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# President's Piece

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am delighted to present the President's Report to the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club Limited and the Financial Statement to the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001.

At the outset, I would like to record my thanks to the dedication and assistance afforded to me by the Board Members with whom I have worked during the last twelve months. Each Board Member has excelled in their particular area of expertise which has resulted in your Club being in a strong and positive position going forward.

This year again saw a full calendar and again the Board were there to answer the call. They and the many dedicated officials of events did more than expected which helped ease the strain of running events immensely. It is also timely to thank our many sponsors who so ably supported our events throughout the year.

During the year we completed the remediation of the upstairs area attracting a new tenant, Team Planning Solutions Pty Ltd.

Both tenants wish to remain in their existing tenancies. Not only did we complete the works upstairs but new tables were purchased for the clubrooms and generally a tidying up of facilities around the Club. A plan is in place to replace our existing timing equipment with new clocks arriving prior to the end of March.

Of significance was the removal of the front garden hedge prior to the entire buildings external paint job. These works during the year have improved considerably the value of our asset.

Following is a quick snapshot of the Club's involvement in motorsport throughout the year.

### Rallies:

The Club ran very successful events throughout the year although somewhat down in the number of competitors.

The continued sponsorship by Falken Tyres of our Australian Rally Championship, along with Rydges Oasis Resort, Caloundra City and Philcomm Communications has seen another pleasing result. As the Club's premier event it goes from strength to strength, both from the organisation and support

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from competitors. This event was a finalist for the 2001 Queensland Sports Event of the year.

The two stand alone Queensland Rally Championship events, Quick Fit Tyres Cooloola Classic and The Keema Classic, both enjoyed excellent support from competitors. Our only Club event, The Bailey Powerlines Rally and the KCF Rallysport Short Course series again were well supported. My thanks go to Brian Everitt, Rally Sub-Committee Chairman, for his support and guidance in ensuring these events went well.

### Off Road Events

Our round of the Australian Off Road Championship was held on 21/22 April at Swanbank. The location does not lend itself to the sport and the intention is to relocate the event to Goondiwindi later this year. Rod Sams and his team worked very hard under pressure to ensure an event of which they should be proud.

Disappointingly only sixteen entries were received for the German Autos Enduro Gatton event in August, which was subsequently cancelled. Off Road events are having problems with competitive numbers, a problem being looked at by the sport.

### Historic Rallies

With Andrew Owen as Sub-Committee Chairman, there was a real resurgence in this sport this year. We saw four events throughout the year well prepared and well received by competing teams. This side of the sport within our Club has shown great enterprise in attracting new event organisers, such as Marc Zande, and importantly sponsors for each event.

### Night Runs

The Marque Sports Car Club ran a series of Night Runs throughout the year attended by our Club members.

The four round Interclub Team Challenge, organised by Henry Ryman, saw six clubs enter teams in a variety of events throughout the year with our Club eventual winners of the series.

Our sponsors throughout the year have been extremely supportive of our events and I would like to take this moment to name them, although in no particular order.

Falken Tyres, Caloundra City Council, Bailey Powerlines, Keema Automotive Group, Quick Fit Tyres, German Autos, Pirelli Tyres, KCF Rallysport, Philcomm Communications,

Ryldges Oasis Resort, Brisbane International Motor Show, PDL Industries, Hella Lights.

Thank you for your continued and valued support of our sport. Throughout the year a number of guest speakers spoke at our Wednesday evenings giving an insight, among other things, into their exploits into rallying. Other issues to be addressed this year is our support of our event officials, I know that the new Board will be supporting new initiatives in this area. The other thrust as was the case last year, is the promotion of our club, our public image before the eyes of our sponsors. Club signage has been assembled to enable this to be carried out among other issues addressed in the year.

Esme Gibson, our Club Administration Officer for twenty years will retire in July this year. I know that you will join with me in showing your appreciation to Esme of the dedication shown over these many years of our club's growth into what the club has become today.

Again in closing I would like to personally say thank you to you and the Club's Board for your support throughout the year. Being President encroached quite significantly on my time, thankfully the  
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# Coming Events

## **RALLY TROPHY PRESENTATION**

The presentation of trophies for the Quick Fit Tyres Cooloola Classic Rally will take place at the BSCC Clubrooms, 206 Montague Road, West end on Wednesday 10 April.

Note the change of date from that given in the February Edition of Brisport. All competitors, officials, service crews and anybody else interested in motor sport are welcome to attend. Attendance at functions such as this is a good way to show the event sponsors that their efforts are appreciated.

Start time is 8pm.

## **JANDOWAE SPRINT**

The Australian All Rally Group is running a dirt sprint on their track which is approximately 4km north of Jandowae.

This will take place on the weekend of the 13-14 April. Scrutineering is from 10am on the Saturday with competition commencing at 12 noon on the Saturday and 8.30am on the Sunday.

