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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to my thirty fourth edition of the Blower, the Club magazine of the Bathurst Light Car Club.

One of the most inspirational stories in this edition is the ongoing effort of our younger members in motorsport. Heather Brumby, at just 15, has become the youngest competitor in the Targa Tasmania Rally to ever stand on the podium in this classic event. Adding to her recent recognition by CAMS as a Future Star of Motorsport Award. Harrison Field continues to outperform against his peers and adults in Motorkhana and Khanacross as well as scoring consistently in tarmac events and that is just two of our members.

Unfortunately, as a consequence of my other roles within the Club, I am not able to personally report on the huge range of activities and successes of many other Club members, for this I must rely on you the reader to provide me with the material to publish. As a result, I am constantly searching unsuccessfully for material to fill the pages of the Blower and this is very disappointing for us all.

Your Club is currently running one of the most ambitious programs of motorsport imaginable, but we are doing it with less and less input from the membership and this is unsustainable. Every time I publish, I implore you the reader to please provide me with details of your involvement in motorsport to inspire others to do the same, sadly with little response. But I will keep trying!

Bathurst Light Car Club will conduct a round of the Australian Hill Climb Championship in November this year, what are YOU doing to make that event happen and succeed? The time for all members of our Club to step up has arrived and without YOUR contribution, the future success of our Club will be bleak. Now is the time to step up and make YOUR Club an even bigger success.

Till next time readers, be safe out there.

Bob Lundie-Jenkins B.A.

ATTENTION ALL BLCC CLUB MEMBERS

Slowly but surely, we are building the list of CAMS qualified Club members and this is really great. But we need more people to put their hands up. If you hold a current CAMS Officials license of any kind, please send your name, CAMS membership number, CAMS license expiry date and specific qualification with the grade to: The BLCC Competition Secretary at lundieb65@gmail.com

The information will assist in the staffing of Club events and development of future Club Officials so please submit your details as soon as possible.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – APRIL 2019

Welcome to a new year of motorsport after the Club's recent AGM - what a great meeting. A good attendance, very positive and good social interaction saw the old club environment appearing. Many positive comments were received after the close of the meeting with most expressing happiness with the refreshing return of good interaction in the meeting - thank you to all in attendance.

Your newly elected Committee for this year brings some new blood keen to get on with the job of running your Club. A welcome return of Donna Sims to the position of Secretary will assist greatly with Deanne Hudson taking on the challenge of Publicity Officer – thank you to both of you. I also thank all the other members who have taken on Committee positions. To all those who did not nominate this year please consider an executive position for next year – we need to look for new bodies to take the reins from 2020 and beyond as some of us can't last forever.

I believe the greatest outcome of the AGM however, was the decision to rename "The Quarry". In recognition of the great contribution and dedication of John Windsor, the Quarry will now be known as "The John Windsor Motorsport Park" (The Quarry). This unanimous decision is a fitting and appropriate way of recognising John's support of this important part of the Bathurst Light Car Club's activities – thank you.

I anticipate the need for a significant increase in the work load this year, given the extent of our program and particularly the delivery of the Mount Panorama round of the Australian Hillclimb Championship at the end of the year. Please accept this invitation to assist with the wide variety of roles that will need to be covered to make these events happen. Please consider putting up your hand and bring some ideas and your input to the table, please don't be shy.

The first round of the local WRC (Visual Navigation Trial) conducted by Tony and Kathy Hanrahan, although down on numbers, was a great day with lunch at Tarana Markets and I must admit I was pleased that the road book standard has been lifted. Keep an eye out for the next one and sharpen your skills and pencils for a great adventure.

We have just completed the first bitumen events for the year with the first 2 Rounds of the State Hillclimb Championships and they were a great success. Congratulations to all competitors.

I am working diligently toward getting The Quarry grounds graded after recent storms completely swamped the course. This is a slow process requiring the obtaining of quotes to fit into our timeframe, however, verbal advice from Council indicates that a potential exists for them to meet costs.

That's all for this edition readers. Please feel free to call me at any time if you have concerns about any aspect of operations – I welcome all calls. Thank you and safe motoring.

