10 – 12 APRIL 2026

CENTRAL MACHINE HIRE OTAGO RALLY

Rally Guide 1. (No Regulatory impact)

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1. Introduction / Welcome

1.1 Welcome

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Welcome to the Otago Rally hosted by the Otago Sports Car Club. The OSCC has been running rallies for 50 years including rounds of the NZ Rally Championship continuously since 1994. The event also includes the well-known Otago Classic Rally that continues to attract some of the world's best known drivers.

For 2026 we are pleased to include the second round of the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship as part of the event as well as forming a round of the TER Series.

A total of 284 km of special stages are planned to be run on excellent public gravel roads both to the west and south of the host city Dunedin. The stages are predominantly smooth, fast and flowing with the well-known Otago crests which demand commitment and accurate pace notes.

Day One will be based around the historic gold mining town of Lawrence about an hour west of Dunedin. There will be 8 special stages on fast public roads. The final stage will be the traditional tarmac 'Super Stage' run on the streets of Dunedin. As has the case in recent years gravel specification tyres must be used on all driven wheels in the Super Stage.

Day Two will be run on both sides of the Taieri Plains centred around the Service Park at the domain on the shores of Lake Waihola using a mixture of new stages as well as favourites such as Burma Road, Fallaburn and of course, the world renowned Kuri Bush.

A unique opportunity exists in 2026 for competitors to compete in the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship and the TER Series.

NZ specification cars will be eligible subject to complying with FIA safety criteria. Further technical information should be sought from MotorSport NZ.

We trust competitors contesting the APRC and the TER Series will enjoy their visit and we look forward to hosting you in the deep south.

Norman Oakley
Rally Chairman

1.2 Past Winners

The Otago Rally has been run since 1976 and has been a round of the NZ Rally Championship continuously since 1994 apart from 2020 when no event was held due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the International Otago Classic Rally has been held each year since 1997.

Otago Rally Winners

Year	Driver	Co-Driver	Car
1976	Trevor Crowe	Austin Cole	Datsun 12000 SSS
1977	Ian Begg		Mazda RX3
1977	Rod Millen	Mike Franchi	Mazda RX3
1978	Bill Pottinger	Barry Boyd	Ford Escort
1979	Ian Begg		Mazda RX3
1980	Carl Rabbidge	Kevin Morrison	Ford Escort RS2000
1981	Barry Robinson	Geoff Lange	Vauxhall Chevette
1982	Barry Robinson	Geoff Lange	Vauxhall Chevette
1983	Barry Robinson	Geoff Lange	Vauxhall Chevette
1984	Peter Robb	Trevor Stark	Datsun 1200
1985	Dave Brownlie	Gordon Park	Mazda RX3
1986	Larry Timpany	Warren Egan	Subaru RX Leone
1987	Roger Townsend	Geoff Adams	Ford Escort RS1800
1988	Brian Stokes	Ian Latham	Ford Siera XR6
1989	Simon Davies	John Kennard	Subaru RX
1990	Mark Leonard	Hayden Morris	Mazda 323
1991	Barry Robinson	Wade Paterson	Vauxhall Chevette
1992	Deane Buist	Conrad Smith	Mazda 323
1993	John Silcock	Robert Webster	Mazda 323
1994	Brian Stokes	Jeff Judd	Ford Sapphire Cosworth
1995	Greg Graham	Jimm Robb	Subaru Impreza WRX
1996	Joe McAndrew	Bob Haldane	Subaru Legacy 555
1997	Geof Argyle	Raymond Bennett	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 4
1998	Joe McAndrew	Christopher Boyle	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 4
1999	Bruce Herbert	Rob Ryan	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6
2000	Bruce Herbert	Rob Ryan	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6
2001	Chris West	Chris Cobham	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 5
2002	Bruce Herbert	Rob Ryan	Subaru Impreza WRX
2003	Todd Bawden	Damon McLachlan	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6
2004	Chris West	Garry Cowan	Subaru Impreza WRX
2005	Chris West	Garry Cowan	Subaru Impreza WRX
2006	Chris West	Garry Cowan	Subaru Impreza WRX
2007	Richard Mason	Sara Randall	Subaru Impreza WRX
2008	Richard Mason	Sara Randall	Subaru Impreza WRX
2009	Hayden Paddon	John Kennard	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9
2010	Dean Sumner	Paul Fallon	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9
2011	Hayden Paddon	John Kennard	Subaru Impreza WRX
2012	Richard Mason	Sara Mason	Subaru Impreza WRX
2013	Hayden Paddon	John Kennard	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9

2014	Richard Mason	Sara Mason	Subaru Impreza WRX
2015	Hayden Paddon	John Kennard	Ford Escort RS1800
2016	Hayden Paddon	John Kennard	Hyundai i20 AP4
2017	David Holder	Jason Farmer	Hyundai i20 AP4
2018	Hayden Paddon	John Kennard	Hyundai i20 AP4
2019	Hayden Paddon	John Kennard	Hyundai i20 AP4
2020		No Rally (Covid)	
2021	Hayden Paddon	John Kennard	Hyundai i20 AP4
2022	Hayden Paddon	John Kennard	Hyundai i20 AP4
2023	Hayden Paddon	John Kennard	Hyundai i20N Rally2
2024	Jack Hawkeswood	Jason Farmer	Toyota GR Yaris AP4
2025	Ben Hunt	Tony Rawstorn	Skoda Fabia Rally2 evo

