



# THE CHRISTMAS BLOWER

**DECEMBER 2016**



Multiple BLCC Award Winners Karen Wilson and Theo Poteris Pic Tony Hanrahan

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Welcome to my tenth and Christmas edition of the Blower, the monthly magazine of the Bathurst Light Car Club.

Firstly, I must record an apology to Photographer Dave King from DKTV for inadvertently not acknowledging his contribution to the November Electronic Edition of the Blower. I was able to correct the printed version however, Dave very graciously accepted that my error was not intentional and the matter will now rest.

Motorsport tends to “hibernate” during the hotter months in Australia and as a consequence, real copy for a monthly Car Club magazine is sometimes a little hard to find. This is not the case with the BLCC however, I have called upon the creative capabilities of a few of our members in producing the Bathurst Light Car Club Christmas Edition and I hope you enjoy the read.

Once again I would encourage readers who are currently on the snail mail list to consider switching across to receiving the electronic version of the Blower as a faster and more colourful experience. The cost of postage is increasing at a dramatic rate and delays often occur as a result of production problems. Just let us know by any means and we can move you to the electronic list immediately.

Till next year Readers, have a joyous Christmas and may the New Year be all that you wish for – safe motoring.

Bob Lundie-Jenkins B.A.  
Editor  
BLCC Blower Magazine





*On behalf of myself and all members of the BLCC Committee, I would like to express our thanks to all members for your support given to Our Club during 2016 both as competitors and officials. We wish you, and your family, our Best Wishes for a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year in 2017.*

*If you are travelling over the holiday period, please drive carefully and keep safe. We, the Club, look forward to seeing you all again next year.*

*Best Wishes*

*Mick Tuckey  
President 2016*



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## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2016, COMMENCING AT 7.40 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** As per attendance book.

**APOLOGIES:** Jeff West, Matt Windsor, Rob Flood.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2016**

MOVED: Deanne Hudson

SECONDED: Scott Sims

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED: John Markwick

SECONDED: Bob Lundie-Jenkins

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

In absence of Treasurer, Mick Tuckey detailed items in report.

MOVED: Bob Lundie-Jenkins

SECONDED: Ian Plenderleith

## **QUARRY REPORT**

Ron Moore advised that the last event held at Quarry was a Khanacross which attracted 35 starters. Tracks were dry and rough. Five courses were run on the day. Two juniors competed in their first Khanacross.

David Catt advised that Gavin Herman of Hills District Car Club was interested in conducting a challenge between both clubs at a future Khanacross.

The new office was used for the first time. Mick Tuckey has organised all keys for Quarry to be keyed the same.

John Windsor advised that he will be organising a grader to run around the tracks. Mick Tuckey advised that the tracks needed some investigation first to ascertain the best approach so as not to create drainage issues. Mark Hammond should be involved in these discussions due to his knowledge of track and previous works carried out.

Ron Moore has parked the club cars behind the stand of trees at rear of Quarry to make them less visible from the road. A working bee may be able to be organised for new year.

Ron also advised that a driver was evicted from the last Khanacross event and his membership application was refused due to unacceptable and unsafe driving behaviour. This was handled in a professional and positive manner by officials on the day.

MOVED: Wayne Bowden

SECONDED: John Markwick

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Update on State Executive and State Council Meetings**

Helen Mulholland gave an overview of both meetings, and also an overview of the election of office bearers and issues around voting which were encountered.

### **Plaques to Honour founding members**

Rod Jones suggested that the Club acquire plaques to honour Barry Gurdon and George Reed, as well as the founding members of the Club. Mick Tuckey requested that Rod provide a list of names to be recognised and submit to Committee for further consideration.

### **Sub-Committee Meeting to Address Khanacross Issues**

Ian Plenderleith reported on results of meeting. Decision to use Section 4H CAMS regulations as guide for motorkhana and Khanacross vehicle requirements. There are also requirements for any work noted by scrutineers

in log books to be rectified before the vehicle can be used in further competition.

Ron Moore asked how this will be conveyed to club members. It was agreed that this needs to be advertised through Club media – Blower, website etc. Ron also suggested that participants in events be required to sign to say they have read the supp regs, and understand what their responsibilities are.

