



# The BLOWER

**JUNE 2019**

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**Ron Gallagher on his way to another Class win**

Pic from Bill Pearson

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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

I just missed the end of month but close and much more to include in this edition. Packed with results and progress scores for the Supersprints and Hillclimbs and an update on progress with the organisation of the Australian Hill Climb Championship (AHCC) to be held in November at Mount Panorama.

While your Club is trying to get through a very big program of events for 2019, unfortunately the pressure on officials and the number of events has forced the cancellation of the program finale, Speed Weekend on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November. With the AHCC on just two weeks before this event the Committee had to bite the bullet and cancel for this year only with regret but an essential decision.

The time for all members of our Club to step up has certainly arrived. 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. We need more members to sign up as Cams officials NOW so what are you going to do?

For those members already holding a Cams official qualifications, please send your details to the Editor of the Blower at [blower@blcc.com.au](mailto:blower@blcc.com.au). Even if you have done so previously, records change over time, expiry dates apply and if you don't tell me I have no way of keeping the Club's records up to date so please act now!

Enjoy the read and 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](mailto: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 – JUNE 2019**

The year is slipping away – here we are in June already.

By the time this report goes to print the weekend for the proposed Supersprint scheduled to be held on 23rd June will have been and gone. Regrettably the event had to be cancelled due to low numbers and the resulting significant financial loss that would have been incurred if it were to be held. A small loss could have been sustained not to the extent that would have occurred. It is most regretted however it costs the club approximately \$11,000 to put the event on before even dropping the flag - accordingly 58 starters are required to break even. At maybe 40 we could have taken the loss so as to deliver for members however with only 22 it wasn't to be. I am sorry.

At the previous event, the Flying1/5<sup>th</sup> and Mountain Straight Hillclimb, entry numbers started very slowly however built as the cut-off date approached enabling the event to be conducted. From a management perspective we were happy with the excellent conduct of those competitors who followed George Antiohos (new member) who had campaigned strongly for the event to be held - thanks George and your friends.

The event went well I am told and may in fact be run again with George already advising me that he is organising some sponsorship for next year. A new record was set for the "3 Second Club" by yet another new club member - congratulations to Steven Nobrege.

On the information scene, I can advise that we now have an established sub-committee to look after Quarry activities. This committee consists of Mitch Groves, Deanne Hudson, Robert Dean, Ces Evans and Steve Hill and will report to your primary Club Committee on activities and funding issues.

Your Club, however, still needs members to give some time to assist the Quarry Team and in particular by becoming qualified as Clerks of Course and other official positions, to help keep the Quarry running. We are always looking for members to become involved in all areas of Club activity, however, becoming a Cams Official is the best way to ensure we can run events at the Quarry and on the Mountain so why not give it a go? It's the best way to ensure that our junior ranks and our general membership can continue to grow.

Please feel free to speak to committee members if you have any ideas to improve or make the Quarry better. Council has already allocated the adjoining block of land to the Club to extend our activities to longer and varied courses, however some input and assistance will be required to facilitate that.

Whilst on the Quarry, Tony Jordan has advised that he has some used Rally Tyres, about 4 Sets 195x70 x 15 which he would like to give away to juniors for use at the Quarry. He also has in that mix, a couple or so 165x 65 x 15 tyres. If

anybody is interested, please give me a call on 0408659862 and I will put you in contact with Tony if you don't already know him.

The Australian Hillclimb Committee under the control of Scott Sims, is soldiering on and working hard to make things happen – plans are coming together and looking good. A naming sponsor it yet to be announced but we hope that will simply be a matter of finding the right connection.

Please consider your availability to assist over the 3-day period if possible 1-3<sup>rd</sup> November. It has been 7 years since the Club last ran the event and this will be the 75<sup>th</sup> Year since the event was first held having commenced in 1938 and only missed a couple of years during wartime.

I am happy to announce that Mick Williamson has taken on the role of Licensee of the bar so drinks can still be served to quench your thirst after a hard day of having fun. The process is in final stages. I would like to thank Arthur Davis for having been the Licensee for many years and not to miss Wayne Bowden for his expert skills.

Historic Vehicle owners are reminded again of the requirement to assist with at least one event per calendar year to contribute to the Club. This is in recognition of the benefit afforded to you in accessing the scheme to use your car on very cheap registration - we have to manage the scheme access for you – please assist as required. Most registrants have assisted, and this is very much appreciated and some more than once. For those who are yet to do so, time is running out. This requirement applies to those registrant members living within 100 klm.

