

The BLOWER



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Australia's first super car Cortina 500GT looking to make a return to the Mountain in 2022 thanks to Peter Walker and his team – details inside

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FROM THE EDITOR

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

As announced in the last edition Covid has hit even harder than 2020 with everything going into lockdown and just about everything in motorsport including BLCC being cancelled. As a result, this edition covers three months in the life of BLCC and I have only been able to go to press thanks to a number of new as well as my regular contributors such as Tony Hanrahan and it is appreciated.

With the vaccination rate climbing motorsport as well as our community are coming out to play. Check out the stories rounded up by Tony about the Bathurst Challenge, the 1000 and International combining for six days on the Mountain, a rerun of the Perth to Sydney stage of the London to Sydney Marathon, lots of rally action coming and a submission from MSA recognising Joe Moore's contribution to motorsport. There is also a call to arms for volunteers for the Bathurst Challenge and heaps more so enjoy the read.

If you have a story that we can feature in the next Edition of the Blower, why not let me know? If you enjoyed it then why not share the experience with your fellow Club members? Just send me a pic and a few dot points about the event and you would be amazed at what I can do to make the experience come to life.

Until next time, stay safe and healthy.

Bob Lundie-Jenkins B.A.
Blower Editor

ATTENTION ALL BLCC MSA OFFICIALS

Keeping the list of BLCC Members registered as MSA Official's updated is an ongoing exercise and **YOU DRIVE THAT PROCESS**. If you have not submitted your details to me in the last 12 months, I can guarantee the details we have are not current. If you are a BLCC Member and hold a current MSA Officials license of any kind, please send your name, MSA membership number, MSA license expiry date and specific qualification with the grade to: The BLCC Competition Secretary at lundieb65@gmail.com

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

Bob Lundie-Jenkins

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August to October 2021

Here we are in October with most of the year wasted with no capacity for recovering it – let's hope that it can only get better from here.

Can I firstly take this opportunity to encourage all members of our Club, for you and your families benefit, for the benefit of your community and in particular to enable your involvement in Motorsport, to get double vaccinated against Covid 19 as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. I know many have due to directions by MSA/CAMS and other governing bodies of our sport.

We can all contribute to the safety of ourselves and others by acting in a responsible manner to protect ourselves from this deadly disease which we are going to have to learn to live with for a long time to come. The sooner we get organised the better position we/you will be in.

Please note I am encouraging this action I am not directing this action and I certainly will not be drawn on current debate on vaccinations. However we may be required to ensure/enforce the participation of only double vaccinated persons in our activities as we move forward as part of MSA Event Permit requirements. That is an area we are still to enter and feel our way through.

That's enough of the heavy stuff.

With nothing able to be delivered by BLCC on the track, I unfortunately don't have a lot to write about - having said that I gave it my best efforts in an attempt to deliver our Speed Weekend in November. It was looking favourable at one stage however as the Corporate Bodies started to move the goal posts and put in second choices, we were left out in the cold.

Please understand that "The Track" is a public road and cannot be booked – we put in an expression of interest in October each year with our intentions for use for the following year. This is a challenge with so many other events vying for competitors, dates and officials - the question of accommodation and other events in the city also impact on the big picture. That having been said however we must remain focused on the objective and optimistic as we navigate these never to be forgotten times.

Being unable to conduct the Speed Weekend, your committee decided to conduct a double event over 2 days at the John Windsor Motorsport Park with a Motorkhana on Saturday 20th November followed by a Khanacross the following day i.e. Sunday 21st. It is likely that a Club sponsored BBQ/Sausage Sizzle will be organised for the Saturday afternoon/evening for those who may wish to stay back and reminisce on how fast they were (in their own mind) over the year. Please advise the Event Secretary Bob Lundie-Jenkins via email at lundieb65@gmail.com by Thursday 18th November if you are interested in

attending with numbers to facilitate catering and we will need some help with cooking and serving on the day as well.

Your committee would like as soon as possible to be in a position to recommence monthly General Meetings of Members and while October may be a little optimistic, November certainly looks like the first real opportunity. This is important as there is no general meeting in December, just the Christmas Party and Presentation Night on 11th December, and there has been little chance for much socialising for Club members this year. There will be a January general meeting of members and of course the AGM will be in February - please watch Facebook and email broadcasts.

Presentations this year of course will be problematic in most categories as a result of the significant interruption to our calendar due to Covid however, your committee and our Club record keeper Kathy Hanrahan I am sure will do their very best under difficult circumstances.

