

THE BLOWER

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Motor racing is not all good fun, sometimes there is pain

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FROM THE EDITOR

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

This month, Scott Sims covers the final Khanacross for the year and explains the source of our cover pic. Tony Hanrahan reports on the activities of a number of our members and Brian Newton from Supercars provides a recap of the Great Race.

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Till next time – safe motoring.

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

RENTAL OF BLCC CLUBROOMS FOR 2017 LIQUI MOLY BATHURST 12 HOUR

Expressions of interest are sought from current financial Club members to hire the Clubrooms for the 2017 Liqui Moly Bathurst 12 Hour race event in February 2017. Details are as follows:

- Sole use of the Clubrooms from Wednesday 1st February 2017 to Monday 6th February 2017 (5 nights)
- Rental fee of \$3500 for 5 nights plus a \$1000 security bond which will be refundable if Clubrooms are left in a clean and tidy condition and no damage is incurred
- If more than one expression of interest is received, a ballot will be conducted at the Club General Meeting on 26 October 2016

It should be noted that the Club Member who is awarded the use of the Clubrooms is to be in attendance at the Clubrooms for the 5 night duration specified above. The payment of \$4500 (rental fee and bond) is to be paid to the Club by 31 December 2016.

Expressions of Interest are to be received by the Club Secretary by 24th October 2016.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2016, COMMENCING AT 7.35 PM

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Gwyn Mulholland, Helen Mulholland, Mick Williamson, Matt Windsor, Rob Wells.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 31 AUGUST 2016

MOVED: Rod Jones SECONDED: Scott Sims

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Scott Sims thanked David Catt for his efforts in securing a transportable office for the Quarry. The matter of a working bee to site the office and other work to be carried out at Quarry will be held around end of October.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

MOVED: Scott Sims SECONDED: Ian Plenderleith

TREASURERS REPORT

In absence of Treasurer, Mick Tuckey detailed items in report. The issue of outstanding payment from Nulon was raised – Mick advised that he would follow this up.

MOVED: John Markwick SECONDED: Ian Plenderleith

QUARRY REPORT

John Windsor advised last motorkhana had 20 entries and was successful day. The next event is a Khanacross on 16 October. Weather conditions will determine which tracks can be used for this event.

MOVED: Tim Burt SECONDED: Ian Plenderleith

GENERAL BUSINESS

Thanks to John Paine - Rally

Ian Plenderleith thanked John Paine for his efforts in organising the Bathurst Rally. John responded thanking all the volunteers who had helped out. Very unfortunate that due to inclement weather and state of roads there was no choice but to cancel the event. John has provided a breakdown of expenses incurred to the Committee.

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.

Possible Rally Sprint Event at Quarry

John Windsor suggested conducting a rally sprint at the Quarry to offset the costs incurred for the cancelled rally. It was acknowledged that this was a good idea, however the Quarry layout did not lend itself to this type of event.

Flowers for Members

Donna Sims advised that the Club would forward flowers to Kathy Hanrahan who is in hospital. John Windsor thanked the Club for the flowers and sympathy expressed by Club members at the loss of his mother in law.

Event Secretary – Speed Weekend

Mick Tuckey advised that to date there is no Event Secretary available for Speed Weekend.

MOVED: Scott Sims SECONDED: Ces Evans

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10 PM

Mick Tuckey

BLCC PRESIDENT

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Whoops there goes another year (almost) with 2 Events to go before the big one – Presentation Night and Christmas Party. Tickets can be purchased from David Robinson (w) 63317433, Matt Windsor (w) 63325323, Donna Sims (w) 63938332 or myself (anytime) 0408659862. Cost has been subsidised by the Club by virtue of committee decision as another way of giving back to members with tickets just Adults \$25 and Juniors \$10 - the usual bar setup and Happy Hour arrangements continue as has been the case previously.

Hope to see you all there – please get your tickets early and certainly by Tuesday 6th December at the latest to assist in finalising catering. We have tentatively catered for 120 however we can get extra should the situation hopefully present.

The most recent event on our 2016 calendar was the last Khanacross for the year and this was very successful with 32 starters – big thank you to Ron Moore and volunteers for a job well done again. We had some visitors for the event, one of whom will not be invited back, however overall this is a very encouraging sign. Thank you to Rodger, who wasn't a Club member and had only come to spectate, but ended up being a very good timekeeper.

