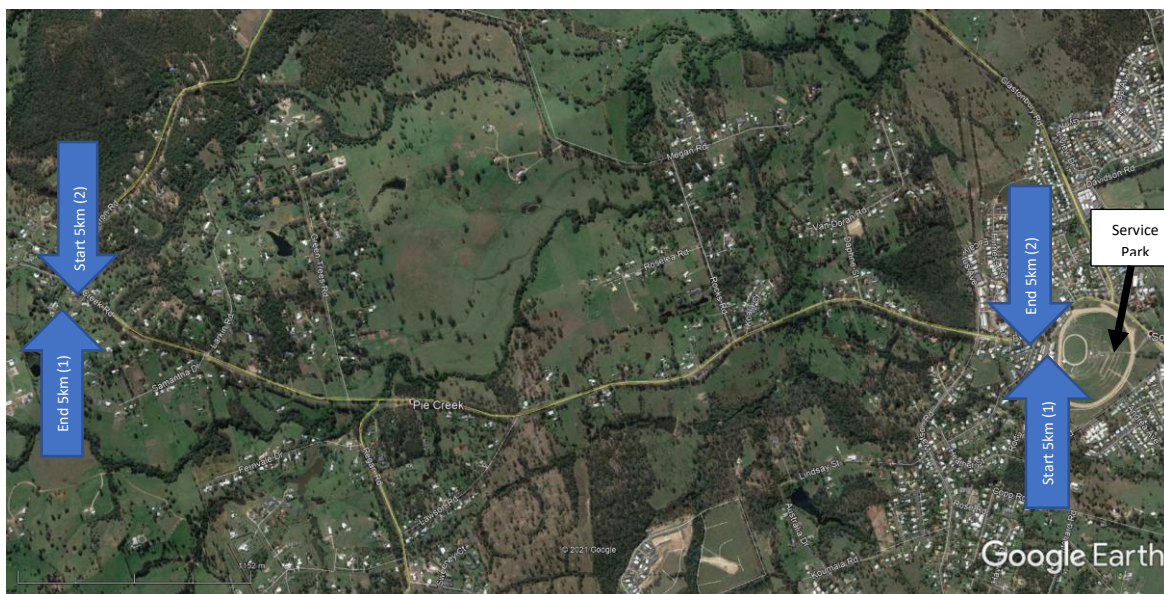
The Gympie Regional Council (GRC) will be hosting a Mayoral VIP Function on Friday 21 July 2023 in the Apex Function Room (upstairs in The Pavilion opposite the KickAss Rally Village). GRC extends an invitation to all drivers and co-drivers and/or 2 Team representatives to join them for light refreshments. The Function begins at 1530hrs and concludes at 1700hrs.

**Dress code: Smart race/team attire and footwear.**

## 2. GENERAL ITEMS

- **Competitor Packs** containing door numbers and vehicle signage will be available for collection by a member of the crew from the Secretariat Office, located on the ground floor of The Pavilion, and in accordance with the Event Program.
- **RallySafe** will be used for timing and safety – crews not familiar with this system should visit <http://rallysafe.com.au/about/#competitors> for further information, including guides and videos, on how to set up and use RallySafe.
- Crews will note that **Flexi-service** is available several times during the event. Attached is a document which might help those crews not familiar with this procedure.
- QRC crews entered in the ARC are reminded to have two A3 size SOS/OK signs in their vehicle. Signs are available from the Chief Scrutineer.
- There will be a variety of food options available in the KickAss Rally Village with breakfast, lunch and dinner menus on offer from Thursday right through to Sunday lunchtime. Coffee will also be available.
- Community Markets will be operating on Sunday 23 July between 0700hrs-1300hrs within the Gympie Showgrounds and close by the KickAss Rally Village.

### 3. 5KM DISTANCE CHECK – EEL CK RD (GYMPIE)



The 5km check is located on the south-western side of the Showgrounds, heading towards Pie Ck. Leave the Service Park using the Main gate and TL onto Exhibition Rd, then travel approximately 70m to the junction of Johnstone St. The Start 5km check is located on the LHS after Johnstone St as indicated below. On Thursday 20 May, a “0” and “5” will be erected adjacent to the painted markings to help identify the 5km Start and finish locations.