**A SPECIAL NOTE TO HISTORIC VEHICLE OWNERS – WHEN DISPOSING OF VEHICLE OR CHANGING CLUBS PLEASE INFORM DAVID ROBINSON OR MYSELF TO FACILITATE UPDATE OF REGISTER.**

Till next time, travel safely.

Mick Tuckey

President

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## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2019, COMMENCING AT 7.40 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** As per attendance book.

**APOLOGIES:** Robert Dean, Geoffery Sims, Shannon Richards, Kerry McFadzean

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING 24 APRIL 2019**

MOVED: Wayne Bowden                      SECONDED: Kathy Hanrahan

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence read by Secretary

MOVED: Helen Mulholland                      SECONDED: Gwyn Mulholland

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Report presented by Treasurer

MOVED: Scott Sims                      SECONDED: Jeff West

## **QUARRY REPORT**

Mick Tuckey gave an overview in absence of Mitch Groves. Timing box is almost completed apart from a few minor fixes. Mitch is looking to form a sub-committee to run the Quarry – there will be more information on this at next meeting.

MOVED: Bob Lundie-Jenkins      SECONDED: Jeff West

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Hill Climb Interclub Challenge Trophy**

Mick Tuckey presented the Club with the trophy won by Club members participating in Hill Climb Interclub Challenge. BLCC won for most competitors participating throughout the series.

### **Wrap up of Flying Fifth/Mountain Straight Hill Climb Events**

Scott Sims advised that officials at the two-day event did an outstanding job. Scott gave all officials attending a big vote of thanks from the Club. Wayne Bowden also congratulated Scott for doing such a great job co-ordinating officials and track set up for the weekend.

Feedback to Club that open wheeler competitors were very appreciative of opportunity to have a practice run at the Sunday Hill Climb in preparation for the Australian Hill Climb Championships in November.

### **Australian Hill Climb Championship Update**

Scott Sims gave an update on progress to date. Representatives from Blendline TV, who will be undertaking the live streaming of the event, were at the Sunday Hill Climb taking footage and looking at track layout etc. They are very enthusiastic to be part of the AHCC in November. Bathurst Real Estate have not responded to an offer of Naming Rights Sponsor. Nigel Buttriss will now approach MRF Tyres with the same offer on behalf of the Club. Kathy Hanrahan and Mick Williamson have prepared the Supp Regs for event. Mick Williamson has secured sponsorship from Ridges Resort and Bathurst RSL.

## **THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.35 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](mailto: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

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 <sup>th</sup>	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**

JULY	14	American Independents Day, LINNWOOD HOUSE, GUILDFORD
JULY	21	Wagga Wagga Swap Meet, NSW WAGGA WAGGA SHOWGROUND
AUGUST	10	10/11 Hunter Valley Swap Meet @ Cessnock Showground
AUGUST	11	Swapmeet 2019 @ Coonabarabran Racecourse
SEPTEMBER	1	Fathers Day Swap Meet 2019 @ Cootamundra Showgrounds
OCTOBER	13	Maitland Swapmeet 2019 @ Maitland Showground
OCTOBER	19	Maitland Heritage Motor & Steam Fair
OCTOBER	29	Lithgow Swapmeet 2020 @ Lithgow Greyhound Racing Track
SEPTEMBER	21	21-22 Queanbeyan Swap Meet, NSW 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



## JUNE KHANACROSS

Pics from Tony Hanrahan

The cool weather kept car temperatures down and a displaced battery lead pushed Robert Dean out of contention for first place to give a well earned win to Andrew Simmonds in his Subaru Impreza.



Second place went to Mark Hudson in his Subaru WRXSTI with third place going to Kyle James in a Subaru GX Wagon.

Despite an uncharacteristic first run blow out, Harrison Field came back to take the Junior win in his Subaru Liberty with Blake Simmonds in second with Bailey Edwards in third in his Subaru Impreza.



The event attracted 25 competitors in all with 2 from the Lithgow District Car Club including Jamie Neale in her Honda Civic having her first run at the John Windsor Quarry. It was great to see seven juniors in action on the day and the Linda Evans BBQ was in full swing with a sell out recorded.

Towards the end of the day all competitors gathered and elected a five person John Windsor Quarry Committee to give some structure and organisation to the future development of the facility. Mitch Groves agreed to head the Committee with Ces Evans, Deanne Hudson, Robert Dean and Steve Hill taking up the challenge with him.

The Committee will meet at the conclusion of each Quarry event to look at developing ways to increase participation in events, improve the operation of events at the facility. They will immediately begin looking at a plan to expand the facility onto the additional land that has been allocated to the Club by Bathurst Regional Council next to the existing facility.