The course length is 5.5km and all competitors should have a reasonable number of runs on both days.

*For further information contact Kay Paynter on 46303425 (home).*

## **GUEST SPEAKER AT CLUBROOMS**

On Wednesday 27 February, John Spencer came along to the Clubrooms and gave a very interesting talk on his recent competition in Classic Adelaide and other events. He also gave quite a few hints on car preparation which were appreciated by some of the newer competitors.

The next Guest Speaker Evening will be held on Wednesday 17 April, and the speaker will be Dave Wood. Dave is well known as the Chief Scrutineer at many of the events run by BSCC and other clubs. He will be talking about many of the rules and requirements of vehicles, and the sort of things that Scrutineers generally look for (and what they like and do not like). He is willing to answer questions about this aspect of our sport.

This evening should be very useful for anyone owning a car used in motor sport or anyone thinking of buying or building one. Start time is 8pm.

## **NIGHT RUN**

The next round of the Interclub Night Run Series co-ordinated by the Marque Sports Car Club will be held on Friday 19 April.

This event will start at 7.30pm from the K Mart Car Park at Cannon Hill. Any type of road registered car is eligible to enter.

Instructions are usually simple, and all that competitors need to bring is a torch and pen or pencil. Third Party Insurance Extensions are not required.

Results from this event will count towards the BSCC Night Run Championship.

*For further information contact Carl Stecher on 33993638 (home).*

## **IPSWICH AUTOCROSS**

The Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club will be running their next Autocross on Sunday 21 April.

This will be held on their dirt circuit in Champions Way Willowbank. The Club has recently done a lot of work on the track and the surface is in very good condition. All types of vehicles are eligible to enter, but rally tyres are not permitted.

*For further information contact Don Power on 32021586 (home).*

## **GATTON OFFROAD EVENT**

The BSCC is organising the annual German Autos Enduro on the weekend of the 27-28 April. This event is once again being sponsored by long-term Club supporter Laurie Svenson.

It will be the second round of the 2002 Queensland (Long Course) Off Road Championship, but with the postponement of the Chinchilla event will now be the first round to be held. The course uses tracks on a number of properties north of Gatton on the Western side of the Gatton-Esk road.

Scrutineering and reconnaissance will be held on the Saturday afternoon with the Prologue being held on the Sunday morning, followed by the main event. The competition should be finished by late afternoon, and will be followed by the presentation of trophies. Officials are needed as well as competitors.

*For further information contact Rod Sams on 33459075 (home).*

## **KALPOWARRALLY**

The Gladstone-based Central Coast Car Club will be running their annual Kalpowar Rally on Sunday 5 May. Many rally competitors from South-East Queensland are unhappy about the big gap in the rally calendar between the Cooloola Rally and Rally Queensland. This event is mid-day through this gap, and therefore would be an ideal opportunity to take a car for a run, and this year it will be pace-noted. (continued on page 7)

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To submit events, please contact Tony Best on 3371 0367 before the 8th of the month

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Board shared with me the responsibility of running the Club. Brad Smith, our "Brisport" Editor, deserves special mention for his efforts as does Marc Zande for his involvement with Brad to improve our Web site.

Next year sees our 50th Anniversary. Plans are underway to organise celebrations throughout the year. As these plans unfold we will keep you informed through our "Brisport" magazine.

As mentioned earlier our Club is well positioned financially to move forward. We have a strong membership, it's now over to you as members to ensure that we remain one of the stronger sporting clubs of Brisbane.

Craig Porter  
President

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## Board Meeting Highlights - February 2002

- \* Officials of events to be adequately licenced by the end of 2002.
- \* The clubrooms are being used by other clubs on a regular basis.
- \* The club have the opportunity of a display at the Motor Show.
- \* The Queensland round of the Australian Off Road Championship will be held at Goondiwindi in October.
- \* A media release for the Australian Rally Championship was successfully held at the North Coast on the 6th February 2002.

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## Interclub Calendar Reminder

21 Apr - IWMAC Autocross Willowbank  
TBA - SPARC Sprint TBA  
17 Aug - BSCC Leyburn Rally  
8 Sep - HSCC Motorkhana Qld Raceway  
20 Oct - GCTMC Khanacross Gold Coast Parklands

## ERROL BAILEY – Member No. 1695

Errol Bailey was interested in motor sport in 1978 and became a member of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club in 1979 some 23 years ago.

Errol, with brother Rodney, purchased a Hillman Hunter in 1979 competing in the Yokohama sponsored Australian Rally Championship – Queensland Round, achieving an enviable fourteenth outright. The brothers Bailey stayed together until the Keema event at Gallangowan in 1986 when their event ended rather abruptly in a creek bank! As an accountant it was not long before Errol's talents were put to good use as the Club's Treasurer, a roll he held in 1982, 1983 and 1984 moving to the role of Vice-President in 1985.