International Otago Classic Rally Winners

Year	Driver	Co-Driver	Car
1997	Allan Wills	Peter Fridd	Ford Escort
1998	Jeff Judd	James Cowles	Ford Escort RS1800
1999	Brent Rawstron	Ian McKee	Ford Escort RS1800
2000	Gary Adcock	Mark Dalton	Triumph TR7 V8
2001	Brent Buist	Glenn Buist	Ford Escort RS1800
2002	Brian Stokes	Shayne O'Hagen	Ford Escort RS1800
2003	Brian Stokes	Bryce Biggs	Ford Escort RS1800
2004	Pasi Hagstrom	Ian McKee	Ford Escort RS1800
2005	Jimmy McRae	Gary Smith	Ford Escort RS1800
2006	Pasi Hagstrom	Ian McKee	Ford Escort RS1800
2007	Deane Buist	Rocky' Hudson	Ford Escort RS1800
2008	Pasi Hagstrom	Ian McKee	Porsche 911 RS
2009	Derek Ayson	Greg Scott	Ford Escort FJ2000
2010	Derek Ayson	Greg Scott	Ford Escort FJ2000
2011	Derek Ayson	Greg Scott	Ford Escort FJ2000
2012	Marcus van Klink	David Neill	Mazda RX7
2013	Neal Bates	Coral Taylor	Toyota Celica RA40
2014	Neal Bates	Coral Taylor	Toyota Celica RA40
2015	Hayden Paddon	John Kennard	Ford Escort RS1800
2016	Markko Martin	Stephane Prevot	Ford Escort RS1800
2017	Markko Martin	Stephane Prevot	Ford Escort RS1800
2018	Regan Ross	Samantha Gray	Ford Escort RS1800
2019	Mads Østberg	Torstein Eriksen	Ford Escort RS1800
2020		No event (Covid)	
2021	Deane Buist	Karl Celeste	Volkswagen Golf GTi
2022	Deane Buist	Karl Celeste	Toyota Celica Group B
2023	Mikko Hirvonen	Jarno Ottman	Ford Escort RS 1800
2024	Kris Meeke	Noel O'Sullivan	Ford Escort RS 1800
2025	Deane Buist	Karl Celeste	Ford Escort RS 1800

Classic 4WD Rally Winners

Year	Driver	Co-Driver	Car
2018	Ray Wilson	Len Fisher	Audi Quattro S2 Coupe
2019	Ray Wilson	Donna Elder	Audi Quattro S2 Coupe
2020		No Rally (Covid)	
2021	Matthew Wright	Stephen Lloyd	Subaru Impreza
2022	Steve Cox	Laurie Brensell	Subaru Impreza H6
2023	Paul Cross	Janey Blair	Subaru Impreza H6
2024	Andrew Graves	Hayden Graves	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 3
2025	Tim Smith	Ben Trevelyan	Subaru Impreza H6

Allcomers Rally Winners

Year	Driver	Co-Driver	Car
2006	Greg Teece	Andree Beattie	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6
2007	Andrew Hawkeswood	Glen Goldring	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6.5
2008	Greg Teece	Rocky Hudson	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6.5
2009	Kieran Hall	Peter Hart	Subaru Impreza WRX
2010	Andrew Graves	Timothy Driscoll	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 3
2011	Andrew Hawkeswood	Rocky Hudson	Audi Quattro
2012	Rhys Gardner	Ally Mackay	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 7
2013	Dean Bond	Ross Moody	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6.5
2014	Carter Strang	Stewart Robbie	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6
2015	Paul Dickson	Andree Beattie	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 3 RS
2016	Deane Buist	Karl Celeste	Ford Escort RS 1800
2017	Deane Buist	Karl Celeste	Ford Escort RS 1800
2018	Grant Blackberry	Ric Chalmers	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X
2019	Jack Williamson	Brenda Williamson	Subaru Impreza Sti R4
2020		No event (Covid)	
2021	Andy Martin	Matt Hayward	Subaru Impreza WRX
2022	Regan Ross	Katrina Renshaw	Ford Fiesta R5
2023	Marcus van Klink	Toby Marsh	Mazda RX8
2024	Caleb MacDonald	Larissa Biggar	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6
2025	James Worker	Mags Marshall	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6

1.3 Event Overview

- FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship Round 2
- TER Series
- New Zealand Rally Championship Round 1
- Mainland Series Round 1

Stage Surface: All gravel except for SS8 (Tarmac Super Stage)
Ceremonial Start: Friday 10th April at the Octagon, Dunedin
Leg 1: Saturday 11th April – stages west of Dunedin
Leg 2: Sunday 12th April – stages south of Dunedin

Ceremonial Finish:	Sunday 12th April – Brighton Domain
Close of Entries:	Thursday 19th March
Sunrise:	0709 hours (Saturday) 0710 hours (Sunday)
Sunset:	1810 hours (Saturday) 1806 hours (Sunday)
Service Park:	varies
Parc Ferme:	Taylormade cars, Midland Street, Dunedin
Rally HQ Location:	Scenic Circle, Southern Cross Hotel, High Street, Dunedin
Rally Headquarters Opens:	Wednesday 8th April
Press Room Opens:	Thursday 9th April, Rally HQ, Scenic Circle, Southern Cross Hotel, High Street, Dunedin
Reconnaissance:	Thursday 9th April and Friday 10th April
Scrutineering:	Friday 10th April, Venue TBA
Publication of Provisional and Final Classification:	Sunday 12th April on official digital noticeboard and Chrissport
Information & Results:	www.otagorally.com and www.chrissport.nz

2. Contact Details

2.1 Permanent Contact Details

Address of the Permanent Secretariat:	International Otago Rally C/- 567 George Street, Dunedin 9016, New Zealand
Postal Address:	International Otago Rally P O Box 100, Dunedin 9054, New Zealand
Phone:	+64 27 220 7357
Email:	norman@oakleygray.co.nz
Website:	www.otagorally.com