Nature intervened recently with a limb on the large (I think Box) tree in the Club



front car park collapsing in perfectly still weather and taking out the power lines. An Arborist's inspection of the remaining portion of the tree determined that the other main limb of the tree be removed as well.

Historic and CVS Registration Scheme

For those members with vehicles on either Historic or CVS Scheme registration, there have been changes to the registration process outlined in an information

sheet detailed after this report.

Time is running out for work to be completed on the erection of shade shelters at the Quarry and Mitch Groves will be looking for some assistance once we come out of lockdown to undertake these works before the March deadline set by the Grants Commission who provided funds for the shelter.

SCAMS AND BOGUS EMAILS

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT A NUMBER OF SCAMS AND BOGUS EMAILS ARE FLOATING AROUND PERPORTING TO BE FROM MYSELF – THEY ARE PHYSHING EXERCISES.

I WILL NEVER SEND AN EMAIL OR SMS SEEKING ASSISTANCE OR DONATION TO ANY MEMBER. PLEASE CHECK THE EXTENSION ON THE SENDERS EMAIL ADDRESS AND YOU WILL SEE THAT IT IS NOT FROM ME.

I AM CURRENTLY BEING BOMBARDED WITH PHISHING SMS ADVISING OF VOICE MESSAGES OR DELIVERY ARRANGEMENT CHANGES. ACCORDINGLY, IF YOU CALL MY NUMBER AND I DON'T HAVE YOUR NUMBER IN MY PHONE PLEASE LEAVE A VOICE MESSAGE WHEN PROMPTED AND I WILL CALL BACK. IF YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO ME MORE THAN ONCE PREVIOUSLY, I MAY HAVE YOUR NUMBER. (Last check I had 958 contacts listed)

In closing I would like to express a sincere thank you on behalf of committee and myself for your continued support of your club in these trying times - it is appreciated more than can be expressed. Please note that membership fees have not changed since the year 2000 and will not change next year in recognition of that support.

Keep well and drive safely,

Mick Tuckey
President

Conditional Registration

Renewal of classic and historic vehicle registration

Classic and historic vehicle registration renewals during COVID-19 To protect the community and help slow the spread of COVID-19, Transport for NSW in collaboration with Service NSW have implemented a number of temporary measures to assist customers. Service NSW Centres are open to support customers with essential services only.

As per the stay-at-home order, if a transaction is not essential, customers are advised that they should delay their visit to a service centre. As historic and classic vehicles are often a recreational or a secondary vehicle that can only be used a specific number of times per year, renewing registration is likely to be classified as a non-essential transaction.

As classic and historical vehicle registrations are unable to be renewed online, Transport for NSW has made the following temporary changes to assist customers with registration renewal of their classic and historic vehicles:

- If the registration of a classic vehicle due between 28 June and 31 October 2021 has expired more than 3 months, customers can get a Safety Check (Pink Slip) rather than the usual Unregistered Vehicle Inspection (blue slip) Report

required to re-establish the registration. This is only available to classic cars whose registration expired during that specific time period. Safety Checks will be valid for 6 months.

- If a classic or historic vehicle is the only vehicle owned, and is a customer's primary mode of transport and the customer has documentation that illustrates this, they can attend a Service NSW Centre to renew their registration.
- If a safety inspection of a classic vehicle is due between 28 June and 31 October 2021, customers can get a Safety Check (Pink Slip) rather than the usual Unregistered Vehicle Inspection (blue slip) Report. This is only available to classic cars whose registration expired during that specific time period. Safety Checks will be valid for 6 months.
- Registration establishment or renewal for historic vehicles is the same as the current process. Customers can renew their historic vehicle registration and retain their existing plate, at no additional cost for keeping the same plate.
- Registration can be renewed by post. Customers can send a cheque or credit card authority, registration renewal notice and relevant declaration to: Service NSW, PO Box 21, Parkes, NSW, 2870.
- For further information go to: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/topics/vehicle-registration/conditional-and-seasonal/conditional-change>

Classic and historic vehicle – conditional registration renewals

Due to the current restrictions in NSW, we have had to make some changes to the way you renew your classic and historic registration.

What do I do if my registration has expired? If your registration has expired since 28 June 2021, or is due to expire before 31 October 2021, you do not have to renew your registration. However, once it has expired, your vehicle will have a registration status of "suspended". This means you cannot drive your vehicle and you must adhere to all restrictions placed on an unregistered vehicle. The "suspended" status will last for 3 months. During this time, you can still renew your vehicle's registration. However, after the 3 month suspended period has ended, your registration will be cancelled as per normal process.

