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PRESIDENTS PAGE

DECEMBER 2019

Ho Ho Ho welcome to December,

As we bring 2019 to a close (and wonder how it went by in the blink of an eye) I would firstly like to invite all TCC members, partners and family to our December Christmas meeting on Thursday the 12th. Come and catch up over a cuppa and enjoy some festive tasty treats supplied by our social committee.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the club keep going in 2019, be it as a major official, time keeper, BBQ cooker, entrant, spectator or meeting supper/raffle supplier. I hope you continue to enjoy the club and provide your assistance where you can, we very much appreciate any of the time you can volunteer.

As we all have heard and seen the fires in the news recently (or some seen from our houses) I would like to pass on that Colo Park where we hold some of our Khanacross events was heavily affected by the fire. The buildings there were quite damaged with some completely destroyed, as well as the Khanacross cars in storage were burnt out. It will take some time to rebuild though SORRA are determined to rebuild. As the area still has a lot of unstable trees this will affect the running of some future events.

Glenn Inkster and Andrew Crowley have started work on the club calendar for 2020 and Alana Dean has made some progress on the updated website to convey information to members more regularly than our monthly magazines.

As we come into our Christmas season please stay safe on the roads for all those who may be travelling around. Take the time to enjoy festivities with family and friends and stay out of the heat. I hope Santa brings all the car parts you require to prepare your vehicles for next year's competition.

Stay safe and see you at the meeting.

Matt Rath



December Meeting:



Supper:

Alana Dean & Janelle Lansley



Raffle:

Nicole Crowley



EDITORS REPORT

All members are reminded that as of 1 January 2020, the mandatory use of Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) will come into effect for Speed events. In implementing this for Speed events CAMS 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 CAMS 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 requires the mandatory use of FHR must now also use FHR in Speed Events.



For those who missed the Drive Down Memory Lane – The Final Leg, a video recapping the event has been created. Go to <https://youtu.be/wo3PoUGdXe4> to see what you missed and for those who attended, check it out to relive the action! There will be a re-run of this social event in 2020, once most of the competition events have been selected as part of the competition calendar.

Renewal forms were meant to have gone out with the November magazine, but unfortunately I found the pile of renewal forms under other paperwork about a week after the magazines went out, so they have been included with this magazine instead! Please ensure you renew your membership soon. This avoids any issues with club membership requirements at any early 2020 motorsport events. Additionally, if you have historic rego on your vehicle with TCC, you are required to renew your TCC membership before the end of December to continue this registration. Additional renewal forms will be available at the TCC meeting and are also available to download from the TCC website and Facebook page.

Our Presentation Night for 2019 will be held on Friday, 2nd February 2020 at the Muirfield Golf Club, like in previous years. A booking form will be released closer to the event, but make sure you mark this date in your calendar now! I am still working on a number of videos of events from 2019 for the night, so if you have any photos, videos or in-car footage that you would like included, please let me know so that I can arrange to get the photos and footage off you.

I will be directing the Grip 'n' Slip multi-club motorkhana at Nirimba on Sunday 15th March. I am in need of a scrutineer and a secretary for this event, along with timekeepers so keep this event in mind when considering what events you want to compete at or which events you may want to officiate at in order to fulfil the TCC Championship trophy eligibility criteria early on. Fingers crossed that the water restrictions have been lifted, or we have rain, otherwise we will have way more grip than slip!

I will also be directing the TCC State Motorkhana and will again be including a multi-club motorkhana on Sunday 31st May. I am again looking for a scrutineer for this event, along with 2 secretaries and timekeepers for this event. I am also directing the Luddenham Track day on Sunday 30th August.

As we wrap up for 2019, we wanted to thank everyone who submitted an article for publication in Piston Slap this year. There have been a great variety of articles, and thankfully they weren't all left until the December edition! Andrew and I would also like to wish all of our members, their families and our friendly car clubs a fabulous Christmas. If you happen to do anything motorsport or car related over the holidays, don't forget to put it into an article, submit it for the first magazine of the year to get that part of the championship trophy eligibility requirements out of the way early!!

Finally, a massive thank you to our editorial committee for all of their work collating the magazine each month over the last year. We truly appreciated your hard work and dedication.

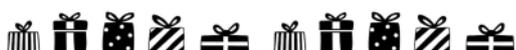
You only get out of it, what you put in.

Nicole & Andrew Crowley



Important Editorial Dates To Remember

Next Piston Slap Edition:	January / February 2020
Reports and articles required by:	Friday 17th January 2020
Collation Night:	Thursday 23rd January 2020





CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT



I am so unbelievably late with this report that I am likely to be in trouble with Nicole, but thankfully it will be pretty short report as the TCC competition year is completed for 2019.

Firstly, the 2020 calendar is coming along nicely with most TCC events having dates set but some may change still, especially with the SORRA grounds at Colo which have taken a beating with the bush fires. As for other clubs, I have found some events, but I am still hunting down other club's events so we can have a great range of events for 2020.

Alrighty, previous events for November we had the AMSAG National Cranes Rallysprint in Tumut on the 9th. I am pretty sure that no one from TCC attended but it seemed like it was a cracker event from what I have read. There was a Huntley Hillclimb on the 17th with Dean Tomlin flying the TCC flag. Hopefully he will give a write up on the event in this mag or at the Christmas meeting.

