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# THE GOOD OIL

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## VALE: BRUCE ROBERTSON



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# President's Preach

**It's been another sad month with the passing of long-time club sponsor, former president, and Life Member Bruce Robertson.**

Bruce had a busy month with the NECC, presenting his stunning collection of cars to members at our social night on June 5, and then driving his GR Yaris at the khanacross on June 16.

Just a week later, on June 23, he passed away suddenly at home, and our hearts go out to his partner, Kristine, and his son Alistair.

Bruce could be a polarising figure in motorsport, but his passion was unquestioned, as was his friendly nature. A chat with Bruce would leave you much more informed on a wide range of topics relating to motorsport.

It was great to see Bruce competing in the khanacross, something he hadn't done for many years. In a strange way, it was lovely for club members to see Bruce enjoying his love of motorsport in his final days.

We'll remember him fondly.

**Luke Whitten** has been putting a power of work into the upcoming North Eastern Rallysprint that will be held on July 20th - before the next edition of the Good Oil reaches you. The field of 30 competitors sold out in just 90 minutes, proving that this style of event is much needed by rally teams.



We're still chasing officials to assist in the running of the event in the Moyhu Forest, so get in touch with either Luke or Chris Aggenbach if you can help out. We'd love to see you there.

**Well done** to the NECC crews that contested the recent Nissan Nightmoves Rally in the Whroo Forest.

Troy Brendel / Josh Mann, Michael Trucano / Heli Thaw, and Ged Blum / Matt Whitten represented the NECC at the popular event – with varying success.

Several other NECC members were also in attendance as service crew members or control officials, which was great to see.

Good luck to committee member Jason Lennane as he contest this weekend's Rally of Queensland – a round of the Australian Rally Championship – in his Honda Civic.

That's about all the space I have for this month. Until next time, safe motor-ing.

– Peter

## 2024 NECC EXEC.

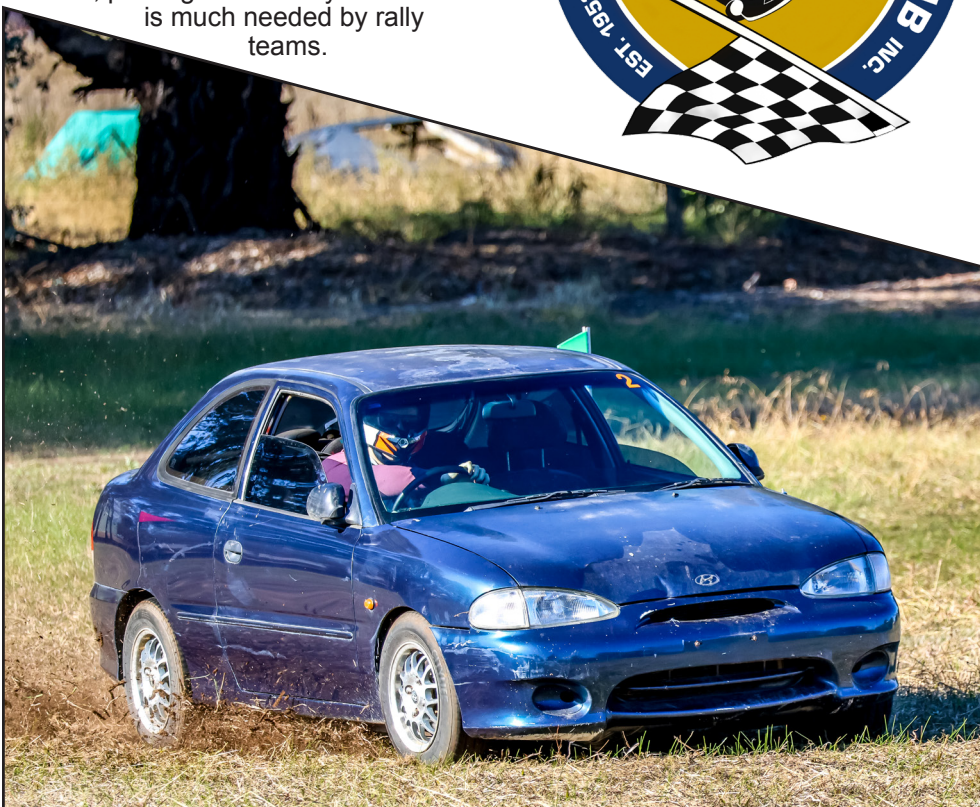


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<b>Khanacross</b>	Scott Mann
<b>Club Permits</b>	Ron Woodward
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<b>Good Oil</b>	Peter Whitten