What if my vehicle is my only form of transport? If your classic or historic vehicle is the only vehicle you own, and is your primary mode of transport, and you can provide documentation that illustrates this, you can still renew your registration. If you attend a Service NSW centre and notify the customer service representative, your transaction will be processed.

How do I renew my classic vehicle registration if it has expired? If your registration expires between 28 June and 31 October 2021, you will be able to obtain a Safety Check (Pink Slip) rather than the usual Unregistered Vehicle Inspection (blue slip) Report. This process is only available to classic cars whose registration expired during that specific time period. You are only permitted to drive your unregistered vehicle on a public road to obtain the Safety Check or for another purpose directly associated with the registration process. Once you

have received the Safety Check, you will be able to renew your vehicle registration with the existing plate, at no additional cost for keeping the same plate.

How do I renew my historic vehicle registration if it has expired?

Registration establishment or renewal for historic vehicles is the same as the current process. You will be able to renew your vehicle registration with the existing plate, at no additional cost for keeping the same plate.

How can I pay my registration once restrictions have eased? Classic and historical vehicle registration cannot be renewed online. If you attend a Service NSW centre, notify the customer service representative and your transaction will be processed. You can also renew your registration by post. Send your cheque or credit card authority, registration renewal notice and relevant declaration to: Service NSW, PO Box 21, Parkes, NSW 2870.

Will the registration date change? If you renew your registration within 3 months of the expiry date, the registration period will be effective from the original date of expiry. If you renew your registration after 3 months from the expiry date, the registration period will commence from the date of the transaction.

Will I be able to keep the same plates? You will be able to use the same plates when renewing the registration of your classic or historic vehicle at no additional cost.

For further information go to: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/topics/vehicle-registration/conditional-and-seasonal/conditional-change>

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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



SPECIAL OFFER FROM BRAKEPRO

Brakepro Bathurst are offering a 10% discount on all parts to Bathurst Light Car Club Members. Simply let them know you are a member when booking in for work and show them your membership card to receive the discount.



2021 CALENDAR

 BLCC EVENTS

OCTOBER	9	AWABA Rallysprint NSW Hyundai Series	WAC	NSW
OCTOBER	15-16	Rd 5 Shannons MSAC – The Bend	MSA	Australian
OCTOBER	22-24	AGI Sports Adelaide Hills Rally	ARC	Australian
OCTOBER	23	MRA Sydney Motorsport Park (GP Circuit)	MRA	NSW
OCTOBER	29-31	Repco Supercars Championship - SMSP	SC	Australian
OCTOBER	30	Oberon Rally	AMSAG	NSW
OCTOBER	31	Oberon Rallysprint	AMSAG	NSW
NOVEMBER	6-7	Repco Supercars Championship - SMSP	SC	Australian
NOVEMBER	11-14	Challenge Bathurst	CB	Club
NOVEMBER	13-14	Repco Supercars Championship - SMSP	SC	Australian
NOVEMBER	20	Motorkhana	BLCC	Club
NOVEMBER	21	Khanacross	BLCC	Multi Club
NOVEMBER	19-21	Repco Supercars Championship - SMSP	SC	Australian
NOVEMBER	26-28	Coffs Coast Rally ARC + APRC	ARC	Australian
NOVEMBER	30-5	Bathurst International / Repco Bathurst 1000	ARG - SC	Australian
DECEMBER	11	BLCC Christmas Party	BLCC	Social



CAR GRILLE BADGES

The second round of 50 car grille badges are now on sale at \$33 each or \$43 if postage is required with three badges per postal pack. Contact Club President Mick Tuckey on 0408 659862 to order.

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 Motorsport Australia 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 Motorsport Australia 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 program of events running right through 2021 and into 2022. Go online to motorsportaustralia.com to sign up and complete the introductory course, or -

**CONTACT NEVILLE LING TO
SIGN UP – 0416 226 755**

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.

MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA, 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.

HISTORIC REGISTRATION **URGENT ATTENTION ALL OWNERS**

To maintain your Historic Registration through the Bathurst Light Car Club you **MUST** be a financial member of the Club at all times. You **MUST** renew your Club membership and it is a Police requirement that you have the Membership card with you at all times when driving the vehicle.

If you live within 100 kilometres of Bathurst, have you volunteered to assist the Club in the past 12 months? If not remember we always need Officials and that assistance forms part of your obligation to take advantage of the registration scheme. 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.