The HDCC Club Captains Khanacross ran on the 23rd of November with both Aron and Garry having a drive with 6th and 8th outright respective in the abundance of HDCC entries. The last event on our calendar was a possible CRC Touring Rally. I cannot seem to find results or have seen/heard if it was actually run. Hopefully some light can be shed on this at the Christmas meeting.

Anyway, time for me to wrap up. If I do not see you at the TCC Christmas meeting, have a great and safe Christmas plus New Year. Keep an eye out for the TCC Calendar on Facebook and the Webpage, etc, etc as I will post Version 1 as soon as I have a few events in the bag.

Upcoming 2019 Pointscore Events

Thur 12th December TCC Monthly Meeting – Christmas Meeting

Pennant Hills Leisure and Learning Centre, 8 Warne Street Pennant Hills. 8pm start time with our annual Christmas catch-up, great food and great company.

I am sure there will be an abundance of festivities, food, tall tales and good times.

Early 2020 Pointscore Events

Thur 13th February TCC Monthly Meeting

Pennant Hills Leisure and Learning Centre, 8 Warne Street Pennant Hills. 8pm start time with Supper and raffle afterwards.

Fri 21st February 2019 TCC Presentation Night

Type Social

Venue Muirfield Golf Club

The 2019 TCC Presentation Dinner and awards night is always a great night with good food and both short and tall tales. It's a brilliant way to finish 2019 and start 2020. A booking form will go out with the January/February magazine, but mark the date on your calendar now!

Have fun over Christmas kiddies.

Glenn Inkster

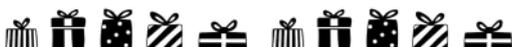
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HDCC Club Captains Khanacross

What a year it has been. For the last few years I have written about the Australian round of the WRC. This year I had planned to do the same, though unfortunately the fires that have plagued NSW had other ideas. I won't go into details as I am sure you have seen and heard plenty on the news and internet already.

Fast forward one week and Hills District Car Club ran their Club Captains Khanacross on their home grounds at Hampton. Being a twilight event Dad (Garry) and I added an LED light bar to our existing spot lights. This required a couple of added brackets and additional wiring to the car. Fortunately the wiring was very easy. And with a few holes to drill the light bar was added.

Come Saturday morning 23rd of November, we headed out at reasonable hour 8:30am, for us to be travelling to Hampton. The drive up was a case of all seasons in one. First it was cloudy with some misty sprinkles of rain. As we headed onto bells line, the clouds made for a very foggy drive. Before we broke through the tops of the clouds, to a sunny and partly cloudy drive the rest of the way.

If you have never been to Hampton, the grounds lie behind the pub on Jenolan Caves Road. The entry is a steep and windy drive down to the main parking area. We park our trailer in the designated trailer parking, just inside the top gate, before heading down to the main grounds.

We unpacked the car and entered the event. Followed by scrutineering and a drivers briefing by director Doug Wallace. As we were getting ready for the reconnaissance drive there were some nice claps of thunder and a few spots of rain. During the recce drive the rain started to get a bit heavier. Soon it was a strong solid rain. As the ground was still very dry underneath, this meant the rain was nice but only added to the difficulty of seeing the track and car ahead. By the time we finished the rain had slowed and all but stopped. All that was left to do was check the tyre pressures and line up for our runs. This allowed enough time for the rain to return. This time the rain was very heavy and the decision was, do you go out just after in the hope the damp roads will be a bit better grip or hold off and wait it out to dry.

We decided to wait, this seemed to work out well. The roads were still slippery but having a few cars run over before us meant the lines had cleared, giving us a better grip level. The car felt good and the roads mostly smooth with just a few bumps to watch out for.

I ran first of Dad and I completing the first test then as I was lined up for my second run Dad advised a car had rolled on the third test I had to do next. The idea was line up at test one, to allow Dad his runs. Lined up on test two I felt confident in the car. Pushing hard up the hill I hit a bump that on landing did not feel so good. The front right landed hard, very hard. In a straight line the car felt ok, so I pushed on. Once I turned my first left hander I was not so sure the car was as fine as I had first thought. I was suspecting a flat tyre. With the remainder of the course to head up Panorama and down Hillclimb, I did not want to risk buckling a rim, if the tire was flat as I had suspected. I backed off and drove the car to the finish as fast as I felt was ok but not as hard as would have liked.

Parking the car off to the side, I hoped out to assess the damage. The good news was the tire was not flat. The bad news was the wheel had much more camber on it than we started. We decided we would finish the day, but not push the car to hard risking the strut bending more.

We were not the only ones to have car issues during the day, as I had mentioned earlier one car rolled, being an early model Volkswagen golf, driven by Club Vee Dub member Jack Gutman. Having spoken to Jack and his pit crew, they were happy they managed to save the front window and having a roll cage the damage to the body, was not so bad, the main issue was the front wheels pointed in opposite directions. So they called it a day. One of the other victim's was Hills member Ian Thomas in his Ford Escort. Mechanical issues meant his car was not wanting to start. But this did not stop Ian, as he managed to fix the issue and finish the day. Another Father and son team David and Tyler Wright also had a mechanical issue. David was pushing his new special around a right hander and slipped into a rut breaking a rose joint in the left rear. Stranded in the course, Tyler went in to retrieve Dave and the car once the rest of us finished. They set about fixing the broken part. Unfortunately the inner CV joint had also broken meaning they had to call it a day. A few other drivers had some body work fall off and a cylinder or two drop, but all managed to finish the tests.

