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EVENTS CALENDAR 2019

FEBRUARY

31-3	Bathurst 12 hour
6	SHOW US YOUR CAR NIGHT
16-17	Targa North West
23	George Woods Rally
22-24	Clipsal 500

AUGUST

7	General Meeting
14	Committee Meeting
18	Khanacross
24-25	ARC.3 VRC
	Eureka Rally VIC
30-1	Targa Barrier Reef

SEPTEMBER

2	VRC Mitta Mountain Rally
6	General Meeting
14-17	Australian Grand Prix
20	Committee meeting
24	Khanacross Rd.1
31	VRC/VCRS Ada River Rally

APRIL

3	General Meeting
5-7	ARC.1 Forest Rally WA
7	Wilby Lap Dash
17	Committee meeting
29-4	Targa Tasmania

OCTOBER

2	General Meeting
5	*Bill Orders
	Memnorial Rally
10-13	VA Supercars
	Bathurst 1000
16	Committee meeting
20	VRC Akademos
27	Khanacross (spare)

NOVEMBER

6	General Meeting
8-10	Targa High Country
9	VCRS George Derrick
15-17	WRC ARC.6
	Rally Australia
	Coffs Harbour NSW
20	Committee meeting

DECEMBER

4	Annual General Meeting
6	Presentation Dinner

JULY

3	General Meeting - GOTAFE TOUR
7	*Bagshot Rallysprint
14	Khanacross Rd.4
17	Committee meeting

* Round of the NECC Rally Championship

° To be confirmed

Note: dates & events subject to change

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2019 NECC COMMITTEE POSITION ALLOCATION

At our last AGM, the ratified dedicated committee position titles instead of the Ordinary Committee Member positions.

At our January Committee meeting, the committee decided upon which of the roles they were interested in and from here we allocated these roles to a member of the committee.

Now I from that meeting, I've had ever intention of advertising which committee member will be undertaking which role on the committee, but alas I've managed to miss every deadline for the magazine up until now.

So, please find below the committee member and their allocated roles on the 2019 NECC Committee. These should be reflected in the front cover of the magazine. Further to this, I believe we might be very close to releasing dedicated position-based email addresses for each of these positions. Stand by for this change as I'm not completely sure of the release date.

2019 NECC General Committee Members & allocated duties;

Membership Secretary:	Richard Fung
Membership Support:	James Stanistreet
Social & Social Media:	Kylie Dowell
Junior Liaison:	Josh Dowell
Webmaster:	Richard Fung
Editor:	Richard Fung
Merchandise/ Social:	John Bell

Ordinary Member (Catering/ Clubroom): Kurt Kazenwadel

Non-Committee appointed positions;

CH Plate Permit Officer:	Ron Woodward
Club Points Scorer:	Stuart Lister

Please feel free to make contact with any of the these members to ask questions or discuss ideas and issues relating to their area of the club.

Again, I extend my sincere thanks to these folks for their time and effort to making the club continue to operate.

PRESIDENT PRATTLERS...

Scott Mann president@northeasterncarclub.com.au

G'day folks,

Time to listen...

Firstly, I would like to thank all of our members who have provided feedback to recent discussions around the future direction of the club's magazine, the Good Oil.

The discussion at our last general meeting provided myself and the committee with some great feedback. Feedback which we will take on board and develop into the future direction of the magazine.

The key take aways from this discussion will be noted elsewhere in this magazine for you to review. The committee still welcomes feedback and questions around direction of the magazine.

On the topic of listening, I recently had the privilege of joining a number of past presidents for dinner. Brilliantly organised by Tom Kaitler and Laurie Weston, 15 of the past presidents assembled for a night of tall stories and reflection of their time in the office. For myself as the current president, it presented a fantastic opportunity to not only put faces to several names I've seen on the honour boards in the club rooms, but also gain an understanding of the challenges and triumphs of folks who have occupied the seat before me. A great night was had by all.

I extend my thanks to Tom and Laurie for organising the dinner and compiling a large amount of background information.