Mick Tuckey

BLCC President



MSA 2021 Coral Taylor Award Winner

Story and Pics MSA

When Jo Moore was announced as the MSA 2021 Coral Taylor Award winner, it was an achievement that took her completely by surprise.



The honour, which is awarded to a New South Wales based woman for their outstanding achievement in motorsport, was something that a modest Moore believed could have gone to many others in the sport above her. However, the New

South Wales native has built up quite the resume during her 40 plus years in the sport, both as a fierce competitor and a highly respectable official.

Having been born into the sport by two heavily involved parents, it took just five years of being on this earth before Moore started attending events to support her parents. As soon as she was able, she signed up to Bathurst Light Car Club and was competing in as many club events as she could before meeting her now-husband Ron and sharing her passion with him.



While she started off as a club volunteer and helped the club run rallies and khanacrosses, she and Ron then decided to compete together and have done so for the past 15 years. Together, the husband and wife team contested club and state level rallies before making the big jump in 2014 to compete in Rally Australia, where they enjoyed a decent result.

Now competing mainly in the Motorsport Australia NSW Rally Championship, the duo has no intention of slowing down as they have brought their own three kids into the sport.

“It’s a pretty special feeling to win the Coral Taylor Award. It wasn’t something I was expecting as I consider myself a quiet achiever but I am highly honoured,” Moore said. “To win something like this doesn’t come around very often. Especially having met Coral a few times over the years, I am very proud to be associated with her in this way.



“With my parents being part of the Bathurst Light Car Club, it was inevitable that I would end up in motorsport as I used to go to all the rallies and hill climbs they used to run in.”

“When I met my husband just out of school, I was part of the organisational team at local and state events before the ARC (RSEA Safety Motorsport Australia Rally Championship) came to town where I oversaw officials and documentation, which was a great experience.

“For me though, I see motorsport as a family affair. When Ron and I are competing, our two sons Michael and Lachlan are there working in the service park for us, while our daughter Sarah supports us when she can. It’s what we do. We just love it as a family.”



Christine Wells and Jo Moore during a state event in 1998.
Photo: Geoff Benson

For her whole life, she has been in the sport and developed lifelong friendships along the way. On top of being a competitor, Moore has spent her time at events advocating for participation in her clubs, recruiting women to get involved with motorsport.

With so many achievements and memories gained over

the years the 49-year-old had some specific memories stick out to her.

“There are so many memories and happy times from motorsport, but I would have to say that the biggest is when Ron and I ran in the 2014 Rally Australia,” Moore added. “It was something I had never done before and to be going up against some of the best rally drivers in the country and the world with very little pace notes experience is the highlight of my career.

“I also think having an impact on the sport from a participation point of view has been important.

“From recruiting the wives and partners of competitors at our local motorkhana’s and khanacrosses to teaching them timing and documentation to the point they can do it themselves and do it well - it’s great to see.

“A lot of them are grateful for me helping them get them involved into something they wouldn’t usually do - so from that point of view, the legacy I leave with the club is pretty special to me.”

75th AUSTRALIAN HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

Remember the weekend that the Mount Panorama Mountain Straight course saw a gold rocketship produce a 34.88sec run to win the 75th Australian Hill Climb Championship by just .02sec.

“Standing start from the hump on Mountain Straight, 300m to the first corner, 240kph, down to 5th for Griffins, 5th all the way to the cutting, tiny, tiny lift for the kink. Cutting in 4th, nearly, nearly flat in 5th through Reid Park, 215kph, flat in 6th through Sulman Park, all the shifts light on the exit curb, 11000rpm in 6th 245kph/151mph. 34.88 sec. It’s a hell of a ride.” That’s how it was done from the man



who did it, Malcolm Oastler. Well now you can relive every moment of that run and all the action of the entire event thanks to a very special offer from your Club. A boxed set of DVD’s produced by Blendline TV containing vision of the entire weekend of motorsport and for just \$15 a set.

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Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) in Speed Events

MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA members are reminded that as of 1 January 2020, the mandatory use of Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) will come into effect for Speed events. In implementing this requirement, MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA has applied the mandatory use of FHR to only certain vehicle classifications, those being aligned with the mandatory use across other disciplines of the sport. This will mean that:

- Each 1st Category (single seater) vehicle will require the use of FHR except if it is a Superkart or a 5th Category single seater which is exempt from the use of FHR; and
- Each vehicle which is the subject of a MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA Log Book and classified as a Race, Rally/Road or Off Road vehicle will require the use of FHR, the same as if that vehicle was entered into an event for one of those disciplines.
- **A vehicle which is road registered will not be require the mandatory use of FHR, unless that vehicle is also classified and holds a Log Book as a Race, Rally/Road or Off Road vehicle.** This approach is to ensure that those vehicles which compete elsewhere that require the mandatory use of FHR must now also use FHR in Speed Events.