2.2 Key Officials

Chairman	Norman Oakley	norman@oakleygray.co.nz
Clerk of the Course	Norman Oakley	norman@oakleygray.co.nz
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Mike Hosken	mike@purple-cat.net
Event Secretary	Norman Oakley	norman@oakleygray.co.nz
Competitor Relations Officer	Sue Baird	sue.baird@xtra.co.nz
	Dave Remmerswaal	d.mremmie@xtra.co.nz
	Steve Cattermole	
Chief Scrutineer	Daniel Cresswell	danielcresswell74@gmail.com
Publicity and Promotion	Roger Oakley	roger.oakley@stantec.com

2.3 Rally HQ

Physical Address:	'Greenslade Room' Southern Cross Hotel, High Street, Dunedin	
Secretariat Opening Hours:	Wednesday 8th April	1200 - 2000 hours
	Thursday 9th April	1200 - 1600 hours
	Friday 10th April	1200 - 1600 hours
	Saturday 11th April	0630 - 1900 hours
	Sunday 12th April	0600 - 1800 hours

Official Noticeboard:	There will be no physical official noticeboard

The Official Digital Noticeboard can be found on the Sportity App as detailed below

Sportity Application: PASSWORD: OTAGO26

2.4 Media Contact Details

Chief Media Officer:

- Ms Becky Ladbook | +64 21 225 3300 | becky363@gmail.com

Media Centre:

- 'Greenslade Room' Southern Cross Hotel, High Street, Dunedin

3. Programme and Critical Deadlines

3.1 Schedule before the Rally Week

November 2025

'Intention to Enter' Forms made available

January 2026

Entries open. Documents will be available at www.otagorally.com

Thursday 12th March 2026

Entries close (at reduced fee)

Thursday 19th March 2026

Entries close

Late Entries

Will be accepted at discretion of the organiser, however maximum entry numbers will apply

3.2 Schedule during the Rally Week

Wednesday 8th April 2026

1200 – 2000 hours	Documentation available for those undertaking Media Day and Recce. Rally HQ, Southern Cross Hotel, High Street, Dunedin.
1300 – 1600 hours	Media Day (separate registration required for those who wish to participate).

Thursday 9th April 2026

0700 – 1700hours	Two pass reconnaissance.
1200 – 1600 hours	Headquarters Open, Southern Cross Hotel. Documentation available.
1930 hours (TBC)	Pre rally 'Dinner with the Stars' – Toitu Otago Settlers Musuem, Queens Gardens - Dunedin

Friday 10th April 2026

0700 – 1530 approx.	Two pass reconnaissance continues
0900 – 1500 hours	Scrutineering and Technical Checks – Venue : Otago Polytechnic, Donald St, Dunedin. (Designated times for APRC and NZRC to be advised)
1200 – 1500 hours	Documentation – Rally HQ, Southern Cross Hotel – for those not doing recce.
1630 hours	First meeting of Stewards (APRC and National) - Rally HQ, Southern Cross Hotel
1700 hours	Publication of Start List
1730 hours	Cars to be in place in the Octagon, Dunedin.
1730 – 1830 hours	Motorshow : The Octagon, Dunedin
1800 – 1830 hours	Autograph Session (APRC / NZRC and other invited competitors) – The Octagon
1830 hours	Official Opening of Event – the Octagon
1845 hours	First Car departs from ceremonial start in the Octagon. All remaining cars follow.
2000 hours	Novice Briefing – Rally HQ, Southern Cross Hotel
2030 hours	Rallysafe Briefing – Rally HQ, Southern Cross Hotel

Saturday 11th April 2026

* 0645 hours	Leg One commences – First Car departs
* 0735 hours	Stage 1 commences
1633 hours	First Car arrives at parc fermé
1900 hours	Provisional Unofficial Classification posted for Leg One
	Publication of Start list for Leg 2

Sunday 12th April 2026

* 0700 hours	First Car starts Leg Two
* 0750 hours	First Car starts SS9
1515 hours	First Car arrives at Finish Ramp – Brighton Domain
1630	Final/ re-Scrutineering, Pit Stop, Hillside Rd, Dunedin.
1730 hours	Provisional Classification posted.
1900 hours	Prize Giving Venue Open – Dunedin Town Hall
2000 hours	Prize Giving Ceremony Commences

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* ***Note:*** *Exact times will be contained in the published Road Book*

4. Entry Details

4.1 Titles for which the rally counts

FIA Titles:

- FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- FIA Junior APRC Championship for Drivers
- FIA Master APRC Championship for Drivers.
- FIA APRC3 Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- FIA APRC4 Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers

Other Titles:

- New Zealand Rally Championship
- TER Series

4.2 List of entry fees

Information will be published in the Supplementary Regulations.

4.3 Entry packages

The entry fees include:

- One set of Road Books
- Two Route Maps
- Two Service Vehicle Plates
- Two Competitor ID Passes
- Vehicle Livery Pack
- Rallysafe Tracking Fee
- Two Prizegiving Meal Tickets (Sunday evening 12th April)
- Two soft cover books describing the history of 50 years of the Otago Rally

5. Service Parks

Refer to the Itinerary.

Service Parks will be located as follows:

Saturday 11th April

- Service Park A & B Lawrence Township. This is located approximately 90 km west of Dunedin
- Service Park C Victoria Road, Dunedin

Sunday 12th April

- Service Park D 'Edgar Centre', Teviot Street, Dunedin
- Service Parks E & F Waihola Domain. This is located approximately 40 km south of Dunedin

6. Fuel / Tyres

6.1 Fuel

Information on Fuel to be included in the Supplementary Regulations.