Lastly, to quote the very popular TV series, Game of Thrones; "Winter is Coming!". And with it comes the usual array of illnesses. Our home hasn't been exempted of these over the past week with two of the rugrats succumbing to viral infections last week which ultimately lead to the cancellation of our monthly committee meeting.

I will be discussing options with the committee to ensure that no pressing matters are delayed. On that note, take care out there as the cooler months approach.

Well that wraps it up for another month.

Two rounds of the Khanacross series coming up in the next month so I look forward to seeing many of you at Carboor.

Until then, safe travels.



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JUNE 2019

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CLUB PERMIT RENEWALS

The following vehicles on the Club Permit Scheme are due for renewal.

JUNE 2019

Wayne Owen	09083H	21/06/2019
Michael Chrispo	08912H	28/06/2019
Michael Stone	60444H	30/06/2019
Kieth Eldridge	69526H	07/06/2019
Chris Aggenbach	90095H	06/06/2019

OVERDUE

None

CLUB PERMIT SIGNING

Both club permit applications and renewals will only be signed in one of the following two ways:

1. During the hour prior to commencement of either a monthly general meeting (first Wednesday of the month) or monthly committee meeting (third Wednesday of the month). Meetings start at 7.30 PM.
2. Sent by mail to **Ron Woodward at 28 Lauriston Avenue Milawa VIC 3678**. Renewals must include vehicle condition report form (download form from club web site) and a stamped self- addressed envelope. Due to longer mail delivery times, please allow a 2-week turnaround time.

Note - please contact **Ron Woodward [5727 3407]** to organise signing of renewals.

Please note new conditions effective from **1st of January 2018**;

- New members to the club **will not** be eligible to put a vehicle on the scheme.
- Existing members prior to above date will remain eligible to place a vehicle (or vehicles) on the scheme
- New applications (see conditions above) will only be processed at the clubrooms in the hour prior to commencement of a general or committee meeting.
- Permit renewals shall be signed prior to meetings as above or they can be sent by mail to Ron Woodward at 28 Lauriston Ave Milawa 3678 complete with vehicle condition report (form can be downloaded from club website) and a stamped self- addressed envelope. Please allow 2-week turnaround time due to slow mail deliveries now in force.
- Appointments for Ron to sign renewals at home will no longer be available.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have a car on the Club Permit Scheme and you don't renew your club membership on the due date, your registration will be automatically **INVALIDATED**. Your car is essentially unregistered if you are not a paid up financial member of the car club.

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CLUB'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND FUNCTIONAL FUTURE...

Scott Mann president@northeasterncarclub.com.au

The next round...

From discussions and feedback at the last (April's) general meeting, the committee were able to take some key notes away from the night.

Firstly, I greatly appreciate the way our club was able to respectfully and openly discuss the future direction of the club and then the direction of the club's magazine, the Good Oil. Everyone present was afforded the chance to present their points of view throughout the meeting without being shot down or spoken over.

Some of the feedback and key notes received on the night was;

- Does the club wish to continue running competition events? Yes!
- What type of events does the club want to run? Rallysprints, rallies, khanacrosses, motorkhanas and sprint days. The general feel was that the members would like the club to provide avenues for members to pursue motorsporting ambitions from grassroots/ entry level competition through to more advanced levels of competition up to and including state level events. Further to this the members present at the meeting also had a desire to continue with non-competition-based events (social events).
- Would the club consider a change to the frequency of the Good Oil from monthly to bi-monthly with a single page newsletter being distributed in the alternate months? Yes!
- What information is important to the members? What do they want to see in the magazine? Event reports from organisers and competitors alike. Member profiles. Articles around the club's past activities (event's, milestones etc). Articles around broader motorsporting and general motoring news that may impact on our members directly or indirectly. Articles that provide a back story of how members got vehicles to events and the challenges experienced/ overcome along the way.

So, armed with this feedback and information, the club now needs to be turn these into actions. These actions are not just for the committee to execute though! If we are to achieve the desired outcomes of those noted above, the club and ALL of its members must stand up and be prepared to contribute to the preparation, organisation and running of events. Looking back through the event directing teams and event organising teams over the past ten, twenty or so years, the names are reasonably constant. They are, in many cases the same names as those on the club's committee. If this club is to succeed in running events in the future, the club's members need to run events for the club's members to partake in. It cannot be left up to the same folks to front up and assist the organisation of every club event.

