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PRESIDENTS PAGE

DECEMBER 2018

Greetings members and welcome to the final magazine of 2018.

As another year winds up we can look back on a year that seems to have flown by. We trialled some new event formats this year with Nicole introducing the multi-club component to our State Motorkhana round, the Scouts Dirt n Dust Khanacross and a spot of fundraising at Thornleigh Bunnings.

Thank you to those who came to assist on Sunday 25th November at the Bunnings BBQ. Hopefully this will be the first of many at this store. It was interesting that most of the public we served on the day had no idea there is a car club operating right under their noses. We spoke to a few interested people and gave out a few showbags to spread the word on what we do and who we are. On the day we made a profit of \$722 and have a number of boxes of soft drink cans left over for the next BBQ.

A reminder to please bring back any perpetual trophies to the December Christmas party, so they can be engraved for our presentation night on Friday, 23rd February 2019.

Please remember to renew your club membership for 2019, especially if you have a Historically Registered Vehicle, as without membership your vehicle is technically unregistered. We've got a number of events

lined up for early 2019, so it's really important to ensure your membership is renewed to score points.

Finally thank you to you, our members, who make our club what it is. Without your continued support our club would not function as it does and our events would not be as successfully run as they are. I look forward to working with you all again in 2019.

Be safe out on the roads this holiday season and be careful of double demerits.

Stay safe and see you at the meeting.

Matt Rath.



December Meeting:



Supper:

TCC Social Committee & Club Members



Raffle:

Nicole Crowley

Cover Photo – The afternoon shift at the TCC Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser in November.



EDITORS REPORT

Thank you to everyone who turned up to the last meeting with guest speaker, Tony Loxley. Tony spoke to us about speedway which is clearly his passion and his desire to put as much of the photos into books as possible to retain the history of the sport and the competitors. Tony also brought in several



programmes including a 1936 Penrith Speedway programme as well as a programme from Maroubra Speedway from 1930! Tony donated one of his books (The Tasman Cup (1964-1975) Road Racing Book valued at \$94.95) to the club, which will be raffled off to the club and presented at the 2018 TCC Presentation Night. Tony also spoke about his new book Speedway Action, which he claims he is the most proud of, and invited everyone to the launch on Sunday 16th December at PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub – Entertainment Quarter, Bent Street, Moore Park, Sydney Showground from 12pm. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/FullThrottlePublishing/> or the TCC Facebook page for the invitation containing further information. To purchase any of Tony's books (and they are amazing – I own 6 of them!) go to his website <http://www.fullthrottlepublishing.com.au/>. Along with his talk on speedway, he gave us some great insights to his policing career. Although he admitted it was one of his most

off-topic talks he had done, he enjoyed talking to the club, and I know everyone there was equally enjoying listening to his talk.

Now that we are in December, it means that our Christmas meeting is here! I've had a couple of members put up their hand to provide a plate of food for the night, however if you can help bring food, drinks, decorations or help set up, please send an email to me at niknax84@optusnet.com.au or call/leave a message on my mobile 0409 987 210. The Christmas meeting is always an enjoyable night, so make sure you are free and bring your partner, family, kids or friends along.



Renewal forms went out with the November magazines, so please ensure you renew your membership soon. This avoids any issues with club membership requirements at any early 2019 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 2018 will be held on Friday, 22nd February 2019 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 2018 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. In particular, if anyone has any photos or footage of our state kharacross it would be greatly appreciated as this is one event that I could not make it to. And just a quick reminder to any who have perpetual trophies from last year, can you please bring them along to the December meeting so that we can start getting them engraved for the 2018 recipients.



A number of 2019 TCC run events are already in the planning stages. For those who missed the A Drive Down Memory Lane – Speedway Edition, this is being re-run on Saturday 9th February. Keep an eye on the TCC Facebook page as the event and booking form will be released shortly.

I will also be directing a wet and dry (Grip 'n' Slip) multi-club motorkhana at Nirimba on Sunday 17th 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.



I will also be directing the TCC State Motorkhana and will again be including a multi-club motorkhana on Sunday 2nd June. I am again looking for a scrutineer for this event, along with 2 secretaries and timekeepers for this event.

Apart from that, I am planning on another TCC vs HDCC Social Challenge and I am still looking at running the third and final instalment of the A Drive Down Memory Lane events, being all of the other left over motorsport venues i.e. old motorkhana/khanacross grounds, hill climb tracks and whatever else I can get in there. This one will be the hardest one yet, as there is very little information on the venues unlike the circuits and speedway tracks so I will be very reliant on members passing along location information, photos, any old results and some stories to enable me to make a very small information booklet! I picked up a few old street directories (1984 I think is the oldest, so yes it's still a young one!) which can help pinpoint a few of the locations which would now most likely be housing developments. If any of our more experienced members have any older maps which may help locate some of the long lost sites, that information would be truly appreciated. As for other social events, I have had a couple of different suggestions for events for 2019, so if you have something in mind come and let me know.

As we wrap up for 2019, we wanted to thank everyone who submitted an article for publication in Piston Slap this year. There has been a great variety of articles, and thankfully they weren't all left until the December edition!



Andrew and I would like to wish all of our members, their families and our friendly car clubs a fabulous Christmas. May car and motorsport related presents be plenty! We would also like to wish you all a fantastic 2019 full of fun motorsport events. 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.

Nicole & Andrew Crowley



Important Editorial Dates To Remember

- Next Piston Slap Edition:** January / February 2019
- Reports and articles required by:** Friday 18th January 2019
- Collation Night:** Thursday 24th January 2019



TCC welcomes the following new members
Geoffrey Versace

May you find lots of enjoyment in your motorsport and friends in TCC.

Got a perpetual trophy?

These will need to be returned at the December meeting to Glenn Inkster or Matt Rath. If you are unable to make either of these meetings, please contact Glenn on 0404 136 232 or Matt on 0415 525 534 to make alternative arrangements.





CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT



Hello All, I hope everyone is well, welcome to December’s Club Captain’s report.

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the calendar so far. I’m well on the way to having the calendar worked out for most disciplines that our members compete in. Having said that..... I presume no one is planning on doing any forest rallies next year, as I’ve had no feedback from any of our dirt competitors on events they’d like included in the dirt side of the rally championship. I’m hoping that is because you guys were waiting on the various calendars to be released to know what events were included the different championships and series, but if you can get me a list of events that you would like to be included in our calendar ASAP, I can then work that around the other events in the calendar.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual Christmas Party at our December meeting and wish you all Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

See you at the track,
Andrew.

Pointscore Events

Thur 13th December TCC Christmas Meeting

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

Upcoming Non Points Score Events

Dec 6 Twilight rally sprint – WSID - NSSCC

2019 Draft Calendar until the end of March along with proposed TCC run events for the year. Please note this is a list of ALL known events in February and March next year – Pointscore and Non-Pointscore with the various TCC Championships to take shape over the Christmas break to appear in the first magazine of next year. Safe to say that the TCC run events (shaded) will be included in the pointscore but I’m open to feedback on which of these other events you would like included as pointscore rounds.