**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.**





# KHANACROSS - JUNE 16, 2024





Results  
KHANACROSS

Round 3 June 16th 2024

Car #	Driver/Co-driver	Car Class	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	JIMI WINGRAVE	A	S	1.31.30		1.31.26		1.29.64		1.37.52		1.35.01		1.33.89		0.00.00		0.00.00		2	558.62	2		1	
2	BRUCE ROBERTSON	E	S	1.33.35	F	1.31.29		1.38.24		2.20.11	WD	1.39.33	F	1.37.04		0.00.00		0.00.00		20	639.36	12	3		
3	RON LIGETI	D	S	1.41.11		1.39.34		1.35.96		1.44.56		1.44.05		1.43.01		0.00.00		0.00.00			608.03	11	1		
4	TYLER WINGRAVE	A	S	1.40.04		1.30.81		1.28.72		1.35.83		1.35.30		1.32.78		0.00.00		0.00.00			563.48	3	2		
5	HAMISH MURRAY	E	U18	1.37.24		1.35.12		1.37.42		1.40.84	F	1.40.53		1.39.29		0.00.00		0.00.00		5	595.44	9	2	2	
6	JOSHUA MANN	A	U18	1.40.42	2F	1.34.63		1.31.76		1.39.26	F	1.39.96		1.41.30		0.00.00		0.00.00		15	602.33	10	5	3	
7	STEPHEN ROMAN	B	S	1.29.13		1.27.77		1.26.49		1.37.23		1.35.15		1.34.97		0.00.00		0.00.00			550.74	1	1		
8	GRACE WINGRAVE	A	U14	1.49.42		1.43.88		1.44.72	F	1.54.20		1.49.59		1.48.95		0.00.00		0.00.00		5	655.76	14	7	2	
9	PETER WHITTEN	B	S	1.32.34		1.30.70		1.30.20	F	1.36.59		1.42.22	F	1.35.21		0.00.00		0.00.00		10	577.26	5	3		
10	LUKE BROUGH	E	U18	1.35.33	F	1.31.06		1.29.53		1.36.60	F	1.35.84	F	1.34.86	F	0.00.00		0.00.00		20	583.22	7	1	1	
11	TOM COSTA	A	S	1.36.55	F	1.32.65		1.31.68		1.39.20		1.37.18		1.37.32		0.00.00		0.00.00		5	579.58	6	3		
12	PATRICK MURRAY	E	U14	2.17.97		2.08.78		2.05.24		2.20.11		2.10.58		2.07.77		0.00.00		0.00.00			790.45	17	4	3	
13	TAHLIA POOL	A	U18	1.57.79		1.45.21		2.05.24	WD	1.54.75		1.49.29		1.47.36		0.00.00		0.00.00		5	684.64	15	8	4	
14	ZOE SCHWEDA	A	U18	2.00.91		1.54.42		1.53.67	F	2.01.68		1.56.86		1.53.21		0.00.00		0.00.00		5	705.75	16	9	5	
15	TREVOR BOWDEN	A	S	2.17.97	WD	1.37.08		1.34.61		1.43.44		1.42.34		1.42.40		0.00.00		0.00.00		5	642.84	13	6		
16	MATTHEW WHITTEN	B	S	1.40.52		1.29.94		1.28.91		1.37.83		1.36.81		1.37.89		0.00.00		0.00.00			571.90	4	2		
17	HARVEY FITZGERALD	A	U14	1.38.65		1.35.59		1.30.16		1.42.31	F	1.42.10		1.39.92		0.00.00		0.00.00		5	593.73	8	4	1	





# ROBBO'S PRIVATE CAR COLLECTION



**Bruce and Alistair Robertson displayed around 20 magnificent vehicles at a special NECC car show on Wednesday, June 5.**

It was a collection of cars rarely seen in the north east and the club was privileged to have the opportunity to see them in the flesh.

For those who weren't able to make it on the night, here's a brief overview of some of the cars that were on display:

**Holden Commodore:** Bruce's father's last car which has significant sentimental value to the family.

**Commodore Magnum Ute**

**2x BMW M2s**, including a 2019 M2 CS that had carbon everything, and produces 330kW from a twin-turbo 3-litre engine

**2008 BMW M3 E92**, V8 manual

**2008 BMW 7-Series** that was worth \$300,000 new. Bruce purchased this at 22% of the original price. It has a 6-litre V12 engine.

**Toyota GR Yaris Rallye**

**Toyota GR Corolla Moritzo** – one of only 25 in Australia, and 3 in Victoria

**2007 Audi R8, 4WD.** Bruce has owned this since 2011 and it has

37% Lamborghini parts

**HSV GTSR Commodore** with less than 300k on the clock

**Commodore 4WD Ute** a real favourite of Bruce's.

**Toyota FJ Cruiser**

**Holden Caprice** that was used for the Governor of Victoria

With Bruce's passing just two and a half weeks later, it is a night that those in attendance will never forget.

Our thanks to Bruce and Alistair for a fantastic night.