In 1990 Errol came to the rescue as Clerk of Course for the club in running our round of the Australian Rally Championship. I might add that role has been maintained by Errol to this day. During his stewardship of that role the event and definitely the club, has grown its profile and capabilities in the organisation of events.

Away from the club's activities Errol has served on Rally Panel as a member and Chairman since the early '90s. As Clerk of Course, of our round of the ARC, he has spent a number of years on various working groups of ARCom, the event's governing body. Errol has also spent time as the Club's representative on State Council.

With his experience he has helped his good friend Jeremy Browne in the running of Classic Adelaide and has been seen at many ARC events in other States, supporting their events. With Errol's many years support of our club and his dedication he is a perfect example of the Club's desire to award special members with our highest award, that of Life Member.

Please wear this badge with honour as a memento of your considerable support of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club. Ladies and gentlemen please join with me in congratulating Errol Bailey.

Craig Porter  
13 March 2002

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## Name Change

There has been a change to the branding of the motorsport preparation and support side of SR automotive. The new name is Stewart Reid Motorsport. The change reflects the shift in emphasis from a purely rally team orientated operation to one that will provide services in all forms of four wheel motorsport at both private and corporate level. At the present time Stewart Reid Motorsport has clients covering the full range, from competitors in the Queensland Gemini series, to manufacturers using motorsport to promote their product. For more information about Stewart Reid Motorsport and its services contact Stewart on  
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# Coming Events

Competitors will not even have to travel to Gladstone, as the Event Headquarters will be at the Township of Many Peaks, which is not far from the Kalpower Forest. Approximately 120km of Special Stages are planned, with pace-noting between 9am and 12 noon and the main competition starting at 1pm with all the Special Stages being completed in the daylight.

Scrutineering by a CAMS approved Scrutineer in Brisbane or elsewhere will be allowed.

For further information contact Keith Honour on 49723129 (work) or Terry Scott on 0408 756221 (anytime).

## THE FUTURE OF THE 'COMING EVENTS' COLUMN

As some of you may be aware, Tony Best will be away overseas for approximately 5 months commencing in late June.

Tony has compiled 'Coming Events' which has appeared in every issue of Brisport since February 1994. The Club needs a volunteer to take over. Tony is willing to work with this person for the next three months and provide a list of dates of future events, and names of contacts, and any other assistance required.

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# Early 2002 Success For Falken Tyres Rally Team

Team Release

The Falken Tyres Rally Team scored it's first win for 2002 last weekend in Round One of the KCF Short Course Rally Series in Queensland. Held over a mixture of tight and twisty and open, flowing roads, the event was an ideal preparation for this year's entry in the Australian Rally Championship.

The crew of Steven Shephard and Dominic Corkeron in their Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution 6 completed the six stage, forty-eight kilometre event in a time of 39 minutes and 30 seconds, 24 seconds ahead of their nearest rivals, Chris and Ben Atkinson in their Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution 5. Steven said, "This has been a perfect preparation for the 2002 Australian Rally Championship as everything went to plan and we spent valuable time in the car doing so. The win has given us a tremendous boost to our confidence and now we can't wait to tackle the challenge of the latest event in the ARC rally calendar in two weeks time."

This year the Falken Tyres Rally Team will again campaign a Lancer Evolution 6 throughout the Championship. Steven has always made his intentions very clear that his goal is to finish as the first privateer in the ARC and all efforts have been directed to achieving that goal.

Last year, the team embarked on a new pace note system and spent the entire year preparing notes from scratch which should provide a perfect springboard for a serious attack on the Privateer's Championship.

Off season preparations show how serious the Falken team is as 30 kilograms have been shed by Steven and Dominic in an attempt to be fully fit for the year. Under the expert guidance of team principal, George Shephard, and manager Reg Shephard, the team is fully aware of the job ahead but is confident that they have the package to perform at the highest level.

Falken Tyres is proud to announce continued support for the team for the 2002 Australian Rally Championship and is ably backed up by BOGE Shock Absorbers, SACHS Race Engineering and GSA Whole Suspension.

## AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE

The MX5 Club of Queensland were asked by the Brisbane Sporting Car Club to provide a couple of cars to ferry celebrities in the Australia Day Parade. Michael O'Brien and I volunteered, polished and cleaned our cars until they sparkled and took our position at the start point in William Street.

It was here we picked up our celebrities, Michael managed to get the 2 best looking women lifesaving champions while I had to suffer (sigh) with 2 of the Brisbane Lions Players. Michael had even manufactured 2 carpeted craftwood seats which he managed to place on the back parcel rack for the 2 beauties to enjoy a more comfortable ride.