Date	Event	Club	Championship	Location
Sun 3 Feb	CL Rudd Motorkhana	HDCC	Motorkhana	TBA
Sat 9 Feb	Drive Down Memory Lane – Speedway Re-Run	TCC	-	Greater Sydney
Sun 17 Feb	State Motorkhana	WAC	Motorkhana	Awaba
Fri 22 Feb	Presentation Night TCC	TCC	-	Muirfield Golf Club
Sat 23 Feb	The Escarpment Escape	CRC	Rally - Touring	Bulli
Sun 24 Feb	State KhanaX	WAC	Khanacross	Awaba
Sat 2 Mar	Dirt & Dust Multiclub Khanacross	TCC	Khanacross	Colo
Sun 10 Mar	State Motorkhana	WAC	Motorkhana	Awaba
Sun 17 Mar	Multiclub Motorkhana	TCC	Motorkhana	Nirimba
Sun 17 Mar	State KhanaX	WAC	Khanacross	Awaba
Sun 24 Mar	Bulahdelah Hillclimb	MLSCC	Speed	Bulahdelah
Sun 2 Jun	TCC State & Multiclub Motorkhana	TCC	Motorkhana	Nirimba
Sun 18 Aug	Luddenham Supersprint	TCC	Speed	Luddenham Raceway
TBA	TBA	TCC	Khanacross	Colo
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Bits from Boston...

The year is almost over & my last event Ernie's Revenge. We were a little bit down on last year's numbers, though it is looking like the grounds we have had for so long, may not be available any more owing to the vast amount of dust and also the grounds not recovering enough for events like this.

I have been watching the WRC rallying with great interest, Wow they are flying through the events. The good drivers are holding their own, with multiple drivers from different manufacturers taking out round wins throughout 2018. It looks like musical chairs. Kris Meeke has appeared again. He has a drive with Ford. That's the luck of the Irish!

There are a few more other changes going on as well, if you had a chance to watch it, the TV stations are all over the place. The guide would say it was on at 11am and it would be on 2 hours later with no warning, so it was follow the button on the remote. Sandra went nuts as I was changing the channels all the time trying to find the jolly thing! Hand's up all who saw Molly hit that tree at Rally Australia? Lucky girl, she wasn't hurt. Good advert for safety gear in their cars.

Pikes Peak was attacked by Citroen and the result is that the folks said it looks like the time they did will last forever. Well it didn't. VW appeared and guess what... They took a minute off it. That was short forever. The car didn't look anything like a V dub. It looked more like a LE MONS beast, but it was quick. Petrol over Electric? Electric wins as Pikes Peak is over 14,000ft tall. Petrol cars lose 25 per cent off their power whereas the electric cars don't. Way of the future maybe?

Wow, I just saw on the news the crash in Macau Formula 3 race. Sophia Floersch, only 17-years-old, lost control of her Van Amersfoort Racing car as she sped towards the tight right hand corner and slammed into the inside wall. She then sped backwards towards the turn and after clipping the kerb, her car became airborne before she hit another driver at incredible speed. The result from the impact then launched her high into the air where she was catapulted into the debris fencing before her car smashed into a photographers bunker and landed back on its wheels. She was reportedly doing 276km/h! With a spinal fracture as a result of the crash, she has vowed to come back to the sport after Doctors confirmed that there is no fear of paralysis and that everything seemed to be working fine after an 11 hour surgery. It's testament as to how well these cars are built and all of the safety gear included in them now.

Hope to see you soon,

Ernie.



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Thornleigh Car Club's latest edition of their magazine, Piston Slap, is now available. [Click here](#) to download and enjoy the read!

Latest Pointscore
We are now over half way through the competition year! [Click here](#) to check out how you are going and to make sure you have received points for all events you have completed! [Participate](#) is official in.

UPCOMING EVENTS



This is always a great event with fabulous heels picked by Ernie with modifications for more enjoyment. There are several any viewing seats and passengers are more than welcome. [Click here](#) for more info.



TCC and HCCC have enjoyed a friendly rivalry between the two clubs for many decades, but now it's time to get real. The losing club will take home the wooden



Come along with Thornleigh Car Club for a full day social drive as we travel to sites of over half a dozen long lost ghostery venues of Sydney. You will get to walk

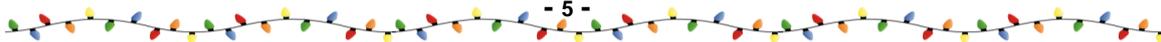
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Whilst TCC understands that a number of our members still prefer to receive a hard copy of their magazine, a number of members also equally prefer to receive their magazine electronically.

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.

An example of what you receive is shown here. If you wanted to receive a previous edition of the electronic magazine to check it out, please contact Nicole Crowley.

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.





WHY YOU SHOULD PUT 9TH FEBRUARY 2019 IN YOUR DIARY FOR THE DRIVE DOWN MEMORY LANE – SPEEDWAY EDITION RE-RUN

At first I was not sure about this event as our passion with cars did not tend towards the Speedway but then I thought of Westmead Speedway and the sound I remember as a child carrying across the bridge towards our house and the night I finally got to know what that noise was all about and as a child it seemed pretty amazing and a bit scary to see the speed and hear the noise of those little cars. Phillip had somewhat more vivid and stronger memories than I did and convinced me the whole day would be enjoyable – how right was he!!!!



Our early morning start saw a small but enthusiastic group of members and Nicole had wisely chosen a spot to meet right next to McDonalds which meant those that needed their morning coffee fix could start the day off well. (not to mention the facilities available AFTER that coffee – ha ha ha)

Off we went following Nicole's instructions and diagrams and as almost all of the speedways were gone it was interesting to visualise just where they used to be. Near to Windsor RSL we were joined by a gentleman who had taken it upon himself to study the history of Speedway and in particular the speedway track which was next to the RSL. Even if you

have NEVER had any experience with or gone to a Speedway event you could not help be mesmerised by the stories he told and his passion for keeping the history of Speedway alive. It was pretty amazing to see a plaque commemorating the speedway competitors who had lost their lives on the track and great to think the owner of the property (an industrial property) agreed to have the plaque displayed on their retaining wall.

What a nice Club Windsor RSL is – some very yummy morning tea choices and a chance to sit and have a chat with each other – what a lovely way to spend a morning.

Now.....here is the interesting part – not many of us can say we know Sydney in and out these days (unless you are a Courier or your job takes you to different suburbs of Sydney) but it was truly an eye opener to go in and out of different suburbs and see how Sydney has changed and – in some suburbs – not changed at all due to historic caveats over some properties (near to the city) – some of which had been renovated but kept the original façade of the building. In stark contrast to that was the amazing high rise communities with a common parkland and then to find in the middle of that little park commemorative plaques regarding the history of what used to be there mentioning the speedway and an old building which was the original 'ticket office' and entrance to a horse racing track – quite amazing to think that in the middle of a futuristic development they had kept that history alive!!



Phillip (who was in the back of Mum's Imax Van with the instructions) was so interested in the scenery and having visited many spots in his position with Long Industries and A V Jennings when they built various homes and had involvement with previously built apartment buildings became somewhat blasé about where we were going – announced to Steve (who was driving) that we could relax and just drive down Parramatta Road as he knew exactly the street we were to turn down and it was not until Glebe so just keep travelling along Parramatta Road. Well we did so when suddenly Phillip

realised the street he knew off by heart in GLEBE also had a namesake WAY BACK which was the one we needed to turn off. Oooops.....now we were stuck in bumper to bumper traffic which saw our driver (AKA Stephen Lansley) turn from a chilled out chauffeur to a grizzly bear who was ready to attack at any moment!!!! After a while we realised there was nothing we could do about it but to just slowly crawl along and we started to look right and left and see many changes along Parramatta Road and we then started reminiscing about what used to be there and some stories behind the reason we might have visited different areas and businesses down that way so our mistake did not turn out that bad after all. And the bumper to bumper traffic dissipated so we cruised into the city and actually arrived at our destination ahead of everyone else.

