

THE GOOD OIL

OCTOBER 2023

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2023 NECC EXEC.



President	Peter Whitten
Vice President	Chris Aggenbach
Secretary	Kevin McCluskey
Treasurer	Gary Gourlay

Committee

Luke Whitten
 John Bell
 Jodi Mann
 Paul Kent
 Steve Roman
 Kurt Kazenwadel
 Ged Blum

Points scorer	Stuart Lister
Khanacross	Ray Wingrave
Club Permits	Ron Woodward
Club scrutineer	Laurie Weston

The North Eastern Car Club meet
 at 7.30 pm on the first Wednesday
 of each month, except January, at
 the NECC Clubrooms, Nolan Lane,
 Tarrawingee, 3678.

COMING EVENTS

October

28 Bagshot Rallysprint

29 **Khanacross round 5**

November

1 General meeting

15 Committee meeting

18 **Khanacross round 6**

December

6 NECC AGM

7 **NECC presentation dinner**

February 2024

7 **Show Us Your Car Night**
 17 Rally Retro Festival
 Held in Melb., more details
 to follow of NECC bus
 heading down for the day

Check out our website:

northeasterncarclub.com.au

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**Keep up to date with club
 news via our website or on
 our Facebook page.**

LEARN TO DRIVE

Training day a huge success

On a cool but nonetheless glorious Saturday morning in October, 11 fresh faced young people, two fine mentors, one membership secretary and one strapping young gent gathered at the clubrooms for our first Learn to Drive Day (LTDD) for 2023.

In fact, it has been at least two years since the last LTDD, so not only was this well overdue, it was well subscribed too, with all but one driving lesson being fulfilled!

Our juniors were aged between 12yrs and 17yrs and with a true mixed bag of driving experience. Some had never driven before, some had zero manual driving experience, and some had lots of experience - they just wanted to touch up on their gear changing, clutch and car handling skills.

Cody Richards brought down his dad's rally car for the kids to cast their eyes over and they asked lots of questions about car preparation, how to start rallying, and the parents in attendance may have asked the eternal question of "so how much does this all cost?"

It was a great morning and one of our juniors in attendance fronted up Sunday morning to compete in his first Khanacross – well done Hamish. We have a few more juniors who are going to join us for our final Khanacross rounds for the year.

All in all it was a great day with lots of smiles, barely any stalling and quite a few "car build plans" being made. I would really love to thank the following people, without whom this day wouldn't have run so smoothly:

Scott Mann & Ray Wingrave - our excellent mentors.

Cody Richards – resident competition and car prep expert.

Josh & Cait Mann – set up crew, bonfire lighter (Cait) and the man with



the million questions (Josh).

Thanks goes to Cody who also mowed the club lawns whilst the last

lesson of the day was being held.

Stay tuned for further LTDD's in early 2024.

CHANGE	ROUND 5
SUNDAY	KHANACROSS
29 OCTOBER	OF
2023	
DATE	

CLUB PERMIT REGISTRATIONS UPDATE

The following members have their club permit registration due on the dates below. Please remember that if you are not a financial member of the NECC, your registration is not valid.

Karen Bartlet	18148 H	27/11/23
Maureen Brown	19309 H	13/11/23
Bruce Baker	31327 H	27/11/23
Greg Lynch	487 DH	26/11/23
Tim Fry	85042 H	3/11/23
Dennis O'Neill	84861 H	3/11/23
Ian Brown	4634 H	19/11/23
Greg Lynch	84864 H	20/11/23
Craig Green	84865 H	20/11/23
Mark Walker	86178 H	24/11/23
Jethro Wittig	86180 H	24/11/23
Greg Lynch	804 UH	15/11/23
Greg Lynch	6102 H7	11/11/23
Michael White	5722 H9	29/11/23
OVERDUE		
Richard Masters	70702 H	28/09/23
Samuel Adams	64776 H	30/10/23
Robert Ballard	84867 H	19/10/23



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Hello all,

We've had a busy couple of months since my last update. We have successfully run a Learn to Drive Day (LTDD), another round of our Khanacross series and signed up the following new members:

- Wayne Stafford
- Chris Fitzgerald
- Harvey Fitzgerald (Junior)
- Charlie Fitzgerald (Junior)
- Ben Nyman
- Andrew Murray
- Jennifer Murdoch
- Hamish Murray (Junior)
- Patrick Murray (Junior)
- Aden Corke
- Alexander Migal (Junior)

Please make our new members welcome.

I am thrilled to share with you all that some of new junior members signed up after our LTDD, the enthusiasm and willingness to learn was wonderful (more on this elsewhere in this edition).