6.2 Tyres

7.2.1 Tyres specified for use during the rally

The use of studded or spiked tyres is prohibited under pain of exclusion.

7.2.2 Tyres for use on reconnaissance

The tyres used during reconnaissance must be either an FIA approved road tyre or an equivalent standard road tyre designed primarily for normal road use meeting the following criteria.

Tyres must not exceed a tread depth of 8.5mm. Straight circumferential grooves may be no wider than 10mm. All other grooves at any angle to the circumference may be no wider than 7mm.

7. Import of Vehicles and Spare Parts

Rally and support vehicles, parts, tyres and components can be temporarily imported into New Zealand without payment of Duty and Goods & Services Tax under an ATA Carnet issued by the Chamber of Commerce in the exporting country. The only items that are excluded are expendable products such as oil and promotional giveaways. Any items that are not exported will be subject to payment of Duty (where applicable) and Goods & Services Tax.

It is recommended to use ATA Carnets. All values must be at the normal wholesale price in the country of export.

7.1 International Rally Support Vehicles

A Transport Service Licence is not required for rally support vehicles under 6 tonnes.

7.2 New Zealand Vehicle Registration

On arrival in New Zealand, you will need to complete the following steps to enable your registration to be processed:

Fill out an *Application for registration of an overseas visitor's vehicle* (form MR 2C) – available from VTNZ, NZTA website www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/temp-vehicle-import-visitor/docs/mr2c.pdf, one form per vehicle. Photocopies of this form are not acceptable. Provide proof that the vehicle is currently registered in your name in its country of origin (e.g. by providing original vehicle registration documents).

- Show your carnet or temporary import entry.
- Provide identification that shows your name, date of birth and signature.
- Pay an Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) levy, but none of the other registration and licensing fees.

All rally vehicles must obtain a Warrant of Fitness (cars) or Certificate of Fitness (trucks) before being driven on New Zealand Roads.

VTNZ Testing Stations

- 14 Teviot Street, Dunedin | +64 3 455 3081

NZTA advise that these vehicles may be driven on New Zealand roads prior to carrying out the registration and inspection procedures from the point of entry into New Zealand to your workshop or authorised testing station.

8. Helicopters

8.1 Registration procedure

Helicopters or aircraft are not required to be registered with the organisers.

8.2 Contact details for Helicopter Hire

For information on helicopters please contact the rally office via email norman@oakleygray.co.nz

9. Hotel / Accommodation Reservation

The International Otago Rally has special rates on accommodation. For further information and booking details please contact via email norman@oakleygray.co.nz

10. Reconnaissance

10.1 Registration for Reconnaissance

All competitors taking part in reconnaissance must register at the Rally Secretariat to get all the necessary documentation before starting their reconnaissance. Registration for reconnaissance can be done at the following time at the Rally Secretariat:

- Wednesday 8th April between 1200 hours and 2000 hours

Crews may have another team member collect their documentation only if their entry form is completed otherwise they have to register in person.

To assist competitors, reconnaissance registration may be completed outside these times, before this date, by appointment.

10.2 Restrictions

Competitors are required to download and use the RallySafe Lite app which will be used to monitor compliance with the regulations

Each crew is limited to two passes of each special stage. All roads will remain open to the public and on-coming traffic can be expected at any point.

Reconnaissance outside the schedule as set by the organisers is considered a very serious offence and will be advised to the Stewards who may apply penalties.

Throughout reconnaissance, the maximum speed on the special stages will be 80kph, unless the traffic signs, the road book or bulletins indicate a lower speed limit. Headlights must be switched on while driving on the special stages.

Crews must enter special stages from the start point as per the road book, and may not drive in the opposite direction to the rally unless instructed by an official.

Crews must stop at any location where instructed, in each special stage.

Competitors shall create their own safety plan which appoints a team member who shall be responsible for the well being of the crew during the reconnaissance period.

Each competitor using a reconnaissance car will be issued with 3 x Number Sets. The two large sets of numbers must be placed on the rear side windows of the reconnaissance vehicle. The small numbers must be placed on the front windscreen in the top corner on the co-driver's side.

10.3 Reconnaissance Schedule

Full details will be in the Supplementary Regulations and Rally Guide 2.

11. Scrutineering, Sealing and Marking

11.1 Pre-Event Scrutineering

Date: Friday 10th April
Time: 0830 – 1500 hours
Location: Otago Polytechnic, Donald Street, Dunedin

11.2 Final Scrutineering

Date: Sunday 12th April
Time: 1630 hours
Location: 'Pitstop', 363 Hillside Road, Dunedin

The Scrutineering Schedule will be emailed to all competitors on 26th March. Competitors who wish to be allocated a scrutineering time in conjunction with another competitor or at a certain time must advise the secretariat by Monday 6th April.

12. Media Day

12.1 General Information

There will not be a formal shakedown, however a Media Day will be held near Dunedin on Wednesday 1st April. Those competitors who provide promotional assistance to the organisers will also be entitled to participate.

Date: Wednesday 8th April
Time: 1300 – 1600 hours
Location: Flagstaff Road (approximately 15 km from Rally HQ)
Stage Length: approximately 3 km

13. Start

13.1 Ceremonial Start

Date: Friday 10th April
Location: The Octagon located in the centre of Dunedin

14. Finish

14.1 Ceremonial Finish

Date: Sunday 12th April
Location: Brighton Domain

15. PR Activities

There are a variety of promotional activities planned for the 2026 International Otago Rally both prior to and during the event. The rally attracts great support from local media, both print and radio, as well as the Dunedin City Council and New Zealand Government.