#### Hire of Clubrooms for 2017 12 Hour Event

Rob Wells asked what was happening with allocation of the Clubrooms for 12 Hour event. Mick Tuckey advised that there had been one expression of interest in the amount of \$2000 received from Steven Wells. This offer was below the advertised price of \$3000. Members agreed to accept this as a one time approval, however, the clubrooms will be re-advertised for use for the following year at a yet to be determined fee.

MOVED: Scott Sims

SECONDED: Ces Evans

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50 PM**

Mick Tuckey

**PRESIDENT**

**BLCC**

### **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB HELD ON WEDNESDY 30 NOVEMBER, COMMENCING AT 7:35PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** As per attendance book.

**APOLOGIES:** Mick Tuckey, Scott Sims, Donna Sims, Ian Plenderleith

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2016**

MOVED: John Markwick

SECONDED: Bob Lundie-Jenkins

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Still awaiting a list of names from Rod Jones regarding memorial plaques.

Pending official update on Khanacross requirements from Ian Plenderleith.

**CORRECTION** – Ron Moore didn't suggest entrants be required to sign saying they have read the Supp Regs, he stated that entrants currently are signing to agree to this.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Gwyn Mulholland suggested club display at Gnoo Blas event.

MOVED: Jose Abreu

SECONDED: John Markwick

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

MOVED: Bob Lundie-Jenkins      SECONDED: Gwyn Mulholland

## **QUARRY REPORT**

Ron Moore advised 20 entries (14 juniors) with 12 new members (4 juniors). Thank you to Theo Poteris for jumping in with 3 juniors (in the car he provided to the club) who had never driven before to provide direction whilst also competing at the event.

Working bee may be required to sort out some of the club cars.

Interview with 7 News (aired 30 Nov) giving the club a good representation. Thanks to Matt Hogan for arranging the segment.

Some juniors are 'getting bored' and leaving early. Considerations for ways to entertain entrants between runs.

MOVED: Tim Burt      SECONDED: John Markwick

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

December edition of the Blower to be release before Christmas.

Entrants require CAMS license book when attending events. Raised by Helen Mulholland, Robert Flood recommended that this information be submitted to The Blower.

Helen Mulholland advised that people will be setting up for the Christmas party on the Thursday night prior. Anyone available to assist would be appreciated.

Helen Mulholland has been asked by the hill climb committee if they can do the championship presentations in the clubhouse next year.

Norman Wise and David Catt advised that a few locals went to SMSP to compete in the Whiteline Tarmac event, each had 5 runs, with 80+ other competitors. To submit a story for The Blower. Question raised on the possibility/feasibility of BLCC running a similar type event in Bathurst or nearby.

David Catt mentioned that the 2017 AGM is coming up in February and suggested for people to think about possibly stepping up for a role in the committee.

Bob Lundie-Jenkins questioned why the presentation for some events are held at McPhilamy Park. Suggested that all trophy presentations be held at the club house. It was suggested that this is done to accommodate competitors who are travelling some distance home after the event.

MOVED: Tim Burt      SECONDED: John Markwick



**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:25PM**

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR DECEMBER**

As 2016 draws to a close, I would like to say thank you to all for your support of the BLCC throughout the year.

Although the old year has just about gone the new one is looming rapidly and in preparation for our AGM, please keep in mind the need for members to consider the roles and tasks required to be done to maintain the performance of BLCC. No sense sitting back waiting for **somebody else** to do it because **somebody else** is already too busy. The past and future success of our club is driven by a positive and supportive attitude from the majority of members, we need to continue the good work please.

At this point I would like to pause to formally apologise to the young Club member who was incorrectly announced as a winner of an award at our presentation night. The error is regretted, was completely unintentional and as President I must take full responsibility. I can assure the family that the circumstances surrounding how this error occurred are being investigated by the Committee and will be the subject of discussions at our January Committee Meeting. Once I am fully apprised of the background to the matter, I intend making a further written apology directly to the family and I personally invite the family to attend the AGM to enable me to further apologise to them and gathered Club Members in person.

