



Mercedes-Benz Club of the ACT

**2018 Concours d'Élégance
& Show and Shine
Canberra's Friendly Concours**

**Sunday, 23 September 2018
Pialligo Estate 19 Kallaroo
Road Pialligo ACT**

PLEASE NOTE THAT VEHICLE CLASSES HAVE CHANGED

A. CONCOURS RULES:

1. Entry is open to financial members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of the ACT, financial members of associated Mercedes-Benz clubs and to those Mercedes-Benz owners who are not members but wish to participate subject to the payment of the appropriate fee as detailed in **Section E** below. Entrants wishing to enter the 2018 **Concours d'Élégance must pre-register their car(s) prior to 8 September 2018 (see below). No late arrival registrations will be accepted for the Concours d'Élégance.** Pre-registration is not required for the Show and Shine division.
2. Vehicles entered into the Concours and not at the designated mustering point by 09:00am **will not be permitted entry to the Concours d'Élégance but may participate in the Show and Shine portion of the Concours**
3. Vehicles entering the Show and Shine must be at the mustering point prior to 09:30am so they may be properly parked before 10:00am.
4. To be eligible for entry into either division:
 - The vehicle entered must have travelled a minimum of 5,000kms from new;
 - Have current registration, or have an unregistered vehicle permit;
 - Be driven onto and leave the concours arena under its own power.
 - Vehicles leaving the area prior to the award ceremony will be deemed as having been withdrawn from the competition unless previously agreed with the Concours Director.
5. Vehicles are judged on three criteria:
 - Cleanliness;
 - Condition;
 - Alignment with Original Equipment Manufacture (OEM).
6. Vehicles in the Modified class (Class E) are judged on cleanliness and condition only, not originality and not on the degree of modification.
7. A vehicle that has been restored will be judged as to be equivalent to a vehicle in original condition that has been extremely well maintained.
8. The Chief Judge's decisions are final and NOT subject to discussion.
9. No concours entrant or their associate is permitted to interfere with the judging process. Genuine concerns should be raised with the Concours Director as they arise.
10. Concours judges may approach owners/participants to seek clarification on vehicle details.
11. The Chief Judge is permitted to split or amalgamate classes depending on the number and quality of the vehicles entered into particular classes. For the Concours d'Élégance the classes will be pre-determined – hence the need for pre-registration.
12. Open top vehicles must be presented for judging with a top in place.
13. Vehicles to be judged must be unlocked to permit access to the vehicle by the judges. Any vehicle that is locked at the time of judging will not be judged.
14. "For Sale" or other advertising notices are not to be displayed in or on any vehicle. Entrants may display such material within the Club marquee.
15. **No trailers will be permitted on the concours parking areas.**

B. STRUCTURE

The 2018 Concours will have one Concours d'Élégance Division, and one Show and Shine division:

CONCOURS D'ÉLÉGANCE is the premier judging category in the 2018 Concours. The Concours d'Élégance receives the most attention, scrutiny and reward. All aspects of a vehicle entered into the Concours d'Élégance will be judged in accordance with the "Standards of Presentation" as outlined in this document. It should be noted, there is a minimum standard for a win in any Concours d'Élégance class. If no vehicle in a particular class achieves more than 75 points, then the Chief Judge has the right not to award a trophy. If there are two vehicles or less in any class, the Chief Judge on

the day will have the right to amalgamate classes to ensure the level of competition in each class is as high as possible.

The vehicle with the highest points score in the Concours d'Élégance will be awarded the Concours d'Élégance Winners Trophy. The vehicle with the second-highest points score will be awarded the Concours d'Élégance Runner-up trophy. These are the highest awards that can be won at the ACT Mercedes-Benz Concours d'Élégance.

If there is doubt whether a vehicle should be entered into a particular class, the advice of the Chief Judge should be sought on the day of the Concours d'Élégance.

Following is the class structure of Concours d'Élégance Division:

Classes	Vehicles
A - Early Classic Era	<p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chassis (all types), Roundie (Ponton) – Pre-war, W136, W186, W187, W188, W189, W105, W120, W121, W128, W180 Roadster – W121, W198, W113
B - Late Classic Era	<p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finnie & Sedan – W108, W109, W100, W110, W111, W112 Finnie coupe & cabriolet – W111, W112, W128, W180 Compact sedan, estate & coupe – W114, W115, W123 S class sedan, coupe & roadster – W116, R107, C107
C – Modern Era	<p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roadster R129 C-Class sedan, estate & coupe – W201, W202, C/W203, C/W204 E-Class sedan, estate, coupe and cabriolet – W124, W210, W211 S-Class – W126, W140
D – Recent and Current Era	<p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C, CL, CLC, CLK, E, S, SL, SLK, SLC, SLS and GT-Class – R170, R171, R172, R/C197, C207, C208, C209, C/W212, W213, W215, W218, W220, W221, W222, R230, R231, GT A, B, CLS, ML, G, GL, GLA, GLC, GLE, GLS, R and X class –W163, W164, W166, W168, W169, W176, W245, W246, W251, W460, W461, W463, W447, X156, X164, X166, X204, X253, C253, C292, BR470
E – Modified Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mercedes Benz vehicles that have been modified beyond what was available from the showroom. Bigger engines, non-MB Engines, lowered suspension, body panel variations are some of the examples of a modified class vehicle. Non-AMG modified vehicles (i.e. Brabus vehicles) provide another example of this group.

