

## SPECIAL STAGE DESCRIPTIONS

### Day One - SUNDAY Christchurch - Christchurch

This days stages are on generally tight narrow roads based on the ridges surrounding the Akaroa Peninsular. It is not an area that is generous with run off areas

<b>SS1</b>	<b>OKAINS BAY</b>	<b>10.91</b>	An interesting start to the day, stage is predominantly down hill, the road has a very solid base with a light gravel cover. Some outstanding views and very steep drop offs.
<b>SS2</b>	<b>LE BONS BAY</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Hard base with light gravel covering, very tight intersection at inst # 4. Steep downhill run to the finish
<b>SS3</b>	<b>PIPERS VALLEY RD</b>	<b>4.20</b>	An enjoyable downhill run on a well maintained lightly gravelled road
<b>SS4</b>	<b>PIGEON BAY</b>	<b>11.83</b>	Starts on hard based wider lightly gravelled road before continuing onto narrow hard based road with light gravel covering with a good downhill run to finish
<b>SS5</b>	<b>PORT LEVY</b>	<b>13.60</b>	Well maintained narrow road with light gravel covering. Some steep drop offs in middle section of the stage then opening out in the later sections just prior to the finish
<b>SS6</b>	<b>BOSSU RD</b>	<b>14.18</b>	Hard based well maintained roads with light gravel covering, stage opens out onto faster road closer to the finish. Touring stage back to Service Park includes a lengthy section within Christchurch City so allow for slower speeds during the final 16km

### Day Two - MONDAY Christchurch - Timaru

This day takes us from Christchurch inland through the foothills skirting the Southern Alps south to Timaru. Once clear of Lees Valley the roads open out before returning to a traditional forest stage near Geraldine with the final stage of the day being quick but slippery public roads

<b>SS7</b>	<b>OKUKU PASS</b>	<b>28.25</b>	Tighter public roads with a light gravel cover runs through forestry areas and then open range farmlands through two passes before opening out onto valley flats closer to the finish. Touring section between finish and TC 9 starts out with a river crossing then a tight section of roading before opening out onto the more well used roads of the valley floor
<b>SS8</b>	<b>LEES VALLEY</b>	<b>20.04</b>	Hard based road with light gravel covering winds through valleys and over two passes.
<b>SS9</b>	<b>SHEFFIELD</b>	<b>16.00</b>	Good well maintained hard based public roads with a medium grade of gravel cover
<b>SS10</b>	<b>LAKE LYNDON</b>	<b>24.78</b>	Open hard based public roads with a medium coverage of hard abrasive gravel. A short section of tarmac mid stage leads onto a faster section before a neat little tight section through some forestry to finish the stage. Touring to Service TC out is of a good standard of roading and includes a gravel section that is a traditional NZ hillclimb venue
<b>SS11</b>	<b>WAITOHI HILL</b>	<b>14.05</b>	A classic South Island very rarely used forest stage, good firm base with light gravel covering. Road climbs and descends 500+ metres in height so enjoy the views when you get the chance
<b>SS12</b>	<b>WAITOHI RESERVE</b>	<b>18.76</b>	Very well maintained public roads with a medium level of gravel cover, typical South Canterbury type special stage

## Day Three - TUESDAY Timaru - Dunedin

An interesting days run going inland from Timaru into the McKenzie Country before returning to the coastal areas and a tight traditional forest. From here the touring takes you past the Mcraes Goldmine which is something to behold as millions of cubic metres of land have been moved during the mining process. From Mcraes we return to the coast to end in another forest just north of Dunedin

<b>SS13</b>	<b>MT NESSING</b>	<b>25.66</b>	100% well maintained public roads with some patches of tarmac. Another historic Sth Canterbury special stage. Greats views of the McKenzie Basin and the Southern Alps from the top of McKenzie Pass. Enjoy
<b>SS14</b>	<b>BLACK FOREST</b>	<b>28.84</b>	Narrow hard based road that was constructed so as to install power pylons from the Benmore Hyrdo scheme, tight in places, steep with a number of very big drop offs and no run off areas. Be aware of the possibility of small random rockfalls occurring. Good tarmac roads from end of stage to SS 15
<b>SS15</b>	<b>NGAPARA</b>	<b>21.93</b>	Good public roads with numerous crests and an interesting selection of off camber corners to catch the unwary. Road surface never sweeps clean
<b>SS16</b>	<b>BREAKNECK</b>	<b>23.89</b>	Traditional forestry roads, tight, narrow and slightly overgrown in places with a short downhill section mid stage on public roads before returning back into the forest.
<b>SS17</b>	<b>BUTTER &amp; EGG</b>	<b>42.70</b>	Good well maintained public roads. Some quick parts during the first portions before descending into and climbing back out of some tighter valleys mid stage
<b>SS18</b>	<b>SILVER PEAKS</b>	<b>20.43</b>	Starts on public roads before continuing onto well maintained forestry roads. Expect some traffic delays while touring through Dunedin to the Service park

## Day Four - WEDNESDAY Dunedin - Dunedin

This is the big day with good fast public roads then after a mid day break the long stage through the Lake Onslow and Ida Valley areas then returning to Dunedin via two traditional Otago rally stages through forests.

