



# **THE BLOWER**

*The official newsletter of the  
Bathurst Light Car Club*

**Issue 1/2024**

**Welcome members to the first edition of the Blower for 2024. We hope you had a great break over Christmas and are refreshed and ready for a big year of Motorsport in 2024.**

**The Annual General Meeting for 2024 was held at the club rooms on Conrod Straight on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.**

**Nominations were held for all positions, Congratulations to the following and the Club wishes you all the best for 2024.**

**President – Neville Ling**

**Vice President – Scott Sims**

**Treasurer – Robert Flood**

**Secretary – Donna Sims**

**Committee – Phil Burgett, Stephen Langley, Shannon Maher,**

**Josh Redhead, Geoff Sims, and Sharyn Woolf.**

**Competition Secretary – Shannon Sims**

**Membership Officer – Phil Burgett**

**Officials Co-Ordinator – Neville Ling**

**Blower Editor – Martin Edwards**

**Quarry Groundsman – Martin Edwards**

**Assistant Quarry Groundsman – Harrison Hudson**

**Safety / Fire Officer – Sue Dixon**

**Publicity Officer – Shannon Sims**

**Property / Club Maintenance Officer – Tony Hanrahan**

**Facebook Co-Ordinator – Sharyn Woolf**

**Website Administrator – Kathy Hanrahan**

**Social Director – Donna Sims**

**Assistant Social Director – Helen Mulholland**

**Historic Plates Registrar – David Robinson**

**Chaplain – Doug Rowan**

**Motorsport Australia Delegate – Helen Mulholland**

**Alternate Motorsport Australia Delegate – Mick Tuckey**

**Eligibility Committee – David Catt, Stephen Langley and Richard Setchfield.**

**Patrons – Cam Ashelford, Arthur Davis, Kathy Hanrahan, Rod Jones, Doug Moore and Robert Wells.**

**The club welcomes Neville Ling into his new role as President as the seat was vacated by Mick Tuckey after his many years of service as President, we wish Mick all the best and I'm sure we will see him at some club events throughout the year.**

#### Presidents Report - March 2024

As this is my first report as the new President of our club. I would like to thank Mick Tuckey for his 9 years of service to the club as President.

The Annual General Meeting was conducted on the 28<sup>th</sup> February and it was very well attended. A huge thanks to all those members who supported me. Also to those who have offered to support me in my new role as President. Thank you to all those that took the time and showed interest in attending our AGM.

We welcome onboard some new blood to the Club Committee, and thank those that nominated for the committee, but weren't successful and also thank the committee from last year. The new committee will be listed in the newsletter.

We have just completed the first and second round of the NSW State Hillclimb championship, with close to 100 entries each day. It was a big weekend, with the winner being Dean Tighe. A huge thanks to the volunteer officials who helped out over the weekend especially those who arrived early to help with setup, and those that stayed late helping to pack up. It was a very successful meeting. Our next on-track action is the Supersprint on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024, and again, I will be calling for officials for this event.

It was sad to see our newest young lady member have the incident late Sunday which caused her to be injured. The Ambulance was called which transported her to Orange Base Hospital for scans and tests, and she was kept in overnight for Observation. As I write this, I have just heard she has been released from Hospital and allowed home, which is good news. We hope she doesn't get disheartened and comes back competing again in the near future. Everyone at Bathurst Light Car Club wishes her all the best in her recovery.

HISTORIC REGO holders who have not yet renewed their Club membership could be subsequently driving unregistered and uninsured vehicles.

Note: Part of your registration is a requirement to be a Financial Member of a registered Car Club – Bathurst Light Car Club has a common expiry date of 31<sup>st</sup> December each year. Please note that reminders are not sent out. It's up to you.

It is regularly suggested that renewals be done in advance to be sure to have new cards in hand in the lead-up to January. So there are no reasons why you should not be covered. Also please remember your obligation to assist or compete at an event each year to give something back to the Club for the privilege afforded to you with access to the scheme. Volunteer so you don't have to be asked.

We look forward to seeing some new faces at the General meetings as we go forward.

