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Official Newsletter of the **TWIN CITIES AUTOSPORTS CLUB Inc.**

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## Cardwell Rally 2008



**1<sup>st</sup>**

**Outright**

*Driver: Wayne Hoy*

*Co-Driver: Lisa Dunkerton*

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Outright**

*Driver: Greg Van Dinter*

*Co-Driver: Richard Wall*



**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Outright**

*Driver: David Kayess*

*Co-Driver: Peter Kayess*



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Woodger, Nathan Mullins, Ken  
Long, Greg Van Dinter

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### **MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS:**

Anyone wishing to submit Articles, Information, For Sales, etc. for the next magazine please call me or send the article. Closing deadline for magazine is the Thursday following meetings.

Ph & Fax: (07) 4771 3349 (H) E-Mail: wade.hickey@townsville.qld.gov.au

I am open to suggestions for articles in the magazine eg. Tech Tips, News and Views, etc. so don't be shy. A club magazine is the lifeblood of a club; it informs members, sponsors (I hope you give the people that support you a copy) and keeps the interest up. So if you have something to say, say it in the magazine so ALL members get to know about it.

Any club members that wish to promote their business please contact me with regards to magazine opportunities. The views and opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the author's and editors and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Twin Cities Autosports Club Inc.

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### **Editor's Editorial**

Well I can now understand what all the "old boys" have been talking about...Cardwell is GREAT!!! A big thanks to everyone who helped out to make it all happen.

Now onto the next challenge...a new diff...

A note to all club board members...**REPORTS ARE DUE THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE CLUB MEETING!!**

Wade (Swadey) Hickey

### **Publicity Goes Public**

I was asked to do an interview on ABC radio on Thursday courtesy of Goof's navigator Richard Wall in relation to what our club does, events coming up, Cardwell rally and what is involved in doing rally and about our name change to Townsville City Autosports Club Inc. (the website stays the same [www.tcac.net.au](http://www.tcac.net.au)) One of the main focus's of the interview on the name change was if it was because of the V8's coming to town. I said it wasn't but because of them people will know where we are as everyone in the southern hemisphere will know where Townsville is now.

On the print side of publicity:

Courier Mail cars guide 2cnd August ran an article on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August hillclimb in their What's on section

Auto Action ran a report on the hillclimb record being broken and then in the results page listed all the class winners.

T'ville Bulletin cars guide in Saturday 9th August edition ran a similar story on the hillclimb record including photos.

T'ville Bulletin cars guide in Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August edition and Rallysport Magazine Online on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August ran a story on Wrightway Cardwell rally with a photo of Ron Moore from Cairns.

Glynn Morice from the Atherton Tablelands and one of our regular hillclimb competitors has a section called Motorsport Torque in the Tableland Times and he has put the report and photo of Cardwell rally in this weeks edition. He will use any reports I send out for events in the Times so that will give our club good exposure through out the Tablelands.

The second edition of Tarmac magazine is on sale now at your local newsagent with our ad for 2009 Mt Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally on page 21.

The lead up report and the event release for 2008 Tarmac Rally on the Rallysport Magazine website has had over 500 hits for each article. Go to the links section on our website [www.tcac.net.au](http://www.tcac.net.au)

Gary Hickey

### Chronicles of the Club Captain

**Wrightway Cardwell Rally** is now but a memory. And what a memory it is. Heaps of great cars, some fierce competition between the various "groups", plenty of camaraderie, and lots of tall tales at the after race presentation BBQ.

A big thank you to **Greg Wright** for organising the event, **Heck and family** for HQ duties, **entrants**, their **families** and **crew** for the full on competition action and all the **officials** who ensured it happened. Thanks also to Sarah, Fitzy & Philly for their help with the After Race BBQ.