NEW NECC BUMPER STICKER

Richard Fung membership@northeasterncarclub.com.au

Introducing the latest NECC Bumper Sticker. Members renewing their NECC membership over the next 12 months to May 2020, will find their very own bumper sticker enclosed with their membership confirmation letter.

This applies to the magazine. I'm under no illusion that our members are not waiting with bated breath for my prattles to come out every month. Riveting reading it is not! So, like the events, the magazine will only be as good as the contributions from the members. I'm sure Richard would love nothing more than have to carry articles over from one month to the next because we don't have the real estate in the magazine to accommodate them all. So, lets get those fingers tapping on the keyboards and start recounting the experiences of past and recent events. Scroll through the countless photos we all have on our phones and other devices and send in those that have a back story that not many others may not about. Let's not be shy about the embarrassing blunder we might have made during an event. I'm sure you won't on your own. Trust me when I say I've got plenty I could share...

The committee are willing to listen to suggestions for events, competition or social. We have a rich history of running very successful events. One, I'm sure that club can continue with.

Over the coming months, the committee will look to refining the details of changes to the distribution of the magazine and what essential information will be provided in the newsletter. Again, we will be guided by what you, the members are looking for.

Next month's discussion topic – General Meetings. How often should they be conducted? What information are members wanting from the meetings?

This equally applies to the committee meetings. Does the club embrace technology and conduct meetings monthly, bi-monthly via skype or over the phone? Is the current committee meeting format providing effective administration of the club for its members? Are we getting bogged down in too much menial details and not addressing the bigger, more pressing issues appropriately?

So, again it will be discussion time. As a club, are we prepared to consider changing the frequency of our general meetings from monthly to bi-monthly with a social event organised on the alternate month? Are we providing the right information at the meetings? Is there something else our members want to see or hear at the general meetings?

Like last month, I am looking forward to receiving your feedback on this topic. Please understand that we will not be rushing in to any changes without careful consideration of member feedback.

Looking forward the discussions at future events and meetings.

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A DAY OUT IN COROWA

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On Sunday 5th a few club members and friends assembled at Apex Park in Wangaratta and then proceeded to Corowa. The first stopping point was the Max McClean motor museum. This museum was started quite a few years ago by Max, and after his death some years ago his family took over the running of the place. Club member Rob Neilson was Max's nephew and he is also involved with the museum. Rob greeted us on arrival and we spread out inside the two buildings which house quite a lot of interesting cars and trucks plus other related exhibits. The museum owns quite a lot of the vehicles with the remainder on loan from various people. Both the Austin Healey and the E-type Jag belong to Terry Cornelius who was on hand to relate the history of both vehicles. Over the years Terry has owned five Healeys and Two E-Types. Rob has his Datsun 1600 and Datsun Homer delivery truck on display as well, both with their own stories.

From the museum we moved on to have lunch at the Whisky and chocolate factory. This building is of some interest having been the local flour mill originally and has fairly recently been converted into a whiskey and chocolate factory with restaurant and function centre. The meal was quite nice and reasonably priced and everybody enjoyed it.



Last point of call was Terry Cornelius's panel shop where he brings back old cars (only interesting ones) to life and on some builds new bodies from scratch, often with only a few pictures to work from. Pride of place in the shop at the moment is one of Terry's own cars, a recreation of a typical 1950's grand prix car. The car bears a marked resemblance to a Maserati 250F, although Terry is adamant that it is not a replica, but a Holden special. Terry acquired the car

quite a few years ago as an uncompleted project, basically a rolling chassis, and has worked on it as time permitted between customer projects. It is powered by a "hotter up" Holden grey motor, (the weapon of choice for many specials created in the 1950's-1960's) with other parts sourced from various cars of the period. The whole lot is covered in a beautiful hand beaten aluminium body which Terry is justifiably proud. There were also two customer cars in the shop, a



1960's two door Ford Falcon imported from USA and stripped waiting Terry's hands, and a Holden Humpy (FX-FJ), partly completed which Terry will do the body work on, the vehicle is destined for historic speedway.