Undoubtedly, one of the first orders of business is what to do about the ever-present dust problem?

## **AUSTRALIAN HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE**

From Scott Sims Committee Chair

With the Months flying by, time for an update on the Australian Hill Climb Championship (AHCC) round to be conducted on Mountain Straight Mount Panorama by your Club on the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019.

BLCC last held the Championships in 2012 and these were hailed as a huge success by both the competitors and all official agencies within CAMS and motorsport communities. The Australian Hill Climb Championships has been running since 1938 and is one of the oldest championships in Australia.

The Championships sees some of the fastest cars on a race circuit in Australia competing for the coveted trophy and we have already had a competitor from as far away as Perth attend our last Mountain Straight Hill climb just to get in



some practice. Yet another competitor is currently in England looking to purchase a car for the event, so strong competition is what this event is all about.



As a result of our call for support, an experienced and enthusiastic BLCC AHCC Committee was formed to ensure this prestigious event is not only well organised but is a huge success. The Committee has been meeting regularly for

some time now and the organisational aspects are progressing well.

Supplementary Regulations, entry forms and permit applications have been sent to CAMS for approval with provision for 130 entries in a 3 day event format. Friday will provide competitors a chance to practice on the circuit and Saturday and Sunday will be timed competition runs.

A number of early enquiries from competitors have been received indicating strong interest in the event which is very encouraging.



The Committee met at McPhillamy Park recently to finalise the main activity

area for the event including the pit layout, which will include a display area for sponsors, a large marquee for use by officials and for scrutineering, an area for the various catering vans with access to tables and benches. Due to the anticipated large number of entries, there will be one way traffic in certain areas of the pits and parking will be set aside for officials with camping available in McPhillamy Park from Wednesday night through to and including Sunday night.

Special thanks must go the Bathurst Rifle Club who have agreed to a weekend off their activities so that Barry Gurdon Drive will remain open and give both residents and competitor's uninterrupted access to the mount.

In an AHCC first, BLCC will live stream the entire event and has contracted Blendline TV to undertake the significant technical and practical effort to cover the event. The live streaming will be transmitted not only to the club's Facebook page but also to Blendline subscriber list which is over 30,000 participants.

This is significant innovation for the long running Championship and enhances the Bathurst Light Car Club's reputation of



being at the forefront of Australian Hill Climbing promotion.

The Committee is well aware that one of the critical aspects of the event's success is engaging the financial support of businesses and organisations and this has been a major focus for us. To date, Rydges Resort have come on board supplying an excellent deal on accommodation for essential National Senior Officials and for a media launch of the event.

In a major show of support, CAMS have committed to becoming an event



partner with the approval of a Club Development Grant to support the live streaming initiative. A number of potential sponsors are in discussions with Committee representatives but of course, we are always looking for even more support.

We have approached Bathurst Regional Council for their support by reducing course establishment and other setup expenses for the event and we have received a very positive reaction to these approaches. We are in advanced



discussions with a major motorsport supply company in relation to the naming rights sponsorship and anticipate a positive outcome in the next few weeks.

The absolute key to making the event a success, however, is our ability to mobilise a significant number of Flag marshals, Fire and Rescue marshals, Road Closure marshals, Event Officials, etc. etc. As you might imagine this event will require a lot of officials over the three days and NOW is the time for



BLCC Members, friends and other Club Members to sign up to help for 1 or more days.

As an incentive and encouragement for all officials, all officials will be provided with lunch and drinks each day of course, and all officials will be given shirts and caps. If you

sign up for more than one day you will receive 2 shirts. This year's running of the event will be the 75<sup>th</sup> year so please consider being a part of this historic event by lending us your time. You can register by providing your details, the number of days you will be available plus your hat and shirt size, by contacting Robert Wells on 0422 819896 after 7pm or via email at [escort45@bigpond.com](mailto:escort45@bigpond.com).

## **CAR CLUB CAR BADGE INTEREST SURVEY**

The first batch of 50 BLCC Car Badges has been sold and we are now wondering if we should produce 50 more, what do you think? Measuring 75mm x 80mm the badges are of very high quality and certainly are an improvement on most you would find in other Clubs however, before we proceed to further supply, we would like your opinion. We are still required to order 50 at a time but at \$35 per badge it is very good value.

Please get back to the Editor of this Blower with your details.



# BATHURST *Towing*

## NSW HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS WRAP

### ROUND 1 Bathurst “Esses Hillclimb”

Mount Panorama March 2

Story James Pearson pics Bill Pearson

Iconic Mt Panorama provided stunning conditions for the season opener with 77 drivers lined up to tackle the mountain.