The Showground was another eye opener as that area has dramatically changed BUT most of the old Showground buildings AND most of the Speedway track is still there – certainly you can tell where it was as the shape of it is very much there. That was another nostalgia trip as we reminisced about our childhood



and our visits to the Royal Easter Show and the happiness and excitement of that experience as a child. There are an amazing choice of restaurants and if you did not feel like actually sitting in a restaurant there were plenty of take-away choices to choose from. With me – none of the takeaway choices were possible but we found a Bavarian Restaurant where you could just have entrée size meals at a reasonable price and Phillip and Stephen enjoyed a beer and ‘Oh why not’ I enjoyed a glass of champagne – after all we were celebrating all those special memories of attending the Royal Easter Show but of course back then it was a milkshake or soft drink - ha ha ha !!!!!!! An added highlight was seeing the ‘Pop Up’ Shakespearian Theatre in the middle of the Showground – pretty impressive and there was a line-up of people waiting to see the shows.....



We met up with some other entrants and reminisced together about the Showground and for those who had been to a speedway event spoke about that and Phillip and Stephen told the story of how they were involved in a display Motorkhana on the Speedway track which they thoroughly enjoyed at the time. There was a plaque commemorating the Speedway drivers and bike riders/sidecar passengers who had been killed – sure did not pay to be a Speedway bike rider as they featured high in the list.

Off we went again and part of this section of the event took us past Maroubra Beach which was another blast from the past – we had not been there for years and years!!!! It was lovely to see many people enjoying the beach and cafes and reminded us of just how picturesque our coastal areas are especially the high road we went down which gave us an amazingly beautiful view of Maroubra. I commented (as we were in the Van we bought for Mum so she could still go out with us even when she was very frail) – how much she would have enjoyed this trip around Sydney – (she could sit in the Van for hours and be happy) and would have LOVED that view.

The final leg of our Journey around Sydney was the Speedway which was still up and running at Granville – even though we were quite early before the events started there were cars everywhere and the

Car Park was full!!!! BUT no problem – plenty of street parking also so we found a spot in the street and walked back to the Track. We made a last minute decision to change over to the VIP entry fee as I saw the Elliott’s who were TOTALLY organised with their chairs under their arms. I then had visions of us sitting on the grass which as the night can become a little damp even in warm weather did not seem that appealing. Of course later I realised there are PLENTY of seats to choose from!!!!

Well that was another enjoyable part of the day!!!! We were able to have a chat and snack type food was constantly flowing as part of our VIP Entry Fee – you paid for drinks – we were very protected from the noise and dust behind the glass and quite clean toilets were available to us – we did not need to go down to the general public facilities which was great. Of course you just HAD to go out to the outdoor seating area to experience (even if only briefly) the noise and excitement of the Speedway – the loudspeaker announcing details of each race and giving a bit of history of the drivers and cars etc.

Now I DO remember us going to probably a couple of events when we were in our 20’s at Granville and being surprised just how fast those little cars can go but OMG now they are just like bullets out of a gun!!!!!!!!!!!! They literally flew around the track. The unbelievable noise and you can feel the dust settling on you – but that’s all part of the excitement – there was a few spectacular rollovers but with the safety requirements with cages and side bars, etc, the drivers all walked away unharmed which was great.



For me the first highlight was the ‘new modified’ – they sounded great and looked like a cross between a sedan and a sports car with no roof and whilst a tiny bit slower than the others were great to watch.





The second highlight was when just two Sprint cars came out and were doing qualifying times – now they were fantastic!!! and really highlighted the skill of the drivers – it is a whole different skill level to normal track racing – watching them drift and accelerate was great. The speed they were going was really amazing!!!!!!

We decided to leave before the end of the last race just to get ahead of the crowd departing at the end but we felt we certainly got value for our money.



TRULY a great day and believe me there are **lots of reasons** for you to put this date in your Diary (or Mobile Phone Calendar) you WILL enjoy the day even if you have NO interest in Speedway whatsoever.

Later on – after the event – we were able to study all the different booklets that Nicole gave us which were actual Programmes of the events which saw us reminiscing again looking at the Westmead booklet which advertised businesses which we had gone to when we were young and gave some snippets of the ‘Speedway life’.

After the Event – Nicole organised a gentleman to come along to the monthly meeting who had developed photographic books – he was somewhat of an historian on Speedway and motorsport in general and had some fascinating stories and photos to show to members. His passion was amazing and without people like him and the other gentleman at Windsor, the Speedway history and motorsport in general history would be completely lost. He also seemed to thoroughly enjoy everyone’s company and stayed for supper and was able to listen to some of the members’ stories and gave some more insights that he has discovered in his research and first-hand experience. He is very hopeful of coming along to the event on 9th February 2019.

SO – look outside the square – embrace other forms of Motorsport – and enjoy Nicole’s Drive Down Memory Lane events!!!!!!

BIG thanks to Nicole for all the work she puts into these events.

As a PS to this event – in my workplace I come across people from ALL walks of life and many of them have some interesting stories. As you do – you often ask what they did on the weekend and they ask what you do – well one of our customers asked what I did on the weekend and I (briefly of course) told him we had spent an interesting day travelling around Sydney visiting what used to be the Speedway tracks – he gave me some of the stories he had visiting Granville Speedway.

After he left an elderly gentleman who had been waiting for his medications said “I do hope you do not mind that I overheard your conversation with that gentleman – if you are interested I can tell you a story about my dear friend” Luckily it was a rare moment where there were no other people waiting to be attended to so I told him I would love to hear about his friend.

Turned out he had grown up with “Bluey Barnes” who rode bikes at Cumberland Speedway – he shared the same birthday with him AND they were married on the same day - they were best mates. Bluey’s wife had never liked him racing at the Speedway and had never attended a meeting. Bluey wanted to win a Championship and she made him promise that once he achieved that goal he would give it away – well he won his particular Championship and became quite well known due to that win – but he did make that promise but wanted one last race. So due to it being his last race – his wife went along – and yep you guessed it – he was killed that night!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Our dear elderly customer was there also and had never forgotten it and I could tell that it was just like yesterday when he was telling the story. But he said he was glad he died doing something he loved and that ‘Bluey’ would have wanted it that way.

Janelle Lansley



TCC Christmas Meeting

It's the most wonderful time of the year...

So come along to the TCC Christmas meeting on
Thursday 13th December.

The Social Committee, along with help from other
members of the club always put on a great
Christmas meeting full of great food.

The normal club meeting starts at 8pm at the
Pennant Hills Leisure Centre.

Once the meeting is finished, feel free to mingle, tell
stories and enjoy great food as we all wind down
after a fun year of competition and get ready for
the Christmas break.

If you are able to help by bringing a plate of food
or provide other help, please contact Nicole via
email at niknax84@optusnet.com.au or
on 0409 987 210 to let her know.

Family, friends and kids are most welcome.

Whatever is beautiful.

Whatever is meaningful.

Whatever brings you happiness.

May it be yours this holiday season
and throughout the coming year.

2018 TCC PRESENTATION NIGHT 2018



*Come along and help celebrate
the achievements of our
members during 2018.*

*Friday, 22nd February 2018
Muirfield Golf Club
Barclay Road, North Rocks
6:45pm Arrival – 7:15pm 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
Nicole Crowley on 0409 987 210 or
by email at
niknax84@optusnet.com.au.*



RALLY AUSTRALIA 2018

Since Rally Australia moved to the Coffs Harbour area, Dad (Garry) and I have made the trip up to watch the world's best rally drivers compete in Australia. This year the championship was the closest I can remember it being at our round. Coming into Australia Sebastian Ogier was leading over Thierry Neuville by only 3 points.