All the best – be safe and keep well

Neville Ling

President





# **THE PACE NOTES**

## ***Everything Rallying and Gravel***

The New Years Khanacross was held at the John Windsor Motorsport Park on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

The field consisted of 22 drivers overall with 5 Juniors, 6 tests were run on tracks that tested grip limits.

Due to rainfall earlier in the week, some of the top tier tracks were unavailable for use. However, the Quarry came up well after two consecutive dry days.

The weather was relatively hot on the day up into the 30's and made for some hard work inside the cars.

Josh Redhead in his Mitsubishi Evo had some spectacular runs and took out outright honours.

A great day was had by all, A big thankyou to the Volunteers who helped on the day Phil, Scott, Geoff, Steve, Martin, Helen, Donna and others.

On February 11<sup>th</sup> a come and try Motorkhana was run and won at John Windsor Motorsport Park.

19 entrants drove on the day with 5 come and try competitors, Jackson Hanemann took home the honors in the come and try class.

It was a relatively hot day in the cars with temperatures nearing the 30s, The Motorkhana pad was in great condition with the help of Scott and Geoff Sims and James Weston.

With the summer storms rolling through it is quite an effort this time of year to get "The Quarry" up to spec.

Geoff Sims took 1<sup>st</sup> outright and was joined by Kingsley Nash and Martin Edwards on the Podium.

In the Juniors Charlie Nash, Abby Bromfield and Ben Whyte were on the podium at the end of running.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> NEW YEARS KHANACROSS JOSH REDHEAD**



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#### **Whiteline Tarmac Rally Sprint report, Round 4, Round 5, 2024. (NSSCC)**

Round 4 of the Twilight Rally Sprint series was a happy hunting ground for Bathurst Light Car Club members, Josh Redhead Mitsubishi Lancer (EVO 5) and navigator Matt Redhead they won the event with a total elapsed time of 7min 48.4 sec.

Third outright and rounding out the podium was Tim Weston with navigator Jake Hancock with a total time of 8min 02.9 sec. After round 4 Tim Weston leads the series outright with 35 points while Josh is in his rear-view mirror on 30 points.

Round 5, 1<sup>st</sup> outright was Josh Redhead and Ray Winwood-Smith in the EVO 5, with some spirited sideways action from Josh, Tim Weston wrapped up the Championship in his TME Ford Fiesta ST followed by Josh Redhead not far behind.

This is a top result for both B.L.C.C members and the club congratulates them on their success.

For those wondering about this event it is held over summer at Sydney Motorsport Park under lights, the event is run by North Shore Sporting Car Club.

The tracks (usually around 4.5kms long) comprise of access roads, car parks and the drag strip at the southern end of the complex, It makes for some top spectating and driving.



Interested in becoming an official? Motorsport Australia provides free online training courses. Visit Motorsport Australia for more information.

Being involved as an official is not just being a Flag Marshal, it involves a variety of different roles eg Timekeepers, Grandstand Ushers and Scrutineers.

It's a role you can do at some of the world's greatest racetracks, for instance the Nürburgring 24hr needs over 1000 officials for their 25.3 km racetrack in Germany.



# **THE RIPPLE SCRIPT**

## ***Everything Circuit and Hillclimb***

Round 1 and 2 of the NSW Hillclimb Championships were held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mount Panorama Bathurst, entrants from all over Australia tackled the famous circuit.

Round 1 was the “Esses Hillclimb” and Round 2 “Mountain Straight Hillclimb”.

Dean Tighe was 1<sup>st</sup> outright on both days of competition in his Empire open wheeler, Saturday’s weather started out overcast.

Some “banker” times were put in by the drivers as the impending weather set in around 12pm, the rain made for lots of wheelspin off the up hill start line.

There were several spins and an accident for the #73 Mini on the day and a short delay to clean up some coolant at Forrest’s Elbow.