Could I remind Juniors and others who may elect to use the Club cars that part of the deal is that you assist with washing those vehicles at the conclusion of the event - the guys who organise the event have done quite enough by the end of the day with a lot of work done before people even get to "The Quarry". We also don't have site cleaning crews available so if everybody, not just juniors, could please assist in making sure the Quarry is free of rubbish after the event it will be very much appreciated -thanks.

The Quarry is looking great with the new office building and other improvements completed by volunteers. Ron Moore is at the front of the charge to initiate working B's to further straighten up a few matters with a view to making things more professional and enjoyable for competitors and officials. The new building was christened at the last Khanacross and all worked very well.

It has been suggested at an informal meeting that early next season we have a familiarisation day at the Quarry. This would be designed to better inform potential new Club members of what to expect when starting off and bring their first car to an event at the Quarry with regard to equipment, track conditions,

presentation, etc. It would also introduce them to the reasons behind those requirements and to assist them in understanding the rules, regulations etc. governing Club activities. We anticipate that this activity will go ahead as early as possible in the new year.

The last major competitive event for the year is Speed Weekend and **“Our Club”** needs **“your”** help if it is to go ahead and for **“your Club”** to continue to operate well into the future. WE NEED VOLUNTEER OFFICIALS – RING SCOTT SIMS TO CONFIRM AVAILABILITY. COME ALONG AND BRING A FRIEND AND MAKE SOME NEW ONES (Please).

From a personal perspective, I like to compete however in doing so, I appreciate and thank personally, whether I know them or not, the officials for making my interest in motorsport happen. On the other side of the equation, I also volunteer to assist wherever possible without discriminating (dirt vs black stuff) so that others can enjoy too. I endeavour to be present in some form at all BLCC events - hopefully showing interest and assisting, not being in the way.

Don't let age worry you in any way, you are never too old nor too young, and every little bit helps to build success on the day in so many ways. Although I only hold a CAMS General Officials licence (in addition to a CAMS competition license) I don't hold yet any specialty qualifications eg event administration or the likes. This is more by virtue of domestic and other business commitments.

Having said that may I encourage members to, wherever possible come forward and look to take up the challenge (and reigns) for some events. It's not that hard - many will appreciate your effort and you will derive great satisfaction from doing a worthwhile job which is well outside your normal daily routine. Turn off and turn on.

Competitor numbers are building well for the Speed Weekend – here again however we have been impacted resource wise for officials as a result of the changed date and running of an AMSAG rally at Oberon on the Saturday for which drinks and tiredness after the event will take its toll.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at the Christmas Presentation and Party evening and look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting on 26th October.

Travel safe in the meantime and good motoring all.

Mick Tuckey

President BLCC

BLCC 2016 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	11	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
SEPTEMBER	16	Sep 16 th - 18 th Sandown 500	V8 S/C	Australian
SEPTEMBER	24	NSW Rally	BLCC	NSW/DRS
OCTOBER	1	Bulahdelah Rally	AMSAG	
OCTOBER	5-9	Supercheap Bathurst 1000	V8 S/C	Australian
OCTOBER	15	Tumut Valley Rally		DRS
OCTOBER	16	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
OCTOBER	21	Oct 21 st to 23 rd Castrol Gold Coast 600	V8 S/C	Australian
OCTOBER	29	Bryant Park, Victoria	AHCC	Australian
OCTOBER	29	Bombala Rally	AMSAG	
NOVEMBER	6	One Day Trial	BLCC	Social
NOVEMBER	4-6	Auckland Supersprint	V8 S/C	Australian
NOVEMBER	4	4 th to 6 th Targa High Country	THC	Australian
NOVEMBER	5	Minidulla	RA	DRS
NOVEMBER	12	Speed Weekend - Supersprint	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	13	Speed Weekend - Hillclimb	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	20	Rally Australia		Aust/NSW
NOVEMBER	24	Nov 24 th to 25 th Supersprint/Regularity	BMF	Australian
NOVEMBER	25	Nov 25 th to 27 th Sydney 5000	V8 S/C	Australian
NOVEMBER	27	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
DECEMBER	10	Presentation/Christmas Party	BLCC	Social