The weekend starts with our usual Thursday drive up to Coffs. Over the years we have seen the highway be transformed from sections of old single and double lane roads to a dual lane motorway from Heatherbrae all the way into Coffs. This meant we were traveling between 100 and 110km/h the whole way. Except for where there were some roadworks that slowed us back to 80, 60 or even 40km/h.

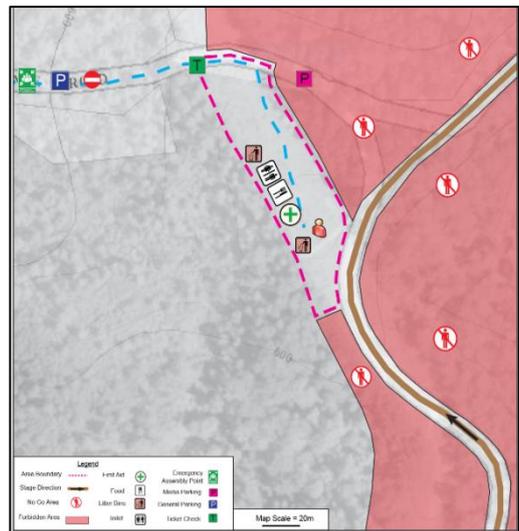
Our original plan was to head up earlier than normal to catch some of the shakedown stage, but due to the start time, we decided best to just leave at a reasonable hour and arrive in Coffs about lunch time. The drive up was very easy with one short stop at Kempsey service centre on the southern entry to Kempsey. We then drove the rest of the way into Coffs. A quick lunch and met up with some family friends Byron and Bailey, who were making the WRC trip for the first time. We learned from last year a visit to the Rally Australia merchandise store, to swap our paper tickets for a lanyard and pass.



Previous years the start ceremony was on Harbour Drive, in the town centre. But this year they moved it to the Harbour. (see inset below) This was a bigger area for the crowds to spread out and parking was much easier, although the way they had the WRC cars lined up was not the best. You could get close to the back of the cars but not the front.

The local ARC cars were much like previous years where you can be up close and personal with drivers and their machines. During the afternoon we bumped into some Hills District members, being Clive Ferguson, Chris Warwick and John Joyner and his boys.

Friday took us west of Coffs. We originally planned to go to Flooded Gum, as in the past it had been a good spectator point, but during the opening ceremony we were advised by Chris, the better spot was Bushmans. The drive out was a bit wet due to some overnight showers and morning drizzle. Byron and Bailey followed us and we parked as close as we could. The walk in was not so far and soon we again met up with some HDCC members. After a bit of banter we all settled in to watch the field go through. As always the WRC cars did not disappoint, their car control at full speed is something you can only see live, to really comprehend how good they are. During the day Dom Connolly joined us having driven from Sydney that morning. Zac Gillion and four of his mates had ventured into the forest with a work colleague, who knew of some unique spectator points.



We stayed at Bushmans for the whole day and after the clouds parted in the mid morning it was very warm, our umbrellas came in handy as sun shelters. On the first pass through the stage was closed and the medical unit seen in above picture was sent into stage following some very slow competitors. We later found out, it was due to an accident involving 2016 ARC champion Molly Taylor. I am sure you would have seen the news that night. It was a big hit but thankfully, no one was seriously injured.

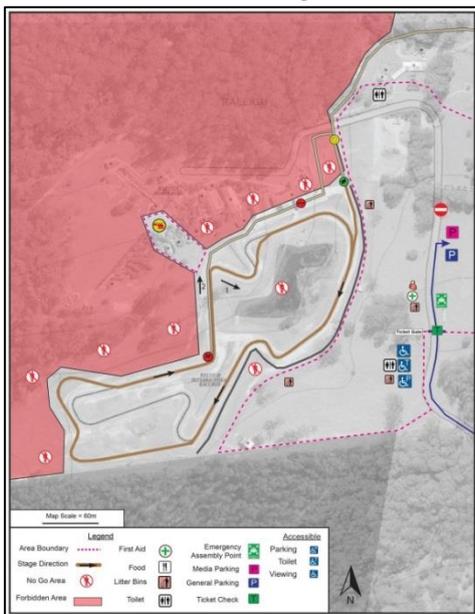
While we were waiting for the WRC cars to return we noted Citroen and Hyundai support members looking at the corner and reporting back where the drivers could go faster or need to slow due to the changed conditions. This is where the top drivers shine and on the second pass they pushed that little bit harder and some where they backed off in the morning pass pushed full speed even over a blind crest with a sweeping



right after. Full commitment. We stayed for the whole field again before making it back to the harbour for the Super Special stage in the evening. Here we relaxed and watched the drivers put on a great show. Zac after his adventures in the forest met up for a quick show of his videos and a short chat before he and his mates went in search of the best place to watch the cars for the night. It always amazes me how many of the locals stay for the WRC cars but as soon as they finish they leave this makes for a long line to cross the stage bridge and usually a lot of traffic leaving the car park. We however stayed till the last car passed and the walk out was still busy but not as crowded as it could have been.

After this we ventured into the service park to see what was happening. We passed many cars in the parc ferme, so I was not expecting to see much happening. But fortunately Ford, Citroen, Toyota and Hyundai all had cars in service. Citroen was the first to finish followed by Toyota. All were just doing the final prep, before they take them out to join the rest of the cars at parc ferme.

On Saturday Dom offered to drive us to the stages. So Byron, Bailey, Dad and myself all hopped in his Hyundai Imax crew and headed south to Simpsons Ridge spectator point. Dad and I have been here a few times and there is a nice spot you can sit and watch the cars come from one direction and leave in the other. This shows the cars coming from a dirt road and at the 90 degree turn join a tarmac section with some very high speeds before they break hard at a kink in the road that has them breaking hard before being back on the loud pedal where you can hear them hold for a long stretch. It is an interesting spectator point. We stayed here for the whole field to drive through before heading north back to

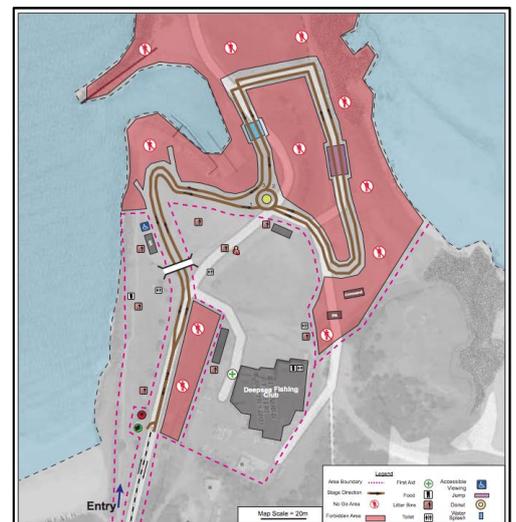
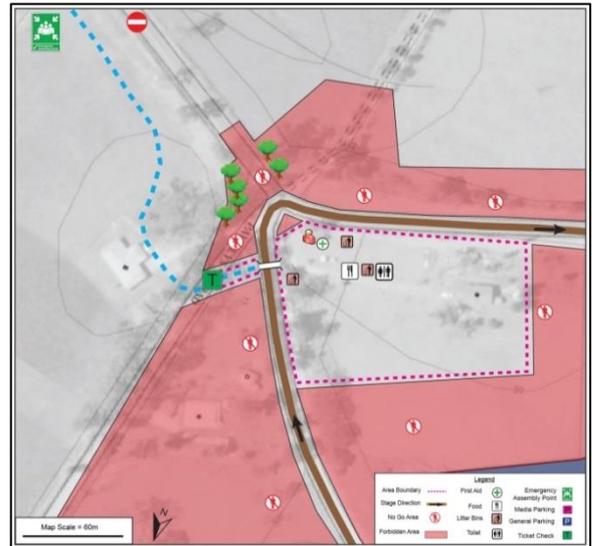


