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David Baker, Matt Windsor and Brian Callaghan, family and crew claimed class D honours in the 2018 Bathurst 6 Hour

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to my twenty third edition of the Blower, the Club magazine of the Bathurst Light Car Club.

This month we have lots of info from two General Meetings and from the Club President, a rap of the 2018 Bathurst 6 Hour where BLCC Members performed with great results, a rundown of the 15th April Esses Descent and on Targa Tasmania where BLCC Member Steve Brumby and his daughter were at it again.

Look out for the great offer for all BLCC Members from Brake-Pro Bathurst with a 10% discount on all products. Big thanks to all the volunteers who helped out for the Esses Descent and at the Quarry for all our Motorkhana and Khanacross events, could not happen without the support of all these dedicated people. Check out the proposed new format event in our President's report, should be really interesting for all competitors and will change the concept of Hillclimb, Descents and Supersprints without doubt.

A number of Club Members who have completed recent Cams training will be going through assessments at many of our events over coming months so please give them all the assistance you can as the Club really needs to build the number of qualified officials to enable the Club to keep moving forward.

Till next time readers – safe motoring.

Bob Lundie-Jenkins B.A.

ATTENTION ALL BLCC CLUB MEMBERS

A register is being developed of the CAMS qualifications of all Club members and we need your help. If you hold a current CAMS Officials license of any kind please send your name, CAMS membership number, CAMS license expiry date and specific qualification with the grade to: The BLCC Competition Secretary at lundieb65@gmail.com

The information will assist in the staffing of Club events and development of future Club Officials so please submit your details as soon as possible.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT APRIL 2018

Relatively speaking this has been a quiet month as we move forward.

The last Khanacross was a success and from all reports a great day was had by all – I hope that continues. Our next event for "The Quarry" will be a Motorkhana on 6th of May and John Windsor advises that subject to no heavy rain, the grounds are in excellent condition after he worked his magic with the "ring behind the subby" (Thanks again John, job well done as usual.

Given that Nulon Oil did not follow up to take advantage of the 2 days in May, the committee has elected to call on members to volunteer some time to undertake a series of jobs at the Quarry. We plan on erecting a fence across the spectator mounds, fill some rabbit burrows, remove some vegetation and tidy up inside the containers. That will be on Saturday the 19th May and if necessary, Sunday 20th May at the Quarry.

Many hands will make light work even if you can only assist for a part day. A BBQ lunch will be provided by the Club for all the workers. Leading up to that time I am going to organise for the contractor to undertake grading on the upper levels prior to the June Khanacross. Refinement and design of work required will be determined with input knowledge from experienced competitors to achieve best results – not my area of expertise.

I would also like to take this opportunity to advise members that discussions are currently underway in relation to a proposed new event being investigated on the suggestion of Ian Plenderleith. It is effectively a combined extra-long Supersprint, Hillclimb and Descent, which would start around the usual Mountain Straight Hillclimb start point, continue across Skyline, through to an Esses Descent and ultimately finish on Conrod Straight close to the finish point of a Flying Fifth.

Whilst the event has support of Council, Local Track Inspector and Bruce Keys from CAMS, we have a way to go with finer details before it will become an official event. However, progress to date has been very promising however, one of the very real obstacles in running such

an event is the need for a significant number of volunteer officials to make it work. I will keep members informed of progress on this project as it evolves.

Those members who have attended the most recent 2 General Meetings (March and April) will have appreciated the relaxed environment for each meeting, facilitating good friendly interaction between all present across the whole evening with a number of members commenting to me positively, regarding the difference and the very positive outcomes achieved. We can only hope that this continues.

I would like to thank all members and others who volunteered both in the lead up to and on the day to facilitate the running of the Esses Descent. I won't mention individuals for fear of missing any of the many important participants. With a couple of minor not serious hiccups out of the way early in the morning, the event ran well without any major incidents. The event gathered a few more entries this time with a field of 40 which was quite manageable and allowed for 8 runs to the delight of those participating. Thank you to all Club members who entered the event for your support as we endeavour to deliver events for your vehicles as well as catering for dirt events at The Quarry. Once again thank you one and all - your efforts are most appreciated.