The parade commenced via the Victoria Bridge with the celebrities on board, the Lions players asked me if I had a drivers licence and I replied "Of Course, I got it off the back of the Weeties box this morning, But it is alright boys, hang on cause I will give you the best ride of your life". Just as we were approaching the end of the bridge a horse and carriage in front of us carrying Bruce Paige and Jillian Whiting - Channel 9 News Readers) broke down and a quick scramble of the passengers out of the carriage saw Bruce and Jillian standing by the sideline without a ride. I offered Jillian a ride in my passenger seat and Michael picked up Bruce Paige, we continued, waving to the crowds and throwing minties to them as we passed the enthusiastic onlookers.

The floats were varied and innovative, everything from an early Australian style bullock team to the good old fashioned, corrugated iron, aussie dunny, street entertainers, bands, sporting and television celebrities and of course the Australian of the Year Pat Rafter. The crowds cheered, clapped and waved Australian Flags.

Michael invited Humphrey B. Bear to sit in his car for a photo. I am not quite sure who was more excited Humphrey or Michael. Way too much for me to **Bear!!**

Once again, some more exposure for our club and our cars not forgetting the heap of fun just participating in our Nation's birthday celebration.

Carolyn Naylor



# Touring Road Rallies 2002

Members of all car clubs are invited to participate in a series of Touring Road Rallies being run and promoted by the Brisbane Sporting Car Club in 2002. Touring Road Rallies/Events are a form of motorsport conducted on sealed public roads where the skill of both drivers and navigators are tested. As car performance is not a critical item, the events are suited to standard road cars (any age or type), and particularly classic or marque cars. Recently run as Historic Rallies, the Touring Road Rally recognises that not all competitors have access to an older vehicle; hence the chance to run any road registered car.

Events are normally run over bitumen roads for one or two days. Route instruction can vary depending on the complexity of the event; night run type instructions (1<sup>st</sup> L, 2<sup>nd</sup> R etc), rally route chart, tulips, herringbones, traces and map plots may be used. Special tests to test car and crew may be run on closed or public roads A CAMS level two license is required for competitors in Touring Road rallies.

Following the successful running of the MOTOR SHOW RALLY; an information/rally training night, and three Touring Road Events are proposed for the remainder of the year.

## 2002 Calendar

### TRAINING AND INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>

Starting at 8.00pm at BSCC club rooms. Sessions on car and crew preparation, instructions and timing will be conducted. For those interested in testing how much they have learnt, a short (120km) road exercise will be run on the afternoon of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. An opportunity to find out about, and develop skills for the Coastal Classic.

### TOURING ROAD RALLIES

June 15<sup>th</sup> A Touring Road Event will be held in conjunction with Rally Queensland. Starting at Caloundra, the Road Event will travel through Imbil for lunch at Gympie. It is hoped to include a run up the Noosa Hillclimb for all cars as a prelude to the Hella Hillclimb stage of the ARC.

August 17<sup>th</sup> Touring Road rally in conjunction with the Leyburn Sprints. Simple navigation and heaps of special tests on a variety of venues are promised.

November 17<sup>th</sup>. A social day run style event similar to the Motor Show Rally. Finishing with a BBQ at a scenic location.

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# 2002 Brisbane International Motor Show Tour

February in Brisbane for the motoring enthusiasts means it is Motor Show time. For many years now, Brisbane Sporting Car Club has been organising motor sport events in conjunction with the Motor Show. Early events were in the form of dirt rallies for novice or first time competitors, but this has changed and for the last 5 years BSCC has run navigation events.

The 2002 Brisbane International Motor Show Tour attracted a good field of 45 cars. The oldest was Peter Smith's 1950 Singer 4A Roadster. The newest were the three City Automotive Group entries, two Peugeot's and a Subaru Outback. We were fortunate enough to be lent the Subaru for the event. Running in Family class meant we needed a vehicle that would carry all four of us in comfort. Back seat comfort was especially important as Daphne was relegated from navigator to crew with PJ trying his hand at navigating.



Other notable entrants were Alan Kelk's immaculate XW Falcon, Ralph Donelan's 504 Peugeot that is brought out each year for this event and The MG F of Jim Haines. It seems that Jim has upgraded from the "B" that he usually competes in.



The event started at the BSCC clubrooms in South Brisbane. The route took us over Mt Cotton via Coorparoo. At one stage Jellicoe Street looked like a WRX and MX5 carpark. The Mackays greeted us at first checkpoint at the Logan Hyperdome. The event then looped through the cane fields around Jacobs Well and stopped for morning tea at the Yatala Pie Shop. Margot Knowles was relieved to see the Outback arrive in one piece. After morning tea, the navigation and temperature hotted up. The climate control in the Outback helped us keep our cool and find our way through the mapping stage. We were glad to see Marc Zande at the end of that particular section. The last section was a quiet dawdle back to South Brisbane and a BBQ on the bank of the river.

