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## President's Preach

Every director knows the story. You plan an event right down to the finest details and have attracted a great field of competitors.

Then you look at the weather forecast and your heart sinks!

That was the scene for Luke Whitten and his team as the Xeno North Eastern Rallysprint neared at the end of the July. A full field of 30 entries, a short and compact event, and a terrible forecast.

The all-clear was given by forestry in the lead up to the rally, but when the rain came on Friday night and Saturday morning it wasn't looking good.

Three stages were held before some experienced heads got together and decided that conditions were getting too dangerous – not only for competitors, but for emergency crews should they be required to drive into a stage.

Nevertheless, the event was incredibly well received and this bodes very well for the future.

The NECC committee have applied for four rally events in 2025, beginning with the state championship Mitta Mountain Rally in March. This will be followed by three rally sprints spread over the following months.

It signals a positive return to the rally calendar for the North Eastern Car Club, in the form of a motorsport that the club has excelled at over the past 50 years.



**Seeing a big field of 24 cars line up for round four of the Khanacross Series was another real positive for the club over the past month.**

Rain the day before the event put everyone on edge again, but the Sunday turned out fine and sunny and a great day was had by all.

One of the real positives from the Khanacross events is the participation of not only a lot of junior drivers, but also a healthy stream of over 18 drivers who are getting their first taste of motorsport.

Shared cars are now a common sight in our events, and it's getting to be that unless you have a 4WD Subaru, you have little chance of winning.

Thanks, as always, to our directing team – this year under the guidance of Scott and Jodi Mann – and to you, the competitor, who keeps coming along and supporting our wonderful events.

I hope to see as many members as possible at our General Meeting next week.

– Peter

## 2024 NECC EXEC.



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<b>Pointscore</b>	Stuart Lister
<b>Khanacross</b>	Scott Mann
<b>Club Permits</b>	Ron Woodward
<b>Club scrutineer</b>	Laurie Weston
<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.

Congratulations to NECC members Nick Seymour and Matt Whitten who finished first 2WD in the Australian Rally Championship round at Gippsland on August 10 and 11.