First outright and first Class F was Bill Brown in his Jackson Special. 2nd in class and 3rd outright was Keith Toward in his home built special. 2nd outright and first in class H was Peter Laurie in his Polaris RZR. First in class MP and 4th outright was Mick King in his Nissan Skyline. First Class C and 5th outright was





John Taylor in his Mitsubishi Mirage. I was able to manage 6th outright and first in class G, in our Liberty. First lady and 7th outright was Stephanie Brown in her own Jackson Special. Dad came in 8th outright and second class G. First class B and 9th outright was Geoffrey Farrant in his Mitsubishi Mirage. First class E and Junior was Lachlan Moore in his Holden Commodore.

The day ran very smoothly with only the occasional delay. This meant we were finished before the sun had set and packed ready for home by 8pm. Due to the early finish, we did not need to mount the lights. We will have to wait till next twilight event to see how good the added light bar will be. All in all it was a fun day despite the suspension issue. Thanks to Doug Wallace and his many officials for a great day.

Thank you for reading and I look forward to seeing you all at the December meeting to celebrate with the traditional Christmas snacks and nibbles. To those who are not able to make it have a great Christmas and New Years and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR to you all.

Aron Elliott



Aron Elliott
Photo by Chris Warwick

HDCC Club Captains Khanacross Results

Car	Driver	Club	Vehicle Type	Class	Position in Class	Position Outright	Total	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4	Test 5	Test 6
9	Bill Brown	HDCC	Jackson Special	F	1	1	689.31	104.62	128.86	89.08	116.07	136.93	113.75
1	Peter Lawrie	HDCC	Polaris RZR	H	1	2	714.92	108.91	135.62	91.82	122.31	140.55	115.71
20	Keith Toward	WAC	Special	F	2	3	723.94	106.80	136.51	97.18	122.57	143.05	117.83
2	Mick King	HDCC	Nissan Skyline	MP	1	4	749.36	114.57	139.61	97.44	125.87	147.75	124.12
7	John Taylor	HDCC	Mitsubishi Mirage	C	1	5	755.69	115.77	142.41	99.64	128.88	147.74	121.25
18	Aron Elliott	TCC	Subaru Liberty	G	1	6	767.30	122.07	155.25	94.75	126.38	151.31	117.54
8	Stephanie Brown(L)	HDCC	Jackson Special	F	3	7	783.49	122.39	149.59	95.46	134.99	155.16	125.90
19	Garry Elliott	TCC	Subaru Liberty	G	2	8	798.38	131.01	153.51	109.47	127.61	152.86	123.92
4	Geoffrey Farrant	HDCC	Mitsubishi Mirage	B	1	9	798.99	123.27	150.06	100.63	136.07	160.94	128.02
23	John Joyner	HDCC	Datsun 1600	C	2	10	804.47	120.89	152.42	103.93	132.67	161.93	132.63
5	Jeff Taylor	HDCC	Mitsubishi Mirage	C	3	11	807.20	122.40	152.89	104.24	134.47	164.07	129.13
11	Don Kemble	HDCC	Subaru Impreza Rs	C	4	12	808.16	125.37	151.72	100.84	136.07	161.45	132.71#
12	Jayne Annabel(L)	CRC	Mitsubishi Mirage	B	2	13	818.14	126.67	156.09	107.31	137.67	159.02	131.38
3	Leilani Skuse(L)	HDCC	Mitsubishi Mirage	B	3	14	823.44	124.22	164.41	104.48	138.17	162.52	129.64
24	Blake Joyner	HDCC	Datsun 1600	C	5	15	834.28	125.40	161.81	107.28	139.07	164.91	135.81
6	Ian Thomas	HDCC	Ford Escort	C	6	16	849.09	131.57	158.88	108.52	145.77	168.25	136.10
27	Stuart Potts	HDCC	Hyundai Excel	B	4	17	878.56	132.67	174.22	116.08	137.18	173.09	145.32
10	Peter Andrew Nicpon	HDCC	Ford Fiesta	B	5	18	886.80	170.41	166.63	107.68	139.30	163.63	139.15
21	Geoff Green	HDCC	Mazda 323	B	6	19	890.92	133.22	177.17	116.44	146.27	172.99	144.83
16	Jayden King(J)	HDCC	Subaru Impreza	C	7	20	900.10	139.11	166.02	127.33	145.60	170.21	151.83
15	Lachlan Moore(J)	HDCC	Holden Commodore	E	1	21	942.68	139.07	161.42	108.85	146.31	209.61*	177.42
17	Emily Page(J)(L)	HDCC	Mazda 121	B	7	22	950.19	143.91	202.26	116.22	155.70	182.09	150.01
26	Justin Potts	HDCC	Hyundai Excel	B	8	23	969.36	146.87	184.35	146.84	151.32	181.56	158.42
13	Dave Wright	HDCC	Special Zi	F	4	24	1039.92	121.37	223.93*	98.45	191.81!	214.61!	189.75!
14	Tyler Wright	HDCC	Special Zi	F	5	25	1056.95	148.91	184.44	127.43	191.81!	214.61!	189.75!
22	Gaye Joyner(L)	HDCC	Datsun 1600	C	8	26	1106.32	171.10	218.93	150.12	181.81	204.61	179.75
25	Jack Herbert Gutmann	CLUB VEE DUB	VW MK1 Golf	B	9	27	1161.32	181.1!	223.93*	160.12!	191.81!	214.61!	189.75!