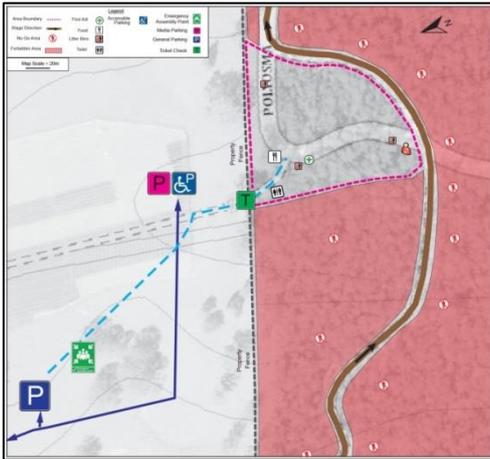
Raleigh Race way for the afternoon pass. We made it just in

time to see the last of the ARC drivers make their first run and then it was a long wait for the WRC teams to return and have their second pass. Fortunately they had set up a big screen TV and were showing the rally highlights so we could catch up on things we had missed on the last day and a half, we also found the ever friendly Hills crew to sit with and chat with.

With the time being tight to make it back into Coffs for the Super Special we had to leave before the last car ran. As we were walking out the rain started to fall which was good timing. Being that we were a bit late getting back this meant a bit of a longer walk to the previous night into the Super Special. Fortunately the organisers had planned for late arrivals and lined the WRC cars up to come out after some of our local teams. We found our patch of grass and were ready to enjoy the night.

After two groups of four cars had made their runs to our right was a nice dark rain cloud. You could see the rain falling out to sea heading our way. Sure enough half way through Ogier's runs the rain made it to land. Umbrellas up everywhere. Dom put on his rain jacket and we tried our best to stay dry under my umbrella and Dad under his with the rain falling sideways at times it was difficult. Dad had brought with him one of the tarps we keep in the car. So with some quick maneuvering we pulled that around us. Luckily the rain passed fast, but this did not help the drivers as they were 10 seconds slower per run in the wet compared to the dry. During the rain a large number of spectators either ran for shelter or simply left the grounds. Once the rain had stopped we simply used the same tarp we were sheltering under for a dry spot to sit anywhere we desired. The rest of the night went by with no rain fall, but lots of sliding from the ARC crews who had yet to have a run. This helps some who had struggled with their tyres being too grippy in the dry to make the sharp turns.





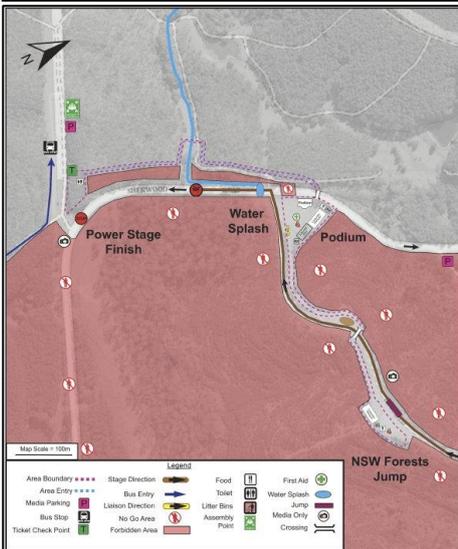
Sunday took us north of Coffs and to Blueberry spectator point, that we had been to last year. Here the cars come through a water crossing up a hill and down, to another water crossing. We sat near the second crossing that was not as easy to see this year as the trees that were freshly cut last year had grown a



bit. The corner before though was still clear and the drivers did not back off as they made a sweeping right down to the water. Again



we ran into the friendly HDCC crew and sat with them watching the cars fly by. The weather was again not sure what it wanted to do. The clouds were rolling in and the same as last year they opened up sending people running for cars or shelter. Once the last car had pasted we too left to the next spectator point.



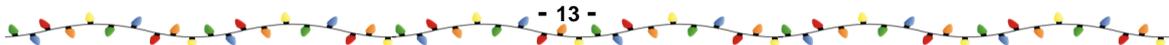
We headed over to NSW forests rally village. Here we caught up with John and Chris who had made the trip over from Blueberry as well. Dom also joined us having found Bruxner Park in the morning to look at. We made the slippery walk up the path to the top of the hill and

after a survey got a free water bottle, hat and dust buff, thanks to the forestry team and a fill up from the water bottles they have set up. Finding a nice spot in front of the jump we chatted and waited the few hrs till the first cars arrived. This year the organisers had built a podium at the base of the hill so spectators could see the drivers receive the trophies. This was a good idea. As in previous years you had to race back to town so see this. We decided to stay up the top of the hill as we wanted to watch the ARC locals make their final stage completing the event. This was delayed till after

the WRC podium and celebrations of Toyota not only winning the rally with Jari-Matti Latvala, but also the manufacturer's championship.

As in previous years we stayed the Sunday night so we can have a more relaxing drive home. This ends another year of Rally Australia. Thank you for reading this and have a great Christmas and New Year, if I don't see you at the club Christmas meeting and party.

Aron Elliott.





Another lap around the sun...and many forests

As the weather warms up and Christmas carols start I look back on what has been a very hectic year.

Two strange things happened to me this year, I spent a whole 12 months in one country and I competed in my first full season of forest rallying with my wonderful girlfriend Alana. After experiencing the wonders of many countries last year, I turned my focus to motorsport in 2018. Having done the odd forest rally here and there, I entered the CAMS Clubman Rally Series after receiving an encouragement award from CAMS in 2016.

After doing a touring assembly with Alana last year and enjoying it, we changed surfaces and settings for the forest. Not having used the Terratrip, tulips or short calls before, I attempted to teach her some skills passed onto me by Jedi master Andrew Crowley. After a few laps around a short practice course around West Ryde, Marsfield and Eastwood, reading the Terratrip and counting backwards was quite easy for her.