#### **START 5km (Check #1):**

Outside house #81 Eel Creek Rd

(Yellow paint on gutter in line with front fence post closest to house number #83)

26° 12.272'S / 152° 38.672'E



**END 5km (Check #1):**

Eel Creek Rd, just before Daniel Drive, at bus turnaround entry  
(Yellow paint on road edge). 26° 14.442'S / 152° 37.262'E



**Perform a U-turn with caution using Daniel Rd or Herron Rd junction.**

**START 5km (Check #2):**

From Herron Road intersection heading east, "Koala" signpost LHS just past bus stop shelter.  
26° 14.441'S / 152° 37.252'E



**END 5km (Check #2):**

On LHS just before Johnston Rd junction midway between house number #84 and #86  
(Pink paint on gutter) 26° 12.275'S / 152° 38.664'E

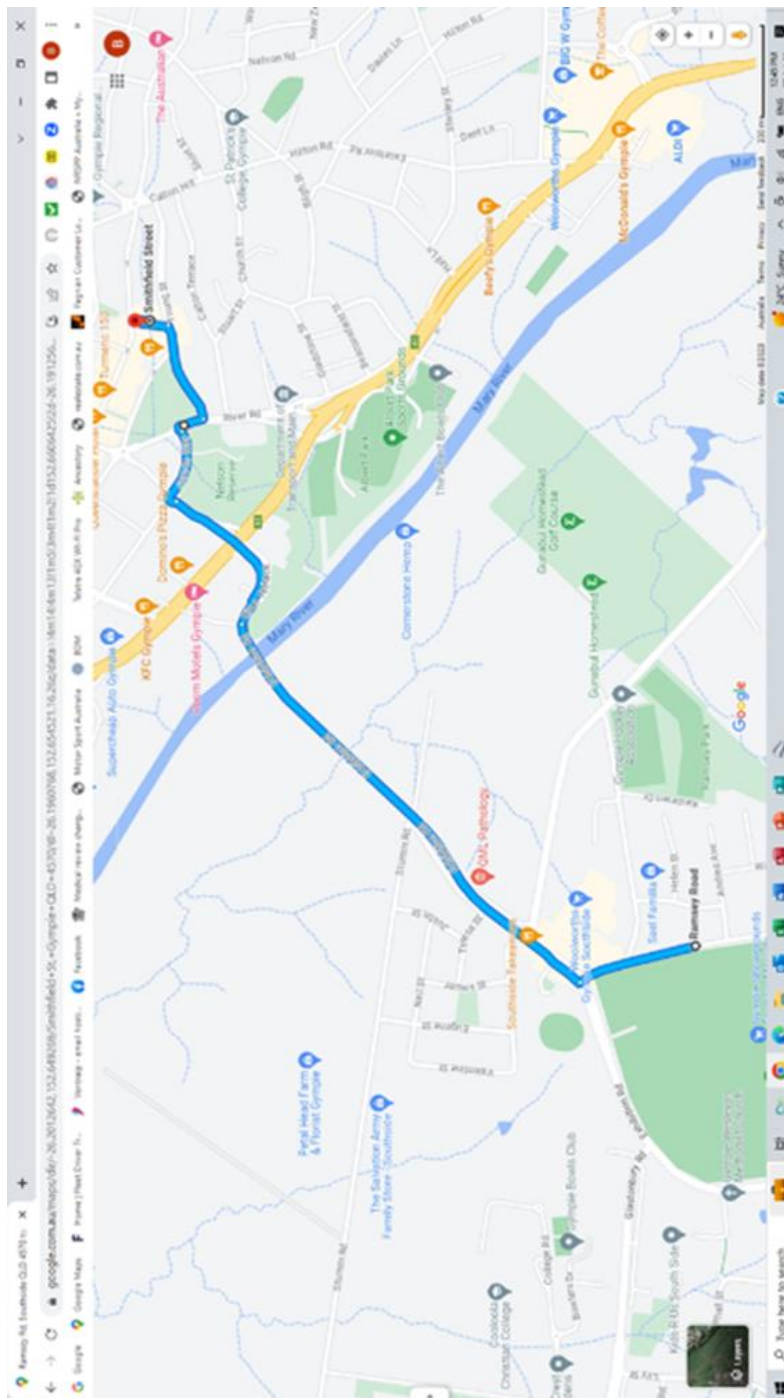


**An additional (2km) distance check will be located close to the Test stages on Thursday.**

**1. DIRECTIONS FROM SHOWGROUNDS TO “WHEELS ON MARY” (See maps next pages)**

When directed by event marshals, proceed to the Ramsey Road exit at the rear of the Service Park.

