

# WHEELSPIN

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## RAVENSHOE RALLYSPRINT

Hi Guys,

Hope everybody had a good Easter holiday and received lots of surprises. I ended up receiving two big ones, the first one was 9 pound 9 ounces, boy Reece Kyle born the day before Easter, the second one was a win at Ravenshoe.

So off to the highplanes outside of Cairns to Ravenshoe where the air is thinner and the blood runs faster and trust me the blood was running fast with the top six drivers all within seconds of each other. With a simple mistake you could go from 1st to 6th in one foul swoop. Donna and I set a couple of goals, firstly try to be the first 2WD car home which wasn't going to be easy with Luke Mott getting faster and faster and Gary Meehan who has made some good adjustments after the Rick Bates school and found some tyres with grip. Secondly, was to be as competitive as we could be against the 4WD, this was going to be hard with Colin Ugarte and Boxa getting quicker as they get to know their cars a lot better and Trevor Mott bringing along his 300hp Galant in which he won the Qld P6 Championship in 2000.

Right from Section 1 you knew it was going to be very close, after a good run we clocked a 4.05, Luke and Boxa 4.10, Gary and Colin 4.15, Trevor has his first bit of trouble costing him 20 or so seconds when a spark plug lead fell off. Sections 2 had three drivers coming in on the same second, breaking the 4 minute barrier with 3.58 was Gary, Trevor and ourselves. This section saw Luke spinning out costing him around 11 seconds. Section 3 which was run in reverse to 1 & 2 saw the top six drivers within 5 seconds of each other, we had a 4.00 neat, Trevor 4.01, Colin 4.02, Boxa and Luke 4.04 and Gary a 4.05. This was great close rallying. This run unfortunately saw the end of our great mate Graham King who found a stump just in the grass, right on the apex of a corner. Section 4 was the section that saw the fastest time for the day, a 3.52, Trevor absolutely blitzed it and he was happy, not only that he caught the field and he was right back in there. Section

5 was the last section for Saturday and one of my cleanest runs posting a 3.53, just one second in front of Trevor who had an argument with a bank of dirt. This was not the "off of the day", that belongs to Boxa and navie Stumpy in this section. There was this very fast slight right hand bend around a fence line, average speeds were between 140-160kph, we think Boxa tried it at 180kph 54 measured metres later into thick trees (missing every tree mind ya!), the car eventually pulled up. After changing their pants and having a relieved chuckle they came back out on the track without hardly a scratch but it



"What are you gonna tell your Dad, Chuck?"

Courtesy of the Far Side Calendar 2001

cost them 15 or so seconds. Some how I don't think they were worried about the time!!! So as we headed to the highest pub in Qld for a nice coldie, the results were added up as Dougie: 19.54, Gary: 20.11, Colin: 20.15, Trevor: 20.16, Luke: 20.18 and Boxa 20.31. After that was a very tight battie in the 1600 - 2lt class with Sebastian just pipping Peter Humphries by 4 seconds. The other Townsville crew driving well was Robyn and new navie Belinda (B2), after a hiccup in the first section, they kept on improving their times everytime they went out. It looked like they were having a ball.

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## HECKLERS KHANACROSS: APRIL FOOLS DAY

After sending mine & Brett's Stanza out to Charters Towers for use in the Rick Bates Driving School Part 2, I was wondering whether or not to do the khanacross.

About 8:30 I was about to head out to Nanna's in the White RX and maybe have a go when I walked past a perfectly good RX Turbo Rallycar sitting in my garage. Gee, what a good idea, pity it had a flat battery as it hadn't turned a wheel since Motty's farm ralliesprint. Stumpie to the rescue with a jump start and off we go. Stop at Wulguru for fuel, test start car - no problem so I waved Stumpie off while I pumped up the tyres. Bloody thing stopped and wouldn't start again. No problem, two strong blokes there to push, shit ... still no go. Oh well, buy a new battery and fit, sort of fit.

Upon arrival at Nanna's I couldn't find the joint because of the high grass. A small field of entrants had fronted. Heckler went out in the long grass setting out the course with the help of Roly Dog. Nick 'n' Faye were shifting cattle and said they would slash the track, so a small delay was inline. Some more entrants turned up by the time we headed off. A look lap and chat from Heckler, then time to drop skids. Jason Car 1 - looked pretty quick, however the track was very slippery as I found out as Car 2. I think I was on the track a couple of times as I crossed it. Everyone else had their fair share of trouble on the

slippery grass but Warren went one better by putting the big Volvo on its side then its roof. Not too much damage luckily and it still drove.

