

1988 Redex Bash-Bourke to Blatherskite

Ullo ullo, it's a pommy cop car down under!!

Don't be surprised if you see an English police car crewed by three uniformed "bobbies" patrolling the streets of St George.

But it will be above board, and all in a good cause. At the wheel will be Dolls Point manager Ian Somerville and his two English friends Adrian Beauchamp and Christina Folletti.

There will be no chance of confusing their patrol car from those Commodores of Hurstville Highway Patrol.

Theirs is a sedate black, 1958 Wolseley sedan, powered by a modest four-cylinder engine but still bearing a "police" sign on the roof.

Ian and his companions will drive the veteran in the annual outback bash, this year dubbed "The Bourke to Blatherskite" run. The 3800 kilometre event starts on June 4 at Bondi and concludes hopefully at Blatherskite, north-west of Alice Springs, on June 11. Up to 200 cars are likely to compete, with proceeds going to the Variety Club.

"Our car is entered by the "West of England Gentleman's Club," Ian explained.

"We'll wear uniforms of the Somerset police for part of the drive" he added.

The police car is one of at least four entries from overseas.

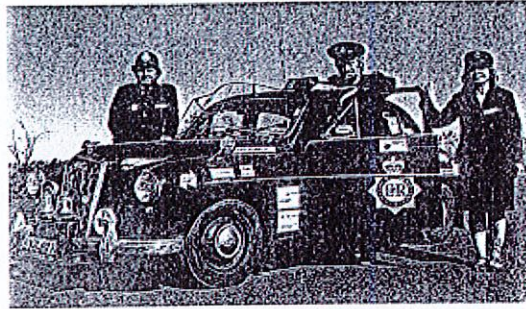


IAN Somerville, one of three drivers for a 1958 Wolseley police car, in the 1988 Bourke to Blatherskite bash (St George Leader Publication)

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This "bottomless" bog on the New Cream station, Northern Territory, was so bad entrants and support cars had to be tied together and pulled through by a tractor.



Making a bobby or two for charity: this British entry is a 1957 Wolseley police car, complete with chrome bells on the front

1988 BASH SUMMERY OF RESULTS

Event: \$1.4 million – Bourke to Blatherskite Park, Alice Springs: 7 days, 3850 km and 207 vehicles.

Wolseley Awards/Prizes: Best Overseas entry – Silver Goblet
Best Police car - Handcuff Plaque, Certificates of completion and TRAX model bash cars.

Revenue generation: \$21,000 for Handicap Children's Hospital-Kirrawee.

PUBLICITY: Press: St George Leader, McArthur Advertiser, Sydney Morning Herald, Sunday Express.

Radio: 702BL ABC Radio interview,

TV: Channel 10 & Channel 9.

You Tube Video of the 1988 BASH!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIZQkcPe_88

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