BLCC 2017 CALENDAR

JANUARY	5-8	Summernats 30 - Canberra	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	12	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
FEBRUARY	2-5	Clipsal 500 - Adelaide	S/C	Australia
FEBRUARY	3-5	Bathurst 12 Hour	S/C	Inter
FEBRUARY	13-14	Gnoo Blas Classic - Orange	GBC	Car Show
FEBRUARY	18	18 th Targa North West	TA	Rally
FEBRUARY	22	BLCC AGM & Monthly Meeting	BLCC	Meeting
MARCH	4	NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 1	BLCC	NSW
MARCH	5	NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 2	BLCC	NSW
MARCH	11-12	Bathurst Autofest	B/A	Car Show
MARCH	23-26	AGP F1-Melbourne	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/C	Australia
APRIL	14	Bathurst 6 Hour	B6H	Australia
APRIL	21-23	Phillip Island	S/C	Australia
APRIL	24-29	Targa Tasmania	TA	Rally
APRIL	26	BLCC Monthly Meeting	BLCC	Meeting
APRIL	30	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
MAY	6	Proposed Bathurst Rally	BLCC	M/Club
MAY	7	NSW Hillclimb Championship	KSCC	NSW
MAY	5-7	Barbagallo Raceway	S/C	Australia
MAY	13	Nulon Supersprint	BLCC	Nulon
MAY	14	Nulon Mountain Straight Hillclimb	BLCC	Nulon
MAY	19-23	Winton Raceway	S/C	Australia
MAY	27-28	41 st Historic Winton	Austin	Australian
MAY	31	BLCC Monthly Meeting	BLCC	Meeting
JUNE	4	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
JUNE	11	NSW Hillclimb Championship	GSCC	NSW
JUNE	16-18	Hidden Vally	S/C	Australia
JUNE	23	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
JUNE	28	BLCC Monthly Meeting	BLCC	Meeting
JULY	7-9	Townsville 400	S/C	Australia
JULY	16	NSW Hillclimb Championship	TSCC	NSW
JULY	23	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
JULY	28-30	Queensland Raceway	S/C	Australia
JULY	26	BLCC Monthly Meeting	BLCC	Meeting
AUGUST	6	NSW Hillclimb Championship	MGCCN	NSW
AUGUST	11-19	Kidney Kar Rally	KKR	Charity
AUGUST	13	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
AUGUST	18-20	Sydney Motorsport Park	S/C	Australia
AUGUST	20	Esses Hillclimb	BLCC	M/Club
AUGUST	30	BLCC Monthly Meeting	BLCC	Meeting
SEPTEMBER	10	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
SEPTEMBER	10	NSW Hillclimb Championship	SDMA	NSW
SEPTEMBER	15-17	Sandown 500	S/C	Australia
SEPTEMBER	27	BLCC Monthly Meeting	BLCC	Meeting
OCTOBER	5-8	Bathurst 1000	S/C	Australia
OCTOBER	20-22	Gold Coast 600	S/C	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/C	Australian
NOVEMBER	11	Speed Weekend	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	12	Speed Weekend	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	26	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	29	BLCC Monthly Meeting	BLCC	Meeting
NOVEMBER	TBA	Newcastle	S/C	Australian

CAMS ACCREDITED TRAINING

By Bob Lundie-Jenkins

In a case of putting my money where my mouth is, after posting this item in last month's Blower, I tested the CAMS training program personally. I decided to take on the online modules for Bronze Rally, Event Administration, Event Command and Bronze Circuit and I have now successfully completed each one. I record this not to brag but to demonstrate how quickly you can become a much more useful member of the Bathurst Light Car Club.

The information imparted by these courses was excellent and I now have a much greater appreciation of what is required to officiate in each of the various roles covered by these courses. Your Club needs qualified and accredited officials to keep running events, it is as simple as that so why not try it yourself? Go online to the CAMS website, complete the online course application and within a day, you will receive a password to do the module you have selected and away you go.

LAST KHANACROSS FOR 2016

By Scott Sims

The last Khanacross for 2016 has been run and won, with 35 entries on the day. Fine and warm conditions greeted the competitors to make for an excellent days racing. Although conditions were very dusty the strong breeze kept the dust moving away so the spectators could see the action.

Ian Plenderlieth drove his very quick Mitsubishi Evo rally car to first outright and first in 4wd turbo. Steve Hill drove his recently rejuvenated Subaru to victory in 4wd non turbo and 2nd outright. Mathew Paul was 3rd outright in the rocket ship Honda and was also 1st in specials 1601-2000cc.