That having been said, our presentation evening and Christmas Party for 2016 was a great night. As MC I may unfortunately have put a few items a little out of order and spoken a wee bit too quickly making it a little difficult for some to hear which I regret. Recognition of the efforts of those deserving members through 2016 was made without exception and their successes rewarded. I understand that most if not all attending had a good night, the food was excellent thanks to the efforts of Al Dente catering – thank you Scott and your crew.

Until next year I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of myself and your committee. Travel safe – enjoy the season and see you all again next year.

Mick Tuckey  
President BLCC





# BLCC 2017 CALENDAR

|          |       |                                   |        |            |
|----------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------|------------|
| JANUARY  | 5-8   | Summernats 30                     | S/N    | Car Show   |
| JANUARY  | 22    | Khanacross                        | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| JANUARY  | 25    | BLCC Monthly Meeting              | BLCC   | Meeting    |
| JANUARY  | 28-29 | Kandos Street Machine Show        | KSM    | Car Show   |
| FEBRUARY | 3-5   | Bathurst 12 Hour                  | S/cars | Inter      |
| FEBRUARY | 12    | Motorkhana                        | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| FEBRUARY | 18-19 | Gnoo Blas Classic Orange          | GBC    | Car Show   |
| FEBRUARY | 18    | Targa North West                  | TA     | Rally      |
| FEBRUARY | 22    | BLCC AGM & Monthly Meeting        | BLCC   | Meeting    |
| MARCH    | 2-5   | Clipsal 500                       | S/cars | Australia  |
| MARCH    | 4     | Rally New England NSW 1           | NESCC  | NSW        |
| MARCH    | 4     | NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 1   | BLCC   | NSW        |
| MARCH    | 5     | NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 2   | BLCC   | NSW        |
| MARCH    | 10    | Pizza Night Trial (TBC)           | BLCC   | Social     |
| MARCH    | 11-12 | Bathurst Autofest                 | B/A    | Car Show   |
| MARCH    | 17-18 | Season launch and Oberon Rally    | AMSAG  | Rally      |
| MARCH    | 17-19 | Historic Phillip Island           | VHRR   | Historic   |
| MARCH    | 23-26 | AGP F1                            | F1     | Inter      |
| MARCH    | 26    | Khanacross                        | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| MARCH    | 29    | BLCC Monthly Meeting              | BLCC   | Meeting    |
| APRIL    | 2     | NSW Hillclimb Championship        | WSCC   | NSW        |
| APRIL    | 9     | Esses Descent                     | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| APRIL    | 7-9   | Symmons Plains Tasmania           | S/cars | Australia  |
| APRIL    | 14    | Bathurst 6 Hour                   | B6H    | Australia  |
| APRIL    | 21-23 | Phillip Island                    | S/cars | Australia  |
| APRIL    | 24-29 | Targa Tasmania                    | TA     | Rally      |
| APRIL    | 23    | One Day Trial (TBC)               | BLCC   | Social     |
| APRIL    | 26    | BLCC Monthly Meeting              | BLCC   | Meeting    |
| APRIL    | 30    | Motorkhana                        | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| MAY      | 6     | BLCC Rally NSW 2                  | BLCC   | TBC        |
| MAY      | 7     | NSW Hillclimb Championship        | KSCC   | NSW        |
| MAY      | 5-7   | Barbagallo Raceway                | S/cars | Australia  |
| MAY      | 13    | Tumut Rally                       | AMSAG  | Rally      |
| MAY      | 13    | Nulon Supersprint                 | BLCC   | Nulon      |
| MAY      | 14    | Nulon Mountain Straight Hillclimb | BLCC   | Nulon      |
| MAY      | 19-23 | Winton Raceway                    | S/cars | Australia  |
| MAY      | 27-28 | 41 Historic Winton                | Austin | Australian |
| MAY      | 31    | BLCC Monthly Meeting              | BLCC   | Meeting    |