Heckler had built a pretty tight track with the usual fast back straight. Very testing in a 4 wheel drive and even looked tricky in the rear and front wheel drives. Jason and Ken were the quickest of the 2 wheel drive brigade with Lindsay not far behind. 4 runs and then lunch break. 4 more runs after that, with Heckler putting in a few extra slaloms to make it even tighter, thanks mate!!!

Ken had a slow run as the scum runner developed a clunking noise which opened the door for Lindsay - if the RX2 would only go. Jason pulled his finger out (he's a Kiwi like John Hopo) and got close. One run he took a short cut over Warrens bump which looked pretty smooth so I had to give it a go, too far left which made a great jump in 3<sup>rd</sup> gear, only did it once for some reason! After that people started calling me Oges. But at least he goes and looks where he's going to short cut. I think I will to next time.

At the end of the day, Subaru first and I had worked out how to take tight corners. Now I'm looking forward to Ravenshoe & Charters Towers. Thanks Heckler, Katie, Ron & other helpers for a great fun day. There should be more of these small events, it's great practice for bigger events. So see ya all there next time. Bye for now! - Boxhead

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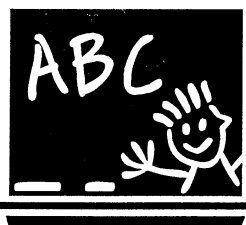
## RICK BATES RALLY SCHOOL IN CHARTERS TOWERS

Well, I was fortunate enough to head out to the Rick Bates Rally School last time it was on and I gotta tell ya it was great. The Saturday was left to the more experienced blokes from Cairns and our own Dan Weller (those who were at the Chrissy party would remember he got the course as an encouragement for juniors). Rick went over their cars and made some suggestions, (Dougie McCubben mentioned the improvements Gary Meehan had seen in his car, pg1). The guys really seemed to get value from what Rick was telling them. Most mentioned the fact that it was especially good to get that

third opinion on their vehicle as you change your driving style to suit the car rather than the other way round.

Sunday saw us LR platers (learner rallyers) get behind the wheel, not before some basics on safety and techniques. I was most impressed with my handbrake turns especially as Rick had to do the handbrake I didn't have enough muscle (boys car, sorry Boxa).

This is a worthwhile investment for any keen rallyer. Contact Colin Ugarte at Trax in Charters Towers on 4787 3472 for the next course date. - BK



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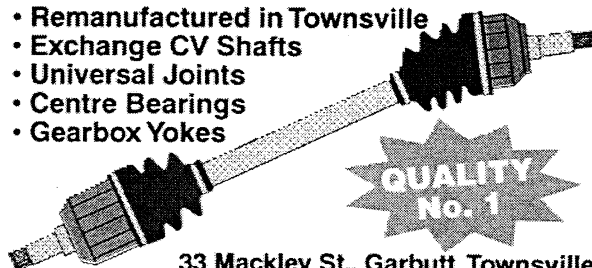
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Got any technical stuff to go in the mag let me know. Technical is not my strong point.



## BITUMEN SPRINT & HILLCLIMB

For those that don't know, the first of the Bitumen Sprint Series events has been run and won at the Bohle Kart Track recently. A good turn out of 29 entries for the first event for 2001.

Using a new timing system, this event is the closest we have ever held. At the end of the night Rob McCrae's (Subaru WRX STi) winning time of 42.90 is the fastest lap ever done at the Kart Track, whilst Brendan Pickering (Mitsubishi Evo V), Geoff Pickering (Evo V) and Matthew Carmichael (Subaru WRX) were all equal second with a time of 43.17.

When you consider that McCrae's second fastest time was also a 43.17, we were one lap away from a four-way tie for first. Michael Seymour managed to bring his Datsun 260Z into 5th place, with the top 10 places being rounded out by Shane Satchwell (Datsun 1200 ute), Clint Kelly in the same car, Geoff Pickering (Honda Integra R), Don Grierson (Holden Torana) and John Piper (Nissan 200SX) holding on to 10th.