The Caves Classic Rally out of Oberon was the first event of the year. The weather was very windy in the service park though thankfully quite good out on the stages. We started off slowly, getting into the rhythm of the event and getting more comfortable. A few shorter stages worked well, allowing me to give Alana some tips on transports. During stage 2 though she started to feel a bit sick and not wanting her to have a too negative experience for the first event I pulled over mid stage and she jumped out. We lost about 90 seconds and then continued on the stage. At service we put a plastic bag in the car just in case things got a bit worse...which unfortunately they did. Being sick in a rally car is never fun, however she continued through with the calls and refused to give up. We finished the event with a respectable time considering it was our first event together, placing 34th out of a field of 57 starters. Camping overnight in the service park with some others was a smart idea after a long day, though it was still exceptionally windy so we parked up next to a building, jack knifing the trailer and setting up the swag in the middle to give us a bit of shelter. 1 rally down and Alana still wanted to stay with me 😊

5 weeks later saw us head up the coast to Clybucca for what was to be a very very rough event. Having rain in the previous weeks around Kempsey made some of the roads closer to 4x4 tracks. Driving up in the morning we were one of the last crews to arrive and setup on the golf course. A late start rally meant we had a fair amount of time to relax and prepare for the day. The weather was overcast though still quite warm when we started. Stage 1 saw three cars DNF, the first within the first 1km due to massive ruts. When smooth the roads were quite flowing and nice, however a few sections saw cars come unstuck. Stage 2 was diabolical, we pushed through though a lot of other cars slowed down to make it through. The roughness and heat unfortunately got to both of us again, with Alana being sick and myself getting a headache. Powerade and a short nap helped Alana whilst I bled the brakes after they started to get a bit spongy. The final stages of the event in the evening were just as rough with a few more cars losing out to the rocks and bumps in the road, including Nathan Quinn's RX2 diff housing coming loose from the body. We finished 14th out of 30 starters which we were quite impressed with, all things considered. All crews after commented at dinner on the state of the roads whilst enjoying a wonderful hot meal by the local club. I must give a massive shout out to Alana who, despite throwing up in every stage of the event, refused to let me retire from the event. She kept calling the notes and let me know when she was off them and to drive to what I could see. Absolute trooper.

June 23rd saw us head North to Myall Lakes for Round 3 of the CRS. This would unfortunately be our worst round. After a large amount of rain in the previous week the service grounds were quite soggy and the roads a little slippery in some spots. Stage 1 was an absolute cracker. 5th gear multiple times. Fast roads with small humps and flowing corners made for spectacular driving conditions. Stage 1 saw us with the 12th fastest time overall out of a field of over 30 cars. We started Stage 2 confidently after the excellent roads of SS1. Unfortunately 12km into SS2 we came round a short right hander with a big gumtree on the inside, a patch of road was still a little slippery and the back end stepped out and full lock didn't catch it. We launched off the immediate next left hand corner passenger side first, clipping the front drivers side guard on a tree 1.5m off the ground as the road dropped away suddenly. We stopped just short of a very big gumtree and landed on a massive rock and were beached. Whilst I was checking if we were all right and coming to terms with we were stuck, Alana sat there and laughed at our situation. Scrambling out the driver's side and back up the embankment we put the triangles out to warn the next few cars. I managed to use the jack and rattle gun to lift the car a little and chock it with rocks, however couldn't get enough





traction. 4hrs later we were pulled out by a returning stage official who thankfully had a tow cable. No recovery or sweep on stage 2 meant although our car was still driveable we were stuck and arrived back at service after the last vehicle had finished stage 5. This was quite disappointing for us as from SS1 we were looking to have a fantastic run.....a little bit of bog and panel beating was required unfortunately, as well as a new (thankfully straight) section of exhaust. On the plus side from this rally Alana didn't feel sick.

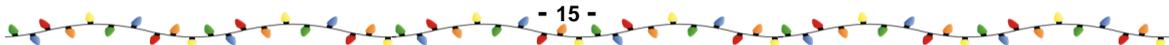


Narooma on the 21st July saw a wonderful South coast rally. Sweeping roads, mixture of stages and one of my favourite events from previous years. The car was ready to go and so were we. After getting a quick run down on how RallySAFE worked, we headed off into the bush. No wheelspin starts have become more common place recently to keep forestry happy and minimise the damage competitors do to the start line. We were seeded a car in front of Andrew and Kelly in the Commodore and wanted to have a good battle.



At first service Andrew proudly came up and said that they were ahead of us by 8 seconds after the first 2 stages....well challenge accepted. On SS3 we powered on to then lead them by 38 seconds. At lunch Andrew was cursing he said something as we continued to pull ahead beating them by 10 seconds in SS4, 19 seconds in SS5 and 78 seconds on SS6 (they did have 2 flat tyres for the last 2 km though). A restful evening back in the RSL and drinks well into the night finished off another successful event, finishing 19th of 36 starters. I must commend Alana who refused to let me withdraw from this event.

15th September was the classic MiniDulla rally, where everyone was almost blown away....literally. The wind was howling on Friday night and on Saturday picked up even more to sound like a freight train flowing through the trees of the surrounding camp ground. Tents were lost, many branches fell on the stages though we persevered. Interestingly too, the field was only 2WD cars, giving strong competition and allowing me to compare my stage times with all drivers. The traditional 40km and 20km long stages of this event were broken up into 3 stages closer to 20km each. The roads were fantastic,





smooth and well swept by the time we came through. Unfortunately Kelly and Andrew DNF in SS2 when the diff decided to separate itself from the mounts....fully sick lowered Commodores unfortunately don't make good rally cars. Despite the wind the day was still quite warm and this was playing with us in the car again with heat exhaustion and unfortunately being sick again. The longer stages prove good for some to get into the rhythm of the rally, though when sick is terrible. SKDAC put on their usual good feed afterwards and many drinks were had well into the evening with good mates. Thankfully the wind died down a bit for a peaceful sleep that evening.

Final event of the year was the Monaro Stage Rally on 20th October. I have wanted to enter this event for a long time and wow, it was such an awesome event. I had never experienced a rally combining both shire roads and forest stages. I am definitely entering this event again next year. Starting out of Cooma Stages 1 and 2 were fast flowing shire roads. A very detailed road book called every corner, even though you could see them coming from a mile away. Farmers lined their properties in some areas spectating the awesome field of cars that were coming through. The mighty lancer launched itself into top gear multiple times and even hit its top speed of 150km/h....need more revs. The speed was something I wasn't used to and overshot one of the corners conveniently with a photographer on it. Locking up, sliding in and then spinning out, my doughnut in the dirt made it to his Facebook page later that day. Cruising to stage 3 and the rain was coming over, very fast. Stage 3, 4 and 5 were forest stages, being exceptionally slippery in the heavy rain which had unleashed itself on the area. Spinning off twice more during stages and coming across a few other competitors who had slid off the road, they were nice enough to slow the following cars with warnings so we didn't come to the same fate. Rain and rain and rain and rain. As we made our way to service where Trevor Parsonage was servicing for us (in Bombala near the Victorian border) the heavens opened up and drenched us to the bone. Thankfully fuel and a quick clean of the mud from the wheels was all we needed taking only 15minutes....this was the only 15 minutes it rained. Making our way back into the forest for stage 6 we were told it was closed and to go to SS7. SS7 was also closed and we were directed to SS8. Due to the amount of rain the entire field was parked up at the start of SS8. An



Photo credit to Bruce Moxon Photography

impressive site even with the rain. Trying to keep the car defogged and warm I was thankful for my heater. After waiting for around 15 minutes we were told the stage had been cancelled along with the rest of the rally. This was done in the interest of the officials as they were getting soaked to the bone. A procession of rally cars back through the forest and through town to service would have been a great video opportunity. Packing up service a wonderful gentleman was nice enough to pour us a beer from the keg in the back of his service van. What an event.

After a fantastic season we finished 4th in the Clubman series 1 point behind 3rd place, this was slightly frustrating after such a positive season, though there is always next year to get a trophy. I would like to send my thanks to people like Trevor Parsonage, Nicole Crowley, Rod Mackay and Steve Caruana (for selling me spare fuel after I ran out) for supporting through servicing, great company and drinking buddies. Thanks also to Kelly Caruana and Andrew Crowley for providing some great competition and pushing me along. Finally a massive shout out to Alana Dean for sitting next to me as we raced around the country side, late nights, early mornings, all the car parts and still getting back in the navigators seat after throwing up in all but one event. You are amazing and I love you for it. Will have to get you in the driver's seat in the future 😊

Matt Rath



Trials (Rallies) of the 60's

Gary Maher has been working his way through Thornleigh's history during the year so I thought it may be interesting to go back a little bit further and look at two Trials that I competed in during the 1960's.

