



**July to  
September  
2023**

# **BLOWER**



**Bob's gone up the Creek**

**BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB**

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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

Once again collecting enough material to fill more than a minimum number of pages has been a challenge however, I hope this edition contains enough information to make it of interest to Members.

By the time this edition is released, Members will be aware that due to my personal circumstances, I have stood down from the Club Committee and will not be available to stand as Competition Secretary or Blower Editor at the next AGM.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with BLCC and have been blessed with friendships and acquaintances that will last a lifetime. I am looking to leave Bathurst for a new adventure sometime in the new year but am happy to assist who ever takes on my roles going forward. Thank you to one and all for giving me the ride of my life for the past 8 years, it has been great fun and I will miss you all.

I hope you enjoy the read and as usual, please 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 process 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.

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**

Welcome to our latest Blower for September 2023 – this may be the last one under the hand/keyboard of Bob. We are looking for a new Editor (please consider)

As the year rolls on it is a time to reflect on the fact that we cannot take all things for granted. This has been brought sadly to mind with our recent sad loss of Andrew Robinson, son of David and Mandy Robinson who are both Club life members. Andrew's passing was a very sad occasion and overwhelming respect for he and his family was exhibited at his funeral service by a massive gathering.

Moving forward it is regretted that for reasons unbeknown to us, entries for the Esses Hillclimb scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> September failed to get anywhere near a breakeven level, to enable the event to run. Unfortunately, the Club has to set a calendar 12 months in advance with little knowledge of other events envisaged by other Clubs and organisations.

I must stress here that access to use of Mt Panorama for Club events is hindered by the "LOCK OUT" periods imposed by the major event organisers under contractual arrangements with Council. Accordingly, we are limited in prime-time access weather wise – further to this, running an event is a costly exercise with significant associated charges, perhaps not appreciated by those not involved in organising events. We don't get any discounts from Council and the charges are a gazetted rate which is set without exception - for example, a competitor vehicle usage charge, depending on the event status ie club, state or national.

It is anticipated that the annual Speed Weekend on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October will be more attractive – certainly the weather (fingers crossed) should be more friendly. For that event we will be entertaining approximately 60 vehicles from Variety Club of SA at the end of a charity run – they were here back in about 2015 for our May Super Sprint. Should be a big weekend.

I must advise, regrettably, that Bob Lundie-Jenkins has for personal reasons resigned from Committee and advised that he will not be around next year as he will be moving on to greener pastures. Accordingly, he will not be available to continue in his busy roles as Competition Secretary, (which is an integral part of Club operations), Blower Editor and also Clerk of Course at Quarry events. Bob's assistance will be greatly missed, as here again is a process taken somewhat for granted to those unaware of the effort needed to be put in so others can enjoy their passion for motorsport.

Finding a replacement for Bob, for both of those positions mentioned above, need desperate and serious consideration by younger members to carry the Club forward please – Bob (remotely) and others will assist and support new

persons and the tasks for a younger tech savvy individuals should be a “piece of cake” – PLEASE CONSIDER. Here is a great opportunity for those people who have put forward new ideas about how to run the Club’s operations to have a chance to put them into action. Please don’t let me hold you back as we need innovation (within the rules) and new blood.

I too would like to step down as President next AGM, to catch up on some retirement time, now that my wife Pam has fully retired – we want to do some overseas travel. As Bob has also suggested, I am happy to assist the incoming President if required, particularly with provision of outside of Club contact details. I am not interested in getting overly involved or interfering in the newly elected Committee as I encourage new blood into Club management positions.

Historic vehicle owners please keep on the ball with your vehicle compliance and log book entries- ***please note that events listed in the Blower unless organised by BLCC are not covered as “Club activities”*** as was assumed previously. Transport for NSW inspectors and Police are focusing on vehicle use with emphasis on vehicles that are obviously not very original. This comment is not a reflection on any of our cars I merely bring it to your attention should your vehicle be a little different to original if on “H” or “J” plates. There have been instances where whole Clubs have been audited and inspected after incidents and on a few extreme occasions number plates taken.

We still desperately need, resources permitting, to conduct a major Working B at the Quarry, in particular to clear some space to expand the available parking. Scott Sims was successful in securing some safety barriers from Coates Hire to erect in some areas around the courses for increased safety, particularly for junior competitors. When the time comes something will go out on Facebook and I hope all members who like to use and compete at the Quarry will be supportive of the cause - now is the time to get into action with your hands and fix those matters you may have liked to offer comment about at some stage. It is your Club and playground – look after it and don’t leave the hard stuff to “somebody else” as they may not be available.

Please give your attention and consideration to future management needs of your club as we move forward. It is imperative that primary positions be taken up by members who have the Club’s future in mind and ongoing activities foremost in mind and heart. Management should be for the benefit of all members across all activities.

Please note that in the event that nobody, for example, takes on the Competition Secretary’s role, effectively this means Quarry activity won’t happen as no permits will be acquired to facilitate the conduct of the event. Please note that events don’t just happen - it takes preparation work in advance with co-ordination of officials and other resources including simple things like the BBQ.



That's all for now, see you at the next General Meeting.