Housekeeping

I am a little behind on sending out membership cards and renewal letters, so please bear with me as I have started a new (full time) job and I'm juggling a few balls right now!

I did receive a membership payment that I am UNABLE to allocate:

Paid 4th September via direct deposit from WAW - \$60 – there was no reference number or name. If this is your payment please let me know either via my mobile or on the email listed below!

Over the next couple of months, I will be updating our membership database, so if you have a new email address, mailing address or phone number please let me know.

You can contact me on 0409 235550 or membership@northeasterncarclub.com.au

Until next time, safe motoring.
Jodi

MEMBER
SHIP

NEW PRICES
 ADULT \$70
 JUNIOR \$35
 FAMILY \$90


 EFFECTIVE 1ST
 DECEMBER
 2023

PRICE
RISE

WANT TO LOCK IN
 2023 MEMBERSHIP
 PRICES FOR THE NEXT
 3 OR 5 YEARS?

3 & 5 YEAR
MEMBERSHIPS

3 YEAR
MEMBERSHIP

ADULT 3 YEAR
 MEMBERSHIP \$180
 FAMILY 3 YEAR
 MEMBERSHIP \$240

ADULT 5 YEAR
 MEMBERSHIP \$300
 FAMILY 5 YEAR
 MEMBERSHIP \$400

5 YEAR
MEMBERSHIP

CONTACT JODI MANN TO
 ACTIVE A 3 OR 5 YEAR
 MEMBERSHIP!





BY JAMES WOODWARD

MY CAR

The latest instalment of our irregular 'My Car' segment in the Good Oil ...

I bought my first car as a learner driver in 2003: a March-built 1986 VL Commodore. With an exterior consisting of faded paint, rust and broken or missing plastic trim pieces and an interior sporting a bourbon-stained rear

seat, cigar-filled ash trays and an automatic transmission shifter, it's fair to say this automobile did not present as particularly desirable.

More than half my life later this car still sits parked in my garage, having provided me with many years of lear-

ning and adventures.

Over the past 20 years, the car has received numerous upgrades. My father, Ron, stipulated upgrades to transmission must only follow mechanical failure, as I was saving for university.

Following a string of "unavoidable"



MY CAR: JAMES WOODWARD, COMMODORE VL

learner driver incidents, a five-speed manual was installed. In 2005 my father painted the car in the garage of my parents' home. Suspension was improved with Koni adjustable shock absorbers, ultra-low King Springs coils, larger sway bars and Nolathane bushes.

The evolutionary nature of Commodore parts made brake system upgrades easy, with the car now utilising slotted VY front rotors and calipers, slotted VX rear rotors and calipers, and a VX master cylinder mounted to a VS booster. Bucket seats were installed, and all seats received custom upholstery by Winzer Upholstery Wangaratta.

The car rolls on refurbished 16"

".... inspiring a new generation of VL lovers"

"Walky" rims. I rebuilt the engine in mid-2023 which now features a mildly ported, high-compression cylinder head, custom camshaft, and a 68mm throttle body to exit exhaust gases through Pacemaker extractors and 2.5-inch exhaust system.

It should also be noted that over the years a myriad of air fresheners have removed any odour associated with the

former deposits of cigars.

Noteworthy escapades for my VL and I include: being awarded my full licence after surviving my probationary licence period, car shows in the suburbs of Melbourne, two sprint meets at Wilby Park raceway, an 8000 km road trip from Melbourne to Perth and back along the Nullarbor lasting 15 days, and frequent Sunday drives in the Macedon Ranges area.

In recent times, my VL has even made appearances in Year 9 and 10 Automotive Technology lessons I've taught at Gisborne Secondary College, dare I say, inspiring a new generation of VL lovers.

GET YOURS NOW

NECC CLUB MERCHANDISE



Coffee Mugs – \$10



Club Caps – \$25



Stubby Holders – \$10



Metal Grille Badges – \$25



Pens – \$2



Cloth Badges – \$5

Club merchandise is available at club meetings, or by calling John Bell on 0400 863 334