<b>SS19</b>	<b>BERWICK</b>	<b>29.17</b>	100% public road that skirts the Berwick forestry area before opening out through well developed farm land. A very tricky concrete based ford with sharp drops offs mid stage requires care and attention
<b>SS20</b>	<b>ADAMS FLAT</b>	<b>27.05</b>	Good well formed hard based public road with a light metal cover and many crests in the early parts of the stage. Only the first one that you can see from the stage start line can be trusted to go straight ahead
<b>SS21</b>	<b>MANUKA HILL</b>	<b>50.49</b>	Hard based well maintained public roads which open out into wide fast uphill section climbing 400 metres in 20km before descending back through a long section of fast sweeping corners on a lightly gravelled well formed hard based road to the finish
<b>S22</b>	<b>LAMMERMOOR</b>	<b>100.75</b>	Starts uphill climbing 600 metres on well maintained flowing public roads before joining secondary roads that can become slippery when wet as the stage climbs a further 300+ metres into the high country ranges before descending onto a valley floor and fast well maintained public roads. The stage then returns to secondary roads and crosses another range using roads that are maintained annually. Stage ends on a fast downhill section so remember to brake once over the finish line.
<b>SS23</b>	<b>THE DELL</b>	<b>30.80</b>	Typical forestry roading system through milled and new growth areas. Stage is typical of those used by the Otago Rally
<b>SS24</b>	<b>WHARE FLAT</b>	<b>12.27</b>	A mixture of well maintained public and forestry roads. A Classic Otago favourite. Expect some traffic delays on touring section

## Day Five - THURSDAY Dunedin - Invercargill

Running from Dunedin to Invercargill the roads are generally of an open faster nature with one tight forest section through the Catlins area.

<b>SS25</b>	<b>BIG STONE RD</b>	<b>12.70</b>	Good hard fast surface with plenty of brows. Don't go wide exiting Joe's Corner, it has been the demise of many. Run in the opposite direction this is an old Otago Rally favourite
<b>SS26</b>	<b>TAIERI BEACH</b>	<b>29.47</b>	Starts on public road before entering forestry and a mixture of hard fast well formed roads and narrow forest tighter roads before opening out onto a quick hard based road to the stage finish
<b>TC27</b>	<b>CATLINS</b>	<b>45.56</b>	Starts on hard fast well maintained public roads before entering the forest and continuing onto tight narrow hard base roads that can be slippery when wet. Exercise care at Inst # 2 where there is a steep drop off into the river and Inst 8 where the bridge is cautioned, this can be very slippery when wet. Stage finishes back on a well maintained public road
<b>SS28</b>	<b>TAKAHOPA</b>	<b>30.60</b>	Good quick public roads with a light gravel cover. A tighter downhill section mid stage can catch out the unwary
<b>SS29</b>	<b>FORTIFICATION</b>	<b>39.40</b>	Good quick public roads with a light gravel cover.
<b>SS30</b>	<b>WYNDHAM VALLEY</b>	<b>14.30</b>	Good enjoyable public roads with a light gravel cover.

## Day Six - FRIDAY Invercargill - Alexandra

Once past the death knell of many NZ Rally Championship competitors during the 80's and 90's (Pebbly Hills) The roads are all well maintained, quick and flowing through some of the best farmland in New Zealand

<b>SS31</b>	<b>PEBBLY HILLS</b>	<b>28.82</b>	A variety of forestry roads that can become slippery when wet and/or in overgrown sections
<b>SS32</b>	<b>DUNSDALE</b>	<b>21.86</b>	Starts on lightly gravelled public road before entering into a forestry area of narrow but hard based roads in the middle of the stage before opening out onto faster public roads with a gravel surface that can become soft when wet
<b>SS33</b>	<b>TUTURAU</b>	<b>23.96</b>	Good hard based lightly gravelled public roads
<b>SS34</b>	<b>PYRAMID</b>	<b>28.52</b>	Good well formed and maintained public roads with a light gravel covering. Two small sections of tarmac mid stage
<b>SS35</b>	<b>WINDING CREEK</b>	<b>52.85</b>	Fast open sweeping road with a light gravel covering which climbs in excess of 300 metres as it winds over ridges and up through valleys. There is a section of well cambered corners to be enjoyed mid stage followed by a delightful flowing section closer to the stage finish. Enjoy.
<b>SS36</b>	<b>THREE BROTHERS</b>	<b>25.50</b>	Magic stage, 100% enjoyable well maintained public roads winds up to the top of the ridge then comes back down again

## Day Seven - SATURDAY Alexandra - Queenstown

Traditional Central Otago roads, quick with good surfaces that can become sticky when wet. The final two stages take us into real NZ pioneer country

<b>SS37</b>	<b>MOUTERE</b>	<b>15.63</b>	Good quick well formed and maintained public road with a light gravel covering
<b>SS38</b>	<b>WHITE SOW RD</b>	<b>16.00</b>	Starts on quick well used public roads with light gravel cover then continues onto narrow dirt based roads
<b>SS39</b>	<b>ST BATHANS</b>	<b>14.36</b>	Nice quick public road with light gravel covering that is a Silver Fern favourite. Good sealed touring route to service
<b>SS40</b>	<b>CRAWFORD HILLS</b>	<b>12.78</b>	Nice quick well formed gravel road with a tarmac start area and 3 x 100 metre long sections of tarmac past residents houses
<b>SS41</b>	<b>DUFFERS SADDLE</b>	<b>24.45</b>	A variety of surfaces from lightly metalled to dirt with some bedrock appearing in places. Road conditions can vary with the weather. At 1300 metres Duffers Saddle is the highest section of public roading above sea level in NZ
<b>SS 42</b>	<b>NEVIS VALLEY</b>	<b>24.30</b>	A return run through SS41 which means that a long climb to Duffers Saddle now becomes a long descent