Starting at the beginning of Conrod Straight, cars fired their way into Forest Elbow, up The Esses in a non-conventional clockwise direction and finished at the top of Skyline 700m from the start line.

Formula Libre (FL) 2.0L+: the big guns for outright honours saw Malcolm Oastler (21.71) on top in his purpose built, blisteringly fast turbo open wheeler from Dean Tighe (23.34) in the Dallara D395.



Dave Morrow (26.56) represented FL

0.075-1.3L while in the smaller engined FL cars (up to 0.750L) victory went to Steven King (26.67) in the Uberkart Reaper ahead of Denis Russell (31.15) in his Kawasaki powered open wheeler.

2A Sports 0-1.6L class saw Zac LeLievre (25.46) in front steering the Westfield Megabusa. Kevin Weeks (27.22) was alone in 2A Sports 4WD in some very exotic machinery: an AWD Lamborghini Gallardo on full slicks with time attack aero.

Kendall O’Conner (28.47) on debut took the top step in his MX5 in 2A Sports 2.0L+ from Greg Jones (30.74) in his clubman. 2B Prodsports 1.6L+ belonged to James Pearson (26.56) with his FD RX-7 eclipsing the class record ahead of John Engisch (31.71) in the MX-5 cup car. Ron Gallagher (35.10) claimed victory in 2F Prodsports 1.6L+.



Sports sedans (SS) saw some very good class battles in this highly modified discipline. <1.3L went to Joshua Hayes (35.32) steering the Fiat X1/9 from Richard Ostle in the Mini. David Wrightson (32.10) triumphed in a Honda powered mini in SS 1.3-2.0L ahead of Jo Bell singing her own VTEC symphony.



Competition was hot in SS 3L+. Phil Heafey (25.22) in the weapons grade Evo grabbed the win and new class record ahead of Wayne Penrose (25.87) in the VW Beetle "Phoenix". Wayne was pushing hard and spun at the dipper but managed to keep his car off the

concrete.

Gerard Gotch (31.12) in the Datsun 120Y represented Improved Production (IP) 1.6-2.0L while John Gilbert (27.42) wrestled the Commodore to come out on top in IP 3L+ edging out Brett Slingsby (29.48) in the barking green VH shared with his wife Katie.

Historic U had Garry Ford (26.94) in his stout v8 powered escort. Garry is a joy to watch as he dances the Esky up the hill with skill and finesse. Historic Va honors went to Harold Roberts (34.73) in the



Formula V over Michael (34.95) in the same car, who was only 0.2s behind.

Late Model IP class was won by Tim Blake (28.22) in his WRX ahead of Darren Blake (28.80) in the blue Subie. Chris Wier (28.07) proved too quick in Late Model IP non 4WD ahead of Geoff Brisby (28.87) who had worked very hard to have his commodore ready for 2019 after a nasty crash late last year.

Multi-club 2.0L+ was another close fought battle all day, with Greg Leggett (32.68) just pipping Brandon (32.86).

Road Registered (RR) <2.5L winner was Graeme Orr (31.10) with extra grunt from new camshafts and a great drive re-setting the class record followed closely by Garry Christopherson (31.24).



RR AWD went to Theo Poteris (30.04) from Karen who would much rather have been steering the commodore than the Focus RS! RR 2.5L+ was the biggest class of the day with 13 vying for glory.

Liam O'Brien (28.42) took bragging rights and new class record over David Williams (28.62) in the fastest black ute.

Time attack 4WD was a new class, won by the R35 GTR of Neville Shears (25.42) back after a year off. Top 5 Open Wheelers

Outright were Malcolm Oastler, Dean Tighe, Dean Amos, Ron Hay and Michael Von Rappard

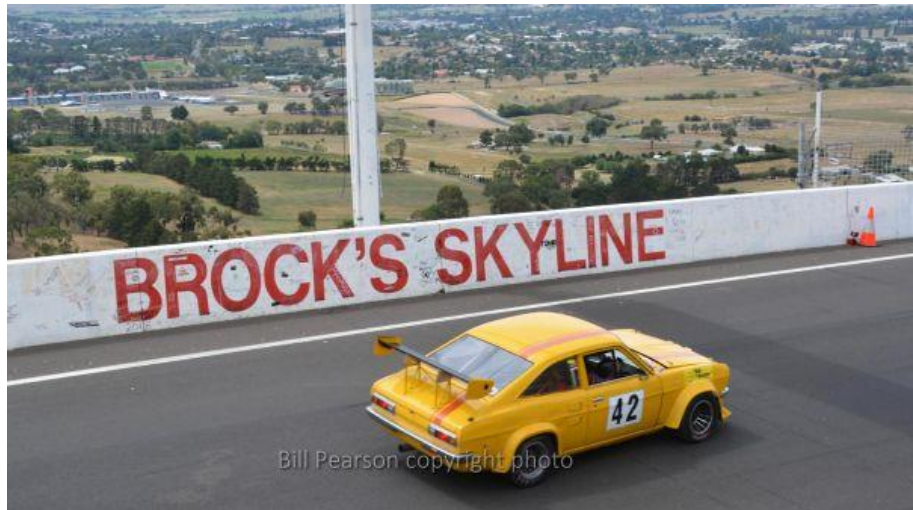
Top 5 Tintops Outright were Phil Heafey, Neville Shears, Wayne Penrose, Troy Nichalson and James Pearson

