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NEXT MEETING 27TH MARCH 6.30PM FOR SNACKS  
NEXT EVENTS

24TH MARCH MOTORKHANA  
5TH APRIL VISUAL NAVIGATION TRIAL  
21ST APRIL KHANACROSS

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# President Report

Thank you to all who attended the Annual General Meeting and congratulations to those people that have taken a position in the club. I'm sure we have a great lot of people that will work well together over the next 12 months, for the benefit of the club.

The State Hillclimb was a great success. We have had some emails from competitors thanking us for a great weekend. Thanks to all those that worked hard to make the event successful. We were a little short on officials on Sunday. Tim Edmondson again pulled something special out of the bag on his last run to again just beat Doug Barry for an outright win.

Whilst on the subject of officials unless someone comes forward before the next General Meeting to act as Secretary for the events set down for the 11 & 12 of May these events will have to be cancelled.

Also on officials the club is running a Super Sprint on Sunday the 26 April for the GT Falcon Nationals. Please put this date in your diary and give me a ring. This will be a chance for everyone to help with the club finances. If you have a Ford you can try their website and may be able to enter. Still more on officials and the club and it is yet to be confirmed but it is hoped to hold a Basic Training Course on the 4 May. More information will follow. Helen Mulholland, with the aid of a couple of assistants, will conduct the course. As already mentioned we are getting very short on registered officials.

As some of you are aware I was not at the State Hillclimb but at the Rally of Canberra where I had the misfortune to witness Leigh Gotch's accident on the Mine Shaft. Most people will have now seen the incident on the TV news or if you haven't I believe it is on YouTube. Both boys were OK and attempts were made to fix the car but I believe they were one part short. I believe that, at the time of the accident, he had the second fastest time. Steven Wells in his brand new Ford Escort finished 35<sup>th</sup>. This was a good result as the car had not turned a wheel in a rally till that day. A loose exhaust and a new fuel pump were all that were required so we had a good rally.

Another event in the planning stages with a date yet to be set is at Motor Sport Park. This will involve a working bee in the morning and a sausage sizzle for lunch. After lunch we will be having scrutineering and car maintenance for the juniors and we will also have a come and try motorkhana course set up. Juniors keep an eye out for this one and bring Dad and a friend. The date will probably be announced at the next General Meeting.

Robert Wells  
President





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**THE 15<sup>TH</sup>**



**PROGRAM**

**Saturday: Show and Shine**

Over 300 cars in the Pit Area  
Trade Stands, Carnival Rides, Food Stalls

**Sunday: 'SUPERSPRINT' on Conrod Straight**

100 cars  
Era Race Car display

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## **NATIONAL CAPITAL RALLY**

The first round of the combined Australian Rally Championship and NSW Rally Championship had mixed results, four teams were entered two started but only one finished.

John Hills/Mick Tuckey (Escort BDA) and David Hills/Paul Bennett (Escort BDA) were entered in the ARC Classic class but did not start.

Leigh Gotch & John McCarthy (Subaru WRX STi) started in the FWD class and were second after SS1 only to crash out in the second stage and took no further part in the rally.

In the NSW Rally Steven Wells/Adam Geary (Escort) produced the best result finishing third in class to head the BLCC members' home.

## **PORCUPINE LOOKOUT HILLCLIMB – GUNNEDAH**

Gwyn Mullholland (Mitsubishi FTO) travelled to Gunnedah for a Porcupine Lookout hillclimb. Gwyn managed a class win with a time of 41.37 seconds for the climb. The hillclimb attracted a field of thirty two drivers.

## **DOUG BARRY STILL ON TOP**

A first outright at Kempsey followed by two second outrights at Bathurst has Doug Barry leading the NSW Hillclimb Championship with 36 points.

Doug leads Tim Edmondson on 32 points with Ron Hay third on 25 points, they will renew their battle for the 2013 title at Canberra on April 7<sup>th</sup> at Fairbairn Park. Class wise after the two Bathurst rounds Philip Edwards (Mini) leads his class and Ron Gallagher is 3<sup>rd</sup> in class after electing not to run at Mt Panorama.



Martin McLaughlin exiting The Dipper Mt Panorama

Photo Geoff Benson

## WAKEFIELD 300

Two club members Aden Hadley/Kurt Woodward (Datsun 1000) contested the Wakefield 300 at Goulburn earlier this month with a pleasing result. After two practice sessions and qualifying the team had the Datsun in 25<sup>th</sup> spot on the grid in a field of forty seven.