The first one was a Thornleigh 500, that is 500 miles (800 km) all competitive with one meal break and one fuel stop. These Trials were part of the NSW Rally Championship and drew entries from BMC, Ford etc. I will reminiscence on just one particular section that would now send shudders amongst CAMS and particularly the police. The event was run in 1961 and I navigated for TCC member Jack Kenny in a would you believe, a pink and grey Holden FB with the only modifications of two Lucas flame thrower driving lights, winter tread tyres on the back and cross plys on the front and ex air force full harnesses which were a full 25mm wide and probably would have killed us if we had had an accident.

After leaving Muirs Motors at Top Ryde we worked our way down to Moruya via all the available mountain passes and forest roads. The section from Moruya started at around 2.00am and went straight up the highway to Nowra a distance of about 150kms in an average speed of 59mph (100kph), which was the maximum allowable time set by CAMS but you could gain up to 6 bonus point if you entered early. It was quite an effort for the FB but we managed to just make it on time and also gain the maximum 6 bonus points having passed only one car going in the opposite direction. The Trial then continued back to Muirs and we finished at about 9.00am on the Sunday morning, can't remember where we came but we obviously didn't beat the works teams.

Another famous Trial of that era was the Hills Car Club's KLG 300. The event was only 300 miles long however over 300 cars entered. I navigated for another TCC member, Neil Brackenbury, who was also using a FB Holden, (not pink). The only modification was a second-hand heater. It took over 10 hours to start all 300 cars but we were lucky drawing a low car number which meant we finished before the last car had started! The director used Blue Gum Road at Annangrove twice. The residents complained loudly as they felt that around 600 vehicles traveling up their dirt road for over 20 hours was a bit much, hence Blue Gum Road was banned as a rally road. It was one of our best efforts as we managed to win 1st in class, however I can't find a trophy or any photos.

Neil Hood

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Stuffed Circuit tyres. Great for bitumen khanas.

- 4 x Dunlop S.P. Sports D83J 185 / 70 R-13 Historic significance – Ex Bob Holden Escort (Probably sold to him by our very own John Littler)
- 2 x Toyo 888 185 / 60-13 Driven to near death by Gary & Ian Maher. Still good for khanas.

Smoke -em up! Burn 'em out! Free to good home!

Gary Maher – Phone 4571 1229.

I intend to be at the December meeting if you wish to contact me first, I'll bring them that night.

A Drive Down Memory Lane - Speedways

Come along with Thornleigh Car Club for a full day social drive as we travel to sites of over half a dozen long lost speedway venues of Sydney. Do you know where the Place of Pace is? Or the Speedway by the Freeway? Or the possible birthplace of Fender Benders in Australia? Do you like the speedway or have an interest in Australian motorsport history? Well this is the event for you. You will get to walk around one of the tracks and see what is left or remember where other tracks once were. There are a few of the more famous speedway venues on this tour, along with many that you may have never known existed! This is a fully route charted event making this a very relaxing day for everyone. Stick around for the optional night at Valvoline Raceway (USC Sprintcars Round 12, Late Models, Lightning Sprints Gold Cup and Legend Cars) to finish off this event.

We have included many different options for the day to suit everyone's budget.... So be there or be square!

Date: Saturday, 9th February 2019
Meet: 7:30am at Krispy Kreme / McDonalds car park
Cnr of Orange Grove Road and Viscount Place, Warwick Farm

Start: 8:00am (Briefing 7:45am) **Finish:** 5:00pm at Valvoline Raceway
There will be stops for morning tea and lunch, where you can purchase your food or bring your own.

Cost: The cost for this event is broken up into categories, due to the range of options available. Additionally, if you are bringing children, please ensure you check their ages against the category as this is primarily based on Valvoline Raceway entry requirements for ease.

Event Category

- Sidecars:** **\$20 per person, kids under 12 free**
This category is for the social drive/tour only.
- Speedcars:** **\$55 per person, kids under 12 free**
This category includes the social drive/tour as well as General Admission to Valvoline Raceway.
- Sprintcars:** **\$110 per person, kids 13 to 15 \$ 55 per person, kids 6 to 12 \$35 per person, kids under 6 free**
This category includes the social drive/tour as well as admission into the Valvoline Raceway PCR Box (corporate box).
- Fender Benders:** **\$35 per person, kids under 12 free**
This category is for General Admission to Valvoline Raceway only.
- Street Stocks:** **\$90 per person, kids 6 to 15 \$35 per person, kids under 6 free**
This category is for admission into the Valvoline Raceway PCR Box (corporate box) only.
- Entries Close:** Entries and payment in full for Speedcars, Sprintcars, Fender Benders must be received by Sunday 3rd February). All entries received after this date will only be for the Sidecars category (tour only) and for those participants who wish to attend Valvoline Raceway after the event will be required to purchase their tickets directly, either before or on the day of the event. All entries for the Sidecars category (tour only) must be received by Friday 8th February to allow for sufficient event packs to be created.
- Force Majeure:** No wet weather date has been reserved should Valvoline Raceway cancel its night of racing, before the event, due to inclement weather. Where this happens, the event director will decide whether the tour only will proceed or whether the whole event will be re-run during the end of the 2018/19 season or the start of the 2019/20 season.

Keep an eye on the TCC website and Facebook page for further details. An entry form will be available in the next week or two.

It is of note that this event will not be re-run for a third time, so make sure you keep this date free.



Dirt & Dust Khanacross



Saturday, 2nd March 2019

TCC Dirt & Dust Multi-Club Khanacross

Date: Saturday, 2nd March 2019

Location: Colo Park, 5308 Putty Road, Colo Heights NSW 2756

What a better way to start off your competition year, than a multi-club khanacross at Colo Park, 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.

Grip 'n' Slip Motorkhana



Sunday, 17th March 2019

TCC Grip 'n' Slip Multi-Club Motorkhana

Date: Sunday, 17th March 2019

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.

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.



State & Multi-club Motorkhana

Sunday, 2nd June 2019

TCC State & Multi-Club Motorkhana

Date: Sunday, 2nd June 2019
 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.
 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.



Luddenham Supersprint

Sunday, 18th August 2019

TCC Luddenham Supersprint

Date: Sunday, 18th August 2019
 Location: Luddenham Raceway, 821-849 Luddenham Rd, Luddenham NSW 2745

TCC are once again running a supersprint! This one is nice and close to home at the newly opened Luddenham Motorsport Park.

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.



2019 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 2019 competition calendars (that have been released to date) have been included below.

