



Mercedes-Benz Club of the ACT

2017 Concours d'Élégance & Show and Shine	Sunday, 17 September 2017 Vehicle Classes have changed "Canberra's Friendly Concours"
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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 upon payment of a non-member's fee as detailed in **Section E** below, to those Mercedes-Benz owners who are not members but wish to participate.
2. Entrants wishing to enter this years **Concours d'Élégance must pre-register their car(s) prior to 1 September 2017 (see below). No late arrival registrations will be accepted for the Concours d'Élégance.** Pre-registration is not required for either Show and Shine divisions (Road or Display. However if you intend to come to the pre-Concours Cocktail Party (see below), registration is essential prior to the deadline of 1 September.
3. Vehicles entered in all divisions should be at the designated mustering point by 08:30am on the day of the event. Vehicles 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** (Road and Display divisions).
4. **No** trailers will be permitted on the concours parking areas.
5. Vehicles entered into either the Road or Display divisions must be at the mustering point prior to 09:30am so they may be properly parked prior to 10:00am.
6. To be eligible for entry into either of the competitions:
 - 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 - Vehicles leaving the area prior to the award ceremony will be deemed as having been withdrawn from the competition unless previously agreed with the Concours Director.
7. Vehicles are judged on three criteria:
 - Cleanliness;
 - Condition;
 - Alignment with Original Equipment Manufacture (OEM).
8. Vehicles in the Modified class (Class G) are judged on cleanliness and condition only, not originality and not on the degree of modification.
9. 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.
10. The Chief Judge's decisions are final and NOT subject to discussion.
11. 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.
12. Concours judges may approach owners/participants to seek clarification on vehicle details.
13. 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.
14. If a vehicle has both a hard-top and a soft-top, the owner shall nominate which top is to be judged. Cars to be judged with a hard-top must have the hard-top in place. Cars to be judged with a soft-top must have the soft-top in place.
15. 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.
16. "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.

B. STRUCTURE

The 2017 Concours will have one Concours d'Élégance Division, one additional competitive division: Road Division and one non-competitive division: Display Division;

CONCOURS D'ÉLÉGANCE is the premier judging category in the 2017 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 less 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	(1) 4-door Saloons/wagons pre-1970* (2) Coupés/Cabriolets pre-1970*, (3) Roadsters pre-1970* includes chassis vehicles, pontons, roundies, finnies and all vehicles manufactured before 1970, eg W136, W198, W121, W113 and W114, W108 etc.
B	(1) 4-door Saloons/wagons 1970 - 1979* (2) Coupés/Cabriolets 1970-1979*, (3) Roadsters 1970-1979* includes all vehicles manufactured between 1970 and 1979 eg W116, W123, R107
C	(1) 4-door Saloons/wagons 1980-1989* (2) Coupés/Cabriolets 1980-1989*, (3) Roadsters 1980-1989* includes all vehicles manufactured between 1980 and 1989 eg W126 S-Class, W124 E-Class, W201 C-Class sedans, R and C107

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D	(1) 4-door Saloons/wagons 1990-1999* (2) Coupés/Cabriolets 1990-1999*, (3) Roadsters 1990-1999* includes all vehicles manufactured between 1990 and 1999 eg R129 roadsters, W140 S-Class, W210 E-Class, W202 C- Class, W168 A-Class
E	(1) 4-door Saloons/wagons 2000-2009* (2) Coupés/Cabriolets 2000-2009*, (3) Roadsters 2000-2009* includes all vehicles manufactured between 2000 and 2009
F	(1) 4-door Saloons/wagons 2010- present * (2) Coupés/Cabriolets 2010 – present, (3) Roadsters 1980-1989* includes all vehicles manufactured from 2010 to the present

*Includes newer vehicles where production of the series commenced prior to the commencement of the decade eg. W107, W116, W123 etc.

Vehicles are split into three categories: (1) 4-door saloons; (2) coupés/cabriolets [2-door hard or soft-top] and; (3) roadsters.

Class A to Class F Awards

- Gold winner's trophy for each of the three categories;
- Silver runner's up trophy for each of the three categories (depending on the number of entrants);

Class	Vehicles
G	Modified or special vehicles

Modified vehicles are those that have been significantly modified from the original design. Mercedes-Benz approved AMG models are not regarded as modified cars.

Class G Award

- Gold winner's trophy

Classes A - G applies only to the Concours d'Élégance.

C. SHOW & SHINE

ROAD DIVISION

Vehicles entered into Road Division are judged on those aspects that would be visible if the vehicle would be parked on the street (ie paintwork, chrome, wheels/tyres etc). Vehicles are judged from a distance of approximately two metres. Interiors and engine bays are not judged unless a points tie occurs. Commercial class applies only to Road Division. Eligible vehicles must be those normally considered as commercial vehicles. Points deductions will not be made for vehicles with commercial sign-writing.

Following is the class structure of Road Division:

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

Road Division Awards:

- A winner's trophy will be awarded for the vehicle with the highest points score in each of the five categories.

DISPLAY DIVISION

This is the Division where the display of vehicles that have not been entered in the competitive Divisions is encouraged. Vehicles entered into this Division are not judged. However, if the Chief Judge considers that a vehicle is of a standard that would merit its inclusion in the Road Division, the owner would be encouraged to enter the vehicle subject to the payment of the appropriate fee.

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 - 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 – 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 – The ACT club's rules differ in this category from other club's rules. As many entrants travel considerable distances for the ACT concours, underneath the vehicle is judged taking into account the condition it would have been in before leaving from home. Under the guards, the wheel arches should be as clean as is possible to achieve for interstate visitors at Canberra accommodation, the occasional tar-spot or road grime on the floor-pan or tunnel area will not be penalised. Lower suspension arms should be free of stones.

Boot/trunk – 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, eg generally black or grey depending on the model.

Engine bay – 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 Club Division, if not removed a 50% deduction in points will be made for the interior category.

2. Road Division:

Only the exterior and wheels/tyres from a distance of approximately two metres are judged. While interiors and underneath are not judged, these are expected to be in above average condition.

E. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for either Concours d'Élégance or Road Division for Mercedes-Benz Club members (including affiliated Mercedes-Benz clubs) is \$40 with an further \$20 per additional vehicle per owner. A souvenir concours medallion will be provided to each entrant in the two competitive divisions. **An early-bird incentive discount applies if the registration form and the fee is received by 18 August 2017.** 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 Display Division is \$10. 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 any of the three divisions 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 also used to indicate whether you intend to attend the pre-Concours cocktail party on Saturday 16 September 2017. The cocktail party is at the invitation of the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany and is for those club members (including members of interstate clubs) who participate in the concours or in the show and shine on a strictly first-come basis due to a limit in the number of people who can attend the cocktail party. Please be sure to include your email address on the registration form as we will advise by email whether your participation in the cocktail party has been accepted.

The registration form is available as an inclusion in the August/September 2017 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 .