The race did not start well when a BMW tried to exchange panels with the Datsun but Aden and Kurt were able to recover and finished the Wakefield 300 in 30<sup>th</sup> place completing 114 laps with a fastest lap of 1.10.34 only four seconds slower than the winner's fastest lap and less than half a second slower than their own qualifying time.



The Hadley/Woodward Datsun 1000 at the Wakefield 300

Photo Sue Dixon

## MARCH CLUB MEETING

There will be no problem with member's getting through the road block to go to the March club meeting. Members just tell the security officer at the Conrod Straight road closure that they are going to BLCC meeting. James O'Brien has advised that he has already contacted the security people to arrange for access for members and their friends.

It would be a good idea to show your BLCC membership card as a matter of courtesy.

## MARCH 27<sup>th</sup> BLCC CLUB MEETING

**6.30pm for 7.30pm**

**CLUBROOMS MT PANORAMA**



## BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB 2013

<b>24 March 2013</b>	Motorkhana
<b>12 April 2013</b>	Visual Navigation Trial – 2 <b>(Change of date)</b>
<b>21 April 2013</b>	Khanacross
<b>28 April 2013</b>	Ford GT Supersprint
<b>Note:</b> The Supersprint is being run by BLCC for Ford GT Club – Club Members may be invited to enter if the GT Club need more competitors to make up their numbers	
<b>11 May 2013</b>	Esses Hillclimb
<b>12 May 2013</b>	Supersprint (To be confirmed)
<b>16 June 2013</b>	Khanacross
<b>28 June 2013</b>	Visual Navigation Trial - 3
<b>21 July 2013</b>	Motorkhana
<b>11 August 2013</b>	Khanacross
<b>24 August 2013</b>	Supersprint (To be confirmed)
<b>25 August 2013</b>	Mountain Straight Hillclimb
<b>15 September 2013</b>	Motorkhana
<b>20 September 2013</b>	Visual Navigation Trial – 4
<b>20 October 2013</b>	Visual Navigation Trial – 5 <b>Full Day</b>
<b>26 October 2013</b>	BLCC 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations
<b>10 November 2013</b>	Khanacross
<b>30 November/1 December</b>	Set aside for a speed weekend if work on the track surface permits. If a speed weekend is not possible a Motorkhana & Khanacross will be held at the Motor Sport Park on these dates

**14 December 2013** Christmas Party and Presentation Night

**Events run by the WRX Club** - BLCC invitation events - not part of our championship. Speed Events eligible for Peter Janson Speed Event Championship, please submit results. See rules.

<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	SMP South
<b>Saturday 8 June</b>	Wakefield Driver Training Day
<b>Sunday 9 June</b>	Wakefield Park Supersprint
<b>Sunday 24 August</b>	SMP Full circuit
<b>Sunday 8 September</b>	Wakefield Park
<b>October Date TBA</b>	Khanacross Sheep & Cattle Drome
<b>Sunday 10 November</b>	SMP South

**Other Events that will be of interest to Members are:**

- **April 3,4 & 5 2013** - Newtons Playground (not yet confirmed)
- **April 12,13 & 14 2013** - Bathurst Show
- **August 16 – 24 2013** - Kidney Kar Rally
- **September 12 to15 2013** - WRC Coffs Harbour
- **October 12 & 13 2013** - Bathurst 1000

**AMSAG Southern Cross Rally Series**

- Round 1 – Bago Rally – 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- Round 2 – Jenolan Rally – 27<sup>th</sup> April
- Round 3 – Orange Rally – 25<sup>th</sup> May
- Round 4 – Blacksmiths Inn Rally (Johns River) – 24<sup>th</sup> August
- Round 5 – Bombala 200 Rally – 26<sup>th</sup> October





# **Melbourne F1 Grand Prix**

Story by Sue Dixon

Day 1 - Wow. What a ride. I put my name down after the Bathurst V8s to be a Fire/Rescue marshall for the Grand Prix in Melbourne, it seemed such a long way away, but here it was, we were on our way to Melbourne. Wayne and I were travelling down on Tuesday and Aden and Emily were meeting us there on Thursday. The trip itself was uneventful, I was a little apprehensive about what I was going to find when I arrived, but we forged on anyway. Accreditation was Wednesday and we negotiated trains and trams and finally arrived at Albert Park around 9.30 in the morning where I met Mike O'Conner (Chief Fire Marshall) who informed me that I was in 'Fire 2', a fire and rescue vehicle, and our job was fire and rescue (should Rescue be required). As we left Accreditation he dropped the next bombshell - oh, and by the way, you guys are the chase car. I nearly had a heart attack, the chase car! Well that is how the event started, and it didn't disappoint in any way. First thing on day 1 I had my first experience of the Albert Park Circuit where we proceeded to do a couple of laps (purely for reconnaissance purposes of course), what a track. We arrived at our position for the weekend, turn 4, and then we were scrambled (that's fire talk) to a fire between turn 9 and turn 10. A Valiant Charger had an engine fire and was in all sorts of trouble. We dealt with it in record time and then returned to our position, by this time full of adrenalin and raring to go.