It was pleasing to see a good representation of BLCC members participating in the recent Caves Classic Rally at Oberon. In the top 10 we had Andrew and David Travis in 4th Place with Joe Chapman and Jack Mobbs coming in 7th. Tony Jordan with an old co-driver, Mark Hudson and John Fraser, Ron and Lachlan Moore rounded off the field all finishing – I am not sure of the Toby Ivanovic story at this stage and hope I haven't missed anybody. The weather was kind to them after a fresh start to the day.

That's it for another month readers and until next time, travel safe.

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Requests by Members to attend prior to Monthly Committee Meetings.

To provide for administrative efficiencies in accepting and approving attendance of individuals (not groups) at Monthly Committee Meetings, the committee require the following:

- 1. The request to attend is to be submitted 7 days before the meeting. The request is to be emailed to 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 need 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 discussion 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

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2018, COMMENCING AT 7.35 PM

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book.

<u>APOLOGIES:</u> Scott Campbell, David Catt, Ron Moore, Harrison Hudson, Mitchell Hudson, John Windsor, Matt Elbourne.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING 28 FEBRUARY 2018

MOVED: Bob Lundie-Jenkins SECONDED: Trevor Seaman

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received.

TREASURERS REPORT

Bob Lundie-Jenkins enquired as to how the paypal fee works. Robert Flood explained how he accounts for this money. Eric Thorpe and Robert Flood to investigate if GST is applicable to Paypal.

MOVED: Ian Plenderleith SECONDED: Scott Sims

QUARRY REPORT

In John Windsor's absence, David Robinson gave an overview of the successful Khanacross held on 25 March. David gave a big vote of thanks to John Windsor for all his efforts at the Quarry over a substantial period of time. Mark Hudson volunteered to man the barbecue whenever he can. He will do the barbecue at the motorkhana on 6 May. Bob Lundie-Jenkins advised that a Secretary is required for Motorkhana and Khanacross events. Helen Mulholland advised that Secretary has to be CAMS accredited. Dee Hudson volunteered to assist with Secretary role. She advised that she will undertake her CAMS course. Matthew Windsor advised that the Rotary Club will provide catering for future Quarry events if they are requested.

MOVED: Mick Williamson SECONDED: John Markwick

GENERAL BUSINESS

Change of Date for next General Meeting

Mick Tuckey advised that as the next General Meeting falls on Anzac Day it would be appropriate to change the date of the meeting. A date of 18 April was suggested and agreed to by those in attendance at meeting.

MOVED: Bob Lundie-Jenkins SECONDED: Jeff West

No replacement event for cancelled Nulons Event

Mick Tuckey advised that it was not possible to organise an alternate event due to lack of time. John Markwick suggested holding a working bee at the Quarry instead and this was agreed to by the meeting. A working bee will therefore be held on the 19th and 20th May at the Quarry to be advertised on the website and in the Blower.

Officials for Esses Descent

Scott Sims advised that there needs to be approximately 20 officials organised for the Esses Descent. As Scott will not be at the event Rob Wells will be organising set-up and pull-down along with Andrew Robinson. Ian Plenderleith volunteered to chase up officials. Bob Lundie-Jenkins advised that there have already been 17 entries received for the event.

Thanks for Help with catering for State Hillclimb presentation

Helen Mulholland thanked everyone who helped out with preparation and serving of food for the State Hillclimb Presentations held at the Club house.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.05 PM

Mick Tuckey

PRESIDENT

COMPETITORS AND MEMBERS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF BATHURST TOWING IN PROVIDING DAY LONG SERVICE TO ALL BLCC TARMAC EVENTS, PLEASE CONSIDER USE OF THIS LOCAL BUSINESS SHOULD A NEED ARISE TO GET YOUR TOY HOME – BRAD'S GENEROSITY TO THE CLUB ASSISTS IN KEEPING YOUR ENTRY FEES TO A MINIMUM.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.30P.M.

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance Book.

APOLOGIES: Donna Sims, Scott Sims, Matthew Windsor, Andrew Robinson, Robert Wells. As Donna Sims was on holiday – Helen Mulholland took the minutes

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 28th March 2018.

