

2011

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### *MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS:*

*Give me a call on 0413 528 947 or email me at [sslam42000@yahoo.com](mailto:sslam42000@yahoo.com) and I will do my best to get it in the next news letter.*

*All submissions need to be into me, by close of business Wednesday after the club meeting.*

## Where am I?

The first one to email me with the correct answer, will receive a fantastic prize!

Just the town or place will do.

For those of you that don't know where i am, the answer and winner of this month will be in the next mag

Just a hint, they will all be in QLD



*Well Heckla found me, I was at Cook Town. He will be so happy with his prize.*



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone, it will be a short report this month. So here we go, it was great to get our first khanacross up and running. Well done to Stumpy for the job as Director. Keep an eye on the web site or the facebook page as soon as we get approval to run another one it will be put upon these sites. The club calender is a bit out of whack mainly due to the weather at the beginning of the year, so just keep watching to see when the events are going to be on.

Most people will probably know by now. We are running Kirknie it is going to be on August the 13<sup>th</sup> and it is going to be a round of the QRC, as a matter of fact the last and deciding round so we should see quite a few cars from down south . There are going to be updates going out once everything gets going. For those into rallying don't forget that Rocky has it's round of the QRC in July it would be nice to see some cars from here competing. Rocky has thrown a challenge our way in the form of a North of the Tropics Trophy .

In the next few weeks I will be sending out an email to all financial members a fact sheet on our new club shirts. It will include a picture of both the polo shirt and the long sleeve racing shirt. It will also have the prices of both. What we need after that is who wants one or how many, as we can only put in orders of twenty so there will be a wait before you get them. Don't forget there a hillclimb on this week-end so if you want to help out or just come out and have a look please do so.

On finishing our meeting are on the second Monday of every month at present they are being held at the Aitkenvale Library at 7.30pm so please come along and make yourself known.

Club Meeting  
Aitkenvale Library  
9 May 2011

Open: 7.49 pm

**Attendance:** Greg Wright, Emma Nicol, Geoff Nicol, Kerry Cobbing, Greg Van Dinter, Marc Fisher, Lindsay Stone, Aiden Kayzroo

**Apologies:** Ken Long

**Secretary:** Minutes from last meeting read.

**Treasurer:**

**Club Captain:**

**Social:**

Night Run Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May - \$5 a car, starting at Riverway – bitumen car park on left side  
Organising a barefoot bowls night awaiting confirmation, will need numbers.  
Contacted Fitzy for a reef trip to try and find someone to charter a reef fishing trip.  
Planning a night out on the bay on the Gondaloo  
Got a quote on the Barra farm, on the big dam its \$50 an hour, little dam \$20 an hour

**Editor:**

**President:**

**General:**

- Kerry: I was looking at doing a dirt motorkhana in town in an industrial area. I spoke to Lou and Wendy and the area behind where they are building a new shed would be perfect for a dirt motorkhana. The reality is there is only one neighbour with the dog kennels and he may complain.
- Heckler: Stumpy's ironman this weekend. Have we heard back for the June long weekend?  
Wrighty: Need to make enquiries as it's only a month away
- Heckler: Colin may have a block of land near the airport. We won't need a water truck, but we need to book in 2mnths ahead of time. Is it worth running the airport over the motorcycle track? Motorcycle would be better as we can camp there.
- Wirghtie: Sam contacted me saying there is a guy that is willing to fix the truck. He does it for a hobby, was going to take him out to have a look and see how much it was going to cost to get it repaired.
- Goof: If you were willing to spend \$6000 on getting a new truck, are we going to look at spending less to get the older one fixed? We only need it to cart water. Kerry: the problem is it's been sitting for 4 years.
- Wrightie: Fire and Rescue training is coming up at the Townsville Fire Station coming up.  
Hecker: CAMS Stewards and Club Chief to be held in Cairns: CAMS Fire and Rescue, Scrutineer, Course Presenter and Assessment to be held in Townsville over the V8 weekend.
- Wrightie: There is a possible date set for Kirknie for the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2011.