1st in juniors was Izak Berrisford, who drove well in a Subaru to gain 2nd in 4wd non turbo and 15th outright. 2nd in juniors was Lachlan Moore and 3rd went to Jack Mobbs with all the juniors driving exceptionally well. Special mention

should also go to Riley Hargans and Marcus Dege for their performances in their first Khanacross.

It was good to see the return of Geoffrey Sims to the entry list but a wrong direction cost him the chance to beat his father Scott and win the specials over 2000cc class.

Theo Poteris and Karen Wilson made the trek from the central coast again and gained 1st and 2nd in standard 0-1600. Rounding out the long distance travellers were Alfredo Topazio and Michaela Muller in a very well presented Volkswagon golf. They took out 1st and 4th in the 0-1600 specials class. It was great to see drivers coming from so far afield and enjoying the clubs hospitality. Peter Rohr managed to get 2nd in the 0-1600 specials and Paul McAlpine placed third.

Hard luck story of the day went to Harrison Hudson who made a small mistake and rolled his Mazda, whilst the car is a write off Harrison was fine and went on to complete the rest of the event in his father's rally car. It was a great response to the incident by all involved and I'm told it only took 17 minutes to clear the



track and resume racing. A very professional effort considering the car was on its roof when everyone arrived at the scene.

Harrison Hudson's car is the perfect example of why we should always race with the windows up, as is shown in the photo, although the roof line is damaged the door pillars are still reasonably straight and the driver's door could still be opened. This is proof that the glass in a car has a lot to do with the roof strength when things go wrong and it is a lesson for all of us.

The BLCC looks forward to seeing everyone at our next event, Speed Weekend, which is the biggest of the year. We are still chasing officials so if you are not planning on competing why not volunteer for at least one of the two days of the 12th and 13th November. Please contact Scott Sims if you can help.

2016 NSW MOTOR RACE CHAMPIONSHIP RD 7

By Tony Hanrahan

Steven and Brad Shiels were at Sydney Motorsport Park on 18th September 2016 for the Round 7 meeting, Steven driving his Z29 Camaro and Brad in a Fiat 124 Coup.

Steven qualified 4th with a 1.34.74 and had a DNF in race one then a 7th in race two, 3rd in race three.



Brad qualified 9th with 1.37.36 recording a 5th in race one followed by a 3rd in race two but had a DNS in race three.

THREE AT WAKEFIELD FOR HSRCA SPRING RACES

By Tony Hanrahan

Bob Munday had the Ford Mustang running in Group N for the 25th September 2016 meeting. He qualified with a time of 1.16.50 and finished the weekend with two 11th places a 12th and a best 9th place in his final race, his quickest time was 1.13.06.

James Rooke was driving his Volante Ford in regularity recording a time of 1.40.67 finishing with two 12th places a 17th and a DNF, James quickest time was 1.37.17.

Photo Wakefield Park



Bruce Rooke had the MGB running in Group S qualifying with a 1.29.14 for two 15th places a 17th and a 14th and his quickest time for the weekend was 1.25.90.

PORSCHE CAR CLUB SUPERSPRINT AT SMP

By Tony Hanrahan

David and Stuart Pennells were at Sydney Motorsport Park on 25th September 2016 in their Porsches.

David was the quickest in his 996 GT3 finishing 30th outright and 8th in class with a time of 1.14.51.

Stuart driving his 996 Cup Car finished 38th outright a 9th in class with a best time of 1.15.56.

2016 NSW SUPERSPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

By Tony Hanrahan

The 7th round of the 2016 NSW Supersprint Championship was held on 16th October 2016 at Sydney Motorsport Park's Amaroo Circuit.

Tim Brut drove his Nissan to a class victory and 36th outright with a time of 1.05.28 in a field of 78 drivers.

YOKOHAMA WORLD TIME ATTACK

By Tony Hanrahan



Class in his Nissan finishing in 25th in class with a time of 1.45.92.

Brad was in a Holden Astra in the Pro Class with a time of 1.32.03 for 5th in class.

Sydney Motorsport Park was the scene for the Yokohama World Time Attack Challenge 2016 held on 15th October 2016 with BLCC members Brad Shiels and Tim Burt competing.

Tim was contesting the Clubsport



2016 Alfa Club 10 hour Relay

By Tony Hanrahan

Tony King lead his Panorama Mountain Men team at Winton Motor Raceway on 16th October 2016 in the 2016 Alfa Club 10 Hour Relay.