MOVED: Eric Thorpe **SECONDED:** Ian Plenderleith

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Minister from Western Sydney (Minister for Sport) confirming BLCC was successful in securing grant funds of \$1300.00 for a Defibrillator.
- Email to Bob Lundie-Jenkins from Mark Stinson in regard to late entry to events Referred to Committee.

QUARRY REPORT:

John Windsor reported that the next Motorkhana would be held on 6th May 2018. The next Khanacross would be 3rd June 2018. The next working Bee will be held on the 19th and 20th May. A discussion will be held with Council in regard to grading. A big thanks to Mitchell Groves for his help at the Quarry. Rotary Club

to be contacted in regard to catering at the Quarry. (Ces to get in touch.) The competitors were very happy with Louie for supplying pizza for the Khanacross when there was no catering at the event.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- It was noted that Helen Mulholland, Sue Dixon & Wayne Bowden are accredited to use a Defibrillator.
- The Committee is looking at holding a new event next year. It will be a Supersprint with a difference (longer). The Committee has been in touch with Bruce Keys in relation to a track licence. The Committee are working on sorting out the finer details including timing and a few other issues.
- Ian Plenderleith via Face book has been asked would BLCC be interested in a static display at the Wattle Flat Bronze Thong Race Meeting.
- A short discussion was held in regard to a dirt hillclimb at the Quarry.
- Gwyn Mulholand provided a report on the participation of BLCC members at the Jenolan Rally. Some of our members did well whilst others had some misfortune but the Club was well represented at the event.
- Helen advised that Gus Thomas, a long-term member and official for the Club has come on hard times. He has been diagnosed with Dementia and Alzheimers and no longer holds a driver's licence. Gwyn has his car to sell so if anyone wants a cheap car please get in touch.
- The President welcomed a new member Nicole Cheney

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10P.M.

Mick Tuckey

PRESIDENT

SPECIAL OFFER FROM BRAKEPRO

Brakepro Bathurst are offering a 10% discount on all parts to Bathurst Light Car Club Members. Simply let them know you are a member when booking in for work and show them your membership card to receive the discount.



2018 CALENDAR

BLCC EVENTS	BLCC INVITED/COMPETING

DRAFT 2018 CALENDAR EVE

	BLCC SOCIAL EVENTS
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JANUARY	14	BLCC Trial Series	BLCC	Social
JANUARY	21	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
FEBRUARY	2-4	Bathurst 12 Hour 2018	SC	National
FEBRUARY	11	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
FEBRUARY	16-19	Gnoo Blas Classic Car Show	GBCCC	Show
FEBRUARY	17-18	Targa North West	T/A	National
FEBRUARY	25	BLCC Trial Series	BLCC	Social
MARCH	1-4	Adelaide 500	SC	National
MARCH	3	NSW Hillclimb Championship	BLCC	State
MARCH	4	NSW Hillclimb Championship	BLCC	State
MARCH	3	NSW Supersprint Championship - SMP	CAMS	State
MARCH	3-4	ARC Rd 1 – Eureka Rally – Ballarat Victoria	ARC	National
MARCH	3-5	Rally of New England	NESCC	State
MARCH	8-12	Phillip Island Classic	VHRR	National
MARCH	16-18	Johns River Rally	AMSAG	Rally
MARCH	17-18	NSW Motor Race Championship – SMP	ARDC	State
MARCH	18-20	NSW Motorkhana Championship	WAC	State
MARCH	22-25	Rolex Australian Grand Prix plus Supercars	AGP	F1
MARCH	25	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
MARCH	31-1 April	NSW 6 Hour Regularity Relay	SMP	M/Club
MARCH	30-1	Bathurst 6 Hour	BSH	National
APRIL	6-8	Tyrepower Tasmania Super Sprint	SC	National
APRIL	6-9	Lifeline Air Show – Soar, Ride, Shine	Lifeline	Social
APRIL	8	Esses Descent	BLCC	M/Club
APRIL	8-14	Austin-Healey National Rally	AHNR	Social
APRIL	15	NSW Hillclimb Championship	SDMA	State
APRIL	15-22	Targa Tasmania	T/A	National
APRIL	20-22	WD-40 Phillip Island 500	SC	National
APRIL	28	Rosewood	AMSAG	Rally
APRIL	27-29	ARC Rd 2 Forest Rally Busselton WA	ARC	National
APRIL	28-29	NSW Motor Race Championship – SMP	ARDC	State
MAY	4-6	Perth Super Sprint	SC	National
MAY	6	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
MAY	13	NSW Hillclimb Championship	KSCC	State
MAY	18-20	Winton Super Sprint	SC	National
MAY	20	NSW Supersprint Championship – Wakefield Park	CAMS	State
MAY	19	Quarry working B	BLCC	Club