# VALE: Bruce Robertson

The North Eastern Car Club is shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of past president and Life Member, Bruce Robertson.

Just this month, Bruce presented a display of his car collection to members, and competed in the most recent round of our Khanacross Series on June 16.

Bruce joined the club in July 1982, and was president of the NECC in 1986. He was made a Life Member in 2017. He was a long time rally competitor in a Mitsubishi Lancer, a Holden Commodore, a Mazda 323 4WD and Toyota Celicas.

He was adept on both gravel and tarmac, contesting rounds of the Australian Rally Championship, Targa Tasmania, and many state and club events across the country.

Bruce was also heavily involved with the Benalla Auto Club and Winton Motor Raceway, where he was a Life Member, and was one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the Australian Auto Sport Alliance (AASA).

He was a long-time member of the CAMS Victorian State Council.

Bruce was a successful businessperson in the region as owner-operator of the Robertson Group of Pharmacies.

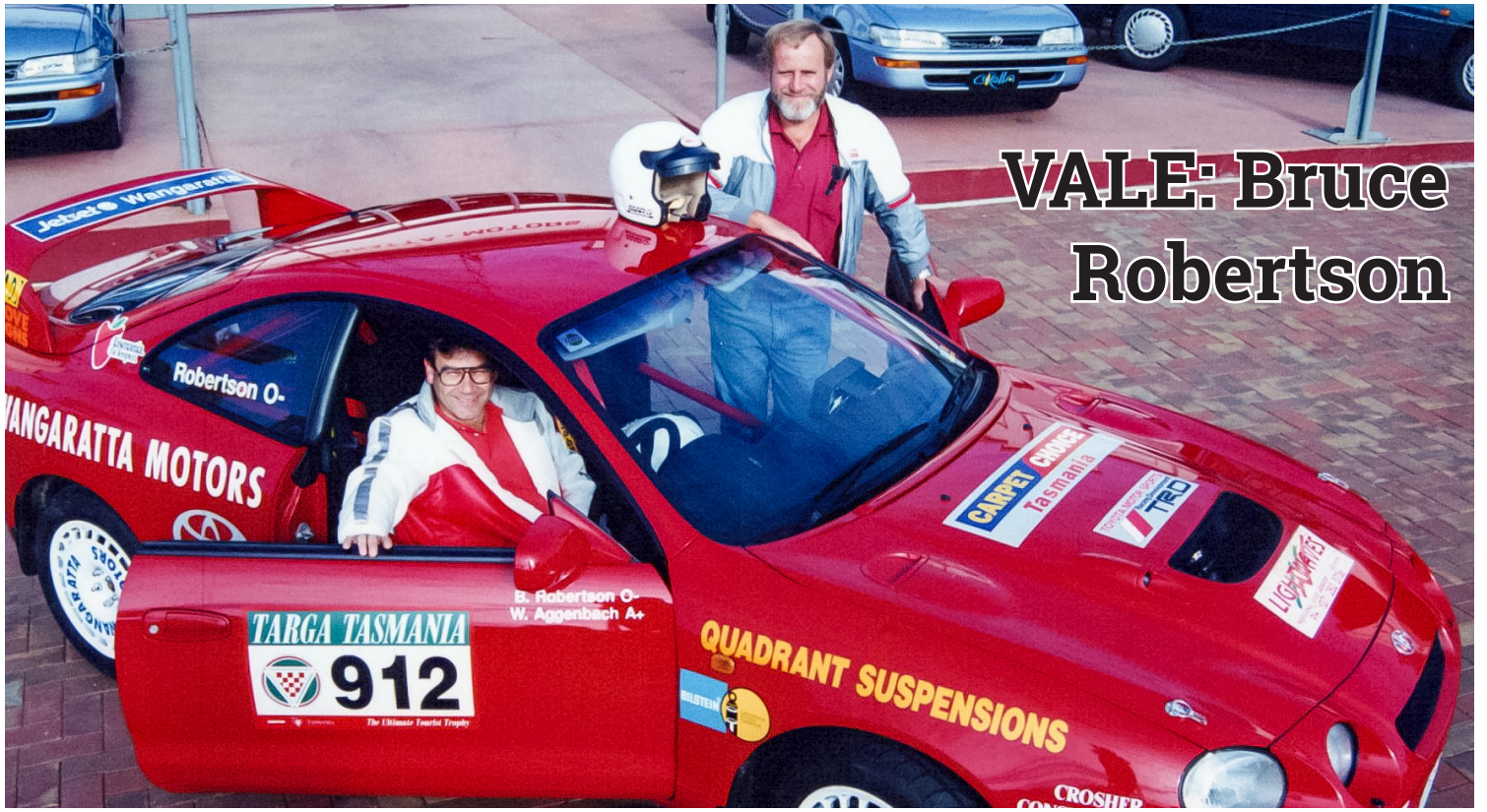
In 2019 he received an Honorary Life Membership Award of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia in recognition of his service to Rural Pharmacy and Rural Health Services.