Outright	Juniors	Lady’s
1 <sup>st</sup> Dean Tighe	1 <sup>st</sup> Mitchell Brown	1 <sup>st</sup> Louise Hayes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phil Heafey	2 <sup>nd</sup> Max Selmes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bree Till
3 <sup>rd</sup> Douglas Johnson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Travis George	3 <sup>rd</sup> Katherine Slingsby

The weather on Sunday was mild and around the mid 20’s with a gusty winds at times on top of the Mountain.

Some great weather made for some quick times, and top spectating at Sulman Park.

There was some spectacular runs by Stuart Inwood (R33 GTR) and Matthew Brown (Audi RS4) across through “The Grate”.

As Neville Ling mentioned in his Presidents report there was an incident on the last run of the day, the driver was released from hospital soon after, once again thank you to the tireless officials.

Reigning B.LC.C Junior Champion Volkan Gunduz was improving in his times throughout the day and took 5 seconds off his first run to his last, Volkan took home the honors in the Junior category in his new Subaru WRX.

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1 <sup>st</sup> Dean Tighe	1 <sup>st</sup> Volkan Gunduz	1 <sup>st</sup> Bree Till
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phil Heafey	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mitchell Brown	2 <sup>nd</sup> Katherine Slingsby
3 <sup>rd</sup> Douglas Johnson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Max Selmes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kylie Howard

Congratulations to all the Class, Outright, Junior and Lady Podium place getters.



# **FIRST OUTRIGHT ROUND 1 AND ROUND 2 NSW HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP**



**DEAN TIGHE (QLD) EMPIRE**



**Volkan Gunduz and his Subaru WRX**



**Tim Weston and his TME Ford Fiesta ST**



**Matthew Brown and the quick Audi RS4**



**Bit of a better day for Motorsport on Sunday**

**Photos by Martin Edwards.**

The Bathurst 12 hour was held over 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024, With an Australian in Matt Campbell taking outright victory in the International enduro, Campbell was joined by Laurens Vanthoor and Turkish driver Ayhan Can Guven in a Manthey EMA Porsche, prepared in Melbourne.

4 local drivers entered the event in Grant Denyer, Kenny Habul, Brad Schumacher, and Brad Sheils.

Grant Denyer won the Silver Am class in the Wall Racing, Lamborghini Huracan Evo II.

Kenny Habul was 2<sup>nd</sup> Outright in the 75 Express, Sun Energy1 Mercedes AMG.

Brad Schumacher had a DNF with a mechanical issue in his MPC Audi R8 LMS.

Brad Sheils came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Silver Am class racing the Valmont Tigani racing Audi R8 LMS.

Support categories over the 3 days provided plenty of action with Group S and Combined sedans.



The Winning Porsche driven by Matt Campbell of Toowoomba QLD  
Photo by Martin Edwards

On the following weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> February the Supercars series held their season opener at the Mountain, comprising of 2x 250km races one each on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday 40lap race results,  
1<sup>st</sup> Broc Feeney, Camaro.  
2<sup>nd</sup> William Brown, Camaro.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Chaz Mostert, Mustang.

Sunday 40lap race results  
1<sup>st</sup> William Brown, Camaro.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chaz Mostert, Mustang.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Broc Feeney, Camaro.



Cameron Waters, Tickford Racing, had a tough weekend battling illness finishing 22<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in the 2x 40 lap events. Photo by Ben Whyte.





# **NIGHTO'S TRIVIA**

## **DEDICATED TO BRIAN NIGHTINGALE**

Brian Nightingale was a past President of the Bathurst Light Car Club and Media personality he raced in the Bathurst 1000 four times, Brian's Motorsport knowledge was second to none. Thank you to his son Terry for letting us at the Club remember Brian in this way.

### **Question 1,**

This Holden was competing in the late 1960's at Mount Panorama powered by a Valiant 6 cylinder motor, later it was owned and prepared by two Bathurst Light Car Club Members it was then powered by a turbo Holden 6-cylinder motor.

One of the members held the Esses outright record and the other led the Australian Grand Prix leading into the last lap but failed to finish, He also built the AGP winning car that year.

Who were the two BLCC Members?



Photo by Tony Hanrahan.

Trivia answers on last page.