Mick Tuckey

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2019, COMMENCING AT 7.40 PM

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Bob Lundie-Jenkins, Kathy Hanrahan, Tony Hanrahan, Mark Hudson, Helen Mulholland, Gwyn Mulholland, Mick Williamson, Jeff West.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING 27 FEBRUARY 2019

MOVED: Deanne Hudson

SECONDED: Mitch Groves

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Rob Dean was an apology for meeting however his name was not included in the Apologies.

Quarry has been graded – Bathurst Council carried out work at no charge.

Hudson's competed in the Mitta Rally – started 41st and finished 25th.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence read by Secretary

MOVED: Mitch Groves

SECONDED: Trevor Seaman

Information kit from Cancer Council asking Club to organise a biggest morning tea fundraiser. Due to logistics of organising a morning tea it was agreed that a \$100 donation be made to Cancer Council instead. Rob Flood to make arrangements for payment of donation.

MOVED Deanne Hudson SECONDED: Scott Sims

TREASURERS REPORT

Report presented by Treasurer

MOVED: Scott Sims

SECONDED: Phil Burgett

QUARRY REPORT

Mitch Groves reported that the working bee was well attended with 10 members turning up. The starters box has been installed. Ian Plenderleith advised that the Khanacross was successful even though it was wet weather.

MOVED: Deanne Hudson SECONDED: Trevor Seaman

GENERAL BUSINESS

Australian Hillclimb Championships

Scott Sims advised that a Sub-Committee has been formed to organise the AHCC event. The sub-committee consists of 8 members. A sponsorship proposal has been prepared for Bathurst Real Estate and will be presented by David Robinson. Also looking to approach Bathurst Council for in-kind sponsorship. Eric Thorpe is organising a quote to determine if live streaming of the event on the internet is feasible. The next meeting of Sub-Committee is set down for 23 April.

Esses Descent

Mick Tuckey advised that there are currently 25 entries and the event will go ahead.

Report by Media Officer

Deanne Hudson is looking to organise a bbq at Bathurst Bunnings with a few members cars on display and promotional handout material for anyone interested. Also designing posters to place in businesses such as Repco, Supercheap, etc, advertising Motorkhanas and Khanacross days, and highlighting the come and try days. Mick to organise access for Deanne to the printer and photocopier to produce promotional materials.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.05 PM

Mick Tuckey
PRESIDENT



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2019, COMMENCING AT 7.35 PM**

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Bob Lundie-Jenkins, Helen Mulholland, Gwyn Mulholland, Jeff West, Kerry McFadzean, Trevor Seaman.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING 27 MARCH 2019

MOVED: Deanne Hudson

SECONDED: Scott Sims

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence read by Secretary

MOVED: Mitch Groves

SECONDED: Robert Dean

TREASURERS REPORT

Report presented by Treasurer

MOVED: Wayne Bowden

SECONDED: Kathy Hanrahan

QUARRY REPORT

Mitch Groves reported that Khanacross was a success with 7 runs on the day. Water cart was used for dust suppression, however the ground held up very well. Next event is a Motorkhana come and try day.

MOVED: Deanne Hudson

SECONDED: Robert Dean

GENERAL BUSINESS

Australian Hillclimb Championships

Scott Sims gave an update of progress to date. A major sponsor has not yet been secured; however, a proposal is currently before the Club to have the event live streamed at a cost of \$10,000. Live streaming would provide a platform to approach large companies for major sponsorship. There are also opportunities for the Club to make money through selling of DVD's to competitors etc. Scott also advised that CAMS have a fund which the Club may be able to access to obtain some funding to go towards payment of live streaming costs.

Scott Sims put forward a motion that the Club move forward with live streaming proposal at a cost of \$10,000. Mick Williamson seconded the motion.

The motion was put to the meeting for a vote and was carried. Rob Dean requested that it be noted in the Minutes that he abstained from voting.