The rally was an enormous learning curve with many of the entrants and officials first time novices. At times we novices were nearly overwhelmed with the enormity of what was involved with timing and cards but guiding hands kept us all on track. To those **guiding hands**, we novices, **thank you** for your help and patience. Some great photos and in-car footage was captured for those interested. By days end several cars had been relegated to their trailers for various reasons. A more memorable moment for me came via a cheery phone call from "the boys" telling me how their diff was now "bent like a banana" and how that big hammer came in handy - the in-car footage doesn't do justice to their high flying antics.

Mention must also be made of **Ken Whitby** and his **offsiders** whom give their valuable time freely to carry out scrutineering for our events. We all owe you heaps Ken and cohorts.

Thank you also to **Key Motors** who provide us with their workshops for scrutineering. Key Motors have been an important constant for the club for many years now. Talk is already happening on a bigger and better 2009 Cardwell Rally. The club information night held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> was very well received with a large number of attendees ably tutored by Geoff Nicol (Heck), Greg Van Dinter (Goof) and Ken Long (Stumpy). We will keep you posted on future training and information nights.

Thoughts are now turning to **XMAS** and our end of year **get together**. If you have any ideas for our end of year award presentation night/day/weekend, please contact me and I will present your ideas to the club committee.

Don't forget if organising or running an event to get the list of entrants and officials names and positions to me for end of year club champion awards.

I have been approached by the organisers of the **Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial** for people willing to **man various points** in the **Cardwell Forest** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. If you are interested please contact me. For more info on the trial check out the web site ([www.redcentretogoldcoasttrial.com.au](http://www.redcentretogoldcoasttrial.com.au)).

**Feed back** from our various events held this year has been **extremely good** from all areas. **Entrants** have been **happy** with the way events are run. Event organisers are ensuring **officials** are **recognised** for volunteering their time and resources through various means. And **local** and **regional community** sentiment has been very high and **congratulatory** on the success of our events, behaviour, friendliness, and standards.

We all need this positive feedback whether it is to advance the club image within the town/s or gain **valuable sponsorship for club events or private vehicles.**

Remember - update your contact details - contact Wade

- membership – new or renew – contact Kerry, Wendy or Wade
- club champion award points – contact Wendy
- upcoming events – contact event organiser
- Xmas get together ideas – contact Wendy
- issues – good or bad – contact your preferred committee member
- Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial – contact Wendy

For sale – 1 mazda diff , only used on weekends, price negotiable contact.....

Wendy Hickey 0418 254 401 [wendyhickey@westnet.com.au](mailto:wendyhickey@westnet.com.au)

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### **Secretary's Story**

**Meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008

11 Jackson St, Garbutt

**Meeting Opened:** 7.40pm

**Present:** Gary Hickey, Wendy Hickey, Wade Hickey, Greg Wright, Nikki Mauger, Lindsay Stone, Kaylene Stone, Aiden Kayrooz, Marc Fischer, Jack Forbes, Glenn, Chris Chapman Deb Melrose.

**Apologies:** Sam Woodger, Geoff Nicol.

**Secretaries Report:**

- Not Published.

**Treasurers Report:**

- N/A.

**Club Captain:**

- Thanked everyone for their efforts at Cardwell, special thanks to Fitzy, Philly & Sarah.
- People are not notifying people of changes to their details (ie: contact details & events).
- Ideas sought for Xmas Party.
- If holding an event please inform Club Captain of all official, competitors, etc for Club Championship Scores.

**Editor:**

- Nothing to report.

### Publicity:

- Had an article in the Cars Guide for the hillclimb & new hillclimb record.
- Tarmac Magazine has an advertisement for the 2009 Tarmac Rally, TCAC clubhouse has a copy of magazine which is not to go walkabout. Magazine is also willing to publish any other tarmac articles.
- Donn Grierson is creating a magazine for all local events, articles will be published on a regular basis.
- Tarmac Rally CD & Certificate to be created by Donn Grierson.

### Social:

- N/A.

### Motion:

- o TCAC to accept reports. Seconded: Lindsay. Passed.

### President:

- : Nothing to report.