FTD is in bold Bill Brown
Fastest lady Stephanie Brown
Fastest Junior Jayden King

WD Times 176.1 223.93 155.12 186.81 209.61 184.75
DNS Times 181.1 228.93 160.12 191.81 214.61 189.75
* Denotes WD, TG or DNF penalty # Denotes Flag/Garage penalty
! Denotes DNS penalty





Project Torana Rally Car

In a life long ago.....before children, I owned 2 Toranas. The 1st one was a road going 1972 LJ "S" with a 202, 4speed GTR dash, etc, painted Cyan Metallic. It must have been a good car as it attracted certain women including a girl by the name of Jo-Anne.

As I wanted to go rallying, I sold it and bought a 1973 LJ GTR XU-1 (Ex HDT) rally car. It too must have been a good car as I kept on going out with Jo-Anne and ended up marrying her.

A child was on the way and so the Torana had to go and a typical in the day "Family Car" purchased (XD Falcon Wagon)..... Fast forward many years.

Mid life crisis....Thought, Torana. So purchased a Yellow 1972 LJ Torana Improved Production Race Car. Intention was to turn it into a "nice" club car. Jo-Anne said "you have a race car now, before you convert it you had better Race it!". So a few track days and regularity events, a Motorkhana and a Tarmac rallysprint were done when..... I got a call from Bruce Wooldridge. Bruce owned a nice LJ GTR Rally car which he "rolled at a Khanacross at Nowra. Now I had being trying to buy that car for years. Bruce was "No, I will fix it ONE day". Here was my chance. Jo-Anne said "You had better go and have a look at it". We all know what that means?

The car was a mess to look at, but all the parts were there. The body was a real basket case. 18 Months at Premier Panel Beating (my highly recommended preferred repairer) and about 6 months (so far) of work (thanks Michael, Dean and Chris Walker) and it is here.



Its first outing was at the NSSCC Tarmac Rallysprint. Well, being the "event checker", I had to have a few runs around the course. Actually I spent the time in the Navigators seat next to Keith Byrn, Brett Middleton, Michael Batt and Dean Batt. It then just needed some fine tuning with Timing and Spark plugs. The points were OK (what are those things you say).



Second outing was a HDCC Motorkhana at Luddenham. Now Toranas do not make good Motorkhana Cars (well not years ago anyway). This thing actually went pretty good (Hydraulic Handbrake certainly helps) gaining 13th outright out of a field of 33 cars.

The car is painted Cyan Metallic (Jo-Anne said it had to be), it runs a 202 (3300cc) XU-1 spec motor, triple 1 3/4 Stromberg carburetors, XU-1 discs, Brake Booster, LSD and fuel tank.

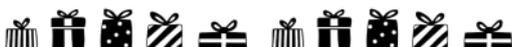


As it is now on Historic Registration, I have elected not to fit the "Bolt in" Steel Roll cage and have fitted an XU-1 rear seat (Which matches the Stratos Front seats).

The car will be used for club events and as the "000" car for rallies.

The project goes on. Will it ever stop?

Batty





A Year Of Great Weirdness!!

I suppose that you can put this article down to me having an end of year rant, following a somewhat eventful twelve months which included falling trees, flying garden sheds, hips which do not do the “hippy, hippy shake” as they’re supposed to, a number of blocked drains, a couple of demon viruses, and the ladies who simply refused to give up Janelle’s carry bag following one of our meetings a couple of months ago. An extraordinary twelve months, even if I say so myself!

Another quite strange thing happened recently, this development being very much motoring oriented, which seemed to indicate that the weirdness does not seem to want to have a rest just yet. It is a story of brainless management, the power of the average man in the street, and how the electronic media is subtly taking over our lives.

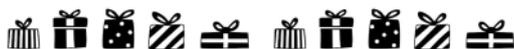
For many, many years, I’ve purchased/subscribed to the weekly English motor sport magazine, Autosport, which was first published in 1950, and which I regard as one of the absolute leaders in reporting International motor sport. I think that I bought my first copy back in 1964, not long after starting work (couldn’t afford them as a school boy!) and have purchased them religiously ever since. The supply was pretty awful back in those days as the mags came out to Australia by boat. By the time each issue arrived on the newsagent’s shelves, it would generally be at least three months behind the publishing date. Nothing like reading old news! Still, it was really good old news! Being weekly, there was no guarantee that each issue arrived in the newsagent in any particular chronological order, either. However, as an enthusiastic young boy mad keen on his motor sport, it didn’t really matter. As it turned out, Racing Car News, whose main focus was Australian Motor Sport, always kept us up to date with lots of International news, but for all the in-depth reporting, Autosport was in a class of its own.

Over the years, supply has varied but has become more consistent as freighting of goods from the UK has improved. Also, the cover price at the newsagents has been all over the place due to varying exchange rates, particularly in the 60s and 70s. However, for many years now I’ve taken out an annual overseas subscription which has stabilised the amount I pay, and with the publisher now offering air freight as part of the subscription, each issue generally arrives within two to three weeks of the publishing date. No probs...all good!

