

Mercedes-Benz Club Queensland Concours d'Elegance 2018

The main purpose of the Concours d'Elegance is to recognise and reward owners who have done an outstanding job of care and maintenance of their Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Judges will inspect all cars entered to determine those worthy of an award.

It must be noted that All vehicles NOT entered in the Concours Categories and classed as **DISPLAY ONLY VEHICLES** for The Celebration of Mercedes-Benz 2018 are **FREE ENTRY** to all Mercedes-Benz Club Members. **DISPLAY VEHICLES** are not required to register for the event, and can be displayed in any condition.

Rules & Conditions of Entry for Concours Entries ONLY

The following rules and conditions will apply to the annual Concours d'Elegance of the Mercedes-Benz Club of Queensland to be held at The 2018 Celebration of Mercedes-Benz, Kedron AFL Club, 78 Sixth Avenue, Kedron 4031 on Sunday 9th September 2018

1. Entries are open to financial members of any Mercedes-Benz Club incorporated in Australia and New Zealand.
2. Vehicles eligible for judging can be entered in only one class category.
3. The vehicle must be entered by the owner or a member of the immediate family of the owner.
4. Submitted and completed entry form/s to be received with full payment by 10th August for early bird entries. No further entries accepted after the final cut off for entries being, 31st August.
5. All vehicles must be, currently registered or have a valid permit for road use and deemed to be of roadworthy condition. All competing vehicles must be driven into position under their own power. Vehicles not complying with these requirements may be excluded or removed from the Judging process at the discretion of the Chief Judge.
6. All vehicles are to be in their allocated position on site no later than 9.30am the day of the Concours. Any vehicle permitted to enter the site after that time will be only due to EXCEPTIONAL circumstances, and is at the Chief Judges discretion ONLY.
7. Judging will commence at 10am and there will be no further preparation of vehicles after this time.
8. Vehicles, once on the field of display will be marshalled in a Concours area. No vehicle will be permitted to leave the area for the safety of all spectators and participants until the completion of the event. No vehicle will be granted any special circumstances. If anyone attending with your entry requires to leave at an earlier time, it is HIGHLY recommended that alternative means of transport has been arranged prior to Concours. Vehicles will only be allowed to leave late in the afternoon upon conclusion of the day's activities.
9. No advertising material shall be distributed or displayed without the permission of the Concours Officer.

Guidelines for Judging

Interior: items such as dash, steering wheel, doors, headlining, seats, upholstery, floor mats and pan, trims, visors, instruments, original to the vehicle (except seat belts fitted to earlier vehicles for safety). Boot or Load Area including spare tyre, and accessories. Non-original items such as car phones, alarms, speakers, air-conditioners etc will attract deduction of marks. However, original items such as additional keys, spare tyre, safety triangle, and tool kit should be included for display. The car should be emptied of items for judging.

Exterior: panels, paintwork, chrome, trim, glass, lamps, grille, rubbers, for example, will be assessed. Body panel dents, rust, poor finish, over-spray, worn or perished rubbers, excessive glue, non-original sunroofs, or non-original chrome wheel arches will result in a deduction of marks.

Engine Bay: everything seen and 'checkable' with the bonnet up (including batteries, v belts, hoses, firewalls, and wiring for example). All should be clean but not excessively polished; points will be lost for corrosion, oil and water leaks, wrong or worn/frayed/stained hoses, clamps, etc.

☒ **Under-body:** mudguards, wheel arches, drive train, suspension and exhaust components should be clean and free of oil leaks and rust.

☒ **Functions:** Do they work? Interior lighting, instruments, switches Headlights, indicators, spotlights, interior lights, n/plate, boot light. Logbook, owner's manual, datacard, service manuals. Are the functions in the best possible condition for age and mileage

Note: You may lock your valuables in your boot for safe keeping, however it is essential that the owner is available to open the boot for inspection and operate the functions of the vehicle by judges.

Rules for Categories, Classes & Awards

All classes and awards will be published by the Mercedes-Benz Club of Queensland prior to the closing dates of Concours Entry.

1. **Concours Classes** (1 to 18) where the highest standard of originality or restoration to "*as left the factory*" condition is being sought.
2. Champion of Champions Trophy, is only for vehicles that have won Outright Winner in any year prior to current, that the Mercedes-Benz Club of Queensland has run a Concours D'Elegance.
3. Previous cars that were Outright Winners, regardless of ownership, are no longer eligible to compete in individual classes and are only eligible for Champion of Champions Trophy award.
4. Vehicles, which in the opinion of the Concours Officer and Chief Judge, have been modified from Mercedes-Benz vehicle specifications, will not be eligible for Concours Categories, and will be duly encouraged to compete in the Modified Category.
5. Open top vehicles must be presented for judging with a top down. If a hard top is fitted to the vehicle, the hard top must be removed and safely placed on the ground for judging.
6. Seat covers must be removed completely for judging, points may be deducted otherwise.
7. Floor mats (if fitted), including Genuine Floor mats must be removed for judging and placed to the rear of the car.
8. All five tyres (where fitted from factory)& wheels will be judged.
9. The entire underbody of the vehicle will be inspected.
10. Vehicles will be judged by a convened group of Judges at one time. Owners or representatives should be available to Judges at this time and must be available to start their vehicles for the judges *if required*; failure to do so may mean the vehicle is not judged.
11. As a courtesy to the Judges, No communication with the Judges will be permitted during the judging process. The Judges have a limited time to carry out a proper inspection of each vehicle, and conversations will draw out the day for Judges and Competitors. Should an entrant or their associates interfere with the judging process; the organisers reserve the right to void an entry if this rule is deemed to be infringed.
12. Street Category - Club members of Mercedes-Benz vehicles are invited to display their vehicles in the Street Category. Street vehicles are not judged underneath & engine bay.
13. All vehicles must be over 3 years old and outside of factory warranty to be eligible for Concours. Once cars have lived their first 3 years and earned their stripes, they can compete. Vehicles in this age bracket are duly encouraged to enter the Display Vehicles in The Celebration of Mercedes-Benz.
14. At the discretion of the Chief Judge and Club President, an award or class award will not be given if the vehicle does not score equal to or above 66% of the total available points. However, a participation award may be considered.
15. **Best Paintwork.** Will be presented to the vehicle considered to have the best paint finish, judged out of all Concours entries, entered on the day.
16. **Best Interior.** Will be presented to the vehicle considered to have the best authentic finished interior, judged out of all Concours entries, entered on the day.
17. **Best Engine Compartment.** Will be presented to the vehicle displaying what is considered to have the best presenting Engine Compartment, judged out of all Concours entries, entered on the day.
18. **Long Distance Award.** Awarded to a Mercedes-Benz Club member who has driven his/her vehicle the longest distance to compete at the Concours.
19. **Modified Award.** Awarded to a Mercedes-Benz entered into this category that, although modified from Mercedes specifications, has been modified successfully to reflect the Mercedes-Benz Brand. Modifications in

this category must reflect, and tastefully portray, the Mercedes-Benz product. Modifications can be subtle to extensive, and are fully encouraged within the Judging guidelines of this award. Full judging guidelines are available on request.

20. **Outright Winner Eligibility.** The Outright winner is the vehicle that has gained the highest score of points on the day from vehicles within the Concours Categories. Champion of Champions vehicles are not eligible as they have already won this award once.

21. Major Award trophies will be presented to winners on the day at the closing Awards Presentation.

22. The decision of the Chief Judge is final and no discussion will be entered into.