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| JUNE      | 2     | Pizza Night Trial (TBC)              | BLCC   | Social     |
| JUNE      | 4     | Khanacross                           | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| JUNE      | 10    | Bega Rally                           | AMSAG  | Rally      |
| JUNE      | 11    | NSW Hillclimb Championship           | GSCC   | NSW        |
| JUNE      | 16-18 | Hidden Valley                        | S/cars | Australia  |
| JUNE      | 28    | BLCC Monthly Meeting                 | BLCC   | Meeting    |
| JULY      | 7-9   | Townsville 400                       | S/cars | Australia  |
| JULY      | 16    | NSW Hillclimb Championship           | TSCC   | NSW        |
| JULY      | 23    | Motorkhana                           | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| JULY      | 26    | BLCC Monthly Meeting                 | BLCC   | Meeting    |
| JULY      | 28-30 | Queensland Raceway                   | S/cars | Australia  |
| JULY      | 29    | Bulahdelah Rally                     | AMSAG  | Rally      |
| AUGUST    | 6     | NSW Hillclimb Championship           | MGCCN  | NSW        |
| AUGUST    | 11-19 | Kidney Kar Rally                     | KKR    | Charity    |
| AUGUST    | 12    | Rally of the Bay NSW 3               | NESCC  | NSW        |
| AUGUST    | 13    | Khanacross                           | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| AUGUST    | 18-20 | Sydney Motorsport Park               | S/cars | Australia  |
| AUGUST    | 20    | Esses Hillclimb                      | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| AUGUST    | 30    | BLCC Monthly Meeting                 | BLCC   | Meeting    |
| SEPTEMBER | 3     | One Day Trial (TBC)                  | BLCC   | Social     |
| SEPTEMBER | 10    | Motorkhana                           | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| SEPTEMBER | 10    | NSW Hillclimb Championship           | SDMA   | NSW        |
| SEPTEMBER | 15-17 | Sandown 500                          | S/cars | Australia  |
| SEPTEMBER | 16    | Orange Rally                         | AMSAG  | Rally      |
| SEPTEMBER | 27    | BLCC Monthly Meeting                 | BLCC   | Meeting    |
| OCTOBER   | 5-8   | Bathurst 1000                        | S/cars | Australia  |
| OCTOBER   | 14    | National Capital Rally NSW 4         | BMCC   | Rally      |
| OCTOBER   | 20-22 | Gold Coast 600                       | S/cars | Australia  |
| OCTOBER   | 22    | Khanacross                           | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| OCTOBER   | 25    | BLCC Monthly Meeting                 | BLCC   | Meeting    |
| OCTOBER   | 26-29 | Australian Hillclimb                 | SASCC  | Australian |
| NOVEMBER  | 3-5   | Auckland                             | S/cars | Australian |
| NOVEMBER  | 4-5   | Alpine Classic Touring               | CRC    | TRE/TA     |
| NOVEMBER  | 11    | Speed Weekend                        | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| NOVEMBER  | 12    | Speed Weekend                        | BLCC   | M/Club     |
| NOVEMBER  | 18    | Rally Australia NSW Touring Assembly | RA     | Australian |
| NOVEMBER  | 29    | BLCC Monthly Meeting                 | BLCC   | Meeting    |
| NOVEMBER  | 24-26 | Newcastle                            | S/cars | Australian |

## **BLCC CLASSES FOR 2017**

As mentioned in the last edition of 'The Blower', CAMS have made a number of changes to the Types and Class categories of vehicles into which competitors register.

Not entirely satisfied with their categories a few fellow Members of the BLCC have been considering these changes and have come up with their own list of new categories which they feel would be more relevant to our members, the cars they drive and enter in events.

The new classes and the types of vehicle permitted in these classes are as follows:

### **Class 1a - Soccer Mum Class**

Must have baby seat fitted and a coloured mobile must be suspended from the roof of the back seat with a 'Baby on Board' sticker attached to back window. Must include 2 pieces of children's sporting equipment (eg soccer ball, skateboard, etc), must also carry a stack of re-usable shopping bags.

### **Class 1b - Modified Soccer Mum Class**

As for Class 1a however may also have mag wheels and spoiler, stick figures on the back window are mandatory

### **Class 2 - Professional (Doctor, Lawyer, etc.) Class**

Vehicle must contain a laptop and brief case, must have take-away coffee mugs in the cup holders. The car must be European and black. Driver must be participating in a seemingly very important call on the mobile phone for the entire duration of the event and certainly during scrutineering.