The planned activities include:

- **Wednesday 10th April** **Media Day**
  Invited guests enjoy the opportunity for a high speed blast down a typical forestry road.
- **Thursday 11th April** **Dinner with the Stars and 50th Anniversary Dinner**

Limited seats available for a dinner with well known WRC drivers Kris Meeke and Mads Ostberg and other invited guests.

For bookings contact willowdj.wd@gmail.com

- **Friday 10th April** — **Ceremonial Start : The Octagon, Dunedin**
  Including Autograph Signing Session

- **Sunday 12th April** — **Finish Ceremony : Brighton Domain**

  Prizegiving Dinner : Dunedin Town Hall
  This is a traditional highlight of the rally with 500 people expected.

16. Media

16.1 Accreditation procedure

The media accreditation form will be available on our website www.otagorally.com Closing date for receipt of accreditation applications is Wednesday 1st April 2026.

Accreditation forms for all national and international media - TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, websites and photographers - should be sent to:

Becky Ladbrook: becky363@gmail.com

17. Passes and Plates

Information will be published in Rally Guide 2.

18. Medical and Safety Service

18.1 Emergency Number

• For All Emergency Services	Dial 111 and ask for Fire, Police, or Ambulance
• The rally emergency telephone number is	Phone: +64 800 725 593

18.2 Hospital

• Dunedin Hospital, Great King Street, Dunedin	Phone: +64 3 474 0999
• For non urgent treatment call: The Dunedin Urgent Doctors and Accident Centre	Phone: +64 3 479 2900

18.3 Police

• In an Emergency	Dial 111
• For Police Assistance (non-urgent)	Phone: +64 3 471 4800

18.4 Fire

• In an Emergency	Dial 111
• For Fire Assistance (non-urgent)	Phone: +64 3 467 7550

18.5 Towing Service

Pre-Event Towing:

• Reilly's Towing and Salvage	Phone: +64 3 477 5787

On Event Towing:

• Rally Headquarters	Phone: +64 27 2207 357

18.6 Pharmacy

Nearest Urgent Pharmacy:

18 Filleul Street, Dunedin | +64 3 477 6344 | Monday – Sunday 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

19. List of Useful Facts and Services

19.1 Climate

April in the South Island of New Zealand is the Autumn season. The maximum average temperature in April is 19 degrees Celsius. The minimum average temperature in April is 11 degrees Celsius.

19.2 Time Zone

Greenwich Mean Time plus 12 hours.

19.3 Currency

New Zealand currency system is based on dollar and cent denomination. Coins are 10c, 20c, 50c, $1 and $2. Notes are $5, $10, $20, $50, and $100. Banks are open Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm. Automatic Telling Machines operate 24 hours a day and accept all major credit cards.

GST of 15% is added to all goods and services in New Zealand. GST is included in the price unless otherwise stated. Purchases made in the Duty Free shops are free of GST.

Tipping in New Zealand is not necessary, however if you have found the service (or food) exceptional it is perfectly in order to tip 10% of the total bill.

19.4 Car Dealers

- Dunedin City Motors (Ford, Mazda)
  431 Andersons Bay Road, Dunedin 9012 | +64 3 466 4060 | https://dcmotors.co.nz/
- Gilmour Motors (Suzuki)
  874 Princes Street, Dunedin 9016 | +64 3 474 1670 | https://www.gilmourmotors.co.nz/
- Southern Motor Group (Volkswagen, Audi, Skoda, Subaru)
  300 Andersons Bay Road, Dunedin 9012 | +64 3 455 5500 | https://www.southernmotorgroup.co.nz/
- Cooke Howlison (Toyota, BMW, Hyundai)
  484 Andersons Bay Road, Dunedin 9012 | https://www.cookehowlison.co.nz/
- Armstrong Prestige – Dunedin (Mercedes)
  533 Princes St, Dunedin, 9016 | +64 3 470 3030 | https://www.armstrongmotorgroup.com/
- Carbase Bay (Kia)
  493 Andersons Bay Road, Dunedin 9012 | +64 3 777 3118 | https://www.carbase.co.nz/

19.5 Hire Cars, Vans & Trucks

There are several hire companies based in Dunedin and at the airport

19.6 Personal Accident Insurance

All New Zealand residents and overseas visitors to New Zealand are covered by 24 hour no-fault personal injury accident insurance, where that accident is deemed to be an accident as defined in the Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2001. Overseas visitors are recommended to have personal travel and medical insurance.

Third Party or Comprehensive Vehicle Insurance is the responsibility of the entrant/competitor.

The service vehicles, management vehicles and reconnaissance vehicles including those bearing special plates issued by the organisers may never be considered as official participants in the rally. They are therefore not covered by the insurance policy of the rally and will remain the sole responsibility of their owner.

Competitors and crew members are covered for public liability under a master policy held by MotorSport New Zealand for an amount of NZD $10 million. Full details may be obtained upon request to the organisers.

In the event of an accident the competitor or his representative must notify the Clerk of the Course in writing within 4 hours. The competitor must provide full details including the names and addresses of those involved and any witnesses.

Third party insurance

It is recommended that all competitors obtain a minimum third party insurance on all Rally Cars and Service Vehicles. For further information contact Insurance Agent:

- Mark Mallard | Mobile +64 21 382 562 | DDI +64 9 215 9062 | mark@cremeinsurance.co.nz

19.7 Airport

- Dunedin Airport | +64 3 486 2879 | https://dunedinairport.co.nz

Dunedin Airport is located 30 kms (approx 30 minutes) from Rally Headquarters. It has daily flights to Auckland International Airport and other major New Zealand airports.