MAY	20	Quarry working B	BLCC	Club
JUNE	1-3	ARC Rd3 Netier National Capital Rally Canberra	ARC	National
JUNE	3	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
JUNE	9-10	Bega Rally	AMSAG	Rally
JUNE	10	NSW Hillclimb Championship	GSCC	State
JUNE	15-17	Crown Bet Darwin Triple Crown	SC	Australian
JUNE	17	NSW Supersprint Championship – SMP	CAMS	State
JUNE	17	BLCC Trial Series	BLCC	Social
JUNE	24	Supersprint	BLCC	M/Club
JUNE	30-1	NSW Motor Race Championship – SMP	ARDC	State
JULY	1	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
JULY	6-8	Watpac Townsville 400	SC	Australian
JULY	20-22	Coates Hire Ipswich Super Sprint	SC	National
JULY	22	NSW Supersprint Championship – SMP	CAMS	State
JULY	28	Bulahdelah Rally	AMSAG	Rally
JULY	27-29	ARC Rd 4 Rally of Tasmania	ARC	
AUGUST	4	Red Rooster Sydney Super Night 300	SC	Australian
AUGUST	8	NSW Hillclimb Championship	BGCCN	NSW
AUGUST	3-11	Kidney Kar Rally	KKR	Charity
AUGUST	18	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
AUGUST	19	NSW Hillclimb Championship	YSCC	NSW
AUGUST	19	NSW Supersprint Championship – SMP	CAMS	State
AUGUST	19	Esses Hillclimb (TBC)	BLCC	M/Club
AUGUST	17-27	Lasseter's Classic Outback Trial	LCOT	Australian
AUGUST	24-26	The Bend Super Sprint	SC	Australian
SEPTEMBER	1	Orange Rally	AMSAG	Rally
SEPTEMBER	9	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
SEPTEMBER	14-16	Sandown 500	SC	National
SEPTEMBER	16	NSW Hillclimb Championship	WSCC	NSW
SEPTEMBER	16	NSW Supersprint Championship – Wakefield Park	CAMS	State
SEPTEMBER	19-21	Johns River Rally	AMSAG	Rally
SEPTEMBER	22	Bathurst Rally	NDC	State
SEPTEMBER	21-23	ARC Rd 5 Adelaide Hills Rally	ARC	National
OCTOBER	4-7	Supercheap Bathurst 1000	SC	National
OCTOBER	11-14	Warbirds Downunder Airshow	Temora	Social
OCTOBER	14	NSW Supersprint Championship – SMP	CAMS	State
OCTOBER	19-21	Vodafone Gold Coast 600	SC	National
OCTOBER	21	Khanacross	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	2-4	ITM Auckland Super Sprint	SC	National
NOVEMBER	3	Oberon Rally	AMSAG	Rally
NOVEMBER	3-4	Aust National SS Championship Wakefield Park	CAMS	State
NOVEMBER	4	Motorkhana	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	7-11	Targa High Country Rally	THC	National

NOVEMBER	11	BLCC Trial Series	BLCC	Social
NOVEMBER	14-19	WRC Australia	WRC	International
NOVEMBER	15-18	ARC Rd 6 Rally Australia Coffs Coast	ARC	National
NOVEMBER	24	Supersprint	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	25	Mountain Straight Hillclimb	BLCC	M/Club
NOVEMBER	23-25	Coates Hire Newcastle 500	SC	National
DECEMBER	8	BLCC Presentation & Christmas Party	BLCC	Social

BLCC 2018 CAR SHOW/SWAP MEET CALENDAR

July 15 Coffs Harbour swap meet and classic vehicle display



Future Requirements for Members using Historic Type Registration Scheme

The subject of Members joining the Club simply/solely to utilise our access to the various Historic Type Registration Schemes without contributing to the Club, either as a competitor in some form or volunteering as an official to assist with the various events throughout the calendar year, was highlighted and spoken about at a recent General Meeting.