Tony was a member of a four person team driving Mazda MX5's where they completed 586 laps to finish 5th outright, Tony set the quickest time for the team at 1.42.72.

The team members all lapped in the 1.40's in a field of forty one teams.

THE GREAT RACE RE-CAP

By Bruce Newton and pics by Virgin Australia Supercars

Lost in the hubbub of an amazing finish – as many other things were – is the fact the Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 is a race where years of domination by a single crew is a thing of the past.

No pairing has successfully backed up since Craig Lowndes and Jamie Whincup three-peated between 2006 and 2008. Anyone who argues the forced splitting of regular team drivers hasn't been a good move for the entertainment value and unpredictability of the race is kidding themselves.

The win by Will Davison and Jonathon Webb for Tekno Autosports also broke the stranglehold held by Triple Eight, Prodrive (FPR) and Holden Racing Team on the top step of the podium dating back to 2004. That was when Greg Murphy and Rick Kelly completed their second consecutive win for Kmart Racing.



Even then, they were part of the Walkinshaw empire, alongside HRT. The last time another team won was 2000 when Garth Tander and Jason Bargwanna scored for Garry Rogers Motorsport.

Mind you it all so nearly went pear-shaped for the Tekno

crew as Davison dodged through the debris of the Whincup-Tander-McLaughlin brouhaha. There's no doubt Tekno deserved the win. In 2016 it has had a budget haircut, swapped drivers, lost its team boss after two races, had a mid-season data engineer shuffle and suffered some patchy form. But now it's safe to say it's been a great year.

If Jamie Whincup thought he got a lot of questions about his Bathurst behaviour leading into this year's 1000 well just wait until 2017. With his ill-fated lap 150 move on Scott McLaughlin the Red Bull Holden Commodore driver ensured he was the centre of controversy in the Great Race for the third consecutive year.

And that was even before the team decided to lodge an appeal against his 15 second time penalty. Long after he leaves the category – and he was mulling that over publicly yet again recently – the legacy Whincup leaves behind in Supercars will be celebrated, debated and even puzzled over.



Good on Whincup for having a crack at McLaughlin for the pass. The attempt was totally in-line with his mantra that winning is all that counts, especially at Bathurst. It's not like he hasn't demonstrated previously that he lives by this philosophy.

The aftermath of the passing move was where it all went to poop, because Whincup attempted to immediately redress. He did the right thing at the wrong time. If he had waited until pit straight then the elimination of both the HRT Commodore and the GRM Volvo would have been most likely avoided.

But that's an opinion framed after watching endless replays and mulling over the accident for days. This entire incident happened in split seconds and in those circumstances there's no time for second thoughts or opportunity to retract an error.

Well done Shane van Gisbergen and Alex Premat for their second consecutive faultless drive and second place after also finishing runner-up at Sandown last month. Their combined losing margin across the two races? About half-a-second!



Pending appeals, the New Zealander has a 139-point driver's championship lead over team-mate Whincup with 900 points left to fight over. It's a 249-point swing since the Ipswich Supercar outing and indicative of the consistently fast form SvG has displayed of late.

Van Gisbergen shines at the three remaining tracks – Gold Coast, Pukekohe and Sydney Olympic Park – so he is going to be hard to beat.

Many congratulations to Nick Percat, Cameron McConville and Lucas Dumbrell Motorsport for a fantastic third place at Bathurst. And the same goes to the fourth place-finishing young guns Cam Waters and Jack Le Brocq, who kept their heads when all around were losing theirs. Fifth and sixth place for DJR Team Penske was a great result in front of the Captain, Roger Penske, mainly because both cars were on the pace all week and contenders for victory.

So who else was drifting off by the 89th lap of the race? Go on be honest... we should never have doubted Mount Panorama to always deliver.

ONE DAY TRIAL

Sunday 6th November

BLC Club House – Conrod Straight – Bathurst

9.00am for 9.30am start

\$5.00 per vehicle

Round 3 Rob Worboys Memorial Trial

SPEED WEEKEND

Saturday and Sunday

12th and 13th November

Mount Panorama Circuit

Officials and Competitors Required

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 10th December

BLCC Club Rooms - Conrod Straight

Mount Panorama Circuit

Tickets Adults \$25 and Juniors \$10