The sting in the tail for the event was the parking test where you had to place the front of the car as close to a pole without hitting it. Novel approaches and aids were employed. The cardboard in the bumper didn't help Greg Willis in his BMW M5, but guidance from his navigator looking over the windscreen did help Michael O'Brien in a Mazda MX5. Full marks, however had to go to Dick Groves who just drove his 350 SL Mercedes at the post and stopped with one millimetre to spare.



When the results were added up, the winners were Brian Krieger and Gary Grey in Gary's little 1958 Austin Healey Sprite. They also won the sports car class. Jeff Rouse and Beth O'Donnell achieved second place while we were able to bring the City Subaru Outback home in third. We also won the Family Class. Other class winners were Peter Turner and Eddie Hopson who won the sedan class in a Diahatsu Detomaso and Dick Owen and Tony Best in the City Peugeot, Peugeot 307 who took out the Motor Show Class.

After trophy presentations, we all went in to Visit the Motor Show. The displays were all interesting and PJ and Amy were able to get autographs from those other Subaru rally stars Possum Bourne and Cody Crocker. All in all a great day was had by all.

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# Clubman Corner

Did someone forget to tell me there was a special on STi's last year! Mind you I think the same applies to Gemini's with 8 entered in the 1st round of the KCF Rallysport Short Course Series. And with some illustrious drivers to boot! – Stewart Reid and Steve Wall featured in Gemini's.

The two stages – one of 9ish kilometres and the other just over 6 kilometres provided a good mix of conditions. Parts of the two stages have been used before, but different start and finish positions changed them totally. Congratulations to Craig Porter for his selection, there was certainly plenty of action. The weather thankfully had cooled down significantly, but with rain threatening, mud tyres could have become the order of the day. (For those that can afford a selection) As it turned out only a spit here and there made conditions for rallying almost perfect.

David Jones and son Chris in their Commodore had an interesting venture down a very large embankment, but luckily at the spectator point. Luck in so far as there was plenty of assistance on hand quickly to help the boys. Chris said the ride down wasn't the scary part, but the sudden impact on THEIR SIDE on the road below. Big B...LLS Award goes to David – who kept the POWER on all the way down in the hope to recover and drive out of the predicament.

Tony Scott and Paul Wilding in their usually very quick Corolla came to grief at the same spectator point. Not trying to outdo David; Tony obviously felt that as a frontal assault had already been done he would try the same embankment with a backwards slide down. Good fortune or planning by the forestry saw a tree halt their progress. In car video footage is apparently quite a hoot! Tony maybe you could bring that to the next club meeting. Hope this won't keep the team out of competition for long!

These various incidents at the spectator point also bought about a few moments for other drivers distracted by the Commodore and Corolla. Steve Jordan in his very tidy

Escort will be making friends with the local panel beater after making friends with a tree. He must be an ex co-driver; cause I didn't think any driver would actually hit on THEIR side of the car.

It was great to see many new competitors and we can only hope this has wet of few appetites and we see them back for Cooloola. One who should be definitely back is Peter Turner and co-driver Eddie Hopson. Peter was in a new car and competing in his first dirt rally and came away with the Class P1 WIN. Congratulations Peter and Eddie.

Comment for the round must go to Steve Wall; running in a Gemini but normally in an STi; it went along the lines of "Geez I've forgotten how hard these guys work back here!" I know a few competitors who were delighted to be able to say they beat Steve Wall or Stewie Reid – no need to tell the real story about them driving Gemini's.

And talk about beating Steve – Pat Kennedy was on a mission to do just that with Grand Daughter Jessica in the co-drivers seat. Unfortunately it didn't happen this time round but the Kennedy Clan in their flash shirts and red scarves will hopefully be back soon to try again.

I for one was pleased to see a few more female co-drivers in the ranks this time out – makes the scenery a lot more interesting and varies the conversation in the ranks. Sexism is certainly not intended with this comment either, so girls don't get up in arms, just keep coming back.

A sobering moment at a Start Control on the weekend for some very experienced competitors. They must not have been paying attention and drove straight into the control area before their scheduled book in time. The unfortunate Control Officials had to make a decision, so the competitors were checked in early and penalised by up to 4 minutes. We all know the drum and hopefully there are no hard feelings between competitors and officials, remember they have a job to do and it is up to us to get it

right or cop the penalty. (I put my hand up as a guilty party, it was an embarrassing lesson which I learnt - that all the hard work on a Stage can be undone through a momentary lack of focus – Editor)

Well hope your preparations for Cooloola are underway and going well, sounds like a big field will be in for the first official Clubman Round. See you at Glastonbury.

THE BEAR

## Esme Gibson - Life Membership

Esme Gibson was elected a Life Member of the BSCC at the Annual General Meeting in March 2002.

In 1981 it was decided by the Club Board that a part time Administration Officer was needed to help the Club Secretary and other volunteer officials with the running of the Club.

