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INTERNATIONAL RALLY DRIVERS TAKE ON BANKS PENINSULA

For the first time in many years, Banks Peninsula will play host to 20 International Rally teams, who form part of the 54 strong field of cars taking part in next month's week long International Marathon Car Rally, the **epay Silver Fern Rally 2010**.

Competitors from as far afield as South Africa, Australia, Europe and the UK will do battle with the local kiwi teams. To add to the local flavour, one of the competing drivers will be Akaroa's Willie Rutherford (Porsche 911) an ex Englishman who competed extensively in the UK before moving to New Zealand several years ago.

The competitors and their predominantly Classic & Historic 1970's & 80's rally cars (Ford Escorts, Porsche and Mazda's) will start the day from Christchurch's Palms Mall at 10am, before touring over to compete in Special Stages at Okains Bay (11.25am) Le Bons Bay (12.20pm) and Pipers Valley (13.10pm).

The best place for locals to see the cars and their crews will be at the Duvauchelle School grounds, which will host the Day One Service and lunch break for competitors between 1pm and 3pm on Sunday November 14th. The School and local community will provide the competitors, and their teams with a sausage sizzle and hot drinks.

After the Service Break the days' competition continues with more special stages at Pigeon Bay (14.10pm), Port Levy/Western Valley (14.35pm) and on Bossu Rd (15.35pm) before returning to Christchurch for their overnight stop.

During the Special Stages of the event, competitors drive on the sections of roads, that are specially closed to the public, as fast as they can, and locals can expect to see some spectacular rallying action right on their doorstep.

The **epay Silver Fern Rally 2010** will start in Christchurch on November 14th with the drivers and cars then taking on over 1000km's of competitive high speed stages with overnight stops in Timaru, Dunedin, Invercargill and Alexandra before the event finishes in Queenstown on November 20th.

Attached Route Map for Day One, and List of Competitors
For more information on the event visit www.silverfernally.co.nz

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