



Media Release

Wrap-up of the Bay to Birdwood Classic

The Bay to Birdwood would like to thank the community for coming out on Sunday 24 September and supporting one of the world's great historic motoring events.

This year's event was the Bay to Birdwood 'Classic' for vehicles manufactured between 1956 and end of 1981. There was a full field of 1750 entrant vehicles participating in the 70 kilometre run from West Beach to the National Motor Museum in the Adelaide Hills. The finish festivities at the National Motor Museum were in full swing with 9300 visitors through the gates enjoying the sunshine, live music, local food and the hundreds of beautiful classic vehicles. SAPOL estimates 60,000 people line the route for the Bay to Birdwood and there are at least 5000 attending at West Beach for the start.

"The enthusiastic turnout on Sunday demonstrates just how important the iconic Bay to Birdwood is to the South Australian community. This year's event was attended by interstate and overseas visitors and I am proud that so many people were able to celebrate true classic motoring history." Bay to Birdwood Chairman, Michael Neale said.

The highlight of the day for many is the awarding of the Concours d'Elegance and Preservation vehicles. Concours d'Elegance entrants went to great lengths to impress the judges with their vehicle and period-correct personal attire. The 2017 Concours d'Elegance was presented to Paul Mason, who won with his 1968 Holden HK Monaro. The inaugural Preservation class for the Classic was presented to Paul Aikman who won with his 1966 Pontiac Bonneville. The Preservation class focusses on the originality of a vehicle. The trophies were presented by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO.

The day was tinged with some sadness as the event said farewell to the services of legendary flagmaster, Glen Dix. He has been waving off Bay to Birdwood entrants for decades, but has decided to retire from community activities and therefore hanging up his Bay to Birdwood flag.

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