Another very successful event to open the year and a big thanks to Bathurst Light Car Club and their dedicated team of officials and volunteers who gave up their time so we could all race. Hats off to each and every one of you!

## **ROUND 2 Bathurst "Mountain Straight Hillclimb"**

Mount Panorama March 2

Story James Pearson pics Bill Pearson



Engines barked in to life at dawn. This was the one we were REALLY excited about. Longest on the calendar at 1.7km, it also has the highest average speed by a long way. Round 2 was the very next day at Mt Panorama, Bathurst.

This time, the course was run in the conventional anti clockwise direction. Starting mid-way up Mountain Straight, the course peels right into Griffins, punches up through the Cutting then across the top of Reid & Sulman finishing just before McPhillamy, the summit.

Malcolm Oastler (37.69) again proved too good for the rest and first outright, with Dean Amos (39.45) grabbing second in FL 2.0L+ and second outright. FL <0.75L went again to Steven King (49.00), while FL 0.75-1.3L consisted of Dave Morrow (50.02)

2A <1.6L was clinched by Zac LeLievre (45.30) again with his Hayabusa Clubman stretching its legs to a new class record from Neil De Pau (50.19) in the Radical.

Kevin Weeks (50.07) could utilise the Lambo's grunt and lightening fast gearbox to good effect in

2A 4WD. 2A 1.6L+ was again won by Kendall O'Connor (50.89) with Greg Jones (53.91) second in the Clubman GSL.



James Pearson (48.43) shaved his own class record with the RX-7 from John Engisch (58.03) in the MX-5 for 2B Prod Sports 1.6L+ while in 2F Prod Sports 1.6L+, Ron Gallagher (63.17) took the win over Barrie Coady (71.69) on board the Celica.

Sports Sedans again was the scene of some great battles for supremacy. Under 1.3L was taken out by Joshua Hayes (62.32) steering the Fiat X1/9 from Louise Hayes (64.28) in the same car.

1.3-2.0L capacity class again saw David Wrightson (57.84) first with Joanne Bell (63.44) second in the "Honda marries Mini" line up.



The second largest class for SS over 3.0L engines was won again by Phil Heafey (45.13) aboard the Evo, smashing the class record, while Wayne Penrose (45.64) unfortunately found the

wall at the finish line in a hefty impact for the VW beetle.

3J Improved Production 1.6L-2.0L had Gerard Gotch (57.26) victor in the 120Y, while the over 3.0L class was taken out by John Gilbert (50.30) VK Commodore from Brett Slingsby (52.52) in his VB.



Matthew Windsor (56.47) represented Historic Group Nb and lowered the class record, while again, Garry Ford (49.95) looked right at home in his potent V8 Escort in Historic Group U.

The Formula V battle was this time won by Michael Roberts (64.38) with Harold Roberts (64.45) only a whisker behind in Historic Group Va.



Darren Blake (51.41) this time got the better of Tim Blake (51.70) in Late Model Improved Production 4WD, while Chris Wier (50.14) again reigned supreme in

IP non 4WD from Geoff Brisby (51.03).

Multiclub 2.0L+ saw Brandon Leggett (54.27) score one back in the VZ R8 Commodore from Greg Leggett (55.45) who was unable to answer.

Road Registered under 2.5L class again was won by Graham Orr (57.80) in his CRX, a good gap ahead of Michael Wallin (60.49) in the Celica.

The all wheel drive road registered class was again claimed by Theo Poteris (54.10) from Karen Wilson (56.62) in the Focus RS as Fastest Lady.



RR over 2.5L was a similar story to Round 1. Won by Liam O'Brien (50.53) with David Williams (51.13) valiantly thrashing the ute to catch him and stay ahead of Riley McQueen (52.00) the Fastest Junior in a well driven Commodore.