As a consequence, the Club Committee, at a meeting on 13th September 2017 discussed the issue and took the decision to require those existing members and new members to take steps to meet those requirements to retain/obtain the privilege afforded through the scheme.

Accordingly, with effect from the 23rd September 2017, members using the scheme will now be required to volunteer (without being chased up) to assist at one Club event (Competition) as an official or as a competitor each year, to be eligible for continued access to privileges of the Scheme through BLCC. This will mean that by the end of 2018, the above requirements will need to be met for continued use of the scheme beyond 31st December 2018. This decision might see some members who are not wishing to assist choose to move to another Club – that is regretted, however it must be a two-way street.

It may be the case where the Club has a small number of members living outside/beyond a 100 klm radius who will find it difficult to comply – accordingly in those instances, and those only, each case will need to be assessed individually with discretion for approval not to comply with the Committee decision a possibility where fitting.

New membership applications/inquiries will be vetted to include acknowledgement of this requirement. It is not considered too much to ask members to contribute to the Club in return for benefits afforded to them.

Mick Tuckey President

CAR CLUB CAR BADGE INTEREST SURVEY

Over the past months a reasonable number of members have indicated that they would be interested in purchasing metal car badges and we are <u>slowly</u> getting the message out there that we need to have approximately 50 on order before it is financially feasible to proceed. So, we have decided to run the offer once again. If you are interested in the Club producing a Bathurst Light Car Club Car Badge

if they were available then we need to hear from you. Badges will need to be ordered soon however, a minimum quantity will be required to obtain the \$45 price.

The badge will be approximately 75mm x 80mm in a substantial metal with Club details in enamel on the front and the badge will be designed to be mounted.

Before we proceed with the idea we need to determine **YOUR** interest in the idea. Please get back to the Editor of this Blower with your details.





SENSATIONAL SHERRINS SEAL BATHURST 6 HOUR VICTORY

Story and Pics from Richard Craill

lain and Grant Sherrin won a thrilling Hi-Tec Oil Bathurst 6 Hour in a dramatic



finish, where they overcame a late drive through penalty to conquer the mountain. It was far from smooth sailing for the pair, who heroically fought from fourth to first in the final 10 minutes of the race.

The dramas started in the final 30 minutes, with Grant behind the

wheel when the duo were handed a drive through penalty, which saw them fall 40 seconds behind the leader. In a stroke of good fortune for the Sherrin brothers, the safety car entered the track with just 10 minutes to go, allowing Sherrin to close the gap to then-leader Brett Strom.



After the restart, Strom and Steven Johnson were battling it out for first, with four lead changes in the battle between the duo, all the while Sherrin drew ever closer. As the remarkable battle continued and with time running out, Sherrin made his final charge with two laps remaining to overtake both drivers and seal an emotional victory.



"I think I was going to break down and cry. It's very emotional because we've been coming here for years," Iain Sherrin told

bathurst6hour.com.au.

"We've just never cracked that outright victory we've been hunting for a while.

"We've been focussed on standing on the top step of the podium. It's been a long time coming and a lot of hard work between the 135 and now the M4."

While it was an incredible win for the Queenslanders, the battle for second place was just as fascinating, with Strom edging out Johnson by just 0.394 seconds in his BMW M1. Unable to hold off Sherrin, Strom still managed to retain second place, as Johnson couldn't recover from being blocked by a lapped car, losing the entertaining battle on the second last lap.

"There were like eight corners when we were side by side," Strom told bathurst6hour.com.au post-race.

"I think he was quicker down the straight but was slower getting out of the corners and he had some sort of traction issue. I could hear the car cutting out as he was coming out of corners, so that was my advantage."

"I managed to stay alongside of him coming out of turn two and then I used that car as a pick. I was thinking 'you're going to hit that car or hit me."