### **Class 3 – Mechanic Class**

Must include parts belonging to other makes and models which have been modified to fit submitted vehicle. Boot must contain assorted tools as ballast, these must not be secured and must be covered in grease. At least 2 components of the car must be held together by cable ties.

### **Class 4 – Tradie Class**

Must be a tray back ute. Tools of the trade optional and if present on the back, they must be tied on with blue and yellow Telecom rope. An old pair of work boots must be in the tray unless the tradesman is a concreter and then they must be gumboots. These boots should be unsecured.

## **Class 5 – Farmer Class**

4wd utes only, all terrain tyres ONLY must be fitted. The back tray may contain a roll of baling twine, some barbed wire, a bale of Lucerne hay, 2 old chemical drums and a sheep dog, none of which are to be tied down.

## **Class 6 - Male P Platers Class**

Mag wheels must be worth more than the car. Stereo system must be more powerful than the car. Must have fluffy dice hanging from mirror. At least one part of the car must be held on with gaffer tape. Maximum ground clearance 10 cm. Car must be fully sick and loud enough to wake the dead.

## **Class 7 - Female P Platers Class**

Car must have frangipani stickers. Car must also have seat covers which match the stickers. Must have at least 2 Taylor Swift cd's in the stacker at scrutineering and an assortment of clothing including at least 3 pair of shoes lying in the back seat. Must not have a jack or any useful tools.

## **Class 8 – Grandma Class**

Crocheted rug on rear parcel shelf with Raffia sun hat. Disabled parking sticker attached to passenger side sun visor. Small white dog on lap of driver during scrutineering and event. Thermos, travel rug and picnic hamper to be placed on rear seat unsecured.

## **Class 9 - Super class**

Must have enough power to pull an aircraft carrier. Must be so highly modified that it never starts and when it does start, you don't know if it is going to keep going. Must run on jet fuel and have almost as much technology as an F1 vehicle. Mandatory to have a large group of people constantly surrounding it peering under the bonnet muttering phrases such as 'Wow man, that's impressive!'

## **Class 10 - The 'Don't Tell My Wife' class**

Must be the family car. Usually with a nice conservative set of mags, but no other modifications at all. The car must be entered without the permission of the wife and she should be blissfully unaware of the fate that is about to befall her car.

Submitted for the consideration of the Race and Competition Panel



**Sue Dixon and the “tongue in cheek” Idle Fire Team**

## STUART AND LANCE AT TEMORA 1000

By Tony Hanrahan

Two of our ACT members Stuart Grigg (Holden Ute) and Lance McGrath (Ford Ute) contested the 2016 Coates Hire Temora 1000 at Temora Airport in October.



Lance during the Supersprint at Mt Panorama Photo Tony Hanrahan

Stuart was quickest with a fastest time of 14.01 while Lance recorded 16.07.

I also noticed a former member Russell Stenhouse (Torana) competing, Russell will be remembered by older club members for being the second member of the Conrod Straight 3

second club

## THREE MEMBERS AT FOSC

By Tony Hanrahan

The October FoSC race meeting saw Bruce and James Rooke enter in regularity Bruce in the MG B and James in the Volante Ford.

Bruce only practiced while James finished his day with a 16<sup>th</sup>, a 17<sup>th</sup> and a 13<sup>th</sup> at a best time of 1 28 06. Brett McFarland entered his Hyundai Excel for his father Phil who finished the day with a 19<sup>th</sup>, a 23<sup>rd</sup> and a 20<sup>th</sup> with a best time of 1 12 26.

## MARK AT RALLYSPRINT

By Tony Hanrahan

Mark Hammond has contested the last two rounds of the Whiteline Twilight Rallysprint Series at Sydney Dragway in his Jaguar XJS V12. In round two Mark was navigated by David Catt and they finished 31<sup>st</sup> outright in a time of 2.24.73.

Round three Mark was navigated by his son Anthony and they finished 36<sup>th</sup> with a time of 2.38.47.