Flying Fifth Event

Wayne Bowden requested that the Club provide security for this event due to past history of issues with competitors and spectators. Mick Tuckey advised that the police would be contacted prior to event and requested to carry out frequent patrols of the area. No Spectating signs are to be erected where necessary. Members agreed that if there was any trouble during the event it would be shut down and not run again. Kathy Hanrahan advised that Bob Lundie-Jenkins is the nominated event secretary, however, both Kathy and Christine Wells will be carrying out secretarial duties on the day. It was agreed that some form of security be provided at the Secretary's caravan.

New Members

Mick Tuckey introduced new members Allan and Annabelle Manly and welcomed them to the Club. Annabelle is keen to participate in Motorkhanas.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20 PM

Mick Tuckey
PRESIDENT

Requests by Members to attend prior to Monthly Committee Meetings.

To provide for administrative efficiencies in accepting and approving attendance of individuals (not groups) at Monthly Executive Committee Meetings, the Committee require the following:

1. The request to attend is to be submitted 7 days before the meeting. The request is to be emailed to secretary@blcc.com.au not to any one individual.
2. Details of the matter to be discussed must be included at the time of initial request and any written documents to be produced are to be submitted at time of seeking approval to attend - this will enable the Committee members to read, assess and research if need be. It will further allow for the matter to be included on the agenda.
3. Acceptance or otherwise of the request will be provided to the applicant no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.
4. Those members approved to attend will have their matter dealt with before the Committee meeting commences with a time limit of 10 minutes allocated. A resolution of the issue may not necessarily be forthcoming on the night. Once the matter has been raised and brief discussions held or matter dealt with, the member will be required to leave the meeting to allow for the Committee meeting to begin.

Mick Tuckey

President

COMPETITORS AND MEMBERS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF BATHURST TOWING IN PROVIDING DAY LONG SERVICE TO ALL BLCC TARMAC EVENTS, PLEASE CONSIDER USE OF THIS LOCAL BUSINESS SHOULD A NEED ARISE TO GET YOUR TOY HOME – BRAD'S GENEROSITY TO THE CLUB ASSISTS IN KEEPING YOUR ENTRY FEES TO A MINIMUM.

How Close to the action do you like to be?



Being an official at any kind of motor race event puts you almost as close to the action as the competitors themselves, is that close enough for you?

Volunteering as a Flag Marshal, Fire and Rescue Marshal, Road Closure or Grid Marshal, or any number of other positions for a Bathurst Light Car Club event, is not only good fun but it means our Club can continue to do what we are there for. Once you are registered as a Cams Official, you can officiate at any track in Australia, for

any accredited motor sport event, and it only cost a little of your time.

As a Cams Official, you will join an organisation that has a presence in every motor racing track and venue in Australia, and there are already many thousands of people just like you that have signed up.

But most importantly, the Bathurst Light Car Club needs you to become an official



NOW! We are desperately short of volunteers to help with a tarmac program of events running right through 2019 but most particularly, the Australian Hillclimb Championship round in November on Mountain Straight. Go online to CAMS.com to sign up and complete the introductory course, or -

**CONTACT SCOTTY SIMS TO
SIGN UP – 0428 629784**

SPECIAL OFFER FROM BRAKEPRO

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HISTORIC REGISTRATION- ATTENTION ALL OWNERS

Have you done your bit to comply with Club requirements to retain benefit afforded to you through access to this scheme? If you live within 100 kilometres of Bathurst, have you volunteered in the past 12 months to assist with a BLCC event? If not remember we always need Officials. Contact Scot Sims, Ian Plenderleith or Eric Thorpe NOW.

Your vehicle will only be registered under this scheme if you comply with this Club requirement and you are a financial member of the Club. It is a requirement of historic vehicle registration that you carry a current Club Membership card to prove membership to the Police. Remember the members who perform all the tasks to make a BLCC events happen take vacations from time to time and they are not replaced so please lend a hand.