# KHANACROSS - AUGUST 18, 2024

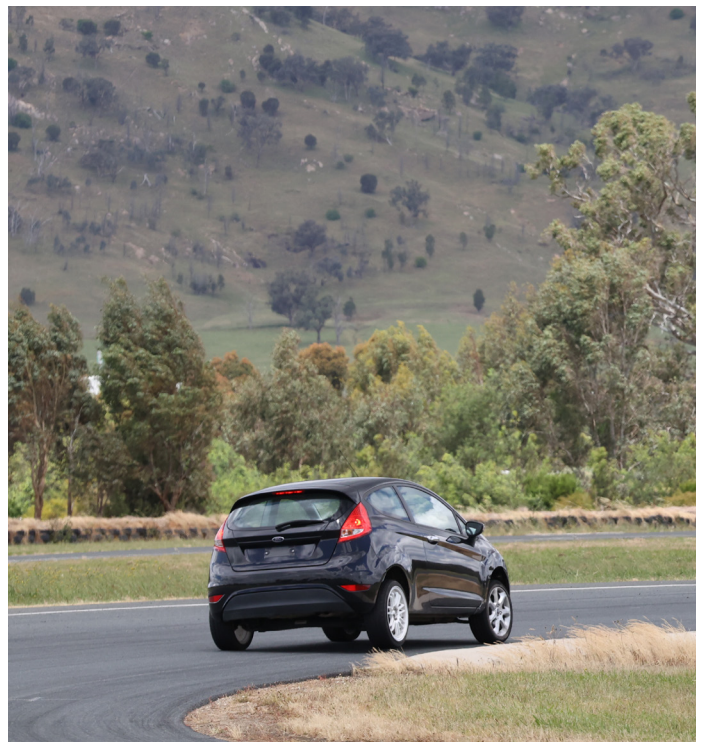


Car #	Driver/Co-driver	Car Class	Age Class	Test 1		Test 1		Test 1		Test 2		Test 2		Test 2		Total Pens (s)	Total Time (secs)	Outright		Class		Under 18 Position
				Run 1	Pen	Run 2	Pen	Run 3	Pen	Run 1	Pen	Run 2	Pen	Run 3	Pen			Run 4	Pen	Position	Position	
1	STEPHEN ROMAN	B	S	1:56.21		2:01.69		1:52.11		2:16.19	WD	1:51.99		1:50.46		5	713.65			12.00		1.00
2	TREVOR BOWDEN	A	S	2:09.61		2:17.49		2:03.17		2:16.19	WD	1:58.83		1:54.04	F	15	774.33			19.00		4.00
3	RILEY CORKE	C	S	1:56.18		1:52.15	2F	1:47.83	F	1:49.32	F	1:45.44		1:44.96		20	675.88			7.00		1.00
4	JOSHUA MANN	A	S	2:18.59		2:20.19		2:04.10		2:16.19	3F	1:57.29		2:00.87		15	792.23			21.00		5.00
5	GRAEME COOPER	E	S	2:01.31		1:46.70		2:06.56	DNF	1:43.30		1:41.58		1:39.44	F	10	668.89			5.00		3.00
6	HAMISH MURRAY	E	U18	2:12.80		2:13.77		1:57.98		2:01.18		1:53.63		1:50.01		0	729.37			15.00		7.00
7	S CROSTHWAITE	A	S	1:53.58		1:49.93	F	1:43.89		1:45.24		1:44.16		1:43.15		5	644.95			2.00		1.00
8	VANESSA ELSTON	A	U18	2:39.16		2:13.75		2:04.74		2:10.54	F	2:02.82		2:01.25		5	797.26			22.00		6.00
9	ADAM CURRAN	C	S	1:55.63	2F	1:55.98		1:50.03	4F	1:52.16	F	1:47.56	2F	2:01.25	G	55	737.61			16.00		4.00
10	JIMI WINGRAVE	A	S	2:15.41		2:02.23	F	1:54.36		1:57.75		1:54.55		1:51.29		5	720.59			13.00		3.00
11	MITCHELL COOPER	E	U18	1:55.26		2:15.63		1:40.69	F	1:44.71	F	1:40.64		1:37.89		10	664.82			4.00		2.00
12	RYAN CROSTHWAITE	A	S	1:58.11		1:48.65		1:42.84	F	1:47.01		1:43.25		1:41.69		5	646.55			3.00		2.00
13	ADEN CORKE	C	S	2:05.45	2F	2:20.19	G	1:47.64	F	1:52.20		1:47.28	F	1:45.55	3F	40	738.31			17.00		5.00
14	GRACE WINGRAVE	A	U14	2:39.69		2:15.77		2:06.56		2:12.96		2:04.73		1:58.96		0	798.67			23.00		7.00
15	OLLIE KENT	C	U18	2:18.74		2:06.12		1:51.74		2:02.51	F	2:28.38	F	1:54.13		10	771.62			18.00		6.00
16	LINCOLN COOPER	E	U18	2:02.68		2:20.19	DNF	1:48.98	F	1:48.00		1:43.60	F	1:41.39		15	699.84			11.00		6.00
17	BEN NYWAN	B	S	2:11.17		2:02.82	3F	1:51.82		1:56.15	2F	1:50.68		1:50.84		25	728.48			14.00		2.00
18	LUKE BROUGH	E	U18	2:24.49		1:47.53		1:42.44	F	1:43.31	F	1:41.15	F	1:40.15		15	674.07			6.00		4.00
19	MATTHEW HARING	C	S	2:02.62		1:53.99		1:50.92	F	1:53.44		1:47.52		2:01.25	G	10	699.74			10.00		3.00
20	TONY TUNSTELL	C	S	2:08.48	F	2:16.28	2F	1:58.41		2:03.43	F	2:05.84	2F	2:01.25	DNF	35	788.69			20.00		7.00
21	PAUL KENT	C	S	2:06.72	F	1:54.03	F	1:46.87		1:44.84		1:53.27	F	1:44.50	F	20	693.85			9.00		2.00
22	JAKE LUCAS	E	S	1:52.23		1:42.13		1:37.45		1:43.19		1:40.14		1:38.19		0	613.33			1.00		1.00
23	BRAEDON CATON	D	S	2:15.64	2F	2:20.19	2F	2:00.37	2F	2:13.82	F	1:57.60		1:58.89		35	801.51			24.00		1.00
24	SHANE CORNISH	E	S	2:00.69		1:53.96		1:48.81		1:52.13		1:56.95	F	1:46.82		5	684.36			8.00		5.00



The NECC is running a fun day at the Logic Centre track at Barnawatha.

- \* This is a non-timed event open to drivers 12 years of age and up.
  - \* Cost will be \$100 per driver.
  - \* General speed licence or above required. These can be purchased on the day if required, for \$40.
  - \* Vehicles will be safety checked, but there is no need for registration.
  - \* Helmets and fully closed foot wear, and ankle to wrist clothing is required.
  - \* Entries will be capped at 25 drivers.
- More details will be placed on club website soon, so keep an eye out. An entry link will be provided when it is available.