19.8 Copy Service

For all your photocopying including colour copy service contact:

- Warehouse Stationery | 140D Cumberland Street, Dunedin 9016 | +64 3 477 2090 | https://www.warehousestationery.co.nz/

19.9 Security Companies

For Security Service Contact:

- Armourguard | 11 Wharf Street, Dunedin 9016 | +64 3 477 8655 | http://www.armourguard.co.nz/

19.10 Drivers' Licence Requirements

Overseas drivers with a non-English licence must carry an accurate English translation or an International Driving Permit (IDP) while driving.

It is illegal for drivers to talk, send or read text messages on handheld mobile phones, or other portable electronic devices whose functions include being a telephone, while driving a vehicle in New Zealand.

Drivers using a handheld mobile are liable for an $80 fine from the Police and 20 demerit points.

You can use a hands-free device or two way radio and there is an exemption for 111 calls made in emergency situations. Mobile phones which are not hands free may be used by a driver when the vehicle has stopped - but not when it is stopped in traffic or at traffic lights.

19.11 Mobile Phone & WiFi

You may use your own mobile phone in New Zealand by prior arrangement with your system provider or purchase a pre-paid SIM card from Spark NZ, One NZ or 2 Degrees for use while in New Zealand.

Mobile broadband devices are available through Spark NZ, One NZ or 2 Degrees allowing a mobile internet connection for your laptop or other computing device.

19.12 Supermarkets

For all of your grocery and food supplies there are several supermarkets in close proximity to Rally HQ:

- Woolworths | https://www.woolworths.co.nz/
- New World | https://www.newworld.co.nz/south-island/otago-and-southland/centre-city/

19.13 Visa requirements

Visa Waiver Countries

Please refer to the Immigration New Zealand website for a list of visa waiver countries www.immigration.govt.nz and visitor visa requirements. Applicants travelling on a passport from a visa waiver country should not need to apply for a visa before travelling to New Zealand is they intend a stay of no more than three months (or 6 months in the case of British passport holders) Applicants entering under the visa waiver provisions are still required to have:

- a valid ticket out of New Zealand to a country you have the right of entry to
- have enough money to support yourself during your stay
- hold a passport valid for three months beyond the date you are leaving New Zealand

Visa required

For those who are from any other country which does not have a 'visa waiver' you must apply for a visa before you travel to New Zealand. If you haven't already applied for a visa, we recommend that you apply as soon as possible. If you require a visa, please contact us and we will issue you with a letter of invitation to the rally and this letter must be provided with your visa application. Application forms, details of where to send the application and fees are available on the Immigration New Zealand website www.immigration.govt.nz. Please apply for this no later than 6 weeks before your travel date.

19.14 Hire Equipment

- There are several hire companies based in Dunedin including Hirepool and Kennards

19.15 Visitor Information

i-SITE Visitor Centre

Open 365 days a year, providing extensive local and national information and booking service for visitors and residents.

- 50 The Octagon, Dunedin | +64 3 474 3300 | visitor.centre@dcc.govt.nz | https://www.dunedinnz.com/visit/i-site

Insider guides to Dunedin

- DunedinNZ.com | www.dunedinnz.com
- Insiders Dunedin | www.insidersdunedin.co.nz

Appendix 1 – ITINERARY

Draft ITINERARY

Leg One: Saturday 11th April

2026 Otago Rally *(last updated 21/12/25)*

LEG 1 - SECTIONS 1 & 2 *(sunrise 07:09)* — **Saturday 11th April**

TC	Location	SS Dist.	Liaison Dist.	Total Dist.	Target Time	1st Car Due	
0	Rally Start: Dunedin					6:45	Section 1
	Distance to next refuel	(27.99)	(59.73)	(87.72)			
			42.70	42.70	0:45	7:30	
SS1	*Waipori Gorge*	*11.56*				*7:35*	
2			13.75	25.31	0:25	8:00	
SS2	*Waipori Road*	*16.43*				*8:05*	
2A	Service IN		3.28	19.71	0:20	8:25	
	Service A - Lawrence	(27.99)	(59.73)	(87.72)	0:40		
	Distance to next refuel	(29.80)	(23.92)	(53.72)			
2B	Service OUT					9:05	
3			14.78	14.78	0:20	9:25	
SS 3	*Athenaeum*	*13.23*				*9:35*	
4			8.53	21.76	0:25	10:00	
SS 4	*Corkscrew*	*16.57*				*10:05*	
5			0.61				
RZ 1	Optional remote refuel - Tuapeka Mouth Distance to next refuel	(45.86)	(24.19)	(70.05)			
			3.66				
				20.84	0:25	10:30	
SS 5	*Tuapeka*	*45.86*				*10:35*	
5A	Service IN		20.53	66.39	1:00	11:35	
	Service B - Lawrence	(75.66)	(48.11)	(123.77)	0:40		
	Distance to next refuel	(31.69)	(24.29)	(55.98)			
5B	Service OUT					12:15	Section 2
6			23.00	23.00	0:25	12:40	
SS 6	*Mitchells Flat*	*31.69*				*12:50*	
			1.29				
RZ 2	Optional remote refuel - Mitchells Flat Road Distance to next refuel	(17.05)	(68.68)	(85.73)			
			10.91	43.89	0:45	13:35	
SS 7	*Lee Flat*	*14.90*				*13:40*	
			51.08				
	Tyre Changing Zone - Fryatt Street						
8	Neutralisation Zone IN		0.76	66.74	1:10	14:50	
SSS8	*Tarmac Super Stage*	*2.15*				*15:05*	
8a	Service In		5.93	8.08	0:20	15:25	
	Service C - Victoria Rd	(48.74)	(92.97)	(141.71)	1:00		
8B	Service OUT					16:25	
8C	Overnight Parc Fermé IN (NZRC only)*		2.50	2.50	0:08	16:33	
	All cars (except restarting crews) must enter Parc Fermé no later than: 1900						
	Leg 1 Totals	152.39	203.31	355.70			
	** Early arrival is permitted*		*Sunrise*	*07:09*	*Sunset*	*18:10*	
v1.0	*26/12/2025 0:00*						