2019 CALENDAR



BLCC EVENTS

MARCH	2	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Bathurst	BLCC	State
MARCH	2	NSW Rally Championship – Mitta Mitta	NECC-AWDCC	State
MARCH	3	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Bathurst	BLCC	State
MARCH	28-3	Adelaide 500	SC	Australian
MARCH	9-12	Bathurst Autofest, Mount Panorama,	AF	Show
MARCH	9	CAMS NSW Rallysprint Series	ASCC	State
MARCH	9	Fluffy Duck	AHRG	Touring
MARCH	10	CAMS NSW Motorkhana Championship	WAC	State
MARCH	14-17	F1 AGP	F1	Australian
MARCH	17	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
MARCH	17	CAMS NSW Khanacross Series	WAC	State
MARCH	22-24	Rosewood Rally Southern Cross Series Rd 1	AMSAG	State
MARCH	24	CAMS NSW Supersprint Championship	ARDC	State
MARCH	24	Mt Gladstone Hillclimb	CMAHC	Club
MARCH	31	Essex Descent	BLCC	M/Club
APRIL	5-7	Symons Plains - Tasmania	SC	Australian
APRIL	5-7	Make Smoking History Forest Rally	NR	Australian
APRIL	5-7	Condo 750	CSP	Rally
APRIL	5-7	Supercars Phillip Island	SC	Australian
APRIL	6	NSW Rally Championship - Oberon	NSSCC	State
APRIL	6	CAMS NSW Motor Race Championship	SRM	SMSP
APRIL	6-7	CAMS NSW Motorkhana Championship	NESCC	State
APRIL	6-7	CAMS NSW Off Road Championship	SORRA	State
APRIL	7	CAMS NSW Hillclimb Championship	SDMA	State
APRIL	7	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
APRIL	13	CAMS NSW Rally Championship	NSSCC	State
APRIL	19-22	Bathurst 6 Hour	YEEHAH	Australian
APRIL	28	CAMS NSW Supersprint Championship	NCCNSW	State
APRIL	29	Targa Tasmania	TA	Australian
MAY	2-4	Supercars Perth	SC	Australian
MAY	3-4	Orange Rally Southern Cross Series Rd 2	AMSAG	State
MAY	5	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
MAY	5	CAMS NSW Hillclimb Championship	KSCC	State
MAY	11	NSW Rally Championship - Canberra	BMSC	State
MAY	12	Mother's Day		
MAY	18	Flying 1/5 th	BLCC	M/Club
MAY	19	Mountain Straight Hillclimb	BLCC	M/Club
MAY	24-26	Supercars Winton	SC	Australian
JUNE	2	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club

JUNE	7-9	Bega Rally Southern Cross Series Rd 3	AMSAG	State
JUNE	14-16	Supercars Hidden valley Darwin	SC	Australian
JUNE	23	Supersprint	BLCC	M/Club
JUNE	29	NSW Rally Championship – Batemans Bay	NSSCC	State
JULY	5-7	Supercars Townsville	SC	Australian
JULY	7	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
JULY	20	NSW Rally Championship - Bonalbo	TBC	State
JULY	26-28	Bulahdelah Rally Southern Cross Series Rd4	AMSAG	State
JULY	26-28	Supercars Ipswich	SC	Australian
AUGUST	8-18	Kidney Kar Rally	KKR	Charity
AUGUST	18	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
AUGUST	23-25	Supercars The Bend	SC	Australian
AUGUST	25	Essex Hillclimb	BLCC	M/Club
AUGUST	30	Targa Great Barrier Reef	TA	Australian
SEPTEMBER	1	Father's Day		
SEPTEMBER	8	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
SEPTEMBER	8	Muscle Car Masters	MCM	Australian
SEPTEMBER	13-15	Supercars Auckland	SC	Australian
SEPTEMBER	22	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
SEPTEMBER	27-29	Coffs Harbour Rally Southern Cross Series Rd 5	AMSAG	State
OCTOBER	10-13	Supercheap Bathurst 1000	SC	Australian
OCTOBER	19	NSW Rally Championship - Cooma	LCCC	State
OCTOBER	20	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
OCTOBER	25-28	Port Macquarie Rally Southern Cross Series Rd 6	AMSAG	State
OCTOBER	25-27	Supercars Gold Coast	SC	Australian
NOVEMBER	1-3	Australian Hillclimb Championships	BLCC	Australian
NOVEMBER	8	Targa High Country	TA	Australian
NOVEMBER	8-10	Supercars Sandown	SC	Australian
NOVEMBER	10	BLCC Trial Series Rd 2	BLCC	Social
NOVEMBER	16	Supersprint	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	17	Mountain Straight Hillclimb	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	22-24	Supercars Newcastle	SC	Australian
NOVEMBER	28-1	Challenge Bathurst	YEEHAH	M/Club
DECEMBER	7	BLCC Presentation & Christmas Party	BLCC	Social