## MUNDAY AT MASTERS

By Tony Hanrahan

Bob Munday had his Ford Mustang at the 2016 Australian Muscle Car Masters at Sydney Motorsport Park in October where he qualified 3<sup>rd</sup> for Group Nb with a time of 1.53.67.



Bob Munday in his Ford Mustang

Photo Tony Hanrahan

Bob contested four races over the weekend finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> outright in all four races.

## COMPETITORS CHALLENGED BY BATHURST

By CAMS Quick Read

The first-ever Challenge Bathurst has been run and won, with over 320 drivers competing over four days at Mount Panorama in late November.

The event included a 'Lightning Sprint' Supersprint on the Thursday and Friday, with the 'Thunder Regularity' running on Saturday and Sunday. A diverse range of racers competed at the event, which included teams preparing for the upcoming Bathurst 12 Hour in February and the Australian Production Car Series' 6 Hour in March.

As well as top teams like Erebus Motorsport GT, MARC Cars Australia and the M6 BMW shared by Mark Skaife, Tony Longhurst and Russell Ingall, car clubs from around Australia all took on the Mountain. The Z Car Club of Queensland not only competed, but also provided some officials for the event as did the Bathurst Light Car Club based on Conrod Straight.

The Supersprint was divided into three groups and eight classes, with the Regularity trial runs split into five groups. Over 100 competitors participated in the Supersprint sessions, with Chaz Mostert fastest clocking an impressive 2:04.291.

In addition to the event, volunteer officials were also rewarded with 'appreciation laps' from the team at V8RACE Fastrack Experience.



## BLCC MEMBERS TAKE ON CHALLENGE BATHURST

By Tony Hanrahan

While many club members were getting dirty at the motorkhana others were taking on Mt Panorama in the first Challenge Bathurst Thunder Regularity.



The meeting was held over two days with all drivers having two sessions each day. Tony King (MX5) won his group while Bradley Schumacher (Lotus) was the quickest of the BLCC members.

While members were competing a very large number of the officials were BLCC members as well, stewards, scrutineers, chaplain, flaggies and fire crew.

Following a hugely successful debut event in November, organisers are pleased to confirm that Challenge Bathurst will return to a late November weekend date in 2017.



If the first year is an indicator BLCC members will be lining up again next year. Here is some of the action from 2016.





Ron Meek all good  
after the car wash  
problem dried  
Photo Tony  
Hanrahan



Wayne Bowden, Bob Lundie-  
Jenkins back turned and Chief  
Fire Marshal, Mick O'Conner  
Photo Tony Hanrahan



Dave Reynolds in the Spray FX Nissan Photo Tony Hanrahan



James Levin using the power of the Panorama Automotive Commodore Photo Tony Hanrahan



Mark Tobin passing in The Chase Photo Tony Hanrahan







Sue Dixon cleaning up  
after a Porsche tripped  
Photo Tony Hanrahan



Tony King on his way to  
a Group win Photo Tony  
Hanrahan



John Markwick quicker  
than red BMW's Photo  
Tony Hanrahan



Mal Pollard living the dream in The Chase Photo Tony Hanrahan

Eric Thorpe in red Kevin Thurtell white hair on track Photo Tony Hanrahan



## REVISED BLCC SCORING RULES

Commencing in the 2017 competition year from 1<sup>st</sup> January, the following changes will apply to the scoring rules for the Club.

1. Points will be allocated in the Club Championship according to the resulting position in class for BLCC members, with additional points being awarded for outright positions. Should any two or more drivers finish equal in a class or outright position, drivers will be allocated equal points and the next position will not be allocated points.
2. For the Club Championship, the lowest scoring event for each competitor will be dropped from the final results. This may be an event in which the competitor did not compete. If however, an event is cancelled and not rescheduled, that event may not be used/nominated as the round to be dropped for lowest points.

Mick Tuckey, BLCC President



## NSSCC Whiteline Tarmac Rally Sprint Series

by Norman Wise

Three members of the Bathurst Light Car Club competed in this series held at Eastern Creek dragway venue. Mark Hammond & Dave Catt competed in Mark's yellow Jaguar XJS V12. Norman Wise was navigating for Bathurst local Alan Urquhart in Alan's Subaru WRX STI. A total of 81 entries competed.