### General Business:

- All photos/video taken at Cardwell to be collated and sent to all competitors.
- Glenn has been doing commentary at the Karting track for all events out there and expressed his interest to voluntarily commentate at the hillclimb, tarmac rally, etc. May need to approach someone for sponsorship for gear to make the comms work (maybe wireless). Comment to go into the magazine seeking expertise on possible options.
- Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial is seeking officials. TCAC has been approached for officials at Cardwell Forest. Minimum 15-20 people required. Event will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> September with approx 80 rally cars doing the event. Contact Wendy Hickey if you are interested in helping out.
- Official club name change will be done after the club gets notified of any successful grants (hopefully by end September)
- Cardwell officials raffle drawn by Lindsay Stone. Winner was Lance Melrose.

**Meeting Closed: 8.24pm.**

**Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008  
11 Jackson St, Garbutt  
**Meeting Opened:** 7.26pm

**Present:** Gary Hickey, Wendy Hickey, Leif Hickey, Wade Hickey, Greg Wright, Daniel Weller, John Womersley, Aidan Kayrooz, Peter Trezona, Nathan Mullins, Daniel Chambers, Greg Van Dinter, Ken Long, Sam Woodger, Kerry Cobbing.

**Secretaries Report:**

- Motion put:
  - o TCAC to accept that the minutes of last meeting be true and correct. Seconded: Daniel Chambers. Passed.

**Treasurers Report:**

- Bank accounts are healthy. Some outstanding expenses from Tarmac Rally have yet to handed in.
- Members voted in at last meeting still don't have numbers allocated. Once contact details are collated, then the numbers will be assigned.

**Club Captain:**

- Nothing to report.

**Editor:**

- Nothing to report.

**Publicity:**

- Still have ads running in Sun Newspaper thanks to Bayswater Road Radiators.
- Gave update on various magazines/websites which are showing and promoting our events.

**Motion:**

- o TCAC to accept reports. Seconded: Aidan Kayrooz. Passed.

**President:**

- Cardwell is on 9<sup>th</sup> August. Supp regs have been sent out and are available on the club website. Make sure entries are in by the closing date, this will be strictly upheld.
- Update on the new prospective land at Charters Towers. The council is doing a burn off to see what the land presents. Three clubs will go in for this land TCAC, Charters Towers drag club, and Off Road club.

**General Business:**

- Greg Wright: TCAC needs to put a bond of \$5000.00 to Forestry for the Cardwell Rally.
- Greg Wright moved motion:
  - o TCAC to purchase 3 sets of short distance handheld radios. Seconded: Wade Hickey. Passed.
- Greg Wright: 2 day Khanacross in Charters Towers is looking at being planned in Aug/Sept.
- Looking for officials for the hillclimb, still have positions to fill so if you can help out in anyway, please let Kerry know asap.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.10pm.

## **Classifieds**

### **1990 Celica ST-185 GT FOUR**

This car is freshly rebuilt, well sorted, fast and reliable. Ready for you to compete in any tarmac rally.

Asking **\$20,500**. Car must be sold, all offers considered. Located Cairns.

Contact Neil on 0447 966 554 or [neilj@iinet.net.au](mailto:neilj@iinet.net.au)

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### **2004 Subaru RS AWD**

Low km's, log book. Only real difference between this and the normal RS challenge car is the near new STI close ratio box and 4.4 LSD front and rear (\$10000).

**\$22000 but negotiable.**

Phone Murdo 0418764226.

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### **Holden Gemini Rally Car**

As is condition, New Motor, Log Booked, Full Roll Cage. Call for more details

**\$3500 ono**

Sean Tiernan 0400 055 279

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### **NISSAN SILVIA**

Engine rebuilt, new turbo, AC, Mags, CD. Currently registered but will run out shortly.