The time attack 4WD class was a much closer battle than yesterday, with Troy Nicholson (47.74) this time getting his HSV Coupe 4's nose in front of Neville Shears (47.99) in the Black Godzilla.

What a buzz. Commitment is rewarded but also with very little room for error on this course.

It's what a brave rev head dreams of! Efficient aero is also highly useful at such a high speed hillclimb. Dubbed by some as the best in the country.

Two down, 6 to go. There are already some hot contests shaping up for the year that will be great to follow. Again, a huge thanks must go to the dedicated team of BLCC officials and volunteers for yet another smoothly run event in very warm conditions.

## **ROUND 3 2019 Canberra Hillclimb**

Fairbairn Park April 13

Story James Pearson pics Bill Pearson

The fog cleared with sunny, idyllic conditions welcoming the 59 competitors for Round 3.

Southern Districts Motorsport Association played host for the next round in the championship at Fairburn Park in Canberra. An added bonus of practice the day prior resulted in valuable data for race day.



Malcolm Oastler (36.24) needed only two official runs to take outright honours again, with Dean Tighe (37.99) second in the howling Judd V8 powered machine for FL 2.0L+.

Denis Russell (53.79) was alone in FL <0.75L while Zac Le Lievre (41.47)



equalled the record in 2A<1.6L and Greg Jones (45.47) was quickest in 2A 1.6+.

2B Sports <1.6L consisted only of Jeff Nichols (46.80) in the clubman while in 2B Sports 1.6L+, James Pearson (44.37) set a new record and took the win in his RX-7.

Barrie Codie (58.87) represented 2F 1.6L+ in his Celica while Gerard Gotch (49.32) in the yellow Datto coupe for IP 1.6-2.0L. David Yates (49.31) in the Capri represented IP2.0-3.0L and IP3.0L+ consisted of John Gilbert (48.25) in the Commodore.



Late model IP ex 4WD saw some good battles, with Chris Weir (48.06) victorious in the Commodore over Mitchell Porch (48.38) not far behind in the Integra.

Two very different cars but a great battle that went down to the wire. David Hussey (51.00) represented IP FI & 4WD in the TX3.



Skippy and his family members decided to check out the action which led to a few delays throughout the day while they settled into their seats (as is often the case at this great venue) which also provided a good chance to feed and hydrate the dedicated officials for lunch.

Sports Sedans 1.3-2.0L bragging rights went to Tim Wrightson (47.82) over his Dad David (48.69) in the Mini while SS 3.0L saw Daryl Small (44.88) impressively throw the VL Commodore around the track, ahead of Wayne Penrose (46.59) in a different VW Beetle.



25 year old class record in Historic Group Q was broken by Steve Purdy (50.29) in the Nota, while Historic Group Va was clinched by Harold Roberts (50.32) with a new record in the Elfin after a close battle all day with Michael (50.88).

Garry Christopherson (47.30) in the Westfield SE got the better of Graham Orr (49.40) in the CRX in RRNLB <2.5L while over 2.5L class was won by Sam Beeby (47.52) in his VW Polo from David Deaves (47.61) nipping at his heels in the HSV GTS.

RRNLB AWD honours went to Theo Poteris (48.06) in the Focus from fastest lady Karen Wilson (49.00) in the same car.

Non championship club cars class was won by Harry Katsanevas (44.98) with a new record in the Focus ahead of Kent Donally (46.90) in the unusual Factory Five 818R.



Phil Heafey (42.58) won the class and set the bar for Time Attack AWD, chased hard by Neville Shears (43.17) in the R35 Godzilla and Warren Bell (48.20) finessed the blown v8 Datto Stanza to set the bar in Time Attack RWD.

Friendly and helpful club members, combined with an extremely enjoyable and challenging circuit: all topped off by a brilliant live timing system equals a fantastic weekend of motorsport and a huge thanks to all club officials, organisers and volunteers for hosting us again.



## **ROUND 4 2019 Kempsey Hillclimb"**

Mt Cooperabung May 9

Story James Pearson pics Bill Pearson

Despite a wet practise, the competitors' spirits weren't dampened for round 4 of the championship hosted by Kempsey Sporting Car Club at Mt Cooperabung circuit.



A clear, starry night led into a fine, sunny day for the 46 competitors who contested the 743m of old pacific highway. Put the wets back in the

trailer!

Challenging and rewarding, the course is heavily shaded and presents unique challenges with regards to grip and driver visibility, especially with so much rain in the lead up.

Malcolm Oastler (22.313) was again surgically precise in his speed, not only taking first outright and first in class for FL 2.0+, but reset the outright course record.