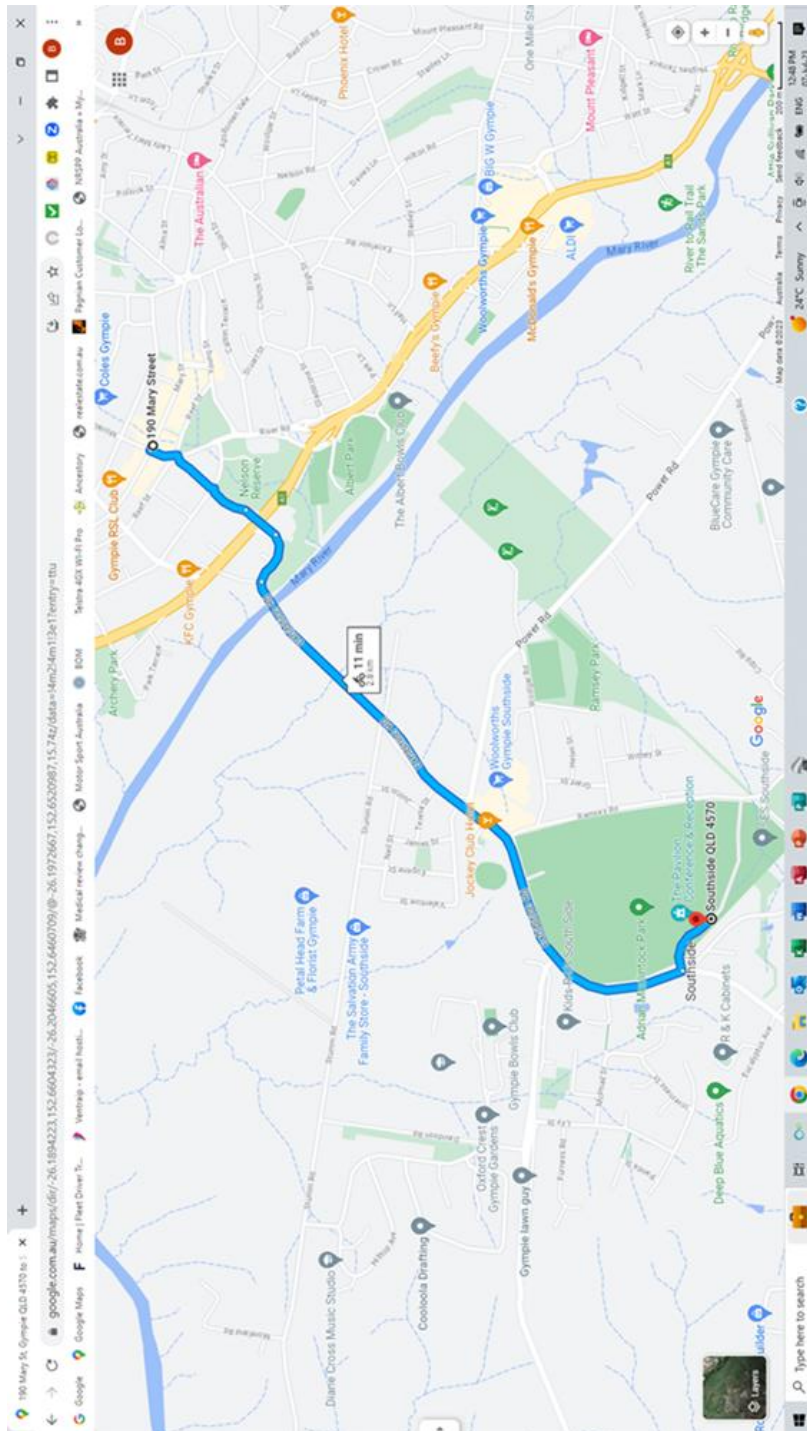
- 0.0 Zero tripmeter at gates, then TL onto Ramsey Rd.
- 0.15 SO
- 0.25 TR at Traffic lights  
Continue along Exhibition Rd and cross bridge (Mary River) then move to centre lane
- 1.57 SO at traffic lights (Bruce Highway)
- 1.73 TR @ Roundabout (take 3<sup>rd</sup> exit)
- 1.91 TR @ Roundabout (take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit)
- 1.96 TL @ Roundabout (take 1<sup>st</sup> exit)
- 2.20 TL into Smithfield St
- 2.26 TL into Mary Street – then follow directions as given by event marshals for parking.