- Wrightie: I got a call to throw in some money and make a Nth Qld Cup: a challenge between Rockhampton and Us. Heckler: spoke to Andrew Horn and there was talk of doing a Nth Tropic Rally between us and the guys up North
- Wrightie: A Club Committee meeting was held last week. At the meeting it was decided to pull the support from DECOMAG as they have not had a meeting in the past year and lobby for our own land. A formal letter been sent and an ad in the paper. Heckler: This should of been done sooner as we were told there wouldn't be land for us. Wrightie: The land they were looking at on Shaw's Road has been designated as the new Showgrounds.
- Goof: What's happening this weekend? Wrightie: Motorkhana is Saturday and Khanacross Sunday. All you need is 30 cones, and a couple of esky's. Heckler: I have the food and drinks organised. Goof: Is all the gear in the container at Lou and Wendy's? Wrightie: Yes. Heckler: We aren't taking beer out as people usually take their own. We're doing a sausage sizzle for lunch.
- Kerry: The lock on the container is being changed to a secure lock.

Closed: 8.30pm

# NQ KANACROSS SERIES

THE SERIES IS BACK FOR 2011. THIS YEAR THERE ARE FIVE ROUNDS. THERE IS NO PRE NOMINATION YOU WILL NOMINATE AT THE FIRST KANACROSS YOU DO. IT STILL COSTS \$60.00 TO ENTER THE SERIES. YOU WILL BE GIVEN A TEE SHIRT AND A STICKER. THE FIVE ROUNDS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

ROUND 1	WITHSUNDAYS	MAYDAY LONG WEEK-END
ROUND 2	HERBERTON	2 & 3 JULY
ROUND 3	MOSSMAN	14 & 14 August
ROUND 4	CHARTERS TOWERS	24 & 25 September
ROUND 5	NEBO	12 & 13 November

FOR DETAILS OF THE MAYDAY EVENT GO TO THE WITHSUNDAYS CLUB WEB SITE OR TRY THE NQ KANACROSS SERIES WEB SITE.



## Stumpy's Ironman 2010 (May 2011 due to the weather)

Finally the weather has cleared up, and we've got the first dirt event for the year underway, albeit during a cold snap that would make you think it's the middle of July.

I find Changing 4 wheels by hand is a good way to warm up in the morning.

Rolled into Charters Towers about 8am, light traffic and clear weather looking very promising. Unloaded the extra equipment and headed back to the track to find tracks being prepared and the officials' desk being setup.

A fairly small turnout for the Saturday with 11 competitors sharing 7 cars but everyone eager to get started.

Saturday began with the dirt motorkhanas, getting harder over the day, with a lot of reversing thrown in, The crew in the T18 rushed into town to purchase a set of blind spot mirrors- very handy with a reverse slalom winding around 6-7 cones.

The day progressed with the lead changing hand several times, and a second group fighting over last place (presumably to avoid writing this article, which they managed)

End of competition for day one, points awarded by elapsed time of the 8 rounds, and I find myself in 2nd place, a mere 9 seconds behind Alex with impressive driving in his Stanza, and Stumpy less than 4 seconds behind me, forgetting what happened at the last Ironman.

The day ends with several competitors changing to rally tyres for day 2 and several more competitors volunteering to be a course checker for rest of the track ready for the next days Khanacross (yep, it's good).

Day 2 brings more competitors and a larger track, some fast times being put down by Sam in the red Mazda, fastest time on all but 2 of the Sunday rounds.

By the end of the day I'm barely into third place, but given the combined scores from Saturday I'm equal on 34 points with Stumpy, and declared the winner.

I'd like to thank Stump and Goof for putting on a great event, Emma and Zoe for timing and the rest of the officials keeping an eye on the cones, running barbeques and keeping us all safe.