A great effort! Dean Tighe (22.939) finessed his Dallara to second (also under the old outright record), while local Darren Read (23.611) grabbed 3rd outright

in the Haywood 09 special and a class win in FL1.3-2.0. FL0.75-1.3 belonged to Dave Morrow (25.922)

2A 1.6+ was won by Kendall O'Connor (28.787) in his time attack MX-5, while the Mazda theme continued in 2B 1.6+ as James Pearson (27.423) won his class and set a new record from John Enisch (30.908) in the MX-5 who suffered a driveline failure on his 3rd run.



Class 2F 1.6+ saw Ron Gallagher (32.892) take the win and shave a big chunk off the record behind the wheel of

the ever popular Toyota 86 and Joshua Hayes (33.283) just edged out Louise (33.407) in the Fiat X1/9 in 3DSS<3.0L.



Jo Bell (34.706) took out SS1.3-2.0L in her Honda powered Mini, while in over 3.0LSS, Wayne Penrose

(28.016) wrangled the win in his VW Beetle.

Sadly, Daryl Small (28.720) came to grief on the final corner, impacting the earth filled tyre wall and rolling his VL commodore sports sedan.

Thankfully without significant physical injury from what was a nasty incident, caused by mechanical failure. Hope to see you back again soon Daryl.



John Gilbert (30.063) was alone in IP3.0+, while Geoff Brisby (29.079) finished on top of IP ex 4WD in his HSV. David Hussey (31.970) scored the win in IP4WD.



A great battle in RRNLB2.5L+ saw Graham Orr (31.298) clinch victory in his CRX from Garry Christopherson (31.878) and a hard charging Wayne Grosser (29.048) put his FPV GS on top in RRNLB2.5+.

Theo Poteris (29.218) again won AWDRRNLB from fastest lady, Karen Wilson (31.141) in the same Ford Focus.

Non state reg competition was won by Daniel Oram (29.609) in the Commodore,



while David Issacs (28.672) was in a class all of his own in the Evo, literally.

Group Q saw Steve Purdy (32.125) reset the record in a Nota Clubman some 8 years after Dave Morrow.

Thanks to all KSCC

members, officials and their loyal helpers for hosting the round and pulling extra special favours with the weather gods!

With the championship at the half way point, there are some very interesting battles forming in various classes while some categories have distinct leaders emerging.



## Round 5

### GRAFTON HILLCLIMB

Mount View Circuit June 9

Story James Pearson and pics Bill Pearson

We definitely know that at least three BLCC members were amongst 57 competitors attending round Five of the NSW Hillclimb Championship at the Mount View Hillclimb complex on June 8 & 9. There may have been others spectating or helping out as officials or as pit crew.

I was consoling myself with the Nikon as the new V6 Civic Sports Sedan I am building for our national titles wasn't ready for the drive north. In the meantime, Theo Poteris and Karen Wilson were giving their Ford Focus RS 4wd a real work out.

Competitor anticipation was high for this event as this was the first event on the complex since its recent re-surfacing. The tar was 150mm thick in places (higher than the old ripple strips), with drivers in all classes hoping this might be their chance to set new records.

But those who did the early bird drive up on Friday were met with a drizzly day on Saturday. That's no joy on fresh, unseasoned tar – but the times were still faster right across the board than you would expect in wet conditions.



The anticipation for quick times was finally realised on Sunday when many records (some long standing), were broken when the track dried in sunny, breezy

weather by lunchtime. Theo and Karen enjoyed a see sawing battle in the blue Focus. It looked like Theo would be cooking dinner, until Karen (knowing what a lousy cook he is), decided to graciously let him pull away from her late in the day.

The competition was faultlessly run over the entire weekend, so big congrats to the Grafton Club for their top-level administration, track marshalling, great facilities, and above all their warm hospitality.



## 2019 NSW SUPERSPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

Story Dave "Big Will" Williams and pics Tony Hanrahan



Sydney Motorsport Park Gardiner Circuit was the venue for the first round of this year's Championship with 3 BLCC members in the line-up with some good results personally and for our Club.

Gerrard Gotch in his very tidy Datsun 1600 Coupe came second in his class (3B) with a



time of 1:56.1009 on the 16th lap. On my first outing around the GP circuit at SMP improved my PB's on the day, lap after lap, ending the day with a 1:54.9766 and 7th in this hotly contested class (2D).

After maintaining the "Fastest Black Ute" she went back on the trailer for the Esses Decent on Mount Panorama where I am pleased to report I scored a class win and second overall.