The big worry, I suppose, is what’s going to happen to these magazines when Maggie and I decide to downsize. I estimate that currently I have approximately 2,750 copies of Autosport stored in my garage which I suspect may end up in a Skip bin if anything serious was to happen to me. This will certainly happen if my youngest son has anything to do with it!



However, and this is a BIG HOWEVER, on the 12th October, I received an email from Autosport which began “Dear Subscriber....The price of Autosport magazine in the shops has increased this week. Like all publishers, we are facing the harsh economic realities of our audience shifting to digital, combined with the increasing costs of maintaining a print product.” The email goes on “At the point of renewing your subscription you will see that the cost has increased.” Prior to the 12th October, the cover price was 3.99 English pounds, but the cover price of the next issue after the 12th October was 10.99 pounds, an increase of 175%, if my Maths is correct!!! My subscription falls due in March 2020, so my hair is standing on end wondering what the cost of my annual subscription will be. At that rate, I reckon my subscription will cost me just short of one thousand Australian dollars. If that’s the case, it will certainly be the end of Autosport for me!





Over the next few days I checked on-line for reaction to this unbelievable price increase and, to say the least, purchasers of the magazine were absolutely incredulous at the massive increase. People like me, who had been buying the print edition of Autosport for years and years, were absolutely blown away by the action the publishers were taking to force purchasers from the print version to the digital version.

But how about this...only four weeks later, on the 8th November, another email from Autosport lobbed into my In-box, which stated "Dear Subscriber... You spoke and we listened. We are returning the print edition to the previous price of 3.99 pounds. We recently announced that we were prioritising a digital-first approach and, faced with the increasing costs of delivering a print product, raised the price of the print edition in the shops. We have listened to your feedback and for some of our readers the print edition is still your preferred way to read Autosport."

If you refer to the photo which is attached to this article, you can see that the top magazine which has a publishing date of 7 November, 2019, is proudly promoting the cover price as "NOW 3.99". It's probably hard to read in the photo, but the magazine beneath is the previous week's issue, 31 October, 2019, with a cover price of 10.99 pounds.

Autosport was published under its own name for many years, and then sometime in the 1980s (I think) was purchased by Haymarket Publishing, who did a great job in continuing to do an excellent job in expanding the magazine and giving it a more International focus. Then towards the end of 2016, Motorsport Network, a UK/US e-mag publisher, purchased Autosport from Haymarket. Interestingly enough, the non-Executive Chairman of Motorsport Network was Zak Brown, the CEO of McLaren Racing. In the aftermath of the Autosport price hike debacle, Brown stepped down from his role with Motorsport Network. Zak Brown has some involvement in our local Supercars team, Walkinshaw Andretti United, being co-owner of United Autosports.

It would be interesting to know what went on behind the scenes at Motorsport Network to reach a decision to kill off the print edition of one of the world's most influential and widely read motor sport magazines. I would think that Management who had no idea of what their market consisted of had a major bearing on the price hike. Great to see, though, that people power won out in the end. For the time being, at least!

I will be waiting anxiously for my subscription renewal notice in February/March next year to find out if there is any increase, and if so, by how much. It still may be the end of Autosport for me.

In the meantime, I'll be doing my level best to avoid falling trees, flying sheds, wonky hips, anything that remotely resembles a blocked drain, and making absolutely sure that Janelle, and other members, of course, take all their goods and chattels with them when they leave after each meeting. Not going to go through the Beijing inquisition ever again, that's for sure!

Wishing all our members and their families and friends all the very best for a most enjoyable Christmas and New Year. May Santa bring you everything you wish for!!

Geoff Horler

Thornleigh Car Club's 2019 Presentation Night

Friday, 21st February 2020

Muirfield Golf Club, North Rocks Road, Muirfield

More details closer to the event.

Please ensure that all perpetual trophies are returned to Andrew Crowley or Matt Rath by the December meeting.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



TCC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING/PARTY

It's that time of the year again!!!

Time to dust off those Christmas T-shirts, get together with family and friends, enjoy each other's company & enjoy good food.

So.....COME ALONG to the TCC Meeting on Thursday, 12th December and help us celebrate Christmas. Lots of yummy food will be provided. So that we can cater for everyone and have enough food to go around. Could you please SMS Alana on 0447 634 913 or Janelle on 0478 219 466 to let us know you are coming.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!



2019

TCC PRESENTATION



*Come along and help celebrate
the achievements of our
members during 2019.*

*Friday, 21st February 2020
Muirfield Golf Club
Barclay Road, North Rocks
7:00pm Arrival – 7:30pm Start*

*Enjoy some great food and great
stories with great company.*

*A booking form will be available
with the next magazine.*

*For further information contact
Alana Dean on 0447 634 913 or
by email at
alana.m.dean@gmail.com*



Grip 'n' Slip Motorkhana

Sunday, 15th March 2020

TCC Grip 'n' Slip Multi-Club Motorkhana

Date: Sunday, 15th March 2020
Time: 8:00am Dooco and Scrutineering, 9:45am Driver's Briefing, 10:00am Start
Location: Parade Grounds - Nirimba Education Precinct, Eastern Road, Quakers Hill
Cost: \$60 Adults, \$40 Juniors

With no restrictions on the tests that can be used, a selection of great tests will be chosen and modified for maximum enjoyment. Providing that there are no water restrictions in place, a number of the tests will be wet down (similar to the advanced driver training organisations that use the grounds) for even more fun, though fingers are crossed for the rain like the event in 2019!