Day 2 was even better. Our driver decided that I needed to pay a visit to Pit Lane so he drove through, stopping at each of the F1 teams garages on the way for me to take photos. This was the day when we did our first 'chase'. We lined up on the grid behind the V8s. Wow, do those things move when they get going, and so does our fire ute! I was holding on for dear life through the first couple of turns. What an exhilarating experience, heading for corner 1 wondering if all the cars were going to get safely through or whether we were going to encounter a major crash when we got to the corner behind them. We did a couple of other chases, we were on track behind the Carrera Cup, the Celebrity Race, and the Sports Cars, and then the 'big boys' took to the track. The F1 cars came out to play. Wow, totally amazing, especially to be so close to them and then the high point of the weekend, Sebastian Vettel broke down at our point and both he and his car came to visit. He was there for about 3 mins until his car was pushed behind the barriers and then he was collected by a 'boundary rider' (guys on trail bikes whose job it is to run messages from point to point), and he was gone but we had the car there for the rest of the practice session and got to have a really good look at it. What an amazing piece of machinery. The end of day 2 produced another 'scramble' to a fire in a WRX but it was a bit of a non-event.

Day 3 saw a couple of more chases and qualifying for the GP, when the rain started we were all starting to wonder what would eventuate, but it was smooth sailing all the way and qualifying was postponed until the following day.

Day 4, another couple of chases and the big race. All went smoothly and before I knew, it was all over. What a weekend. I owe a big thankyou to Chris, Mike, and Jamie, from the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade, who were my team mates for the weekend. What a great group of guys. I have been invited back to be the fourth member of their team again next year, and I think I might just take them up on it. Now I have just the memories and the photos, but I don't think I am going to

forget it any time soon. What a disappointment it was opening my office door and sitting down at my computer on my first day back at work. Bring on 2014.



Sue Dixon second from right at the F1

Photo supplied by Sue Dixon

# **KHANACROSS**

21 April 2013

**“THE QUARRY”**

COLLEGE ROAD

**MT PANORAMA**

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN 2013

Members of Bathurst Light Car Club are contesting events in all states and overseas in 2013 and the other members would like to keep up with your progress, so drop us a note. The Blower staff wants your story.



Aden Hadley (left) and Kurt Woodward before the Wakefield 300

Photo Sue Dixon

**We need your story here next month**

## Visual Navigation Trial

**CHANGE OF DATE**

**12 APRIL 2013**

**6.00PM FOR 6.30PM START**

**Bathurst Real Estate**



# BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB LTD

## Membership Application/Renewal

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### PERSONAL DETAILS:

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first names family name

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address

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: / /

Note: the above e-mail address will be used for delivery of official notices and Blower. If delivery by mail required tick the box.

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### MEMBER DECLARATION

I apply for membership or renewal of membership of the Bathurst Light Car Club Limited, and request you to enter my name on the Register of Members. I acknowledge my personal details may be disclosed for the purposes of BLCC business. I agree to be bound by the Club's Memorandum and Articles of Association, Constitution and any Rules, Regulations and By-laws of the Club from time to time in force.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: / /

**If under 18 years of age a signature of parent or legal guardian is required below**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /  
parent/guardian

### New Applicants Only

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_ Mship No \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Mship No \_\_\_\_\_  
print name

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

New applications will be presented to the next Club Committee meeting for acceptance. From receipt of your application until consideration by the Committee you will become a Temporary Member of the class for which you have applied. (Please allow six weeks for this process)

### APPLICATION TYPE: please tick

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Membership

☐ Membership Renewal

☐ \$55 - Full membership

☐ \$85 - Family (2 adults and two dependant children under 18 - membership form required for each member)

☐ \$25 - Senior (60 plus)

☐ \$70 - Husband/Wife/Partner (membership form required for each member)

☐ \$20 - Junior

☐ \$15 - Social

Please attach payment in Cash/ Cheque/ Money Order. Cheques to be made payable to Bathurst Light Car Club Ltd.

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Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Decision Yes/No

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Decision Date \_\_\_\_\_

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