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Leg Two: Sunday 12th April

2026 Otago Rally (last updated 21/12/25)

LEG 2 - SECTIONS 3 & 4 — **Sunday 12th April**

	TC	Location	SS Dist.	Liaison Dist.	Total Dist.	Target Time	1st Car Due
	8D	Parc Fermé OUT - Service IN (APRC and NZRC only)					7:00
		Service D - Edgar Centre				0:15	
		Distance to next refuel	(31.34)	(51.60)	(82.94)		
	8E	Service OUT					7:15
	9			27.68	27.68	0:30	7:45
	SS 9	*Otokia*	*18.32*				*7:50*
	10			14.67	32.99	0:35	8:25
	SS 10	*Akatore Road*	*13.02*				*8:30*
				9.25			
	RZ 3	Optional remote refuel - Forsyth Rd Distance to next refuel	(28.24)	(28.62)	(56.86)		
	10			8.27	30.54	0:35	9:05
	SS 11	*Table Hill*	*28.24*				*9:10*
	11A	Service IN		20.35	48.59	0:45	9:55
		Service E - Waihola	(59.58)	(80.22)	(139.80)	0:45	
		Distance to next refuel	(36.47)	(58.75)	(95.22)		
	11B	Service OUT					10:40
	12			31.59	31.59	0:35	11:15
	SS 12	*Burma Road*	*23.37*				*11:25*
	13			3.15	26.52	0:30	11:55
	SS 13	*Fallaburn*	*13.10*				*12:00*
	13A	Service IN		24.01	37.11	0:35	12:35
		Service F - Waihola	(36.47)	(58.75)	(95.22)	0:45	
		Distance to finish	(35.82)	(38.89)	(74.71)		
	13B	Service OUT					13:20
	14			8.25	8.25	0:15	13:35
	SS 14	*Cullen Road*	*12.06*				*13:45*
	15			16.40	28.46	0:25	14:10
	SS15	*Taieri Beach*	*8.71*				*14:15*
	16			9.87	18.58	0:20	14:35
	SS16	*Kuri Bush*	*15.05*				*14:40*
	16A	Finish Holding/ Media IN *		4.37	19.42	0:20	15:00
		Podium					*15:15*
		Sunday Totals	**131.87**	**177.86**	**309.73**		
		** Early arrival is permitted*		*Sunrise*	*07:10*	*Sunset*	*18:06*
	v1.0	*26/12/2025 0:00*					

Section 3

Section 4

TOTALS OF THE RALLY	SS	Liaison	Total	%
Saturday 11 April 2026 Sections 1 & 2 - 8 Special Stages	152.39	203.31	355.70	42.84%
Sunday 12 April 2026 Sections 3 & 4 - 8 Special Stages	131.87	177.86	309.73	42.58%
Total - 15 Special Stages	*284.26*	*381.17*	*665.43*	*42.72%*

Appendix 2 – STAGE DESCRIPTIONS

LEG ONE : Saturday 11th April 2026

SS 1 Waipori Gorge 13 km

A classic Otago stage run uphill. Run in this direction in 2023 (SS 9), 2020 (SS13), 2019 (SS 6) and 2015 (SS 12). It will be one of the slower stages run on a relatively twisty public road alongside the Waipori River. The stage has been shortened at the start since it was last run in this direction.

SS 2 Waipori Road 17 km

A slightly longer version by approximately 2km of SS 2 that was run in 2024. The first 1.5 km are new. Fast public roads with a couple of tricky descents. Has been used on the Lawrence rally several times and the last 15km is the same as the last 15km of the Manuka Hill stage last used for the Otago Rally in 2021

SS 3 Athenaeum 13 km

100% public roads run in the reverse direction to the 'Cockleshell' stage that was last run in 2024. This stage was last run in this direction at Otago in 2011 (SS 4) . Very fast public road with tricky brows. Medium gravel.

SS 4 Corkscrew 16 km

A stage familiar to competitors in the Lawrence rally that hasn't been used for the Otago Rally since 2021 (SS 5) and prior to that in 2011 (SS 6). An old favourite run on public roads with medium/heavy gravel on a hard base. A mixture of twisty sections and fast flowing roads. Finishes alongside a river on the left.

SS 5 Tuapeka 46 km

This is the longest stage of the rally. A new stage using wide public roads that have been used previously in different configurations. Like the rest of the day's stages it will be run on fast and wide roads with a hard base. Medium gravel.

SS 6 Mitchells Flat 24 km

A new configuration of previously used roads. Essentially the first 35km of the Manuka Hill stage, last used in 2021 (SS 3). Will be fast – very fast in places and will reward the brave. Medium gravel, heavy in places

SS 7 Lee Flat 15 km

Very wide and fast flowing public roads that are a real favourite. Last run in 2025 (SS 2).

SS 8 Tarmac Super Stage 2 km

Like recent years this will be run in the traditional format first started in 1996. Four laps of a city block in front of a large crowd. Fast and exciting but watch for other cars, kerbs, power poles and tyre bundles. Gravel specification tyres must be used on all driven wheels.

STAGE DESCRIPTIONS

LEG TWO : Sunday 12th April 2026

SS 9	*Otokia*	*18 km*

Last used in this direction in 2024 (SS 9) and prior to that in 2018 (SS 2). 100% public road with 2.5 km tarmac section. The first 6.5 km was part of SS10 in 2021. It is the reverse of SS13 that was run in 2022. Generally fast gravel roads using part of the Kuri Bush stage in reverse hence plenty of crests.