The event was its usual fun and was good to see many newcomers for this event and the usual mix of

regular runners. We are looking forward to the next event, which will be the Mt Stuart Hillclimb, to be held on the 10th of June.

With the running of the Hillclimb comes the new name for the Series. We now have a sponsor on board that will ensure the continuation of the Series for this year and discussions are to be held for next years series. The series will now be known as the "QUICK FIT TYRE SERVICES BITUMEN SPRINT SERIES"

Supp Regs have been posted to all previous entrants from 1st year and those that competed in the last event. If you fell like having a go or know someone that does, contact me for a set of Supp Regs and get those entries in.

- Ron 4771 7928

*Q: How does a crazy person find their way through the forest?*

*A: They take a pyscho path!*

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## NQ FOREST RALLY 2001 UPDATE

*"Manure – plant or animal wastes used as fertilizer"*

Does anyone else think this looks like Brucey?



The roads are pretty much all mapped and the book is just about together, 1st draft before Marko comes up. Supp Regs are drafted.

We're in to training of officials/volunteers soon.

SPONSORSHIP – Almost but not quite. The sponsorship crew had been working quite hard on getting support from Keith Williams this year and it all looked good for a while. Keith is sponsoring us this year but not for as much as we had hoped. We certainly won't knock it back and we're very grateful especially considering he has indicated interest in being next years naming rights sponsor. If we make it a ripper this year Keith won't be able to resist next year.

Money has been coming in from a variety of Sponsors, as far north as Tully but remember if you have any potential sponsors all calls must go to 4728 1211. Talk to Judy or Susi if you've got any good potential sponsorship ideas or clients. These ladies are great but don't know every person in town so if you've got a lead please ring them.

The Cardwell community is turning it on for that weekend, fireworks, food stalls

We still need people to help out with small jobs between now and then and also over that weekend.

Get a free ticket to the Townsville Show by spending an hour on TCAC's display.

- Belinda Kenney

## RAVENSHOE RALLYSPRINT (CONT.)

(Continued from page 1)

Day two saw the track shorten a tad in the back corner thus the times were a little quicker. Everyone drove cleanly so things were still close, father and son each taking out fastest time with 3.49 at the end of the section we found out that Colin's car had rolled at the start 1 second before go and got stung with a minute penalty. After that lesson no one was game to move until at least one second after go! The next section, the second last, Gary Meehan's (who was driving so well and coming 2nd outright) diff decided it had enough and blew up, we knew this because the gears in the diff actually tried to come out. In this section Trevor struck a flat tyre which slowed him down by 12 or so seconds. Also a junior Mossman driver rolled his ford later. He just started his first year as a panel beater for his father, guess what Monday's job was?? After all this was happening, this left us with a 21 second buffer to Luke who just clocked fastest with 3.47.

Last section and everyone was driving to finish except for Colin who had nailed the section with the fastest time over the weekend with 3.46. Great Drive!

Firstly, thanks to Sean Hampson and all the officials for a well organised event and a great track, with Sean and the helm of the North of the Tropics Series organising committee it's only going to get bigger and better and I hope everybody supports his efforts in the series. Thanks again to the Pony Club for their great meals. Thanks to navie Donna for yet another professional effort. Also we'd like to congratulate all the winners, Luke, Trevor, Sebastian and Peter (who ended up tying for first in their class, great rallying guys) and Robyn and Belinda for first lady. See you all in Charters Towers on the 26th May. Should be good until then "Take it easy"

- Doug and Donna

(Thanks Doug, mammoth story I've got typers cramp – ED)

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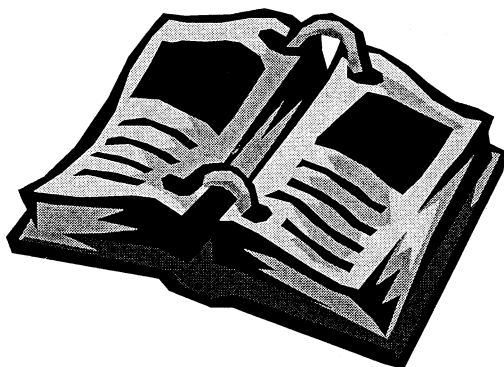
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# CLUB CALENDAR