### **Question 2,**

What make of car was Lex Davison driving to victory in the 1956 Bathurst 100?



Photographer Unknown,  
Source,  
[www.speedwayandracehistory.com](http://www.speedwayandracehistory.com)



# DRIVER PROFILE

**Driver:** Josh Hunter

**Car:** 2003 Subaru Impreza 2.5.

**Favorite Race Circuit / Rally:** Black Springs Rally.

**How long have you been racing?** 5 Years.

**Favourite food?** Tacos.

**Favorite quote?** “If you never try you will never know”

**Favorite club event?** Khanacross.

**Favorite race car driver?** Scott McLaughlin.

**What are your goals for 2024?** To do 3-4 big Rally's.



Photo credit Tony Hanrahan.

You can follow Josh's Motorsport endeavours in his Facebook page, Josh Hunter Motorsports.



Pirtek is celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the back-to-back V8 Supercar titles in 2003/2004 with a special edition calendar. The 2004 winner was recently restored by Stone Brothers Racing on the Gold Coast. Pictured above. Photo Martin Edwards



## **AWARDS NIGHT**

Motorsport Australia held its Annual awards night on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, The Bathurst Light Car Club reached a club milestone with 70 years of service.

Scott Sims was named NSW/ACT Official of the year, Congratulations Scott.

Sue Dixon was named Australian Motorsport Official of the year, Congratulations Sue.

These awards are some of the most reputable awards in Australian Motorsport, we have some great people in the club who go above and beyond when it comes to volunteering in our sport.

The club wouldn't run without volunteers, if you are thinking about helping out in anyway, please have a talk to one of our club members and we can point you in the right direction.



**Bathurst Light Car Club Milestone 70 years as a club.**



**Scott Sims receiving his NSW/ACT Official of the Year Award.**





Please support the sponsors that support the club, Penrite Racing donated some merchandise from the Bathurst 1000 last year, it was greatly appreciated, the club have been presenting the hats as prizes at the Quarry.

ARB Orange donated some recovery gear in 2023 and has made the job a lot easier at the Quarry when flat towing vehicles.

Pirtek Bathurst has also donated some 2024 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary calendars and hats. Renowned for the striking Stone Brother Racing Liveries, Pirtek has been a significant supporter of Aussie Motorsport for over 25 years. See David for all your hose needs and get your 10% discount for club members.

Auto Parts Central has 10% off for club members, See Aden and the team for your parts needs.



***Thankyou Officials***

# UPCOMING EVENTS

March	9	Mini Eden Rally	CRS	Clubman
March		2024 Bathurst AutoFest	AF	Show
March	15-17	TCR Tasmania	TCR	Australia
March	16	Mitta Mountain Rally	AWDCC	Classic
March	21-24	Australian Grand Prix	F1	Australia
April	5-7	Rally of Canberra	ARC	Australia
April	7	NSW Hillclimb Championship Huntley	WSCC	NSW
April	14-14	TCR Phillip Island	TCR	Australia
April	20	Coffs Coast Rally (TBC)	CNCSCC	Clubman
April	21	Khanacross	BLCC	Club
April	26-28	Rally of the Heartland	IS	Classic
May	5	NSW Hillclimb Championship Kempsey	KSCC	NSW
May	17-19	Forest Rally (BX – ARC???)	ARC	Australia
May	19	Supersprint	BLCC	Club
May	31-2	TCR The Bend	TCR	Australia

**Khanacross April 21<sup>st</sup>, John Windsor Motorsport Park, College Rd.  
Always as great day, come try to beat the Subaru crew.**

**Supersprint May 19, This is a Club event so we need as many entries as we can to make the event viable.**

Issue 2 of the Blower will be out Quarterly in 2024, next issue will be around (June/July), If you have any stories or a trivia question you would like published just send myself Martin an email [blower.blcc@hotmail.com.au](mailto:blower.blcc@hotmail.com.au).  
I would like to thank Tony Hanrahan with his help with this Issue.

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**Trivia answers – Question 1, Brian Keegan and George Reed.  
Question 2, Ferrari.**