Motorsport Australia wishes to encourage all competitors to consider the use of FHR whether it is applied as mandatory to them or not.



Re-live the excitement of the 1968 London to Sydney Marathon!

OK, we can't drive from London to Sydney in 2022 but we can do the next best thing – retrace the steps of the game-changing, gruelling Perth to Sydney Australian leg. Original vehicles that will be involved in 2022 are featured.



#58 – the Sobieslaw Zasada Porsche 911 S which finished 4th

Back in the day, the first car to finish took an eye-watering 67 hours and 22 minutes non-stop – we will not attempt to replicate that feat.



#2 Ford Falcon GT driven by Harry Firth to 8th

The Perth-Sydney Marathon will celebrate the 1968 London to Sydney Marathon by following the original route of the event across Australia from Perth to Warwick Farm in Sydney. Starting in Perth on the 28th October 2022 and finishing ten days later with a function at Warwick Farm in Sydney on the 6th November.



#4 BMC Austin 1800 driven by Tony Fall to 24th

This will be the only event since the original 1968 Marathon to follow the entire route of that race across Australia and will use many of the original time and passage controls.



#43 Volvo 144S driven by Gerry Lister who will be joining us in 2021. Finished 13th

No other event has retraced the route in the 54 years since the 1968 Marathon and it is highly likely that this experience will be the very last opportunity to join entrants, participants and vehicles from the 1968 Marathon on such an historic journey.



#76 Holden Monaro GTS driven by Barry Ferguson and Dave Johnson, which finished 12th

Though non-competitive, there will be ample opportunity for some seriously spirited driving and it still promises to be a real test of both man and machine. We will cover some of

Australia's best gravel and tarmac rally roads, including the SA outback cattle stations of Wirrealpa, Curnamona and Kalabity, the alpine mountain tracks from Edi to Brookside and down to Omeo, all in the company of well-known legends in Australian rallying and with some of Australia's most important rally cars.



#29 Ford Falcon GT driven by Bruce Hodgson to 6th

The event will traverse the Nullarbor Plain, the Flinders Ranges, Outback WA, SA and NSW, then cross the Victorian and NSW Alps to finish in Sydney some 5700 km later, with half the route being on unsealed tracks and roads.

Around ten original 1968 competitors as well as a similar number of '68 competition vehicles are committed to being involved.



#45 Hillman Hunter driven by Flt Lt David Carrington – the sister car of the winning Hillman driven by Andrew Cowan. Finished 32nd

The 2022 Marathon is shaping up to be one of the largest Historic Rally events of its kind ever to be held in Australia. It has attracted both rallying and racing enthusiasts, all keen to taste what it may have been like to run

in the greatest marathon of them all, alongside those who did.



#40 Vauxhall Ventora driven by Formula 1's David Walker to 52nd place

The Entry Fee for the Event is \$AUD5,685 for a crew of two in the nominated vehicle and includes all meals but excludes accommodation.

An invitation to participate in the Event will require a \$AUD750 deposit followed by the payment schedule outlined on the [P2SM Website](#) in Bulletin 1 under Documentation. Entry Form and Supp Regs are available on the website. Entries are limited to 85.



#97 Ford Falcon GT driven by Rex Lunn but retired in Tehran

Expressions of interest should be made to the Event Director, Laurie Mason: Mobile: 0438 445 024 or email:

p2sm2021@vogueautomotive.com.au

Or just send off an entry!! There are a very limited number of vacancies still available, so please contact the organisers promptly if you want to run in this never to be repeated event.

S5000 TASMAN SERIES TO LAUNCH IN SYDNEY

THE S5000 Tasman Series will commence with what is set to be a memorable weekend at Sydney Motorsport Park this November.

The first round in the two-event, seven race Tasman Series return will see Australia's top open wheel category join the Supercars Championship at the Western Sydney Circuit on November 19-21.

The series will then conclude at Mount Panorama, Bathurst, one week later as part of the massive six-day Bathurst 1000 event between November 30 and December 5.