Terry then showed us into another shed which contained a couple of other cars of his. There was a bright red Austin 7 special which Terry had built many years ago (I think in the 1960's). This special has competed in various forms of motorsport all of its life. There was also a speedway midget powered by a Holden red motor which Terry raced with significant results for many years. All of Terry's cars have a significant history which he is more than happy to relate to anyone who is interested. Terry is truly a man who is at peace with the world, and happy with his life. Although he is now in his seventies, I don't think retirement is on the agenda. (Terry is still a regular water skier and has recently purchased a ski boat which he owned and sold many years ago.)

After we had finished at Terry's we went our separate ways, some to adjacent wineries before heading home. A great day out and thanks to John Bell for organising it. Just a pity we didn't have a few more participants.

NECC MEMBER PROFILE

Member this month: #884 Scott Mann, joined 2017



Name:

Scott Mann

Current/ previous occupation:

Project Manager

Committee Positions (Past/ present):

President

Current motorsport interests

(Driver, Navigator, Official, Spectator):

All as well as servicing and vehicle preparation

Current Motorsport Participation

(Rally, Sprint, Khanacross, Motorkhana, Other):

Rallying and Khanacrosses

Current Vehicles:

Toyota Prado, Hyundai Excel (Kid's Khanacross comp car)

Previous, First Vehicle(s):

First Vehicle was a '76 Ford Escort. Previous vehicles are numerous ranging from more Escorts (didn't learn from the first time), Patrols, an Outback, a Territory, a Commodore and a Ssangyong Rexton

Hobbies:

Trying to keep the better half happy! Chasing kids all over the countryside and occasionally, bushwalking, skiing, messing around in the shed

Favourite Events (Competitor, Spectator):

Typically longer, multi-day events which test every aspect of a team (driver, co-driver, service crew etc). I have a preference for multi-day rallies like the Alpine, the BP and the Experts.

Favourite Driver & Why:

Tommi Makinen

- Complete driver of his time when any number of vehicles and drivers could win rounds.

Favourite Competition Car & Why:

Lancia Stratos, Ford Escort RS500, Subaru Impreza 22B

- Cause they all looked great in the day and still do today in my opinion.

How did you get involved in Motorsport:

Through my uncle who was competing as a navigator in VRCs and Alpines suggested I look at joining a club to further my interests in motorsport and particularly rallying. My parents had absolutely no interest in the sport!

How long have you been involved in Motorsport:

I think 1991 or 1992 was the first event I attended as a official. Rally of Melbourne if I recall correctly. It all went downhill (quickly) from there...

Year joined NECC:

2011 or 2012. When we relocated the tribe from Melbourne to the North East. (tbc. 2017 according membership records - Ed)

Most satisfying motorsport experience:

Sitting in a small café in Bright on the Monday morning with a number of key officials after the completion of the 2001 Alpine. Huge event, huge amount of change to the route 10 weeks prior to the start date thanks to Hancocks plantations policy change. Great event that everyone I spoke to enjoyed.

Your Competition History:

It's brief, very brief!

1 autocross (retired to preserve car from damage)

3 rallies as a navigator with my cousin Kelvin in a 180B SSS. We finished all three.

1 further rally as a navigator for Adam Wilson in his Celica.

Again, we did finish.

I realised my ambition far outweighed my ability on either side of the car, so I looked to other means of getting my fix within the sport.

Your Officiating History:

Way too much to try and capture in detail here.

In short, I started as an asst road director on the Vic TV Rally in the Valley. Over the coming years, I would undertake several different roles within rally organising teams culminating in the directing of the Spring 200 rally for three years. After this I moved more in to the role of course checker which is where I've spent most of the past 20 years operating in.

Competition Plans for the future:

Personally – nothing planned. I'll continue to provide support to the kids with the Khanacrosses etc and Jodi if she really wants to enter one.

Thoughts on what events the NECC should be running?

I'd love to see a balance between competition and social events. As much I personally love the longer event formats, regrettably those days are passing us. With time and financial pressures, I reckon we need to look at shorter, more compact style of events for the future. Also events that will appeal to competition and non-competition vehicles.