2019 BLCC SWAPMEET, CAR SHOWS & SOCIAL EVENTS

MARCH	3	Easy Street 37th Annual Run Canton Beach, Canton Beach
MARCH	3	Shannons WHEELS, Queanbeyan Showground
MARCH	8-10	Bathurst Autofest, Mount Panorama
MARCH	9-10	EJ-EH Holden Nationals, Mount Panorama, Bathurst
MARCH	10	Morisset - Central Coast Swap Meet 2019, Morisset Showground
MARCH	11-17	40th Annual Corowa, Ex-Military Vehicle Gathering, Corowa
MARCH	16	Can Cruise, Mudgee Showground, Mudgee

MARCH	17	Camden Car Show, Camden Showground, Argyle Street, Camden
MARCH	23	The Laggan Pub 5th Annual Car Show, Laggan Pub, Mill Road Laggan
MARCH	23	Kar Nutz Car Show & Twilight Swap Meet, Menangle, Menangle Park
MARCH	29-31	Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival, Rotary Park, Kurri Kurri
MARCH	30	Muscle Up Charity Car & Bike Show, Belconnen Bowling Club, Canberra
MARCH	31	OBERON SWAP MEET 2019 at Oberon Show Ground
APRIL	14	Lithgow Swapmeet 2019 at Lithgow Greyhound Racing Track
APRIL	21	Narrandera SWAP MEET Narrandera Marie Bashir Park
APRIL	25-28	Capriciation - Ford Capris 50th Anniversary, Albury
MAY	4-5	Wings Over Illawarra, Illawarra Regional Airport, Albion Park Rail
MAY	18-19	Shannon's Tamworth Motor Show, Greg Norman Drive, Tamworth
MAY	18	Hobby and Motor Show, Stanley Park, East Kurrajong
MAY	18	Wheels of Wamboin, Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way
MAY	25	Hot Rod and Custom Auto Expo, Rosehill Racecourse, Rosehill
JUNE	15	Powercruise 1 Day Powerplay, Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek
JULY	21	Wagga Wagga Swap Meet, WAGGA WAGGA SHOWGROUND
SEPTEMBER	21-22	Queanbeyan Swap Meet, Queanbeyan Showground

REMINDER TO ALL QUARRY COMPETITORS

When driving to and from any Club event it is expected that you will do so in accord with ALL road rules and you will cause minimal disturbance to venue neighbours and other road users. Your actions reflect on the reputation of your Car Club so please be safe and behave responsibly.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN REGISTRATION

As many would be aware there is increasing pressure in our society to ensure that those most vulnerable are protected at all times and one way of doing that is to obtain a Working with Children registration.

CAMS, the administrative controller of our sport, is moving to have all volunteers who are registered with them obtain WWC registration and your Club accepts and agrees with the value of this policy, not only to protect children but the volunteers working with children as well. The process to obtain the registration is cost free and can be done online followed by a very short visit to RMS to finalise the process after initial registration on-line. All Members are encouraged to obtain the registration and Committee members are available to assist in the

process if required. Your assistance in the implementation of this procedure is appreciated.

Michael Tuckey

President

VALE LAURIE SHEEDY

Information & photo courtesy Michael Cassin

Laurie Sheedy passed away just prior to Easter at the age of 80 after a long battle with cancer. Laurie was a Life Member of BLCC and together with his wife Helen, who predeceased him, was the caretaker/resident of the Club and flat during the 70's and 80's prior to them moving to the Central Coast.