2016 winners Chaz Mostert and Nathan Morcom were unable to produce a similar performance to the previous two years, finishing 16th and three laps behind the winners.

Fellow Supercars driver Tim Slade and partner Dylan Thomas were even more disappointed, as the pair had to retire after only completing 30 laps.

Meanwhile, in the other classes, Karl Begg and Justin Anthony won the A2 (Extreme Performance – Normally Aspirated) class finishing seventh outright, while the Scott Gore, Keith Bensley, Patrick Galang BMW 135i entry won the B1 class.

In the B2 class, a finish in 10th outright allowed Tony Virag, Joe Krinelos and Brett Howard to claim class honours in an impressive performance that had plenty talking.

Kevin Stoopman, Andrew Williams and Gavin Ross won Class C, while the



Honda Integra of David Baker, Matt Windsor and Brian Callaghan claimed class D honours.

Finally, in class E, Andrew McMaster, David Noble and David Worrell's Mazda 3 entry saluted after fellow class E combatants Mark Griffith and

Kyle Alford lost their shot at class honours with a heartbreaking final lap retirement.

Top 10 overall provisional results

- 1. Sherrin/Sherrin, Sherrin Rentals, BMW M1
- 2. Jorgensen/Strom, RHC Jorgensen/Strom by MARC Cars, BMW M1
- Woods/Zalloua/Johnson, Commercial Interior Projects, Mercedes-Benz A45
 AMG
- 4. Salmon/Burges, Aqualuma Racing, Mercedes-Benz A45 AMG
- 5. Loiacono/Lown/Vernon, Fibre 15, Mitsubishi Lancer
- 6. Walden/Baird, Transtar Linehaul, Mercedes-Benz A45 AMG
- 7. Begg/Anthony, Boss Surveillance Systems, Mercedes-Benz A45 C63 204
- 8. Gray/Miedecke, JMG Racing, Ford FGII GT-F
- 9. Lillis/Callaghan, Cachet Homes Motorsport, Holden VE-HSV GTS
- 10. Krinelos/Virag/Howard, Sydney Building Approval Centre, Holden VF SSV

QUARRY WORKING B

All competitors and Members are encouraged to participate in a two day working B at the Quarry on the 19th and 20th May

Work on the track, safety fencing, rabbit hole repair and a host of other jobs need to be done and all hands-on deck is the call.

FREE BARBEQUE LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB

MATT COLE WINS ESSES DESCENT

By the Editor



Matt Cole in his 1982 Mazda Rx7 Coupe held off a strong field of 40 starters to win the 2018 BLCC Esses Descent with a fastest time of 37.06 in his third of seven runs. Not far behind was Aden Hadley in his 1994 Nissan 180SX Coupe with a

fastest time of 37.44 scored in his final run of the day.

In third place was Mark Stinson who scored a 38.36 in his fifth run after which he put the car away with job done. Mark was almost a non-starter as he completed car preparation for the event the night



before start day so his result was excellent.



Thomas Khouri was best junior with a time of 46.14 with Harrison Field runner up with a time of 46.73.





Whites secure seventh Targa Tasmania victory

By Ian Chesterman



Jason and John White withstood ailing tyres to produce a stunning victory in Australia's showpiece tarmac rally, Targa Tasmania.

After just under 500km of competitive distance across 33 special stages, the Whites set the pace at the front all week. Leading from the

outset, the Dodge Viper duo have now moved to within one win of the all-time event winning record set by the highly decorated former touring car champion Jim Richards and former long-time commentator Barry Oliver.

With а winning margin of 1minute and five seconds, the Viper showed a clean pair of heels throughout the sixday tarmac rally. It was the 21st time the Whites have tackled Targa Tasmania who also claimed victory in Wrest **Point** the GT2 class.



Steve Glenney and Andy Sarandis completed a solid campaign in their Subaru WRX STI in second place. The pair also took out the RDA Brakes GT4 class and now lead the modern section of the CAMS Australian Targa Championship.



Hobart doctor Michael Pritchard and codriver Gary Mourant finished third outright and second in GT2 standings in their Porsche. It was their second successive podium at the event.