AMSAG
2019
SOUTHERN CROSS RALLY SERIES

ROUND ONE
ROSEWOOD - 23RD MARCH

ROUND TWO
ORANGE - 4TH MAY

ROUND THREE
BEGA - 8-9TH JUNE

ROUND FOUR
BULAHDELAH - 27TH JULY

ROUND FIVE
COFFS HARBOUR - 28TH SEPTEMBER

ROUND SIX
PORT MACQUARIE - 26-27TH OCTOBER

MOTOR TRADERS' ASSOCIATION OF NSW
MTA
MTA NSW RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1 2 MARCH
MITTA MOUNTAIN
MITTA MITTA, VIC

ROUND 2 13 APRIL
CAVES CLASSIC
OBERON, NSW

ROUND 3 11 MAY
NATCAP RALLY
CANNBERRA, ACT

ROUND 4 29 JUNE
RALLY OF THE BAY
BATEMANS BAY, NSW

ROUND 5 20 JULY
BONALBO RALLY
BONALBO, NSW

ROUND 6 19 OCTOBER
MONARO STAGES
COOMA, NSW

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NSW DEVELOPMENT RALLY SERIES

ROUND 1 30 MARCH
MINI' DULLA
ULLADULLA, NSW

ROUND 2 13 APRIL
CAVES CLASSIC
OBERON, NSW

ROUND 3 22 JUNE
MYALL STAGES
BULAHDELAH, NSW

ROUND 4 3 AUGUST
NAROOMA RALLY
NAROOMA, NSW

ROUND 5 24 AUGUST
CLYBUCCA RALLY
KEMPSEY, NSW

ROUND 6 19 OCTOBER
MONARO STAGES
COOMA, NSW

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PREMIER
PANEL BEATING
NSW HYUNDAI RALLY SERIES

ROUND 1 30 MARCH
MINI' DULLA
ULLADULLA, NSW

ROUND 2 13 APRIL
CAVES CLASSIC
OBERON, NSW

ROUND 3 22 JUNE
MYALL STAGES
BULAHDELAH, NSW

ROUND 4 3 AUGUST
NAROOMA RALLY
NAROOMA, NSW

ROUND 5 24 AUGUST
CLYBUCCA RALLY
KEMPSEY, NSW

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NSW RALLYSPRINT SERIES

ROUND 1 10 FEBRUARY
NABIAC RALLYSPRINT

ROUND 2 9 MARCH
HASTINGS RALLYSPRINT

ROUND 3 13 APRIL
AWABA RALLYSPRINT

ROUND 4 19 MAY
VOLKSMULLER RALLYSPRINT

ROUND 5 2 JUNE
BARRAGANYATTI RALLYSPRINT

ROUND 6 7 SEPTEMBER
COFFS RALLYSPRINT

ROUND 7 21 SEPTEMBER
BONDO RALLYSPRINT

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NSW OPEN RALLY SERIES

ROUND 1 30 MARCH
MINI' DULLA ULLADULLA, NSW

ROUND 3 22 JUNE
MYALL STAGES BULAHDELDAH, NSW

ROUND 5 24 AUGUST
CLYBUCCA RALLY KEMPSEY, NSW

ROUND 2 13 APRIL
CAVES CLASSIC OBERON, NSW

ROUND 4 3 AUGUST
NAROOMA RALLY NAROOMA, NSW

ROUND 6 19 OCTOBER
MONARO STAGES COOMA, NSW

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ECCRS EAST COAST CLASSIC RALLY SERIES

ROUND 1 2 MARCH
MITTA MOUNTAIN MITTA MITTA, VIC

ROUND 3 11 MAY
NATCAP RALLY CANBERRA, ACT

ROUND 5 20 JULY
BONALBO RALLY BONALBO, NSW

ROUND 7 19 OCTOBER
MONARO STAGES COOMA, NSW

ROUND 2 13 APRIL
CAVES CLASSIC OBERON, NSW

ROUND 4 29 JUNE
RALLY OF THE BAY BATEMANS BAY, NSW

ROUND 6 14 SEPTEMBER
HINTERLAND RALLY IMBIL, QLD

ROUND 8 29 NOVEMBER
ALPINE RALLY LAKES ENTRANCE, VIC

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NSW CLUBMAN RALLY SERIES

ROUND 1 30 MARCH
MINI' DULLA ULLADULLA, NSW

ROUND 3 22 JUNE
MYALL STAGES BULAHDELDAH, NSW

ROUND 5 24 AUGUST
CLYBUCCA RALLY KEMPSEY, NSW

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CAMS NSW SUPERSPRINTS

Round	Date	Circuit	Host Club	Round	Date	Circuit	Host Club
1	Sunday 24th March	Sydney Motorsport Park Gardner (GP)	ARDC	5	Sunday 22nd September	Wakefield Park Raceway	Mazda MX-5 Club
2	Sunday 28th April	Wakefield Park Raceway	Mini Car Club	6	Sunday 20th October (TBC)	Sydney Motorsport Park Gardner (GP)	ARDC
3	Sunday 26th May	Sydney Motorsport Park Druitt (North)	NSWRRC		TBA	Australian National Championships	Victoria
4	Sunday 10th August	Sydney Motorsport Park Amaroo (South)	NSWRRC				





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

Important Notice

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



Other Motorsport Results



WRC - World Rally Championship



Driver Standings	Points
1. Sebastien Ogier	219
2. Thierry Neuville	201
3. Ott Tanak	181
4. Jari-Matti Latvala	128
5. Esapekka Lappi	126

Last Event: Rally Australia 15 - 18 November 2018

1. Jari-Matti Latvala / Miikka Anttila
2. Hayden Paddon / Sebastian Marshall
3. Mads Ostberg / Torstein Eriksen

Next Event: Rally Monte Carlo 24 - 27 January '19

ARC - Australian Rally Championship



Driver Standings	Points
1. Eli Evans	383
2. Harry Bates	370
3. Steve Glenney	301
4. Molly Taylor	260
5. Lewix Bates	206

Last Event: Rally Australia 15 - 18 November 2018

1. Steve Glenney / Andy Sarandis
2. Luke Anear / Jon Mitchell
3. Andrew Penny / Rhys Llewellyn

Next Event: Rally Western Australia 5 - 7 April 2019

F1 - Formula One



Driver Standings	Points
1. Lewis Hamilton	408
2. Sebastian Vettel	320
3. Kimi Raikkonen	251
4. Max Verstappen	249
5. Valtteri Bottas	247

Last Event: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 23 - 25 Nov '18

1. Lewis Hamilton
2. Sebastian Vettel
3. Max Verstappen

Next Event: Australian Grand Prix 14 - 17 Mar '19

Supercars



Driver Standings	Points
1. Scott McLaughlin	3944
2. Shane van Gisbergen	3873
3. Jamie Whincup	3433
4. Craig Lowndes	3225
5. David Reynolds	3206

Last Event: Newcastle 500 23 - 25 November 2018

1. David Reynolds
2. Scott McLaughlin
3. Jamie Whincup

Next Event: Adelaide 500 28 Feb - 3 Mar 2019





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

STAY TUNED!

THE CHAMPIONS OF 2017



JOHN CROWLEY
1st Club Championship
1st Rally Navigator's Championship
6th Motorkhana Championship



ARON ELLIOTT
Eq. 2nd Club Championship
2nd Drivers Championship
1st Khanacross Championship



GLENN INKSTER
Eq. 2nd Club Championship
1st Driver's Championship



GARRY ELLIOTT
4th Club Championship
2nd Khanacross Championship



ANDREW CROWLEY
5th Club Championship
1st Rally Driver's Championship



ERNIE BOSTON
6th Club Championship
4th Motorkhana Championship

Joy Hood - 1st Ladies Championship
David Masing - 1st Motorkhana Championship
Dean Tomlin - 1st Speed Championship
Aron Elliott - Ernie Boston Trophy
Vicki Gillon-Connolly - Novice Award

Dominic Connolly - Clubman Award
Geoff Horn - Encouragement Award
Callum O'Donnell - Junior Encouragement Award
Peter Batt - Officials Award