The first two Administration Officers only stayed a few months each, but then left for more highly paid jobs.

The third appointee was Esme Gibson, who started work in May 1982.

Esme has decided to cease her employment with the Club as from July 2002, which means that she will have worked for the Club for twenty years and a few months.

Shortly after commencing work Esme felt that she would like to know a little more about Club activities, and volunteered to help on a Rally Control. Since that time she has worked on many events as well as carrying out her duties as Administration Officer.

On many occasions she has been the Event Secretary for the rounds of the Australian Rally Championship and Australian Off Road Championship run by the BSCC, as well as many other events, and has put in an effort far beyond what

would normally be expected.

Those of us who have been around for a few years may recall the year when there was severe rain on the Friday night before an ARC round, and the event had to be re-routed. Esme then had to alter every single road book and this work was completed by about 1am on the Saturday morning!

Because of Esme's knowledge of motor sport she continually has to answer enquiries from new competitors. Some of these people are referred to Esme by the CAMS office, and Esme has certainly earned the respect of many CAMS Officials.

In recent times our events tend to require a lot more Officials than they used to, and one of Esme's many jobs has been to chase up these officials. This has helped to ease the workload of the event organisers.

Although Esme may be ceasing her employment with the Club, it is hoped that she will still maintain her involvement and continue to come to Club events and other Club functions.

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## Goasdoue Preparing For ARC Return

Team Release

The Brisbane-based Hilleng Rally Team of John Goasdoue and Glen Weston has regrouped for an attack on the 2002 ARC Super Series, following the release of eligibility rules late last year.

The crew will return in their PRC Lancer Evolution 3 which proved on many occasions to be more than a match for the competition in later specification vehicles. Over the summer break, the car has been tidied and repainted and most importantly the engine has been rebuilt and improved to extract the maximum power available under PRC rules.

The Hilleng team had a season of mixed fortunes in 2001, often setting the pace in the privateers' ranks despite a tiny budget for the year. More often than not, the result for heat one in each round of the Super Series was incredibly successful, with a loss of outright speed on the road for the second day's rallying. The reason for this circumstance was due to a limited number of new tyres which were used to maximum effect during the first half of the event. Sunday usually saw the team rallying on 'left-overs'.

Despite the limits in finances, Goasdoue and Weston competed in four rounds of the ARC Super Series in 2001 – Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne. Their best results included an equal sixth outright in Western Australia, on roads which Goasdoue enjoys – and another sixth outright on home turf in the Queensland round of the championship. These finishes are all the more impressive when a look is taken at the crews who finished in front, four of whom were usually the 'factory' Subaru and Mitsubishi teams. As in recent years, the Hilleng company is the major sponsor of the team with 'Control Logic' taking a more major role for '02.

The rally car has been fitted with an innovative 'logic control unit' which is able to independently control many of the electronic and electrical features of the vehicle.

Thus the competition car becomes a mobile test-bed and a working example of the sponsor's specialised equipment. For the coming season, Goasdoue has plans to once again nominate four rounds of the series. Starting with a trip to Perth, the team will head to Adelaide again, then Queensland and Tasmania. Sadly, work commitments in Europe for the driver forced the team to miss the debut Sydney event in March. With the recently announced changes to eligibility rules likely to cause some upsets on the podium, the team is both hopeful and confident of being able to place very well in a few heats during the year.

"Of course it would have been much better to know more about the 2002 Championship rules earlier than December 2001," said Goasdoue. "I thought about updating to a newer vehicle if Group N was going to be the major focus, but the fact is that a good PRC car can be very competitive. I'll keep throwing the Evo 3 at the trees!"

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## VALE — MIKE FEHLEHABER

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of Mike Fehlehaber on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March following a battle with cancer. Mike was a keen supporter of Offroad racing for many years, in particular, following the racing activities of sons Anthony and Michael. Mike himself had been involved in the sport as a competitor a number of years ago. Our sympathy and thoughts go to the Fehlehaber family at this sad time from the members of BSCC and the Offroad fraternity.



## Gold Coast Tourist Trophy entries open

Entries have opened for the 2002 Gold Coast Tourist Trophy Motoring Event with the regulations recently being approved by CAMS for publication. Changes for this year following competitor feedback include; An early split payment option A wider class capacity split below 2000cc (0-1300, 1301-1600, 1601-2000) The other classes of 2001 – 4000, 4001+ and All 4WD will remain unchanged. Allowing the use of pace notes.

Scrutineering and documentation for the Rallysprint series will be held on the evening of Wednesday May 22 in association with the Bruce Lynton Group, BMW, MG, Landrover at a central Gold Coast Location. All vehicles entered must be registered for normal road use, be fitted with roll over protection and comply with strict CAMS safety regulations to ensure the safety of drivers and crew.