Round 3, October 15



Car #	Driver/Co-driver	Car Class	Age	Age Class	Test 1 Run 1	Pen	Test 1 Run 2	Pen	Test 1 Run 3	Pen	Test 2 Run 1	Pen	Test 2 Run 2	Pen	Test 2 Run 3	Pen	Test 2 Run 4	Pen	Test 2 Run 5	Pen	Total Pens (s)	Total Time (secs)	Outright Position	Class Position	Under 18 Position	Under 14 Position
1	MATTHEW HARING	C	S	S	1:32.60		1:26.07		1:24.42		1:31.11		1:30.33		1:30.85		0:00.00		0:00.00				535.38	7	3	
2	WILLIAM GOURLAY	D	U18	U18	1:49.39		1:33.64		1:28.96		1:36.75	2F	1:35.08	2F	1:34.01	F	0:00.00		0:00.00		25		602.83	17	3	6
3	GRAEME COOPER	G	S	S	1:23.65		1:18.74		1:18.14		1:27.37		1:25.34		1:26.71		0:00.00		0:00.00				499.95	1	1	
4	RON WOODWARD	B	S	S	1:38.87		1:31.68		1:28.85		1:35.06		1:37.43		1:34.94		0:00.00		0:00.00				566.83	12	4	
5	RYAN CROSTHWAITE	B	U18	U18	1:30.01		1:23.14		1:25.33		1:32.51		1:39.58	F	1:30.29		0:00.00		0:00.00		5		545.86	8	2	3
6	MITCHELL COOPER	G	U18	U18	1:25.44		1:19.87		1:19.48		1:27.43		1:25.85		1:25.66	F	0:00.00		0:00.00		5		508.73	2	2	1
7	STEPHEN ROMAN	C	S	S	1:16.25	2F	1:22.64		1:22.05		1:29.69		1:29.19		1:35.05		0:00.00		0:00.00		10		524.87	3	1	
8	PAUL KENT	C	S	S	1:29.26		1:38.53		1:25.55	F	1:32.51	F	1:32.75	F	1:34.93	2F	0:00.00		0:00.00		30		583.53	15	4	
9	LINCOLN COOPER	G	U18	U18	1:28.63		1:24.65		1:24.23		1:35.76		1:31.07		1:30.38		0:00.00		0:00.00				534.72	6	3	2
10	ELIJAH NYMAN	A	S	S	1:39.38	2F	1:29.71		1:26.93		1:34.75	F	1:31.58		1:31.43	F	0:00.00		0:00.00		20		573.78	14	1	
11	OLIVER KENT	C	U18	U18	1:38.52		1:35.04		1:51.66	WD	1:53.15	F	1:39.06		1:41.88	F	0:00.00		0:00.00		15		634.31	18	5	7
12	STEVEN CROSTHWAITE	B	S	S	1:26.87		1:24.08		1:23.88		1:31.86		1:30.36		1:28.18		0:00.00		0:00.00				525.23	4	1	
13	LUKE BROUGH	G	U18	U18	1:33.18	F	1:23.96	F	1:21.81	2F	1:32.83		1:33.34	F	1:29.96		0:00.00		0:00.00		25		560.08	11	4	4
14	JIMI WINGRAVE	B	S	S	1:30.34		1:26.90	2F	1:25.47		1:32.79		1:32.00		1:31.28		0:00.00		0:00.00		10		548.78	9	3	
15	GRANT HEYWOOD	C	S	S	1:37.58	2F	1:25.26	F	1:51.66	DNF	1:49.11	3F	1:39.94	2F	1:29.12	F	0:00.00		0:00.00		50		642.67	19	6	
16	GRACE WINGRAVE	B	U14	U14	1:54.93		1:50.74		1:51.66		2:09.71		2:04.54		1:58.39		0:00.00		0:00.00				709.97	22	8	2
17	JOSHUA MANN	B	U18	U18	1:34.24	F	1:39.59		1:29.85	F	1:40.34		1:37.38	F	1:37.29		0:00.00		0:00.00		15		593.69	16	5	5
18	JOSH DUFFY	B	U14	U14	1:58.18		1:44.92		1:43.83		1:57.88		1:52.24		1:46.97		0:00.00		0:00.00				664.02	20	6	1
19	ADEN CORKE	C	S	S	1:30.18		1:24.04		1:22.16		1:30.75		1:29.56		1:29.87	F	0:00.00		0:00.00		5		531.56	5	2	
20	STEPHEN DAVIES	D	S	S	1:34.73		1:30.82		1:27.54		1:38.59	G	1:34.89		1:36.29		0:00.00		0:00.00		5		567.86	13	2	
21	EMMA DUFFY	B	U18	U18	2:50.93		1:56.15		1:48.96		2:10.90		1:53.55		1:49.40		0:00.00		0:00.00				749.89	25	11	10
22	NO SHOW	B	S	S	2:50.93	DNA	1:56.15	DNA	1:51.66	DNA	2:14.87	DNA	2:04.54	DNA	1:58.39	DNA	0:00.00		0:00.00		30		806.54	26	12	
23	HAMISH MURRAY	B	U18	U18	2:06.66		1:52.97		1:44.59		1:56.27		1:45.05	F	1:42.17		0:00.00		0:00.00		5		672.71	21	7	8
24	JORJA DUFFY	B	U18	U18	2:17.89		1:55.40		1:51.34		2:14.87		1:58.49		1:52.66		0:00.00		0:00.00				730.65	24	10	9
25	BEN NYMAN	D	S	S	1:33.46	F	1:29.10		1:24.51	F	1:33.82		1:33.24		1:32.81		0:00.00		0:00.00		10		556.94	10	1	
26	HARVEY FITZGERALD	B	U14	U14	2:50.93	WD	1:38.90		1:42.80	F	1:45.62		1:43.88	2F	1:41.49	2F	0:00.00		0:00.00		30		713.62	23	9	3