Class A to Class E Awards

- Gold winner's trophy for each class
- Silver runner's up trophy for each class (depending on the number of entrants)
- A weighting system will be applied to classes A-E to ensure that older vehicles are not disadvantaged over newer vehicles. Following are the weightings that will be applied:

Class	Weighting
A	1.10
B	1.08
C	1.05
D	1.00
E	1.00

C. SHOW & SHINE

Vehicles that appear on the day are automatically entered into the Show & Shine Division, provided the vehicle is parked in the Club area during the judging period and the participant has paid the entry fee.

Vehicles are assessed by the judging panel on the day. The assessment will be based on the exterior of the car and the interior as viewed through the windows. The engine bay, boot and under body of the vehicles will not be assessed. A prize will be awarded for the best car in each class.

Following is the class structure of the Show & Shine Division:

Vehicles				
Saloons & Wagons	SUVs	Coupés & Cabriolets	Roadsters	Commercial (trucks, vans, buses)

D. STANDARD OF PRESENTATION

1. Concours d'Élégance:

The standard of presentation is that the vehicle is expected to be displayed in as close as possible to its condition when it left the showroom as a new vehicle. Judging is divided into a number of categories as follows:

Exterior (max 30 points) - This includes paintwork, chrome, glass and lenses. We hold the view that a well maintained, original finish is just as good as a new re-spray. Old paint that has been buffed through to the primer will not attract a high points score. Stone chips that have been filled are acceptable. Chrome bumpers should have the correct finish on the inside. All lenses should be clean and unscratched. Tyres and wheels should be clean inside and outside.

Interior (max 20 points) – This includes the entire interior except glass. Judging is based on cleanliness, completeness and originality in regard to OEM. Seats and carpets should be clean underneath. Non-genuine radios are permitted so long as they suit the age of the car. Other accessories must be appropriate to the age of the vehicle.

Underneath (max 10 points) –Under body inspection will be limited to the underside of mudguards and exposed exhaust.

Boot/trunk (max 15 points) – Boots should be neat and tidy with original or genuine boot mats where these were originally supplied with the vehicle. It is expected that the spare tyre is consistent with other road tyres and should be in a clean and roadworthy condition. Available for

inspection with the owner in attendance should be keys, owner's logbooks, owner's manuals and tool kit. The underside of the boot lid should be painted as per the original specification.

Engine bay (max 25 points) – This includes everything seen and checkable with the bonnet open. Engine components should not be polished or chromed (exception being with the Modified class). Aluminium surfaces should be bead-blasted not silver-frosted. Points will be deducted for incorrect hoses, battery clamps, ignition leads etc. If the vehicle is fitted with a sound-deadening pad, it should be clean and not oily. If a car alarm is fitted it should be installed discretely.

General – Overall our club's definition of a perfect vehicle is one that is both well-maintained and extremely clean - the condition it was in when delivered to its first owner at the show-room. The winning vehicle will be the one with the highest points score on the day in its class. Should a question of originality (OEM) be a deciding factor in a high point score, the Chief Judge will consult the owner beforehand.

Points will not be deducted for non-original first aid kits or for the inclusion of a fire extinguisher. First aid kits should be stored in an appropriate way for the model - ie in its correct storage compartment -and should be as original as reasonably possible.

Seat covers must be removed for vehicles in the Concours d'Élégance division, if not removed a 50% deduction in points will be made for the interior category.

2. Show & Shine Division:

Only the exterior, interior and wheels/tyres from outside the vehicle with the doors, boot, and bonnet closed will be judged.

E. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for the Concours d'Élégance for Mercedes-Benz Club members (including affiliated Mercedes-Benz clubs) is \$40 with a further \$20 per additional vehicle per owner. A souvenir concours medallion will be provided to each entrant in this division. **An early-bird incentive discount applies if the registration form and the fee is received by 25 August 2018.** The discounted fee is \$30 per vehicle with the same amount as above for additional vehicles. The entry fee for non-Mercedes-Benz club

members is \$50 per vehicle. The early-bird discount is not applicable to non-club members.

The fee for club members wishing to enter a vehicle in the Show & Shine Division is \$10 payable in cash on the day. The fee for non-club members is \$15. A souvenir concours medallion may be purchased for an additional \$5 in Display Division.

F. REGISTRATION

All participants entering vehicles into the Concours d'Élégance division are required to complete and send in the concours registration form well before concours day with the payment.

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This will assist with the smooth organisation of the event. It is important to complete the registration form fully, including details of the vehicle(s) to be entered.

The registration form is available as an inclusion in the August/September 2018 edition of the club's magazine, StarACT, or on the club's website: www.act.mercedes-benz-clubs.com.

Please include your email address on your form so that your registration can be acknowledged and further information about the arrangements can be provided.

Instructions on how/where to send your form is shown on the form itself.

The club's preferred method of payment is by bank transfer. If paying by bank transfer, please ensure you include the reference details on the registration form so that your payment can be identified. Payment by credit card or cheque is also possible. Details are on the registration form.

If you have any questions please contact the Concours Director by email at concoursdirector@mbclubs-act.org.au