Laurie was a keen Motor Sports enthusiast and was part of the instrumental group of members of BLCC who were tasked by Bathurst City Council, at that time, with building over 5kl's of earth filled tyre walls around the Mt Panorama



circuit to ensure that racing would continue. These tyre walls were required by CAMS track inspectors in the never-ending quest to ensure safer racing conditions for competitors. In the ongoing track safety pursuit, all the tyre walls built by Club members

have now been replaced by concrete barriers.

Laurie originally came to Bathurst with the Army when he was transferred to 2 BOD (Base Ordnance Depot) Bathurst. After leaving the Army, Laurie joined 28th Flight, Air Training Corps, Raglan as an instructor.

Laurie, together with his wife Helen, was also involved in community associations including Carillon Theatrical Society where he was a stage assistant and the SES providing logistical and communication support for many operations including rescues.

On behalf of all members, the Club extends their deepest condolences to Laurie's family and friends.



MARCH KHANACROSS A SUCCESS

Pics from Eric Thorpe

Despite appearances they're not lost they are simply following the Clerk of Course who set a very challenging arrangement that looks like it was designed



to tie everyone in knots.

A field of 19 competitors completed seven runs at a range of tight and twisty courses through the day with

Robert Dean once again taking the silverware with a total accumulated time of 487.36. Junior competitor Harrison Field was not far behind with 501.33 and Andrew Symons collecting third with a total of 506.04.

Car Badges

The first batch of Car Club Car Badges have been almost sold out with just 2 left for just **\$32** each via the Club website and from the Club Committee. We can ship them too you for an extra \$8 for postage or they can be picked up from the Car Club during meetings or at events. But be quick, they are not expected to last so don't miss out!

Targa Tasmania 2019 with Many Hands Motorsport

Story and pics from Steve Brumby

So, going into the last day we had established a buffer of 11 points between us and the fourth placed Lotus of Rob Bryden and Ian Noble. We'd been swapping third and fourth with them over the course of the previous five days.

The TSD category can be heartbreaking. Competing to complete stages at a



designated average speed is very challenging. One tenth of a kilometre per hour over or under that designated speed will cost you a point and on most stages that's about the length of your bonnet. It's easy to lose points.

On day three we had our best day of Targa rallying ever. Just four points over the course of six stages. We were just four tenths of a kilometre per hour out over 65.79 kilometres. The shorter the stage the harder it is to get right and that was a day of mostly short stages. It was day three that set us up for where we were at the start of day six.

It tires you out; both driver and navigator spend most days in deep concentration. Not much else enters into your consciousness except crossing the line at the right time. That takes a combination of skills. Firstly, you need to get the car into a position to be there at the end. A lot of the time that means driving as hard as you can early in the stage. From the get-go you try to create a buffer so that the finesse can take place at the end. Secondly the navigator does the magic, calls the corners and then gets the car into the right place to finish at the right time. There is an art to that and as I have discovered we all do it slightly differently.

Our 11-point buffer was going to be hard to defend. It's easy to lose that in one stage. You have a bad one and they have a good one and it's all gone. We'd had a look at our previous last day efforts and, generally, we'd had a good day. Ahead were 65.46 competitive kilometres over six stages. Mostly short stages.

Easy to lose points on short stages. Our focus was to get on the podium. That was our goal going into the rally so we needed to hang on.

Tinderbox is the first stage of the last day; “a short stage (7.60 km) that requires plenty of concentration with no time to catch your breath as the majority of the stage is spent going either right or left” The stage was dry and our required average speed was 76 kmph, requiring a time of 6.00 minutes



exactly. We did everything right and thought we had it in the bag coming towards the finish but slowing too much around the two kilometres to go mark found us well short of the finish line. Results can be viewed almost instantaneously during the transport to the next stage. We knew we'd done badly and were disappointed. We averaged 74.9 and dropped 11 points!

The results also showed Rob and Ian had dropped six so our buffer was reduced to six points! Time to pull our socks up!