Back to the Supersprint and Doug Barry was up against the clock, not only on race day but the night before, to get the engine rebuilt and put back in his Reynard. His efforts paid dividends with first in class (7C) and a huge boost to the Club Championship with first outright. His time of 1:36.4958 was hard earned as Matt Cole was hard on his heels lap after lap.

Although not a BLCC member, Matt Cole in his very fast Mazda RX7 is a regular visitor to BLCC run events on the Mountain and is always a competitive tin top.

Round two of the Championship was at Wakefield Park on the 28th April with Doug Barry again taking maximum points with a hard earned first overall. The Black Ute was third in class and 36<sup>th</sup> overall with no other BLCC members making it to the start line.



It was back to the Sydney Motorsport Park Druitt (North) Circuit for round three on the 26<sup>th</sup> May and Matt Cole was in his element taking maximum points on the day. I managed to get the Black Ute into a fourth in class and 32<sup>nd</sup> overall but

mechanical gremlins plagued Doug Barry all day and he finished with a second in class but just 46<sup>th</sup> overall for a disappointing finish.



The next round of the Championship is on the 10<sup>th</sup> August and we are back to the SMP on the Amaroo Circuit so here's hoping for better luck for the BLCC team for that event.

## 2019 NSW SUPERSPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

### TOP TEN CLUBS

Club	R1	R2	R3	Total
Australian Racing Drivers Club	496	507	498	1501
HSV/HDT Owners Club of NSW	242	213	223	678
Manly Warringah Sporting Car Club	185	156	155	496
Mazda MX-5 Car Club of NSW	159	142	167	468
NSW Road Racing Club	80	63	62	205
Impreza WRX Club	87	45	70	202
<b>Bathurst Light Car Club</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>144</b>
NSW 86/BRZ Car Club	38	40	36	114
Road and Track Drivers Club	25	59	20	104
BMW Drivers Club NSW	42	25	22	89

## AUSSIIES ABROAD IN 2019

From Australian F1GP Post

There are plenty of Australians trying to make a name for themselves overseas on four wheels.



Racing internationally is extremely competitive and many are trying to prove themselves worthy of reaching Formula 1®.

Here are some of the highlights of Australians competing on the world stage in 2019.

### ALEX PERONI

Tasmanian racer Alex Peroni has begun his first season in Formula 3 after a successful Formula Renault stint.

Peroni joined Spanish team Campos Racing for 2019, with the first race of the season taking place in Barcelona. Peroni qualified strongly before a few mistakes cost the 19-year-old points-scoring finishes.

The Australian spoke with fiaformula3.com earlier this month about his idols, one of which is Australia's current F1® star Daniel Ricciardo.

"I think that because of the way that he drives in the car and how he shows himself off the track, he is an idol in every sense," Peroni said.

Peroni is next in action for races 3 and 4 of the F3 season in France on 21-23 June.



## CAITLIN WOOD

Maitland-born Caitlin Wood was selected for the inaugural W-Series in April, making it through a selection process of 44 potential participants, with the first two race events of the series taking place in May.



The W-Series is an all-female single-seater racing championship, designed in response to the lack of female drivers progressing to F1®.

Wood performed well in both races, surviving a wet track in Hockenheim to secure her first points of the season in P10, before just missing a top-10 finish in Belgium.

The series has already been a major success, British driver and championship leader Jamie Chadwick having been selected for the Williams Driver Academy.

W-Series racing next heads to Misano, Italy on 7-8 June. The series can be watched locally live through SBS On Demand.

## OSCAR PIASTRI

Eighteen-year-old Oscar Piastri races in the Formula Renault Eurocup and joined reigning champions R-ace GP team for 2019.



The local Melbourne racer won two races at Silverstone, before finishing fourth and fifth in two races at the notoriously hard Monaco circuit cemented his championship credentials.

Currently third in the championship, the Australian will look to continue his strong form at Circuit Paul Ricard, France in June.



## JACK DOOHAN

Son of Australian MotoGP™/500cc legend Mick Doohan, 16-year-old Jack Doohan races in both the F3 Asian Championship and Euroformula.

Part of the Red Bull Juniors, the Aussie scored his first podium finish in the Euroformula as a rookie, taking P2 in Hockenheim.

Although happy to finish on the podium, Doohan was confident he could do more.



“First qualifying on Saturday was good and we should have had pole but for a small mistake, but we lost a bit of pace for the race and I wasn't able to take advantage of the P2 on the grid and get the win,” he said. “Still, second was good.”

Doohan's good form continued in the F3 Asian Championship, winning race five of the series and finding the podium again in race six in P2.





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