21 May	Meeting*	Fitzpatrick Room	Thuringowa Library building
26 MAY	Rallysprint Rd 3	Charters Towers	See Goof
2 JUNE	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	3.00pm – 10.00pm
2 JUNE	Hinchinbrook Cruise	Cardwell	Be there. See BK for info
9 June	Tennis (Social Night)	Legends	See Fonzie
10 JUNE	Hillclimb Rd 2	Mt Stuart	R. White 4771 7928 (w)
16-17 JUNE	ARC/QRC3	Rally QLD	
18 JUNE	Meeting*	Fitzpatrick Room	Thuringowa Library building
14-15 JULY	QRC 4	Cardwell	Steve Cruttenden 0428 618 125
29 July	Hillclimb Rd 3	Mt Stuart	Ron White 4771 7928
26 August	Bitumen Sprint	Kart Track, Bohle	Ron White 4771 7928
21 October	Hillclimb	Mt Stuart	Ron White 4771 7928



- Is there items missing from the Calendar that you know about? Let me know
- Club Meetings are held third Monday night (7.00 pm) of every month at Thuringowa Library building in the Fitzpatrick Room. All welcome.
- Help wanted picture means just that, can you help out. The regulars that do would really appreciate a day/night off. Contact Club Captain Tracey Poore 4779 8750 if you can spare some time. Karts is the only fundraising we do or we go back to car washes and cake stalls.



## BULLETINS & STATE COUNCIL NEWS

*These Sport Bulletins are obviously shortened versions. If you require further information on these topics please see the Qld State Council News. "I didn't know about that" doesn't count for much these days*

### ARC - Vehicle Signage

**Rationale:** To require additional space to be made available for the display of advertising as authorised by ARCom from time to time.

### National Rally Code - OK/Green Cross Sign

**Rationale:** To require the display of warning triangles and the OK/Green Cross sign when a car has stopped in a competitive stage.

### Licence Requirements - Co Drivers

**Rationale:** To correct an anomaly in the National Rally Code. (re civil licences and driving the rally car)

### Tarmac Rallying - Vehicle Eligibility

**Rationale:** To require all vehicles used in tarmac special stage to rallies comply with the eligibility requirements of PRC Cars.

### Compassionate Time Allowance - Rallies

**Rationale:** To provide for individual classification when a special stage is interrupted.

### Queensland State Council News

15<sup>th</sup> March 2001 (excerpts from minutes)

### 3245 Ref. SAP01.019 - Compulsory Third Party Insurance Extension for Queensland Registered Vehicles

Resolved that QuMan prepare a paper for presentation to interested parties.

### Rally Advisory Panel

12<sup>th</sup> March 2001 (excerpts from minutes)

01.029 the Panel notes with concern the number of vehicles being presented for pre-event scrutiny on the day of the event whilst noting a number of these vehicles should have been presented at mid week scrutiny. Rally Advisory Panel encourages Clerks of Course to enforce the provisions of their Supplementary Regulations regarding attendance at scrutiny. The Clerk of Course has the authority to lay charges over this matter.

### Stewards Executive

6<sup>th</sup> March 2001 (excerpts from minutes)  
Discussion took place regarding an offer made by a Steward to act as liaison contact for Stewards based in the North Queensland area. The offer will be accepted on the conditions that the role would have no official status and any matters raised are to be forwarded onto the Steward's Executive Panel Chairman. - Chairman to arrange.

## MONEY AND MINUTES

Stumper reports for May we started with \$4,115.79. We then paid a ton of bills, rent, insurance, permits etc and we were left with \$1,843.59.

While we're with the Stump man I'd like to wish him a happy birthday for Monday 21st May. I think he said it was his 21st (you start going backwards after a certain point), he also said he'd never drink again ....oh the lies!!!

Minutes will be posted on the website at [www.communities.ninemsn.com.au/TwinCitiesAutosportsClub](http://www.communities.ninemsn.com.au/TwinCitiesAutosportsClub)

If you require a hard copy let me know and then I'll ask why you didn't go to a meeting, or I'll fax them. (Do you want them in the Magazine, let me know)

## HINCHINBROOK ISLAND MOONLIGHT CRUISE

The Club is holding the party to end all parties as we cruise around beautiful Hinchinbrook Island to raise funds for the QRC July. Dinner and the cruise included in the price. Drinks will be on sale on the night at Club rates. You can book accommodation in Cardwell through the Kookaburra or the Lyndock (they support us let's support them).