Passengers welcome, so make sure you keep this day free!

Keep an eye on the TCC website and Facebook page for more information closer to the event.



Summer Skids Khanacross

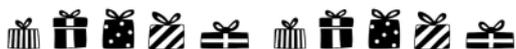
Saturday, 23rd May 2020

TCC Summer Skids Multi-Club Khanacross

Date: Saturday, 23rd May 2020
Location: Colo Park, 5308 Putty Road, Colo Heights NSW 2756

A multi-club khanacross at Colo Park along with some camping, directed by Matt Rath. If you are able to assist Matt in running this event, please contact him on 0415 525 534.

Keep an eye on the TCC website and Facebook page for more information closer to the event.





State & Multi-club Motorkhana

Sunday, 31st May 2020

TCC State & Multi-Club Motorkhana

Date: Sunday, 31st May 2020
Venue: Nirimba Education Precinct, Eastern Road, Quakers Hill.
Cost: State \$70, Multiclub \$60, Juniors (Both) \$40
Time: 8:00am Dooco and Scrutineering, 9:45am Drivers Briefing, 10:00am Start

This event is proposed to be run in the same fashion as 2018 and 2019. State competitors will have one reversing test and two runs at each test. Multi-club competitors will have no reversing and one run at twice as many tests.

Passengers welcome, so make sure you keep this day free!

Keep an eye on the TCC website and Facebook page for more information closer to the event.



Dirt N Dust Challenge Khanacross

Saturday, 15th August 2020

TCC Dirt N Dust Challenge Multi-Club Khanacross

Date: Saturday, 15th August 2020
Location: Colo Park, 5308 Putty Road, Colo Heights NSW 2756

A multi-club khanacross at Colo Park along with some camping, directed by Matt Rath. If you are able to assist Matt in running this event, please contact him on 0415 525 534.

Keep an eye on the TCC website and Facebook page for more information closer to the event.





Luddenham Track Day

Sunday, 30th August 2020

TCC Luddenham Track Day

Date: Sunday, 30th August 2020

Location: Luddenham Raceway, 821-849 Luddenham Rd, Luddenham NSW 2745

After the success of our 2019 track day, we are running this speed event again. Info and entry forms will be released in early 2020.

Spots will be limited for this event, so make sure you keep this date free.

Keep an eye on the TCC website and Facebook page for more information closer to the event.



A Drive Down Memory Lane - The Final Leg re-run

Date to be advised

A Drive Down Memory Lane – The Final Leg Re-run

Date: TBA - Keep an eye on the TCC website and Facebook page

This is a re-run of the final event in the A Drive Down Memory Lane series. This 240km social drive goes to the sites of almost a dozen grassroots motorsport venues including gymkhana, motorkhana, khanacross, sprints and hill climb venues.

If you missed the 2019 event, this is your last chance for this informative and heart breaking event. The event allows you to walk one hill climb and drive another.

The event pack includes memorabilia from past events, route instructions as well as the Venue Information booklet with information and photos for every site including information on another 40+ venues that couldn't be included in the tour. Luxurious pit-stops included for more enjoyment.





2020 Championship & Series Calendars

Whilst the TCC Competition calendar is a great way to try new motorsport disciplines, for those who wish to pursue series or state championships, some of the 2020 competition calendars (that have been released to date) have been included below.

SOUTHERN CROSS RALLY SERIES

ROUND 1	ROSEWOOD	18TH APRIL
ROUND 2	ORANGE	23RD MAY
ROUND 3	BULAHDELAH	18TH JULY
ROUND 4	COFFS HARBOUR	15-16TH AUG
ROUND 5	BAGO	26TH SEPT
ROUND 6	WALCHA	7TH NOV

MIDSTATE freight RALLYSPRINT SERIES

ROUND 1	HASTINGS	14TH MARCH
ROUND 2	TUMUT	20TH JUNE
ROUND 3	ARMIDALE	4TH OCT
ROUND 4	BLACK SPRINGS	21ST NOV



2020 NSW RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

1	NATIONAL CAPITAL RALLY	21 - 22 MARCH
2	BEGA VALLEY RALLY	6 - 7 JUNE
3	RALLY OF THE BAY	4 JULY
4	BULAHDELAH RALLY	22 AUGUST
5	CAVES CLASSIC	19 SEPTEMBER
6	MONARO STAGES	17 OCTOBER
7	NORTH COAST RALLY	28 NOVEMBER - TO BE CONFIRMED

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2020 NSW CLUBMAN RALLY SERIES

1	MINI 'DULLA RALLY	2 MAY - TERMEIL
2	RALLY OF THE BAY	4 JULY - BATEMANS BAY
3	NAROOMA FOREST RALLY	1 AUGUST - NAROOMA
4	BULAHDELAH RALLY	22 AUGUST - BULAHDELAH
5	CAVES CLASSIC	19 SEPTEMBER - OBERON
6	MONARO STAGES	17 OCTOBER - COOMA
7	SNOWY MTNS RALLY	7 NOVEMBER - TUMUT