**\$5200 ono** with RWC

PHONE- 0439011083

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### **2 x Monza Evo Race Seats**

Size: Small Colour: Black, Never been used. Retail for \$650

**\$400 pair or \$250 separately**

Phone: Kerry on 0411 491 350

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### **Motorsport Photos**

Contact Daniel Gilbert

Email: [gibba27@live.com.au](mailto:gibba27@live.com.au)

Photos cost \$5-\$15

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### **Ford Cortina TD V8**

Strong 302 Windsor, extractors, 3"exhaust, 5 speed, new twin-plate clutch/steel flywheel, 3.7:1 LSD with new 28 spline billet axles. 14" hotwires with 235 and 245 tyres, bolt-on flares, side skirts and front spoiler. Excellent body, good blue paint, good interior with new Racer ADR approved seats. New suspension, upgraded brakes. Currently unregistered. Very quick nice looking classic car. Can assist with registration if required.

**\$15,000.00 as is or \$12,500.00 as a rolling chassis with exhaust system.**

Call 49452808 or 0409649001

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### **Ford Cortina TD**

2 litre 4 speed manual. Yellow with original black vinyl roof, 1 owner from new, all service records, original wheels and hubcaps, excellent interior, good mechanicals. Excellent unmodified example of this model. Drives well. Unregistered.

**\$3500.00**

Call 49452808 or 0409649001.

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## **Classifieds**

### **Ford Laser KF TX3 turbocharged 4WD rally car**

1800cc turbo, water/air intercooler, 5 speed dogbox, centre and rear LSD, 5.2:1 gears, power steering, Terratrip, Terraphone intercom, harnesses, FAI approved seats, CAMS logbook, all safety gear, Proflex 55mm front and 40mm rear fully adjustable struts, drilled and slotted rotors, racing pads, stainless braided brakelines, adjustable brake bias. Full competition history. Full Australian compliance and full Qld road rego (435-KHN) until November 08. Very competitive rally car with many outright and class wins.

**\$11,500.00.**

Call 49452808 or 0409649001.

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### **Hyundai Excel 1992**

5 speed, AC, PS, 4 door. Good condition for age. Suit first car. Unregistered.

**\$950.00**

Call 49452808 or 0409649001

## **Expertise Sought**

The club is seeking people who have knowledge of communications setups for a PA and potentially a video system. The idea is to have a commentator at some of our events (ie: Hillclimb & Tarmac Rally) and hopefully to have a video monitoring system setup in the future. If anyone has any knowledge or valid ideas as to how this may be put together could you please contact Gary Hickey on 0400 810 232 or Wade Hickey via email at [wade.hickey@townsville.qld.gov.au](mailto:wade.hickey@townsville.qld.gov.au)

# **What's On!**

All dates listed below are subject to change.  
Organiser details provided after event name.

## **Events:**

Sat-Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October 08 – 2-Day Charters Towers Khanacross

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 08 - Mt Stuart Hillclimb Round 4 Kerry (4775 2999)

## **Meetings:**

What: Twin Cities Autosports Club Meetings

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month @ 7.00pm

Where: 11 Jackson St, Garbutt (Hickey Cabinets)

## **Working Bee's\Training Days:**

## **Non-TCAC Stuff:**

Fri-Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August 08 – Leyburn Sprints

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 08 – Sea FM Bitumen Sprint Series Round 6

Sat-Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September 08 – Targa West

Fri-Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September 08 – V8 Supercars Round 9 (Philip Isl.)

Fri-Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September – Speed On Tweed

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 09 - Sea FM Bitumen Sprint Series Round 7

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The Twin Cities Autosports Club is seeking expressions of interest from businesses within the club or involved with motorsport to have a nominated space allocated (in black & white) in the magazine advertising their business/services. This will be free. Anyone wishing to advertise please contact the Wheelspin Editor or Club Captain (details can be found on page 2).

## IMPORTANT GENERAL NOTICE

**The Club Meeting night is the 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, at 11 Jackson St Garbutt (Hickey Cabinets)**

If the meeting night falls on a Public Holiday, the meeting will be on the Tuesday night instead. If you are unable to find the meeting, please contact one of the board members (details on page 2).

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