YOU ARE INVITED TO

End of Year

CELEBRATION &
AWARDS NIGHT

THURSDAY

7TH DECEMBER 2023

@ 7.00 PM

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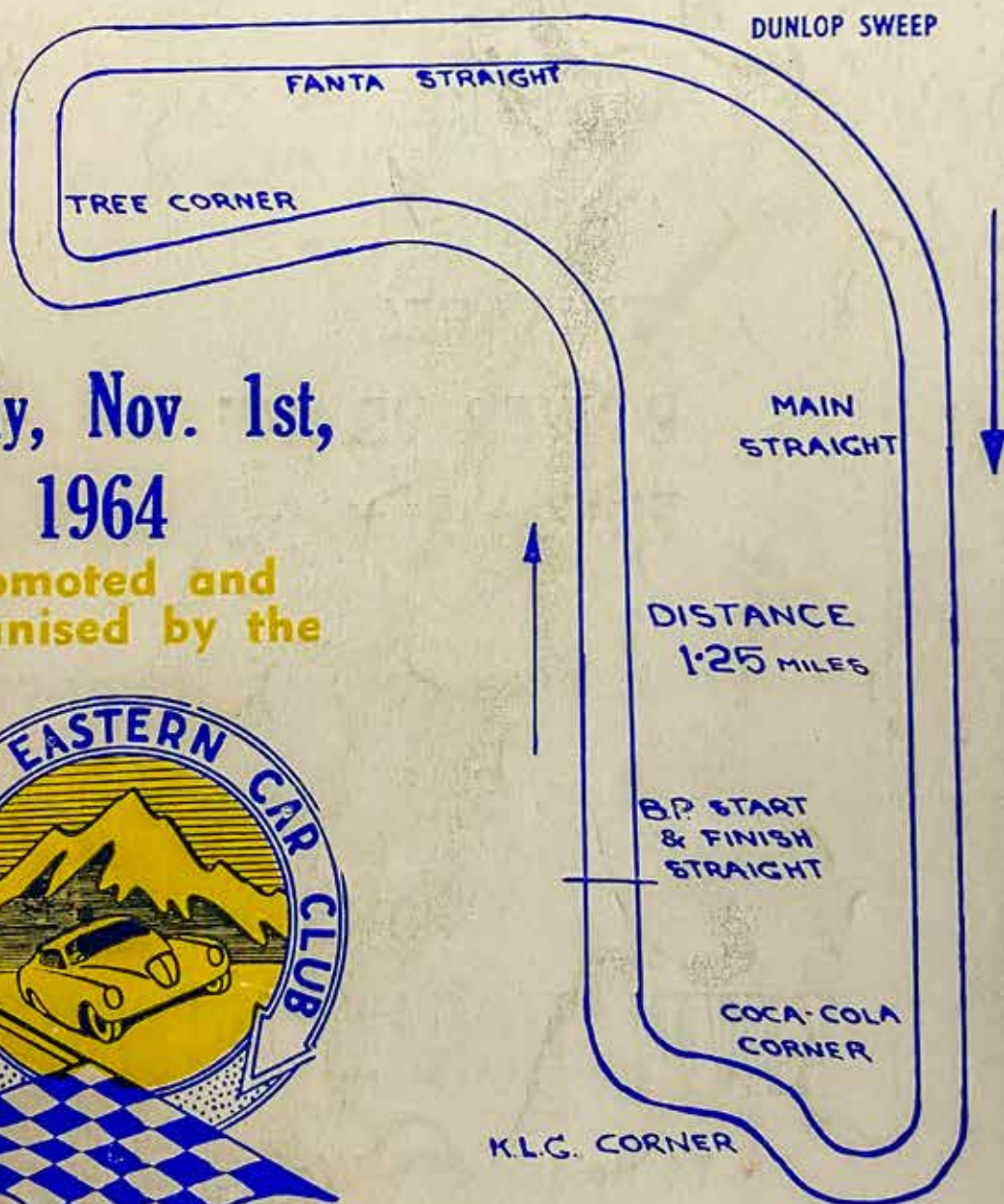
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