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2020 NSW HYUNDAI RALLY SERIES

1	BLUE RANGE RALLYSPRINT	29 FEBRUARY - ACT
2	AWABA RALLYSPRINT	28 MARCH - AWABA
3	MINI 'DULLA RALLY	2 MAY - TERMEIL
4	AWABA RALLYSPRINT	20 JUNE - AWABA
5	RALLY OF THE BAY	4 JULY - BATEMANS BAY
6	NAROOMA FOREST RALLY	1 AUGUST - NAROOMA
7	BULAHDELAH RALLY	22 AUGUST - BULAHDELAH
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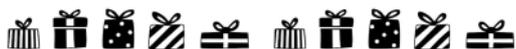
MOTORKHANA DATES FOR 2020 CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND	DATE	LOCATION	SURFACE	CLUB	CONTACT	NUMBER
1	Sunday 16th February	Awaba	Dirt	Westlakes Auto Club	John Newton	0423170259
2	Sunday 8th March	Awaba	Dirt	Westlakes Auto Club	John Newton	0423170259
3	Sunday 29th March	Nirimba	Tarmac	Renault Car Club	Bob Sprague	0414670320
4	*Sat 4th & Sun 5th April	Armidale	Concrete	New England Sporting CC	Matt Carey	0437315635
5	Sunday 3rd May	Nirimba	Tarmac	Hills District Car Club	Shane O'Hara	0421461112
6	Sunday 31st May	Nirimba	Tarmac	Thornleigh Car Club	Andrew Chinner	0411087558
7	Sunday 21st June	Nirimba	Tarmac	Mini Car Club	Ron Adlam	0427043854
8	Sunday 9th August	SMP E/Creek	Skidpan	MX5 Car Club	Ian Combes	0433159726
9	Sunday 13th September	Nirimba	Tarmac	Renault Car Club	Bob Sprague	0414670320

* Note: This is a 2 day Event with Saturday afternoon & Sunday morning competition
 **Note: This is a Saturday Event

KHANACROSS DATES FOR 2020 SERIES

ROUND	DATE	LOCATION	SURFACE	CLUB	CONTACT	NUMBER
1	Sunday 23rd February	Awaba	Dirt	Westlakes Auto Club	John Newton	0423170259
2	Sunday 15th March	Awaba	Dirt	Westlakes Auto Club	John Newton	0423170259
3	Sunday 28th June	Hampton	Dirt	Hills District Car Club	Shane O'Hara	0421461112
4	Sunday 26th July	Awaba	Dirt	Westlakes Auto Club	John Newton	0423170259
5	**Saturday 29th August 2pm	Awaba	Dirt	Westlakes Auto Club	John Newton	0423170259
6	Sunday 22nd November	Hampton	Dirt	Hills District Car Club	Shane O'Hara	0421461112
7	*Sat 5th & Sun 6th December	Armidale	Concrete	New England Sporting C C	Matt Carey	0437315635





Got a perpetual trophy?

These will need to be returned at either the November or December meeting to Andrew Crowley or Matt Rath. If you are unable to make either of these meetings, please contact Andrew Crowley on 0421 334 426 or Matt on 0415 525 534 to make alternative arrangements.



Want to help TCC go green?

Whilst TCC understands that a number of our members still prefer to receive a hard copy of their magazine, a number of members also equally prefer to receive their magazine electronically.

The electronic magazine has everything the hardcopy magazine has and more. It's in full colour, and gives you links to upcoming events, pointscores, videos and other important information. It is also received before the mailed hard copy.

However, if you currently receive a hard copy magazine and wish to change to start receiving an electronic copy of the magazine, please let Geoff Horler or Nicole Crowley know. Please also ensure that you have given them your email address. Once this is updated, you'll receive the very next magazine electronically.



THORNLEIGH CAR CLUB HISTORIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

A quick reminder of the rules and requirements for the renewal of your historic vehicle, with Thornleigh Car Club, under the current Log Book Scheme;

1. A renewed application for recognition must be supplied if any changes to your current supplied details
2. Proof of current financial membership of TCC supplied
3. Proof of current insurance of vehicle
4. Current pink slip for vehicle
5. Completed Historical Vehicle Declaration (as supplied with your renewal)
6. A \$10 fee payable to TCC to cover admin costs
7. A signed acceptance of all current conditions and regulations

Copies of any of these forms are available from the Registrar

For more information please contact Jim Richardson on 9639 0638 or via email at jimandbev@bigpond.com





Interested in becoming an Official?

To ensure our events run properly and that our regular officials have a chance to also compete, we need more members to obtain officials licences. Thankfully CAMS are making this process easier.

We need all current Trainee officials to upgrade to General officials. This involves officiating for one day and filling out a Trainee form and then completing an online Introductory module. This can be completed in any order. By becoming a General official, it will mean less work for the Event Secretary, but you will also receive a CAMS Officials Licence Book similar to your CAMS Competition Licence Book. Whenever you officiate, this book then gets signed by a member of the organising committee for that event.

This log of events can then be used when upgrading your licence to a Bronze level. It is of note that Bronze level official licences never expire.

