



BACK TO THE PAST 2026 - 1976

This year 2026 is the 50th anniversary of my first finish of the 24 Hour Trial, and the 50th anniversary of the start from Kapunda.

My first two attempts in 1974 and 1975 were DNFs, 1976 was the year that Philip Haydon and Mike Connors tied for first place. Since both riders are no longer with us, Gawler Club and Keyneton Club Road trials have been named in their honour.

I will be riding the 1976 24 Hour Trial course starting from Kapunda, with a lunch break near Nuriootpa then back to Kapunda via a shortened version of the course.

Older bikes and riders are preferred and a registered bike or sidecar are required. Numbers will be limited as the roads are very dusty.

The ride could take between 5 to 6 hours, following the original course as closely as possible. Most of the original competitive sections are unfortunately no longer able to be accessed and due to the hard-working councils, some of the roads are now in better condition than they were back in 1976.

Please note that this is not an event, just a trail ride around the Barossa roads.

A pickup crew will shadow the course in the unlikely event of some bikes failing to proceed.

The Juventus Club will be arranging lunch and will give you a feed and a drink at Coulthard Reserve in Nuriootpa.

A 9:30am start from the Kapunda Trotting Track on Sunday the 12th April 2026.

To register for this trail ride, or for further information, please contact:

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