The high-speed action will kick off with round one of the Rallysprint Series on Saturday May 25, with the support of the Beaudesert Shire Council. Round two will be held the following day, Sunday, with the support of the Gold Coast City Council.

Although both rounds are held on a closed public tarmac roads, their nature contrasts sharply, suiting different vehicles and driving styles. This should make for interesting results with the event bound to be anything but a one-horse-race. With each day's event based at a central service point, several fundraising opportunities have been created for the local community through the sale of food and beverages.

Prize-giving is scheduled to again be a glamorous affair with the Surfers Paradise Meter Maids assisting with the awards presentation at the Paradise Island Resort in Surfers Paradise on Sunday evening following round two.

Prospective competitors who would like further information about the event can contact the organisers by telephoning 07 5526 8685, fax: 0-7-5537 1998 or by email: [goldcoastttt@onthenet.com.au](mailto:goldcoastttt@onthenet.com.au)

# Atkinson Racing Off To A Flyer

Team Release

The team of Chris (Driver) and Ben (Co-Driver) Atkinson had a sensational start to the Australian Rally Championship at the King Street Wharf Harbour City Rally. The team achieved 7th in Heat 1 and 10th in Heat 2 leaving them in 8th place in the Championship. Considering Chris had only competed in 10 rallies prior to this event, it is an astonishing result. The event started with the Super Special Stage at Wharf 8 against the spectacular back drop of the City and Darling Harbour. In front of a large crowd the team set the stage alight in their Mitsubishi Evo 5 Lancer, with a time of 1min 25sec which was 4 sec quicker than any previous competitor. As the stage was in reverse order it was then a nervous wait as the top 21 seeds took to the stage to try and beat the time. In the end only Osamu Yamaguchi was able to beat the time with Dean Herridge equalling it. This left Atkinson Racing in equal 2nd outright heading into the Forest Stages on Saturday.

Chris and Ben started Saturday where they had left off on Friday night, lying in 9th place after the first group of three stages. This included setting 7th fastest time on the days opening stage the 15km Yambo Lemon Tree, considering there were 5 works cars and the unbelievably quick Simon Evans, the team were ecstatic. "We had a really good run this morning," stated Chris. "Our aim was to go out and set consistently good times and maintain that same pace through out the day which we have done and I am really pleased about it."

In the afternoon the competitors set off to repeat the morning's stages and despite having the spare tyre come lose inside the car and having a half spin on the second run up Yambo Lemon Tree, everything went extremely well with 8th on the last two stages. At the end Saturday's forest stages Atkinson Racing was lying in 7th with only the Wharf 8 Stage to go. Again the cars were running in reverse order with Chris and Ben being 7th last car to run. Heading into the stage the time to beat was a 1min 23sec but this time the stage was dry and it was expected that we would be quicker than Friday nights run. After an absolutely sensational run, Chris had again set a time for the rest to chase being 2 seconds quicker than the next best team. This time it was only Cody Crocker in the works Subaru who beat them with a time 1 second quicker, again giving Atkinson

Racing 2nd fastest time for the Super Special. At the end of the Heat 1's rallying the team finished 7th outright, which was a fantastic result after just 1 year of rallying.

The huge improvement over last season of nearly 1.5 seconds per kilometre is a result of a lot of hard work and development on the car. "I finally have the car set up to my liking, last year due to my lack of experience and the fact that we weren't running a front LSD, I was never completely confident, but now after working with Drummond Motorsport Shocks on setup and getting a front LSD, the car is finally working well. Ben and I have also been working on our fitness to improve our concentration on the long stages, and it has certainly made a big difference."

Heat 2 was all about consolidating on the good performance in Heat 1 with the aim to keep the same pace. The day started with the Lemon Tree Watagan which at 41.47km consisted of awesomely fast roads with Chris and Ben ending the stage with the 11th fastest time and only 10 sec off 7th place. "That was a really good run. I thought that it would be a stage that we would lose a bit of time, as the last part of the stage is very fast and it takes a lot of experience on pace notes to get the fast bends right," explained Chris. "We ran on narrow tyres yesterday which worked very well and this morning I tried the wider ones and they really suited the stages. Also a lot of teams had punchers this morning so we were very impressed with the performance of the Michelin tyres."

The rest of the day ran with out incident as they kept up the same pace that they had run all weekend to finish the day in 10th place. For the event overall Atkinson Racing finished an impressive 8th outright and 6th in class. Having just turned 22 years of age Chris is the only driver under 25 in the top 10 outright, showing he obviously has a bright future in the sport. The team now looks forward to the Forest Rally in WA, having said prior to the event that they would only go if they came in the top 10 on either day.

# Falken tests the waters in Harbour City Rally

Team Release

'Testing times' would best describe the Falken Tyres Rally Team's results in the King Street Wharf Harbour City Rally, the first Round of the 2002 Australian Rally Championship held last weekend.

