



Councillor William Maslin

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Reardon to navigate Maslin to success

Gundagai Shire Councillor, William Maslin, today announced that Peter Reardon (Snr) will be navigating him to success in the Italian Connection Trophy to be held in May this year.

Cr Maslin has confirmed that he will be a competitor in the 2010 Italian Connection Trophy with his entry being accepted late last week.

"I am delighted to have Peter on board as my navigator and am sure he will do a fantastic job of this challenging task," Cr Maslin said.

The route instructions for the ICT are given as a route chart – that is, the route is given with a series of cumulative distances from the start of each division. These distances are supplemented by information telling the navigator what direction to take at that particular point. As an example, the instructions might say that at 25.50 kilometers from the start you are required to turn left off the freeway, then at 26.30 you are to proceed straight on, and so on. The entire route instructions are given in this format, with a distance and an instruction given for each turn. With a reasonably accurate odometer in your car, the instructions should be easy to follow.

The navigator's task then, is to tell the driver where and when to turn by reading the relative distance off the car's odometer, which is straightforward enough. The only difficulties are (a) that the navigator will need to lean over to read the relative distances off the car's odometer, and (b) to continually calculate at what distances turns are to be made at or where observations (route checks) are to be found.

While most navigators can get away with this by indulging in a little mathematical calculation for each turn, it also requires the driver (who has the odometer directly in front of him, unlike the navigator) to keep his eyes on the constantly changing odometer at all times.

"At the end of the day, it's not about winning, but having lots of fun along the way, something these Italians are sure to serve up," Cr Maslin concluded.

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