TCC really NEED MORE Bronze level Event Admin, Event Command and Scrutineer officials. We simply do not have enough of these in the club to allow members to only officiate in a higher role at one TCC event in a year allowing them to compete in other events.

Just to repeat that Bronze level official licences never expire. For members a little worried about learning and performing these roles, please be assured that we have many members in the club who are happy to mentor you through this process. Help is never far away. Some roles will require you to be actively involved in the organisation of the event so leaving this to the last minute will not benefit yourself with any potential assessments. TCC has plenty of events that you can help run and upgrade your licence, so please have a good think about it and speak to an Executive member in order to start the process.

For more information on the different types of officials licences, or to register your interest in a training module, please check out the CAMS website www.cams.com.au/get-involved/officials/training



FOR SALE



Portable Tool Chest 2 Drawer Storage Cabinet

PRICE - \$30

This Tool Chest is used but is in excellent, as-new condition. There are no cracks or marks in the paintwork. There is a top storage area with piano hinged lid. The two drawers slide out providing easy access, and the cabinet is front key lockable with a built-in rear lock system, keeping your tools safe and secure from sticky fingers.

Overall dimensions: 44 x 24 x 25cm;

Drawer size 42 x 22 x 5cm

Tools and accessories are not included.

Ring PATRICIA on 0412 286 941 for the address in Lane Cove, or, if you wish, John is happy to post the Tool Chest to you. John has calculated the cost of postage to a Sydney address as \$10.95, which has to be covered by the purchaser.

FOR SALE

2005 Renault Megane (Series 11) Cup Sport 225 Manual

5 door hatchback in very good original condition.

Rego number AYB 13L ; First registered April 2006.

Current registration through to April 2020.

2.0 litre turbo-charged 16 valve engine producing 165 Kw.

6 speed gearbox.

140,175 km.

Blue-grey paint in excellent condition.

Black leather seats in as-new condition; orange seat belts.

Log-book serviced regularly.

Overall in great original condition. Mechanically in very good condition, but the clutch is failing and will need to be replaced. Brake pads have 30% remaining.

Big price drop to \$3,000 as the owner has purchased another vehicle and the Renault is no longer needed. Fair offers may be considered.

Contact Geoff Horler on 0408 118 087

or leave a message on owner Eddie's phone on 0414 666 328





Other Motorsport Results



WRC - World Rally Championship

Driver Standings	Points
1. Ott Tanak	263
2. Thierry Neuville	227
3. Sebastien Ogier	217
4. Andreas Mikkelsen	102
5. Elfyn Evans	102

Last Event: Rally Spain 25-27 October 2019

1. Thierry Neuville / Nicolas Gilsoul
2. Ott Tanak / Martin Jarveoja
3. Dani Sordo / Carlos Del Barrio

Next Event: Rally Monte Carlo 23 - 26 January 2020

ARC - Australian Rally Championship

Driver Standings	Points
1. Harry Bates	365
=2. Lewis Bates	242
=2. Molly Taylor	242
4. John O'Dowd	162
5. Luke Anear	161

Last Event: Rally Adelaide 20 - 22 September 2019

1. Harry Bates / John McCarthy
2. Molly Taylor / Malcolm Read
3. Lewis Bates / Anthony McLoughlin

Next Event: Rally Canberra 21 - 22 March 2020

F1 - Formula One

Driver Standings	Points
1. Lewis Hamilton	413
2. Valtteri Bottas	326
3. Max Verstappen	278
4. Charles Leclerc	264
5. Sebastian Vettel	240

Last Event: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 29 Nov-1 Dec '19

1. Lewis Hamilton
2. Max Verstappen
3. Charles Leclerc

Next Event: Australian Grand Prix 13 - 15 Mar '20

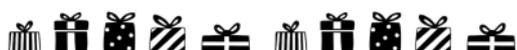
Supercars

Driver Standings	Points
1. Scott McLaughlin	3872
2. Shane van Gisbergen	3310
3. Jamie Whincup	3208
4. Fabian Coulthard	3058
5. Chaz Mostert	2879

Last Event: Newcastle 500 22 - 24 November 2019

1. Jamie Whincup
2. Fabian Coulthard
3. Tim Slade

Next Event: Adelaide 500 20 - 23 February 2020





**A NEW RANGE OF
THORNLEIGH CAR CLUB
REGALIA IS COMING
SOON.**

STAY TUNED!

THE CHAMPIONS OF 2018



ARON ELLIOTT
1st Club Championship
1st Driver's Championship
1st Khanacross Championship



GARRY ELLIOTT
2nd Club Championship
2nd Driver's Championship
2nd Khanacross Championship



MATT RATH
3rd Club Championship
1st Rally Driver's Championship



GREG YATES
4th Club Championship
5th Driver's Championship



NEIL HOOD
5th Club Championship
2nd Rally Driver's Championship



KAREN YATES
6th Club Championship

Alana Dean - 1st Ladies Championship
Alana Dean - 1st Rally Navigator's Championship
Vicki Gillon - 1st Motorkhana Championship
Dean Tomlin - 1st Speed Championship
David Masing - Ernie Boston Trophy

Alana Dean - Novice Award
Nicole Crowley - Clubman Award
Tim Hurst - Encouragement Award
Ian Polczynski - Junior Encouragement Award
Gary & Wendy Maher - Officials Award