One interesting fact others may not know about you (optional): I once had the privilege of conducting a route survey work for an upcoming event in a brand new prime mover truck while undertaking vehicle development testing for my employer. Yes it was in the forest on gravel roads! And yes you can do a scando flick in a truck, although I wouldn't recommend it as it gives you really bad testing data which can be really hard to explain to the engineers back in the office.

The lack of member contributions to "The Good Oil" was raised at the last club meeting. Ross Runnalls has suggested we start a regular column with the title "My Car", where members, particularly those with something special on club plates, tell us stuff about a car they currently own that we may not know about and could be interested in. Ross has set the ball rolling, so get your mind into gear and pen a few lines about your car. To ensure that there will be a regular supply to the editor, each submission is to nominate a club member to have something for the next issue. Ross has nominated Tom Kaitler to follow on.



My only car is a 2007 Subaru Forester, which I have become rather fond of, and not just because it is a forester like me. I bought it second-hand in 2011 at 107,000 km. It has now done 350,000 km and still going strong with original suspension and having experienced no issues with engine or drive train. Maybe it helps to be regularly serviced by ex club member Bill Robertson in Benalla.

What I like about it is that it has 4WD, ABS but not traction control, reasonable clearance, a 2.5 litre petrol engine with enough power to give me a thrill and not too big or too small in size, but handles like a small sedan. Being a wagon, gives nice accessible rear space, although the rear seats do not fold down completely flat, so it is not that comfortable to sleep in.

It is automatic, because when I retired and had to hand in the company car, my wife Chris insisted that my preferred choice for replacement, a Subaru Forester, had to be automatic, not manual, to discourage me from driving it like a rally car. I don't think that has made much difference. I have found that driving quick as an auto and 4wd may not be as sideways, but it encourages smoother driving concentrating on maintaining throttle revs to avoid downshifts.

It is surprising where it will get to in steep 4wd country as long as there are no big rocks and you drive to keep all wheels in contact with the road surface. I tend to do a bit of exploring in my car, whether it has been contract forest work, or surveying rally routes, where I do not show much respect for bodywork. The plastic side sills that extend part way up the doors hide a lot of scratches and minor dings. If I had this car 30 years ago I would have got bogged a lot less while surveying in mud or sand. Chris did have one of the first Subaru wagons back in the late 70's but on the few occasions that I was allowed to drive it, they were not a lot of fun to drive quick.

The right-hand roof rail has a solid bit of timber embedded in it, which got there while course checking Mitta and rounding a slippery downhill bend to find a large tree across the road. As it was mountain country there was a gap to aim at on the bank side while sliding with brakes locked up. It looked like we would take out the front right A pillar, but got away with a "graze" but part of that tree stays with the car. You can ask Scott Spedding about it as passenger on the day. Mind you at that point I was pretty much a passenger too.

I have stopped paying comprehensive insurance as the market value is probably only \$1,500 at most. It is tempting to replace it with just a lower km version of the same model rather than upgrade to a later Forester or other SUV with all their electronic wizardry.

The accompanying photo of the pride and joy was taken at the site of the 1968 London to Sydney Marathon Hindmarsh Station Control, at the end of the final competitive stage, the location of which had become a mystery. I worked out that Jinden Station



was owned by the Hindmarsh family at the same time as Robert Connor's book on the 1968 Marathon came out recently. On the way home from playing cricket at the national over 60's carnival in Penrith last November, I used the 50 year old photo of car 79 at the control to determine the exact location of the control point. The telegraph pole and the ranges in the background have not changed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ➔ 2 JUNE - KHANACROSS ROUND 3
- ➔ 3 JULY - GO TAFE Wangaratta Tour @6:30PM
- ➔ 14 JULY - KHANACROSS ROUND 4



NOTICE

- ➔ We have confirmed our upcoming tour to **GO TAFE** on the 3rd July, at 6.30pm. The tour will replace our usual General Meeting evening. We are looking at a tour of their Paint, Panel and Mechanical workshop . More information will be in future editions of the Good Oils and on our Social Media channels.



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