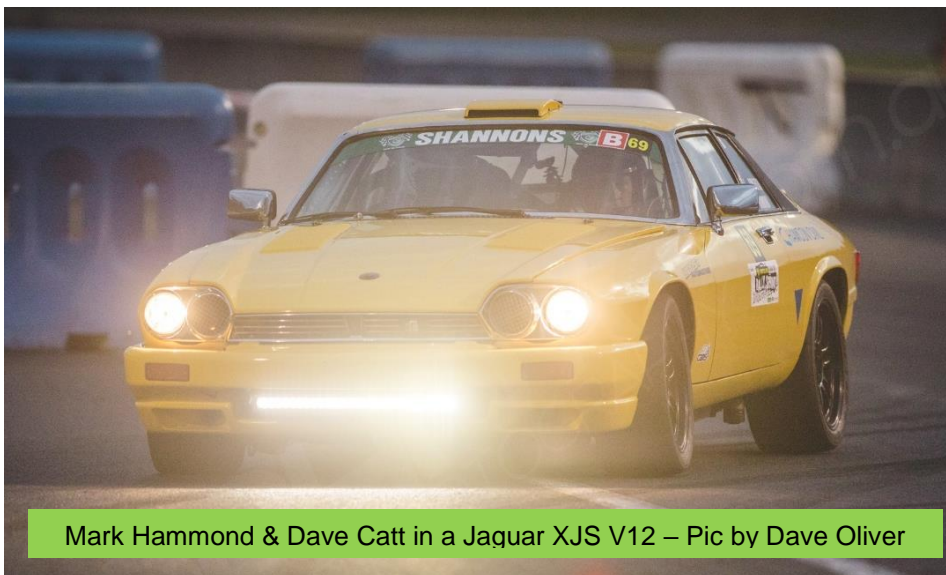
This tarmac rally series is run by NSSCC over summer on a Thursday night from 5pm as a day/night



Alan Urquhart & Norman Wise in a Subaru WRX STI – Pic Dave Oliver

rally over a challenging 3.2km tarmac circuit taking in the car park, service roads and drag strip at Eastern Creek venue in Sydney. Competition starts at 6pm and there are 5 runs during the evening, once each hour. The total time of the best 3 runs determines the winner.

Mark & Dave finished 26<sup>th</sup> overall with a total time of 7:15.8 and Alan & Norman finished 28<sup>th</sup> overall 3 seconds behind them with a total time of 7:18.9. The Jags



Mark Hammond & Dave Catt in a Jaguar XJS V12 – Pic by Dave Oliver

fastest lap time was 2:24.7 and for the Subaru was 2:22.8. Mark and Dave also picked up best presented crew in the bright yellow Jag.

The next event Round 3 is Thursday 15 December 2016. Further rounds will

be held on 16 Feb 2017 & 16 Mar 2017. It is a great event just to watch as there is a huge variety of cars competing from Molly Taylor in an ARC rally car, Neil Bates in a replica Lancia Stratos, time attack circuit cars, drift cars and a variety

of classic cars. We also met 3 Irish families competing in Mk2 Escorts brought out from Ireland. All 3 Escorts were sideways on every corner! Its certainly a fun night out and there are food and coffee outlets.

In Round 3 Martin McLoughlin and Norman Wise will be competing in Martin's Torana. Dave Catt and Toby Ivanovic will be competing in Dave's Subaru



Impreza. Mark Hammond will be back with his son Anthony in the big Jag.

Dave Catt, Mark Hammond and Toby Ivanovic – "Best Presented Crew" Award – Pic Dave Oliver

## CLASSIC VEHICLE SCHEME FOR NSW

As you may be aware, RMS has announced the commencement of the Classic Vehicle Scheme for NSW. This is a conditional scheme which is similar to the current Historic Scheme but it also caters for vehicles that have been modified and do not comply with the RMS rules for Historic Registration.

Link to RMS Page: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/classic-vehicles/index.html>

Phil Mudie, from the Southern Motoring Association, is giving a presentation at the Bathurst Light Car Club rooms at 4:00 PM on Saturday, January 7, 2017. The meeting will include a presentation from Phil and then questions and comments from the room.