Paul Stokell and Erin Kelly were fourth in a Lotus Exige S with Angus Kennard and lan Wheeler fifth in a Nissan GT-R. There

were five different manufacturers represented in the top five outright placings.

in the Shannons Classic GT, Michael and Daniel Bray romped to a huge class win. Their 1975 Holden Torana proved unstoppable as it continued to increase the gap on the final day, eventually finishing with a buffer of almost nine minutes over Mark

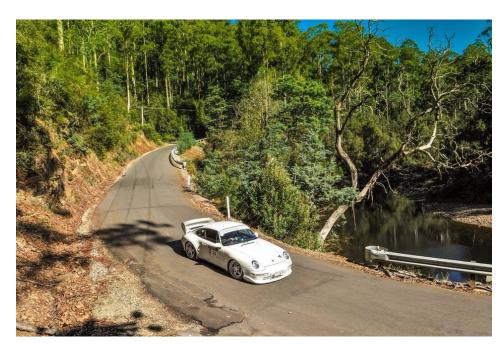




Hammond and **Dennis Neagles** 1980 **Jaguar** XJS. also The win secured the Brays the lead in the classic Australian Targa Championship.

The only car which had a realistic chance of reeling in the Whites, the Porsche GT3 of Matt Close and Cameron Reeves,

speared off the road half a kilometre into the opening stage of the day south of



Hobart. It meant the Whites could backoff and coast across the remaining stages, a welcome relief for the Viper which had become vulnerable with fading rubber.

Close and Reeves had clutched an outside chance of snatching a surprise victory going into the final six stages

before their unfortunate exit put an end to a possible come-from-behind win. Close, although bitterly disappointed, was proud of the effort his crew put in to challenge White through the week.

"Unfortunately, on cold tyres I just asked a bit too much of them," Close said. "I take the blame. We are proud because we took it up to him (White) and I don't think he's had that sort of pressure for a long time."

Jason White praised the effort Close put in, saying it was the hardest he has had to drive in any previous Targa campaign.

"That's by far the hardest we have had to drive," White said. "We were actually having a lot more sweat about what was going on with



the tyres. It really forced John and I to be at the top of our game. But it wasn't so good to see Matt go off."

"We've had to manage a few issues with the chassis as well as the tyres ourselves through the week. One of the things about this event is managing your head and not panicking."

"A lot of the stages where we took big chunks of time out we were really out of our comfort zone. It was really nice to up the ante and discover a new level."



Bray was delighted to secure the Classic GT win.

"The weather has been great, the car has been great," Bray said. "I've done it with my brother and family and it's been a really good week."

"We have been trying to manage our tyres, we knew

there was no rain coming and it's all worked out well."

In other Targa Tasmania classes, Graham Copeland and Josh Herbert guided the 1941 GMC Jimmy Special to a comfortable victory in the Shannons Classic Handicap. Copeland was always in charge of the handicap event with almost seven minutes to spare over the 1961 Volvo 122S of Ashley Yelds and Charlie

Hughes.

In the Duttons Garage Early Modern category, Josh Sutcliffe and Jon Mitchell (2006 Subaru) managed to claim victory after a close week-long fight with the 1995 Nissan Skyline of Liam and Larry Howarth.

The Budget TSD Trophy has seen Darryl and Peter Marshall secure



another triumph in their Ford Falcon Pursuit Ute after compiling 55 penalty points,

38 fewer than the Peter and Tristan Taylor Lotus Exige. It is the second successive year the Marshall's have triumphed in the class.

Jack Waldron and Vin Gregory were big winners in the Spirit of Tasmania Thoroughbred Trophy in their 1981 Mitsubishi Sigma.



Martin Dursma and Richard Wodhams took the spoils in the Country Club GT Sports Trophy in their 2013 Lotus Exige S, two places higher than their result last year.

Justin Gan and David Hart made a one-act affair of the Rookie Classic GT in their 1978 Porsche 911 while in Rookie Early Modern,

Adam Gosling and Ian Noble scored a big win in their 2002 BMW E46 M3.

There was no catching Jeff Morton and Steve Fisher in their 2017 Lotus Exige in the Rookie GT standings after scoring by more than 13 minutes.

The third round of the CAMS Australian Targa Championship



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