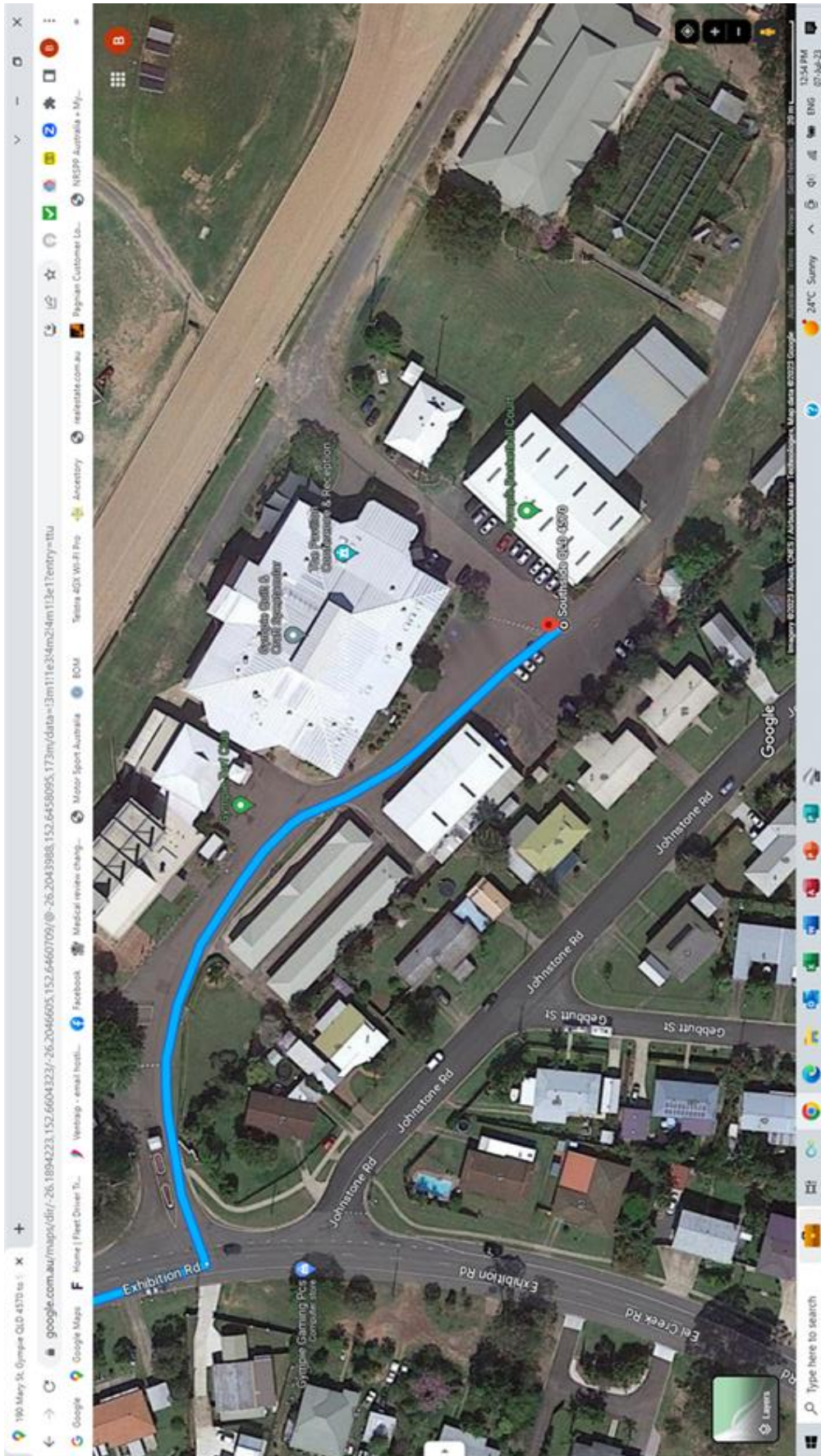
## 2. DIRECTIONS FROM “WHEELS ON MARY” TO FRIDAY NIGHT PARKING

Following the “Wheels on Mary” street party”

- 0.00 TL into Monkland St
- 0.08 TR @ roundabout take 3<sup>rd</sup> exit)
- 0.23 SO @ Roundabout (take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit)
- 0.41 SO @ traffic lights (Bruce Highway)
- 1.73 SO @ traffic lights
- 1.88 **ARC only – SO, then FMR**
- QRC only** - TL into Showgrounds – then proceed to service bay
- 2.56 ARC - TL through gateway into Showgrounds then follow main road way
- 2.76 ARC - Overnight Parking – Please follow directions of event marshals for parking.



**FRIDAY NIGHT GARAGE ENTRY**



## ATTACHMENT

# Flexi Service

### Flexi Service, what is it?

Flexi Service is commonly used at national and international rally events; it is a flexible service arrangement for the teams so they can bring their car into service at any stage within a time window. They still have the standard time restraints regarding the length of this service.

### Flexi Service, what advantages does it have?

The advantage of Flexi Service is primarily for two reasons.