Audi, BMW, Porsche and Mercedes: photos and stories from Germany's best museums at the next general meeting – Wed, September 4th at 7.30 pm.

# Social Night

WED, OCT. 2ND  
@ 7.00 PM

- 6 MEMBERS CARS
- ROAD, RACE, RALLY
- IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS
- A NIGHT NOT TO MISS
- BBQ DINNER AVAILABLE
- LAST SOCIAL FOR 2024

TARRA CLUBROOMS

Wear your favourite race team or motoring memorabilia – who's got the best classic kit??



# 2024 Xeno North Eastern Rallysprint

The club's Xeno North Eastern Rallysprint can be called a success, despite the unfortunate cancellation of the event at the midway point.

Our experienced group of rally organisers did a fantastic job to get the event up and running in the Moyhu Forest, but the weather was wet, and we had to stop the event after three of the eight stages.

In all, we had 30 crews from as far as Queensland, Tasmania and South Australia, and most enjoyed the concept and roads and vowed to return again next year.

Over the three stages that were run, Jamie Luff was the fastest in his Toyota GR Yaris AP4 that usually competes in the Australian Rally Championship. Second was Adrian Stratford in his 'Lightning McQueen' Ford Fiesta, and Tasmanian Aidan Peterson was third in his Subaru.

We had three local members competing in our event. Jason Lennane and son Ryder competed in their pink Honda Civic Type R, Cody Richards competed in his Ford Escort, and Matt Whitten drove in his first rally in a Ford Fiesta.

Jason and Cody finished the event without problems, but Matt was caught out by the slippery conditions and went off the road. He'll be out at another event soon as there was no damage to the car.

Personally, I'd like to thank a few people, including the event sponsors.

Ged Blum and his new business Xeno CAD Innovations supported the event as title sponsor, and businesses Wangaratta Kebabs and NuFruit also provided some monetary support for the event.

Wipertech also deserves a huge men-



PHOTOS: WISHART MEDIA



tion. They fully backed the event and helped us to look after competitors and officials. Each competing car received a free pair of wipers, and our officials received a 'show bag' full of gear for the day, including a special voucher for a set of wipers for themselves.

Our officials on the day were the real heroes, though. They battled the weather and were professional throughout the day – thank you to each and every one of you!

To Scott and Jodi Mann, Chris Aggenbach, Steve Roman, Peter Whitten, Gary and Gail Gourlay, Col Harding and Blake Nixon – thanks for your invaluable help in the lead up to the event and in Rally HQ on the day.

Let's hope we can do it again next year with better weather!

– Luke Whitten

# 2024 Xeno North Eastern Rallysprint



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OUR ANNUAL

# Christmas

DINNER

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

6.30PM

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- \* 4-door sedan, 5 seats
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- \* Triumph stag wheels
- \* Car is in very good condition always stored in shed under car cover
- \* Car is currently on club rego (not transferable)
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## NECC Club Champion – pointscore as at August 1, 2024

Peter Whitten	66
Scott Mann	56
John Bell	53
Gary Goulray	43
Jodi Mann	36
Ron Woodward	32
Gail Gourlay	31
Chris Aggenbach	30
Michael Trucano	28
Heli Thaw	28
(not all pointscorers listed)	



## 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.

### Club permits for September

Greg Brown	17917 H	27/09/24
Matthew Bowman	46474 H	5/09/24
Brodie Paul	70749 H	8/09/24
Reece Masters	70702 H	28/09/24
Shane Gardner	94995 H	20/09/24
James Perkins	2616H7	2/09/24
Swen Tillack	7182H8	23/09/24
Wayne Stafford	14PH2	7/09/24
Betty Whitten	CH5746	30/09/24

### OVERDUE

Mark Stone	70736H	11/08/24
Michael White	82838H	17/08/24

## 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	Khanaacross Round 4	Carboor
24	Melbourne F1 Grand Prix	
<b>April</b>		
3	General meeting / Guest speaker	Tarrawingee
14	Khanaacross 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 1	<b>POSTPONED</b>
19	Khanaacross 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	Khanaacross 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	Khanaacross Round 4	Carboor
21	Committee meeting	Tarrawingee
<b>Sept.</b>		
4	General meeting	Tarrawingee
7	Intro to Motorsport #2	Tarrawingee
15	Khanaacross 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

Group B Audi Quattros on display at the Audi Museum in Ingolstadt, Germany.