SS 10	*Akatore Road*	*12 km*

New stage. Was used in the reverse direction in 2024 (SS15). Fast public roads bordering the Akatore Forest.

SS 11	*Table Hill*	*28 km*

Fast public roads very wide at the start, with a narrower middle section. This was last used in this format in 2021 (SS 11). The last 25 km (approx.) were the last 25km of SS 13 in 2024.

SS 12	*Burma Road*	*23 km*

Last used in 2020 (SS 1). Last used in the reverse direction in 2024 when it was called 'Gooseneck'. 100% public road. Slightly tighter roads for the first few kilometres but then opens out onto wide and fast flowing roads. Medium/heavy gravel.

SS 13	*Fallaburn*	*13 km*

Last used in 2020 (SS 2). Fast and flowing on medium/heavy gravel public roads. Watch out for the cautioned crest/jump at the finish.

SS 14	*Cullen Road*	*12 km*

Last used in 2024 (SS 14). First few kilometres form part of the Circle Hill Rallysprint.

SS 15	*Taieri Beach*	*9 km*

Used in both directions in most rallies. Last used in this direction in 2025 (SS 14.) Relatively twisty public roads

SS 16	*Kuri Bush*	*15 km*

Needs no introduction. Numerous in-car videos available online. This is the signature Otago stage starting at Kuri Bush on the Otago Coast. Huge crests requiring massive commitment rewarding the brave. In 2025 this was SS 15. This is how it's done... http://www.otagorally.com/home/rally-media/otago-rally-videos/590-hayden-paddon-s-record-breaking-kuri-bush-stage

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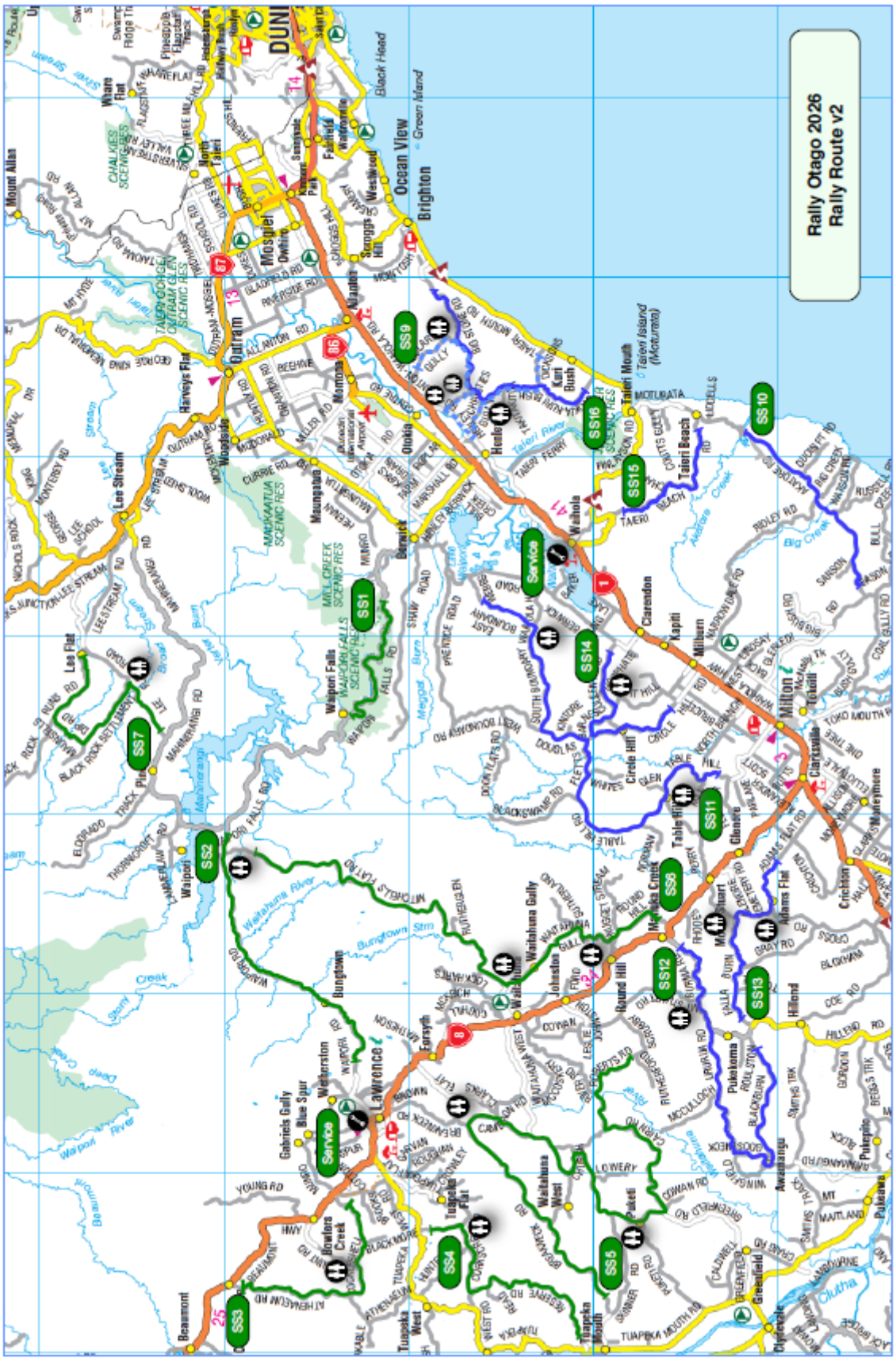
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