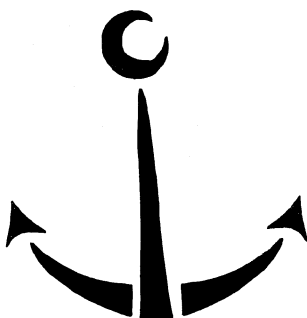
The cruise on Saturday June 2 begins at 6:15pm and ends pretty much whenever we feel like it.

We've got raffles and lucky door prizes, music for all tastes and a pretty relaxing time all round.

The invitation is open to everyone and their friends. We're hoping to make it the last bit of fun before we too serious about the QRC.

There are plenty of tickets left and at only \$30 it's a bargain. (The same cruise in Townsville goes for \$90 and you have to be back by 9:30pm!!). All proceeds go to the Club.

See me, Boxa or Combie for tickets. (My number is 0414 267 719)

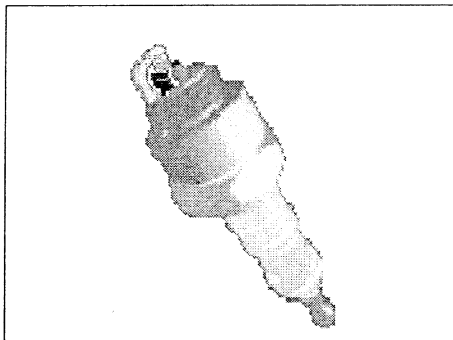


## PRESIDENTS REPORT (GRIPE)

Hi, yes it's me at last I know that I don't write very often but when I do it's a winge. Well I shouldn't have to winge, as club members you all should be helping with the activities in the club (Karts, Motorkhanas, Khanacrosses etc). It seems to many members are benefiting from a few that are at every club event and function.

If you want a successful club it needs all members to be active.

It's good to see a lot of



events in a QRC year so all members should get involved to make them more successful.

Good luck to those competing at Charters

Towers. Sorry I can't see the results of a lot of work but I'm sure it will go off good with Goofa at the helm. QRC is on track, don't forget the cruise. Til next time stay sideways - Cretto

## THE CLUBBY

We need some hands to finish fixing her up. Tuesday night at 6:30 pm would be great if you can spare some time.

There will also be a day when she's rubbed

back for the paint job. Please see James McCombe if you can help out.

Also you'll see it around town soon as our little marketing tool.

## LAND LINE (stay tuned for info on..)

- \* *The land next door to the Kart club is used as pastoral land and not available for use*
- \* *No word on the on approval to use the Bluewater Airstrip for Motorkhanas etc*
- \* *Boxer still trying for space at the*

*Stuart Drive Inn*

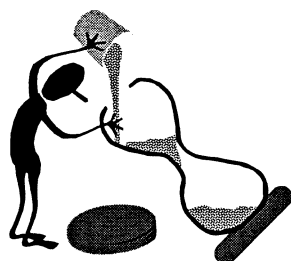
- \* *Maybe some land at Bluewater that could be ours long term*

## SORRY IT'S LATE

Murphy's Law states, anything that can go wrong usually does and it did. April's mag started out that I didn't have enough articles to go into it. By mid May the mag is way late and I apologise but ..... happens.

Now everything's back on line hopefully everything can get back to normal.

If you have any articles for me please email them to me on belinda.kenney@srq.qld.gov.au or fax them to me on 4728 5953. (ring me first on the same number so that I can turn my PC on)



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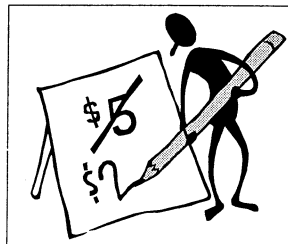
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## NEWS

People would have seen on the news & in the papers the following.

"All sports would suffer as a result of criminal charges served on four motor sport officials over a race death, CAMS said.

...While, of course, CAMS does not believe its officials are above the law, it strongly regrets this unprecedented introduction of criminal law in this sporting incident," Osborne said.

Two officials have been summonsed to

court to face charges of manslaughter by negligent act and two others are the subject of related charges.

Mr Wilkes died after he was trapped inside his Alfa V8 when it hit a wall and burst into flames. - Tsv Bully

Reinforces the safety issues with us all doesn't it.