2021 marks the return of the iconic Tasman Series, initially staged between 1964 and 1975 and won by legends of the sport including Bruce McLaren, Jim Clark, Jackie Stewart and Chris Amon.

The same Tasman Cup presented to those champions will be awarded to the winner of

the 2021 series with the full blessing of custodians, Motorsport Australia and Motorsport New Zealand.

The November event will mark the second time that the New South Wales circuit will have hosted an S5000 round; Sydney Motorsport Park the scene of the climactic Australian Drivers' Championship Grand Finale' in May this year. That weekend, Joey Mawson clinched the title despite a wild off at turn one early in the feature race. Meanwhile, James Golding won two of the three races, the round and claimed the circuit lap record, which stands at 1m26.06s.



The Sydney event will see three races contested with each counting towards the Tasman Series, which carries a prize fund of \$50,000 – \$30,000 going to the overall winner.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW??

Story and pics by Daughter Jo Moore
Life Members Geoff and Penny Benson



Geoff and Penny Benson have been members of the Bathurst Light Car Club for over 50 years. When they joined the Club, both mum and dad competed in hill climbs and rallies and Penny became the queen of the mountain for many years with Geoff the king of the mountain.

Geoff Benson spent his early years in Lura in the Blue Mountains and had an early interest in cars and photography. The first real action photograph he took was of a friend's car at a disused airstrip at Blackheath in 1958.

After graduating as a dentist and marrying Penny, he moved to Bathurst in 1964, where they both became involved in the local Baptist Church and the Bathurst Light Car Club, two community associations they continue to maintain to the present day. They lived for 12 years on Conrod Straight next door to the Ellis family (3 doors down from the Car clubrooms).

Geoff and Penny were actively involved in motor sport for most of their lives as competitors and as officials undertaking just about every event with a focus on track and rally. They were also both driving instructors concentrating mostly on helping young drivers to gain the skills essential to compete in motorsport.

With many trophies and friendships to show for their efforts in motorsport with both sharing the trophy cabinet over the years. But Dad was also very involved in humanitarian work through Dentists without Borders where every two years he would travel to Bangladesh to support aid efforts in that country.

In the early 1970's, once children came along in the form of two daughters, motorsport became an even bigger family affair with the kids sitting in the back seat of the seep vehicle preparing for rally's and sleeping in the back of the 4 WD often into the night. Geoff would always have his camera along for the ride capturing hundreds of photographs of the people and machines which formed their shared life.

The kids were involved as passengers with Mum and Dad in the early days but as they grew so did their interest in motorsport, well for me anyway but Kath not so much. We were encouraged to become involved but not forced into anything we didn't enjoy cause that is what my parents are like.



Penny Benson in action at Orange 1973 – Pic Geoff Benson

While Dad expanded his photography hobby, Mum continued to compete and she became a regular winner on the rally circuit which is probably where I became bitten by the bug and have continued in motorsport all my life.

Eventually, Mum and Dad retired from direct participation in motorsport around 2004 after they and the girls completing the publication of "The Bathurst Light Car Club 1953-2003" book which celebrated the history of the Club. They purchased a motorhome on retirement so they could continue watching and photographing motorsport around the country wherever they wanted. They also followed their daughter to rally events looking after grandchildren while Ron and I rallied.



Penny and Geoff Benson rally check point

Geoff was still taking photos of local events, and naturally of his grandchildren, until recent times however, a fall resulting in a broken shoulder meant he could no longer hold his camera which was devastating for him.

Geoff and Penny still enjoy watching motorsport from overseas and locally and they are the leaders of our rally team's cheer squad. They still support all family

members involved in motorsport.

They are both enjoying retirement, their children and their husbands, grandchildren and of course their first great grandchild. They were so very active in the Car Club for over 50 years and now they are watching another two generations continues their association with motorsports.

From me and the wider family that love you so much, thank you both for your dedication and commitment to the Bathurst Light Car Club and for the great historic reference that you have given future generations of Club members. Your time and effort delivered a legacy for BLCC and its members for many years to come.

Your loving daughter
Jo Moore

2022 AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

From Tony Hanrahan

The RSEA Safety Motorsport Australia Rally Championship will expand to seven rounds in 2022, with next year's calendar officially confirmed.

Adding an extra round to the calendar highlights the strength and interest in the Championship, with visits to all states and territories except the Northern Territory planned in 2022. The year will kick off with the Netier National Capital Rally in Canberra on 26-27 March, before a highly anticipated return to Western Australia for the Make Smoking History Forest Rally on 30 April – 1 May.