Mick Tuckey  
President



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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 at least 7 days before the meeting. The request is to be emailed to [secretary@blcc.com.au](mailto:secretary@blcc.com.au) not to any one individual.
2. Details of the matter to be discussed must be included at the time of initial request and any written documents to be produced are to be submitted at time of seeking approval to attend – this will enable the Committee members to read, assess and research if needs 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

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# 2023 CALENDAR

BLCC EVENTS

SEPTEMBER	10	Esses Hill Climb	BLCC	Club
SEPTEMBER	17	Come and Try Motorkhana	BLCC	Club
SEPTEMBER	15-17	Sandown 500	SC	National
OCTOBER	5-8	Bathurst 1000	SC	National
OCTOBER	13-15	Adelaide Hills Rally	ARC	Australian
OCTOBER	27-29	Gold Coast 500	SC	National
OCTOBER	28	Speed Weekend – Supersprint	BLCC	Club
OCTOBER	29	Speed Weekend – Mount Straight Hill Climb	BLCC	Club
NOVEMBER	12	Khanacross	BLCC	Club
NOVEMBER	24-26	National Capital Rally	ARC	Australian
NOVEMBER	23-26	Adelaide 500	SC	National
NOVEMBER	29	Club Meeting	BLCC	Meeting
DECEMBER	9	BLCC Christmas Party and Presentation Night	BLCC	Social

## CAR GRILLE BADGES



Another round of 50 car grille badges are now on sale at \$45 each or \$55 if postage is required with up to two badges per postal pack. Contact Club President Mick Tuckey on 0408 659862 to order.



## **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.

Mick Tuckey  
President

## **JULY MOTORKHANA**

A freezing start to the day with minus 5 recorded on site. 13 come and try competitors were on hand with a number being 12 year old new drivers.

Five runs were conducted and the competition amongst juniors particularly, was very close. Five club cars were available as a result of David Catts efforts on Saturday to get all powered up and then on Sunday morning, he actually cleaned the outside of each car so great effort which was appreciated by all.

Courses were set with the able assistance of Adam Bloomfield and daughter Abbey, as well as Steve Langley, who did a great job as Scrutineer and then assisted Neville Ling with the lunch time barbeque. Neville also provided support with driving the emergency response vehicle which thankfully wasn't required.

Timekeeping was in the hands of Shannon Sims who did an excellent job with the support of Mrs Harris, Mum of three of the young come and try competitors. Phil Burgett again provided all the duties of the Event Secretary so a good team all round.



The outright winner on the day was Geoffrey Sims with Junior Volkan Gunduz in second and Scott Sims in third Place. Fastest Junior was Volkan Gunduz who really put on a controlled and well drilled performance. Jamie Healy was in second place and Charlie Nash finally making it to the podium after slowly growing as a competitor over recent events.

The come and try competitors all improved as the day progressed and a number of new Club memberships are expected to result as well as most looking to return with a full MSA license. Another outstanding event for BLCC and congratulations to all competitors for the great enthusiasm they demonstrated for the sport.



## 75<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALIAN HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

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



*“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, Mark 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.

**To obtain your boxed set  
contact Mick Tuckey on 0408 659 862**

**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 Historic 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

**For attention of all Quarry Competitors**

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT BLCC CARS ARE FOR THE USE OF BLCC JUNIOR MEMBERS AND FIRST TIME COME and TRY PARTICIPANTS ONLY FOR \$10 PER EVENT PER VEHICLE.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF JUNIOR COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO REMAIN ONSITE DURING COMPETITION.



## 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.

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But most importantly, the Bathurst Light Car Club needs you to become an official NOW! We are desperately short of volunteers to help with our program of events running right through 2023 and going forward. Go online to [motorsportaustralia.com](http://motorsportaustralia.com) to sign up and complete the introductory course, or –



**CONTACT NEVILLE LING TO  
SIGN UP – 0416 226755**

## 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, whereby the vehicle entered is fitted with the necessary requirements to ensure the effective use of a FHR.

In implementing this for Speed events 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.

Any further queries can be directed to [technical@motorsportAustralia.com.au](mailto:technical@motorsportAustralia.com.au)



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## **AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup> KHANACROSS**

Another cool but dry morning to begin with however, a short shower ensured that the dust would not be a problem for the 15 competitors entered, 9 of which were juniors.

Unfortunately, Steve Langley came down with Covid so David Catt volunteered to take his place and there were no significant issues with the process.

After an approach to the Clerk of Course from Helen and Gwyne Mulholand, it was agreed that Scott Sims should be formally assessed during the event as a Clerk of Course and he undertook most of the duties of the C of C during the day including course setting, adjudicating on challenges to applied penalties, which he sorted to the mutual satisfaction of all.

Once the driver's briefing was complete the first sighting lap was conducted, and competition got underway close to schedule.



Despite the high number of junior entrants, there were no concerning incidents throughout the 6 runs conducted during the event. A few of the competitors learnt more about their limits than others but all competitors completed all runs



which was something of a surprising, but a great result.

Competition was completed by 3pm and with the support of a number of competitors, all equipment was stored away and the final results and juniors presentation was completed by 3.40pm.

In the overall category, David Catt was first, Volkan Gunduz was second and Mathew Paul was third. While in the juniors, Volkan Gunduz was first, Robert Neal Junior was second and Max Selmes was third.

A small trophy presentation was held for the junior placegetters as an encouragement for their efforts. The barbeque was very successfully conducted by Neville Ling demonstrating his multi-skilling abilities.

Deanne Hudson and Shannon Sims were our Timekeepers for the event and our Event Secretary Phil Burgett did his usual very competent and professional job.



Another successful day of motorsport at the Quarry.



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# **Come N Try MOTORKHANA**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**The Quarry, John Windsor Motorsport Park**  
**College Road, Bathurst**

## **SPEED WEEKEND**

**28<sup>TH</sup> and 29<sup>TH</sup> October**

**SUPERSPRINT SATURDAY**  
**MOUNTAIN STRAIGHT HILL CLIMB SUNDAY**  
**OFFICIALS REQUIRED**

## **KHANACROSS**

**Sunday 12<sup>TH</sup> November 2023**  
**The Quarry, John Windsor Motorsport Park**  
**College Road, Bathurst**

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PRESENTATION NIGHT**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> – TICKETS FOR SALE SOON**