Bruce passed away at home on Sunday, June 23.

The club passes on its sincerest condolences to Kristine, his son Alistair and their extended family.







# VALE: Bruce Robertson





## John Bell Ford Cortina Mk2



MY CAR

**M**y classic car is a 1967 Mk2 Ford Cortina GT, which I purchased in the late 90s.

It came from the Benalla area and had already been restored about 3 or 4 years earlier.

It was built in Sydney in March of 1967 and its driveline, dashboard and console was based on the Mk 1 Cortina GT with a 1500cc Kent engine.

In the restoration the engine was upgraded to the 1968 1600cc crossflow.

It has been lowered and fitted with Lovells Suspension all round, and has had the battery relocated to the boot.

It's bright yellow, not an original Cortina colour.

I have two different styles of wheels, Globe 4 spoke and a set of Cheviots multi spoke. Both sets are painted close to colour match of the car.

The 1600cc engine was originally built by Clive McDonald in Benalla, who had a reputation as a great engine builder.

It has been rebuilt in the last few years to the same spec. This engine



revs freely to 6,000rpm plus, but I max it out at 5,000rpm.

It is nice and responsive to drive, handles well, although the 45mm sidedraught Webers with socks get a bit noisy on long runs.

I did a few Winton sprint meetings and found the brakes faded a little after 5 laps of the long track, but bloody awesome fun.







# CLUB PERMITS

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.

Rob Sullivan	09103 H	7/7/24
Scott Kelly	40013 H	9/07/24
Cody Richards	62450 H	1/07/24
Darren Brough	9648 H9	27/07/24
Betty Whitten	03275 H	22/07/24
James Woodward	26023 H	5/07/24

## OVERDUE

Jennifer Turner	66441 H	3/06/24
Kieth Eldridge	69526 H	7/06/24
Richard Smyth	0933 H6	12/06/24
Richard Smyth	52741H9	1/06/24
Sam Prior	5726 H3	21/06/24
Kane Grimshaw	04974 M	23/06/24
Steve Roman	Datsun	June
Lane Griffin	90080 H	17/05/24

## 2024 NORTH EASTERN CAR CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Feb.</b>		
3	Working Bee	Tarrawingee
7	Show Us Your Wheels Night	Tarrawingee
17	Rally Retro Festival	Melbourne
21	Committee meeting	Tarrawingee
<b>March</b>		
6	General meeting	Tarrawingee
16	Mitta Mountain Rally	Mitta Mitta
20	Committee meeting	Tarrawingee
24	Khanacross Round 4	Carboor
24	Melbourne F1 Grand Prix	
<b>April</b>		
3	General meeting / Guest speaker	Tarrawingee
14	Khanacross Round 2	Carboor
17	Committee meeting	Tarrawingee
<b>May</b>		
1	General meeting	Tarrawingee
4	Intro to Motorsport #1 <b>Postponed until June 4</b>	Tarrawingee
11	NECC Rallysprint - Level 4	<b>POSTPONED</b>
19	Khanacross Round 3 <b>Postponed until June 16</b>	Carboor
22	Committee meeting	Tarrawingee
<b>June</b>		
5	Private car collection tour	Wangaratta
16	Intro to Motorsport #1	Tarrawingee
16	Khanacross Round 3	Carboor
19	Committee meeting	Tarrawingee
22	Nissan Nightmoves Rally	Heathcote

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>July</b>		
3	General meeting	Tarrawingee
17	Committee meeting	Tarrawingee
20	North Eastern Rallysprint	Moyhu Forest
<b>Aug.</b>		
7	Wangaratta Dyno tour	Wangaratta
18	Khanacross Round 4	Carboor
21	Committee meeting	Tarrawingee
<b>Sept.</b>		
4	General meeting	Tarrawingee
7	Intro to Motorsport #2	Tarrawingee
15	Khanacross Round 5	Carboor
18	Committee meeting	Tarrawingee
21	Valley Stages Rally - VRC	Yarra Valley
<b>Oct.</b>		
2	Social Night	TBA
12	TAFE Motorsport tour and drive	Wodonga
13	Bathurst 1000	Bathurst
16	Committee meeting	Tarrawingee
20	Akaderos Rally	Alexandra
26	Bagshot Rallysprint	Bagshot
<b>Nov.</b>		
6	General meeting	Tarrawingee
20	Committee meeting	Tarrawingee
23	Southern Classic Rally	Marysville
<b>Dec.</b>		
4	Annual General Meeting	Vine Hotel
4	Presentation Dinner	Vine Hotel



## **PARTING SHOT**

So long Bruce, thanks  
for your wonderful  
service to motorsport in  
north east Victoria.