From there, competitors will head south for the Les Walkden Rally Tasmania on 25-26 June in Launceston followed by the popular Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland in Gympie on 30-31 July which returns after an impressive debut on the 2021 calendar. Teams then head south for the remainder of the calendar, with the Gippsland Rally on 27-28 August and the AGI Sport Adelaide Hills Rally on 15-16 October.

The 2022 season will finish in New South Wales at a location to be confirmed on 18-20 November.

Motorsport Australia's Director of Motorsport and Commercial Operations Michael Smith said the expanded calendar highlighted the growing stature of the Championship.

"We've been impressed with the interest and growth in the RSEA Safety Motorsport Australia Rally Championship in 2021, with competitive fields, big crowds and strong commercial interest in our events," Smith said.

"With new cars, some familiar faces along with plenty of rising stars, the future of Australian rally is bright.



"We know 2021 has been a tough year for our calendar to date, but with increasing confidence about the ability to host events across the country in 2022, we're excited to confirm a bigger and better calendar next year with seven

rounds hosted between April and November. We were eager to confirm these dates as soon as possible to give everyone, including our state rally panels, time to plan for these events accordingly.

"I'd like to say a big thank you to our event organisers, competitors and commercial partners who have been fantastic during the past 24 months dealing with a lot of uncertainty and change. It's been a tough period, but the events we have been able to deliver have been bigger and better than ever. We can't wait to expand on that in 2022."

2022 RSEA Safety Motorsport Australia Rally Championship Calendar

- Round 1: Netier National Capital Rally, Canberra – 26-27 March
- Round 2: Make Smoking History Forest Rally, WA – 30 April – 1 May
- Round 3: Les Walkden Rally Tasmania, Launceston – 25-26 June
- Round 4: Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland, Gympie – 30-31 July
- Round 5: Gippsland Rally, Victoria – 27-28 August
- Round 6: AGI Sport Adelaide Hills Rally, SA – 15-16 October
- Round 7: Rally NSW – 18-20 November

Bathurst 12 Hour

3rd – 7th February 2022

The **Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 Hour** will again be held at Australia's famous Mount Panorama circuit. This endurance race for GT and production cars was revived in 2007 after an absence of 12 years and has gone from strength to strength attracting a big international field and spectator numbers to match.

The Bathurst 12 Hour is now a headline event for the Intercontinental GT Challenge and generally acknowledged and recognised around the world as one of the most significant races for GT cars on the motorsport calendar, alongside contemporaries like the Spa 24 Hours & Nurburgring 24 Hours.



SIX-DAY REPCO BATHURST 1000 TO ROUND OUT 2021

This year's Repco Bathurst 1000 will run over six days at Mount Panorama as the final event of the 2021 Repco Supercars Championship.

The Bathurst Regional Council, Repco, Supercars and ARG have joined forces to combine Australasia's leading categories for the biggest motorsport event ever staged in Australia.

The historic first will see Mount Panorama host six-days of on-track entertainment and racing between Tuesday November 30 and Sunday December 5.



This year's Repco Bathurst 1000 will be the first Great Race to be staged in December.

Supercars and ARG will be working closely with NSW health authorities around COVID-safe measures and Public Health Order requirements to ensure the safety of all staff and patrons attending the event.

The six-day Bathurst event will also feature the Dunlop Super 2 Series, Porsche Carrera Cup, Toyota Gazoo Racing 86 Series, TCR Australia, Touring Car Masters, S5000, GT World Challenge Australia, V8 SuperUtes and Trans Am.

"I would like to thank the Mayor North, Rob Cameron at Repco and John



McMellan at ARG for their collaboration over the past few weeks to put together what might be known as the best ever Repco Bathurst 1000," Supercars CEO Sean Seamer said.

"It's been a tough year for motorsport fans but we're confident this is the recipe for the best possible end to the 2021 season."

"It is very pleasing when everyone has the same goal which was to make the sport the priority and work collaboratively to deliver something special," ARG Chairman John McMellan added.

"We need to acknowledge the role that all of our respective sponsors played in assisting to make this happen which is reflective of their passion for the sport.

"This event will be a great opportunity to grab the family, go camping in the fresh rural air of Bathurst whilst being entertained by a truly dynamic range of motorsport."

NSW Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said: "We are all eager to get back to enjoying incredible sports events across NSW, which is why it's so important that our community keeps pushing forward with our outstanding vaccination effort.

"Motorsport has a spiritual home in Bathurst and there's no doubt that fans love to watch racing unfold at Mount Panorama, be it in person or on the national broadcast."