1. Saving costs - by using Flexi Service it allows teams to service more than one car with the same group of service crew.
2. The ability for the team to better prepare the service crew and equipment for any special needs the car may require. For example, the car may have a component failure that requires an assembly that is not readily to hand for the service crew. By using Flexi Service, the crew can obtain and prepare the parts before the car is in the service bay using the limited time they have.

### Items to consider.

*Please keep in mind that the event will have a COVID PLAN and adherence to these practices will need to be carried out. E. g. Competitors fill out timecards but do not hand to control officials. This document provides no governance of COVID practices, refer to Bulletin 3.*

### Flexi Service.

*For the demonstration, controls will be 3A-3D.*

**Service Holding IN control 3A** - This control is not affected in any way by Flexi Service, book into this control at holding area as per normal.

**Service Holding OUT / Service IN control 3B** - This control is pivotal to the correct operation of flexi service. Unlike normal regroupings it is up to the competitor to decide how long within a total time frame that they wish to remain in the holding area. When the competitor is ready, they will proceed to the control 3B and check out of holding area and into service. *One point to note here is that the maximum time you can spend in the regroup may be stipulated in the itinerary eg. NOTE: Crew have a maximum of 20 minutes to move their car into Service from Holding Area.* The actual service time allowance is set by the event and does not change. It is important to note that the cars may not proceed thru this control in their running order.

**Service OUT / Regroup IN control 3C** - This control is the other one that is pivotal to making flexi service work, however, is quite simple. Essentially this control is no different to what it has always been - you take the time from control 3C and add the service allowance time to it, this gives you the due time for control, you then book the car into regroup as per usual. It is important to note that the cars may not proceed thru this control in their running order.

**Regroup OUT control 3D**- This control operates the same as it always has and is not affected at all by flexi service.

As you can see the only real difference is at the "B" control and even for them the change is minimal.

### Flexi service, how does it work? Some practical examples-

Below is a practical example using a total time in Holding Area / Regroup of 60 minutes. Within this 60-minute time period the crews are allowed a 20-minute service. This information is gathered from an event itinerary.



Car number 1 is due into holding area at 0952 and due out at 1052.

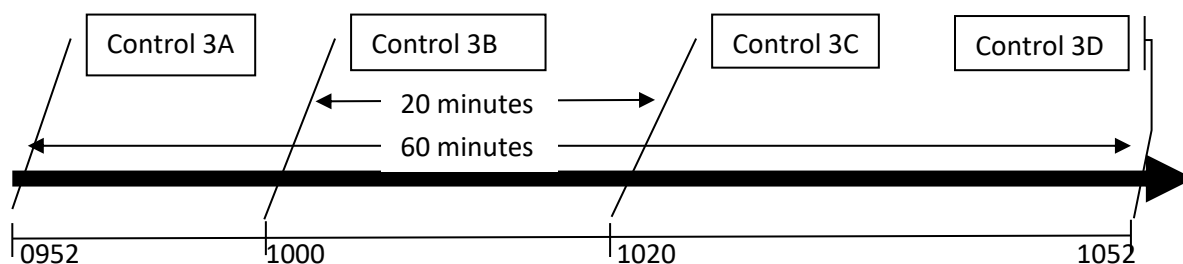
**Control 3A Service Holding IN-** car 1 arrives at 0952 and checks into holding area, this is as per normal and is not changed at all due to flexi service options.

*The crew of car 1 decides to spend 8 minutes in holding area. Important note here, it is up to the crew to decide how long they wish to spend in the holding area, they can spend as little as one minute or practically up to 20 minutes. Remember these 20 minutes as stated earlier is the maximum amount of time that can be spend in holding area as governed by the itinerary, please ensure you are aware of this detail.*

**Control 3B Service Holding OUT / Service IN-** At 1000 the car and crew will present at control 3B and book out of holding area and into service. As per the running schedule the crew now has 20 minutes to service the car and report to control 3C. The due time at 3C would be 1020.

**Control 3C Service OUT / Regroup IN-** At 1020 car 1 reports to the control 3C and books the car into regroup, they are to remain in regroup for 32 minutes as per the running schedule and are due to report to regroup out at 1052.

**Control 3D Regroup OUT-** At 1052 car 1 reports to control 3D as per normal and running schedule and checks out of the control to continue with the event.



**A different way to describe –**

Refer to the above for a visual representation, timeline on the bottom you can see the 4 controls laid out in order. The gap between 3B and 3C (service time) remains the same, the gap between 3A and 3D (total Holding Area/Regroup/Service time) remains the same. The 20-minute block between 3D and 3C can slide in either direction up and down the timeline provided it does not go past 3A or 3D and remains within the maximum time allowed in holding area as per itinerary.

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 16 July 2023