The BLCC will be opening their rooms and their bar for refreshments at 3:30. It is important for all Clubs that participate in the current RMS scheme for Conditional Registration, to be fully aware of this new scheme as it seems likely RMS will audit and enforce the originality clauses of current Historic Rego.

For catering purposes please contact: Paul Catt on Mob 0417 225722 or email: [historic.rego@gmail.com](mailto:historic.rego@gmail.com)

# **SAFETY IN MOTOR SPORT**

From CAMS Speed Read

“Motor racing is dangerous”.

It is a disclaimer every enthusiast reads on the back of every ticket. But increasingly CAMS and its parallel organisation, the Australian Institute of Motor Sport Safety (AIMSS), are working to reduce the impact of high speed collision.

The challenge for CAMS, and for the FIA, has been to be proactive. In 2004 the FIA began the FIA Institute for Motor Sport Safety and Sustainability.

In 2007 CAMS began AIMSS. AIMSS was the first specific motor sport research organisation created by any one of the FIA's ASNs. CAMS President and FIA board member John Large was appointed Deputy President of the FIA Institute, supporting the Founding President, the legendary Professor Sid Watkins.

In Australia three years later, Large was instrumental in the appointment of another motor sport safety crusader, Dr Michael Henderson, as the first



President of AIMSS. Max Mosely formed the FIA Expert Advisory Safety Committee following the black weekend at Imola in May 1994 at which both world champion Ayrton Senna and Roland Ratzenberger were killed in separate race crashes.

Mosely determined no driver would again die in Formula 1. Over twenty years later that goal has remained intact.

Both Sid Watkins and Michael Henderson became even more determined safety advocates after the deaths of world champion drivers. For Watkins it was Senna, a driver to whom he had allowed himself to become exceptionally close. For Henderson it was the death of Jochen Rindt.



In 1968, Henderson was already the author of a seminal book entitled simply 'Motor Racing in Safety: the Human Factors', in which he advocated the use of restraints in open wheelers, against a weight of opinion that still claimed it was better to be flung free.

A year later Henderson devised the six point restraint harness—shoulders, hips and pelvis—and he became a devotee. There were no regulations mandating its use. Each driver had the right to choose. "It was just before Monza in 1970. I'd not met Rindt before but that night I dined with him and did my best to advocate the use of the six point harness,"

Henderson said. "He was irrationally concerned about his crown jewels. He'd heard of people being severely injured. I told him that a single crotch strap should only be used as a harness stabiliser... But crotch straps fitted as a pair are designed to bear weight on the pubic bones. They curl around each hip like a parachute harness. "Rindt would have none of it."

In practice on the high speed Monza circuit, Rindt ran without wings at the suggestion of team boss Colin Chapman, sacrificing downforce for top speed. Braking for the right hand Parabolica, his Lotus turned hard left into the safety barrier. With no crotch restraint he submarined forward. His throat caught on his four-point harness and he suffered catastrophic injuries.

Rindt had won five of the 10 Grands Prix that year and so became the sport's only posthumous champion.

The six point harness was made mandatory for Formula 1 cars in 1973. Garry Connelly, now Deputy President of the FIA Institute and board member of AIMSS, says of Watkins and Henderson: "To say their contribution to road safety has been immeasurable is still an understatement."

In December 2011 former V8 Supercar driver Mark Larkham became a director of AIMSS, joining Chairman Bob Glindemann who replaced Michael Henderson. Glindemann provided the steady hand, and Larkham, a passionate safety advocate, provided the energy.

Another Australian expat success, Sam Michael, formerly the Sporting Director of McLaren, has become its patron. Garry Connelly is a strong advocate of collaboration between the FIA Institute and AIMSS.

In one respect AIMSS is the mouse that roared—a comparatively underfunded research unit, geographically isolated from the traditional centre of motor sport. "We are respected for our initiative, and we contribute strongly in terms of intellect," Connelly says of AIMSS. "In some respects Australia has taken a position of leadership, driving projects which might otherwise not have been given as much traction".

# **Khanacross**

**22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY**

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**Scrutineering at 8.00pm**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> February**

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