Marc

The boys trying to get the old truck going, and yes she did start



## Targa Tassie 2011 from the LivingStones Motorsport Team

(Lindsay, Kaylene Stone and the Hickeys and Tim Branch in the 1989 MAZDA RX7)

We are glad to say that we have returned home safely & victoriously and only have some minor battle scars, amongst the ear-to-ear grins. The 3 generations of Hickeys accompanied us and provided a wonderful family team representing North Queensland. Much appreciation to Wade Hickey for coming on board with great enthusiasm as Co-Driver. A great job well done!

Getting to there was not going to be without its surprises. After sorting out the Pajero tow vehicle's rear axle 'achilles heel' we had a great trip of over 11,000kms, including one quick reconnaissance trip around the Apple Isle. Our new enclosed car trailer travelled well.

Upon arriving in TAS we experienced 3 degree nights and had to forget the shorts and T-shirt!!

We had so many blessings come our way and answers to our prayers in the way of assistance in preparation and then the Service crew of Tim Branch from Mackay. Support was provided to us by a recent Mazda RX7 enthusiast acquaintance from Hobart. Our appreciation goes out to him for his advice to us as Rookies in this event, and then arranging a replacement gearbox within hours. Also a big thanks to Jason Blanchard in Melb for the use of his garage and beds.

Reconnaissance was even fun in the Pajero (Kaylene was being thrown around in the back seat again!) There are so many incredible varying roads around the little Island, up and down mountains, and we knew we were in for a treat.

We chose the proven 'Rally Notes' again, (good cheap insurance!) which showed every detail of the road and we only had to make minor additions to suit us as Rookies.

The tarmac rally event comprised of 38 'Special Stages' of competition over 500 kms & 5 days.

The optional 'Hot Laps' at Symons Plains was good for all from a test bed for the car (cooked the front brakes!) and for the 6 passengers, including grand-father Hickey on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We started the event cautiously in the Prologue and were seeded at 33rd place in 'Early Modern' class (1986 -2002). We progressed up to a best of 27<sup>th</sup> on three stages, as we gained confidence in man, machine and the roads. Unfortunately we had a gearbox failure early on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day which cost us a lot of penalty time. We finally finished 50<sup>th</sup> out of 66 entrants in our popular and competitive class. There was a total 362 Competitors, excluding the Tourers.

The Mazda went extremely well, aside from the above issue and loved the cold weather, except when the heater fan failed and fogged the windscreen on the wet stages on the west coast. The car brakes were regularly tested to the limit, and so the new rear adjustable proportioning valve paid off well.

Other cars in our class included the gaggle of Porsches, EVOs, RX7s, Skylines, Imprezas, etc and even a Mini. There were even a couple of 'Teslas' (*Extremely Fast Electric Cars*) in 'Showroom' class, and can you believe it - Dick Johnson in a GM Corvette!!!! ☺

The stages varied from tight, windy and often hilly to the open country with some straights getting you up to 230+ kmh. We were passed by some awesome GTRs and Porsches and caught a few older cars on the long sections. We had a ball blasting down these spectacular roads and meeting so many passionate petrol-heads!!.

We met up regularly with the 'ever-active' Warren and Denise Skimmings in their element, looking after the 'Shannons Insurance' semi trailer, and of course Wayne Clarke with his 1938 Dodge, winning his class again. He also invited us to his 'small collection' of sports cars – wow!

Many people saw our Club stickers and commented about our enthusiasm for driving!!

Many thanks also to others who helped get us going to make it a 'revving' success and for making our Big Dream come true - yours could be just around the corner. We would certainly enjoy crewing for someone next year – who will it be???

Take care on the roads and God bless you in all your endeavours,

*Lindsay & Kaylene Stone Ph 4774 5530 'Keep running the race to get the prize'*



## **Joke of the month**

You are driving along in your car on a wild, stormy night. You pass by a bus stop, and you see three people waiting for the bus:

1. An old lady who looks as if she is about to die.
2. An old friend who once saved your life.
3. The perfect man (or) woman you have been dreaming about.

Which one would you choose to offer a ride to, knowing that there could only be one passenger in your car?