Mayor of Bathurst, Ian North added: “The events, over six days, will be something not seen before at the Mount and will be a great way to see racing return to Bathurst in 2021.

“We look forward to being able to welcome the teams, drivers and fans back to Mount Panorama for what will be a festival of motorsport.”

Rob Cameron, Managing Director & CEO of Repco said: “The Repco crew across Australia and New Zealand are so excited to bring fans a true celebration of motorsport.

“In a year that has been so challenging for the sport we love, I want to thank the team at Supercars and ARG for putting fans first and working collaboratively with us to ensure we can put on a world class event.

“For us - Bathurst is more than a race, it’s a symbol of everything we all love about the sport, and we can’t wait to bring this event to the fans.”

Supercars and ARG will be working closely with NSW health authorities around COVID-safe measures and Public Health Order requirements to ensure the safety of all staff and patrons attending the event.



The event will become the finale of the 2021 Repco Supercars Championship as part of the latest revision of the draft calendar.

Discussions are ongoing with various stakeholders on the four other events that are due to feature on the calendar prior to the Repco Bathurst 1000.

Ticketing information will be communicated to current ticket-holders by Supercars over coming days. Further ticketing opportunities are available via Supercars.com and Ticketek.



COOTAMUNDRA KHANACROSS

Story Deanne Hudson

The 19th June 2021 saw Harrison Hudson, Robert Dean, David Catt and Adam Blomfield competing on an airfield in Cootamundra for the Wagga District Car Club Cootamundra Tarmac Khanacross.

The weather was perfect and the track, as you can imagine being run on taxiways and runways at the airport, was flat, fast and a fabulous day of racing, particularly for BLCC members.

Of the 27 competitors registered for the event, Robert Dean took first place with an overall time of 480.04 for the six runs over the twisty courses. Harrison Hudson produced a very creditable 511.72 for fifth place, David Catt scored a seventh with 523.10 and Adam Blomfield was ninth with 531.10 so times were close.



Rob Dean in action at Bathurst

The primary objective during the event was avoiding the runway lights on the side of the circuit. At \$300 each the consequences were dire both in terms of cost and inconvenience to the airport operations. By a combination of luck and driving skill, while penalties for hitting cones were incurred. no lights were hit.

It was a great day of competition and many thanks to the Wagga and District Car Club for the invitation. If the invitation is extended to our Club again I would encourage members to participate.



Harrison Hudson in the bush at Bathurst



CORTINA GT500S – AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SUPERCAR

Story and pic Peter Walker

Cortina GT500's won the famous Bathurst 500 in 1965. The Cortina GT500 Club has just announced that 500's will be allowed to be run in speed events (Hill Climbs and super sprints) in their own class category in late 2021 or early 2022 at the famous Mount Panorama Circuit.

This will coincide with the Club's plans to collect enough coloured glossy pictures to allow the production of a quality coffee table book, celebrating the creation of Australia's first super car designed by Harry Firth and Built by Ford Motor Company.



Club President, Peter Walker, said "A correctly geared original 500 would make a terrible hill climber. But a super sprint down conrod would put less stress on the drive train and produce many more usable opportunities to gather pictures of a 500 at speed. That's what they were designed for and to allow proud owners of these fabulous race cars an opportunity to flex their muscle on the track."

We have also done a production run of rare owner's handbook with 24 pages of specifications designed for the race scrutineers and owners.

When the lock down is knocked down, available dates will be canvassed in conjunction with the Bathurst Light Car Club. The plan is to organise these meetings at Bathurst as a regular 500 event. For further details contact Peter Walker 0450 117 360 or email cortinagt500club@gmail.com



SEEKING NEW AND EXISTING OFFICIALS: CHALLENGE BATHURST

Challenge Bathurst organisers are on the lookout for new and existing officials to be part of the iconic event at Mount Panorama.



The event will run from 11-14 November 2021, and all officials will be provided with a free campsite, uniform and mini cooler bag. Officials will also be provided with breakfast,

lunch and dinner each day. No experience is necessary, with full training and licence requirements provided and arranged.

Any new volunteers will also get to experience a hot lap of the mountain - an unforgettable and unique opportunity to see and feel all the corners, undulations and secrets of Australia's most famous circuit.

Interested in volunteering for this fantastic event? Contact Michele Kidd via administrator@challengebathurst.com or through the following link:

<https://www.challengebathurst.com/event-info/officials-and-volunteers>

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