Approaching the Pelterata stage there was a godsend. The heavens opened. Our front engine, front wheel drive V6 1999 Alfa Romeo GTV revels in the wet. Pelterata climbs up over a hill with some tight hairpins when you fly down the other side. Required

average speed in the wet was 75 kmph; 8 minutes and 17 seconds to complete the 10.36 kms.

It was slippery. Despite two days of rain over on the west coast this was the first time I'd had the car seriously sideways all week. It was heart in mouth stuff with so much at stake. In this case the finish snuck up on us and we went over about five seconds early dropping seven points. We weren't doing ourselves any favours but the conditions were trying and the Lotus team had dropped six points themselves. Four stages to go; five-point buffer.

The rain continued as we headed for the challenging Gardeners Bay stage. Another up and over stage. 80 kmph was required and we managed 79.7; three points. Our rivals dropped four so it was back to six points.

The Oyster Cove stage was next; again, quite wet and slippery and again an up and over and down stage requiring 80 kmph in the wet. It was hard work but we managed with three penalty points. The Lotus crew had dropped just one point so the deficit was down to four and while this seems to be pretty galvanising the scorers had stopped posting the totals; just the results from each stage so, being pretty busy we really didn't realise how close it was. Just two stages to go – four points the difference.

Cygnets is a slightly longer stage that includes two hill climbs and a run along the water in between; very technical in places. Approaching the stage, the weather cleared out and it was deemed dry. We'd need to do it at 90 kmph and I vaguely



realised that meant going pretty flat out through the entire stage. We needed to complete the 14.94 kms in 9.58 minutes. The stage would suit the Lotus well. So, we went hard right to the finish. There was no finesse – just brute speed as we crossed at an average speed of 89.8 losing the same two points as the Lotus crew.

So, it remained four points. One stage to go. Remembering that we weren't seeing the totals at this time, but we knew it was close. We had no choice but to do the best we could in any case, so we chatted about carefully applying all the good things we had been doing all week. We were both nervous.

Longley is the final stage of Targa Tasmania. Tight and twisty and, as the heavens had opened up again, very slippery. 11.56 kms long we had 9 minutes and 15 seconds to complete the stage at an average of 75 kms per hour. Four point buffer.

History now shows we managed to complete the stage in 9 minutes and 15.5 seconds at an average speed 75 kmph. If ever there was a time to clean a stage



this was it. The buffer didn't matter. We'd done it. How about that for navigation nerves of steel. At just 15 years of age she pulled it out of the hat right at the right time. Zero point stage! Ultimately the lads in the Lotus dropped two points so the difference in the end was six.

It then becomes a bit of a whirlwind; pulled

aside with the other podium finishers on our return to Hobart, interviewed by the

voice of world rally, Colin Clark who was gobsmacked when he learnt Heather's age, and then it starts to sink in, both that you're going up on the podium and that Heather is the youngest ever person to stand on the Targa Tasmania podium ever. There are more interviews and then you are up there holding up your trophy. Then there is a wait and a beer before you go back up there with all the place getters from all the categories for the champagne spray. Poor Heather got drowned.



Such a wonderful thing to share with my daughter. Such an amazing effort by her.

But our feet are now back on earth (it took a little time!) and we are looking toward Targa Great Barrier Reef at Cairns in late August.

THE DON IS BACK

After 3 years of waiting for an engine for my Mini, we finally made it.

As I now live in Warwick QLD, I'm only 8 minutes from the fantastic Morgan Park Raceway, so I can test whenever we can and we did 3 weeks ago.

A race meeting for Historic and Invited Sports Sedans was on the programme with other Historic Cars. I entered the Mini as I was invited to run, and what a blast.



We had 3 x 6 laps and 1x8 lap race in Super Sprint Format. We managed to get 22 cars on the grid and I qualified 17th in a wet, red flagged session. The weekend overall was very successful for me, coming away with a PB and 2nd in class, not bad for not having my backside in a seat for so long.

My next event is The Winter Historics in July at Morgan Park Raceway, then the group moves to Wakefield Park in September. I'm definitely wanting to run in the Australian Championships at Bathurst so lookout for all that know me, I have risen again and am on my way back.

Cheers to all, Donn Vidler

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