Think before you continue reading. This is a moral/ethical dilemma that was once actually used as part of a job application.

You could pick up the old lady, because she is going to die, and thus you should save her first; or you could take the old friend because he once saved your life, and this would be the perfect chance to pay him back. However, you may never be able to find your perfect dream lover again.

The candidate who was hired (out of 200 applicants) had no trouble coming up with his answer. He simply answered: "I would give the car keys to my old friend, and let him take the lady to the hospital. I would stay behind and wait for the bus with the woman of my dreams."

Never forget to "Think Outside of the Box."



# 2011 Calendar

**28th May Night Run**

**29<sup>th</sup> May – Hill Climb**

**11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> June– Khanacross Charters Towers ???**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July – V8's**

**30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> July – Khanacross**

**13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> August QRC Kirknie**

**27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> August – Khanacross**

**24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> September – Rally Sprint**

**15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> October – Khanacross**

**12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> November – Khanacross**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December – Christmas Party**

*Heckler*



# FOR SALE

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Number of spare tyres and papers

\$5,500 call Heckler 0417 614 663

## **1985 Mazda Familia**

- White
- Roll Cage Harness
- Group A Spec Turbo

Log Book

## **1987 Mazda Familia**

blue and yellow  
chrome roll cage  
Murray Coote built  
log book, but not going  
Spare tyres and Parts  
\$7,500 for both

Contact Heckler 0417 614 663

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THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE Jun 2011  
YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF WHERE AND WHEN**

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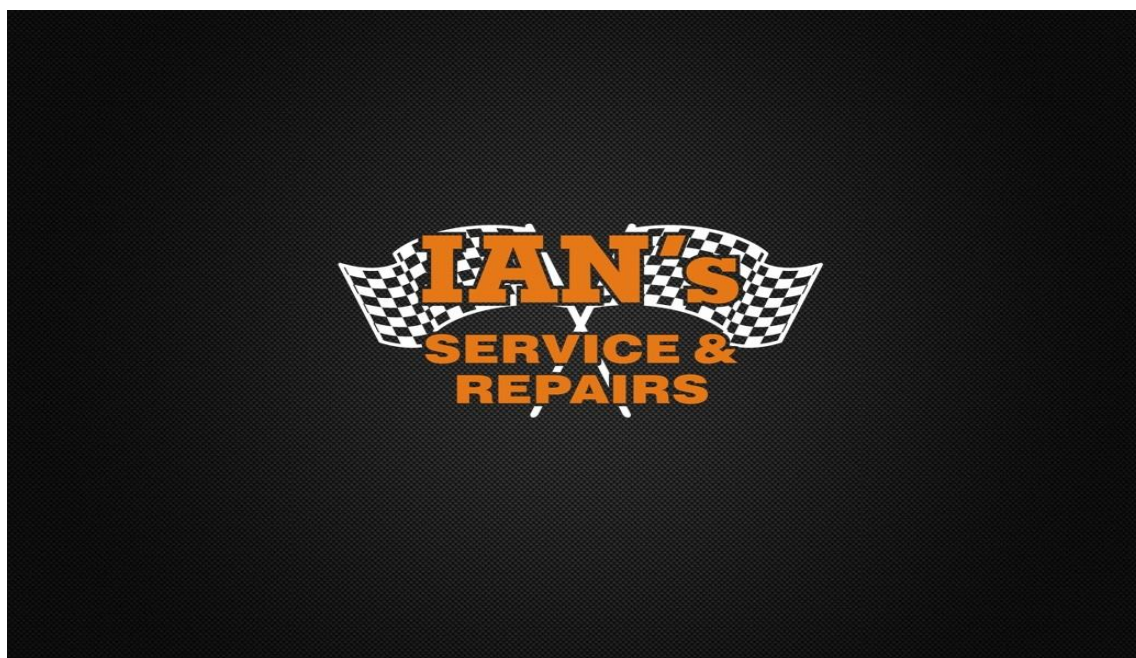
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