The concrete confines of the King Street Wharf 8 Super Special brought many of Australia's best drivers undone including Steve Shephard in the team's Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution 6. "The corners came up so quickly I simply overshot but we will be trying hard tomorrow," was Steve's response to stage 1.

The team was experimenting with new corner increments in their pace notes on this rally and while Steve was happy with the new grading of corners, it was apparent after Special Stage 4, the 32.98km Watagan North 1, that a new approach would be required to take full advantage of the new numbering.

Successful improvements of between one to two seconds per kilometre resulted in catapulting the Falken team into top ten times on the next two stages but a broken suspension mounting plate on the following stage conspired towards a thirteenth place overall at the end of Heat One.

The start to Heat Two was the much anticipated blast up Lemon Tree Road and down the famous Watagan Road to complete almost 42 km of competitive Special Stage. Unfortunately for the Falken Tyres Lancer, all drive was lost when a crown wheel-mounting bolt broke and the crew coasted to a halt only 4km short of the end of stage. "I'm very disappointed as we were very confident of a good result after Heat One's latter stages proved we had good car speed. The Falken tyres were working very well so Dom (co-driver Dominic Corkeron) and I are looking forward to a good showing in the Forest Rally in Western Australia in a few weeks time."

## TOURING ROAD EVENTS 2002

**Two sponsors of last year's Touring Road Events, Fulcrum Suspensions and Pirelli Tyres Australia have indicated their desire to be associated with the 2002 events.**

## Motor Show Touring Rally

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February was the Brisbane Sporting Car Club's Annual Motor Show Touring Rally. Our club had 5 representatives participate. The day began for Jackie Mitchell (my navigator for the day) and I at 7am to dress up my silver MX5 so we could get into the spirit of the event. A huge Checkered Flag flying behind Jackie's seat out the back over the boot along with black and white streamers across the bonnet with miniature cars blu-tacked to the dashboard separated by small checkered flags creating a race track look. The 3 balloons all with checkered patterns lasted all of about 1 hour before bursting and to complete the final touch Jackie and I dressed in similar black and white clothes armed with a couple of water pistols to use on the unsuspecting competitors when we pulled up beside them during the day.

7.30am and a number of participants had already arrived at the BSCC rooms to get a good starting position. We headed off at 2 minute intervals and our trusty navigators were all plotting out the route we were to take. The total distance was 200km with 3 passage control stops throughout the day. Some of the roads through Jacob's Well, Beenleigh & Windaroo were familiar territory for us so we knew the general direction to where we were heading. A 20 minute lunch break was at the famous Yatala Pies just off the highway. After the pit stop it was back on to plotting the next section. This proved to be a bit of a challenge for some drivers & navigators.

Ted Looi and Andrew somehow managed to head towards Beaudesert (God knows how, but Beaudesert wasn't even on the planned route.) Jeff Rowse & Beth O'Donnell seemed to keep losing their Car Number off the car and were seen on several occasions doubling back to pick it up off the road. Bob Duguid and Kym seemed to have a pretty good grip on the route and Michael O'Brien & Todd mistook a t-intersection for a y-intersection and ended up on a dirt road (hmm I wonder how many klm's they felt they should travel before realising there weren't any dirt roads included. You know how some of these guys just love the dirt roads!)

On arrival of our destination about 2pm we had to complete one more task. Each car had to drive up to a pole and get the front of the car closest to the pole without touching it. Cars were seen stopping earlier and practicing before their arrival, others used imagination and put rolled up maps or cardboard between their number plate and the car so the driver could see exactly the distance to stop. All in all, an interesting outcome.

On completion, the BSCC put on a BBQ for us and announced the winners for the day.

Our club did exceptionally well with Jeff Rowse and Beth O'Donnell taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place outright, Ted Looi & Andrew taking out 1<sup>st</sup> in their Class and Jackie and I taking out the award for getting into the spirit of the event. The prizes were awarded at a special presentation outside the Brisbane Motor Show at the Convention Centre. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all participants for entering and waving the club banner.

Continue to enjoy safe & fun motoring,  
Carolyn



## Club Captain's Report

On Friday night the 8<sup>th</sup> March, Bernice and I decided to go and check out the CAMS Evening of Champions held at the Broncos Leagues Club. Champions from all categories of motorsport were there to be recognised for their achievement in their field of sport.

It was disappointing to see that of 28 winners in Rallying only 8 turned up to receive their awards from CAMS and Fred Vvan Tuinen from Philcomm Communications our Clubman Series Sponsor. 165 people attended the dinner and overall I think Steve Berry (Yorkie) capped the evening off well with his speech. Good one, Yorkie.

It was a shame that the first round of the ARC in Sydney clashed on the same night as we may have had a few more rally people turn up.

Well, it is getting awfully close to the first round of our QRC, the Quickfit Cooloola Classic run on March 23.

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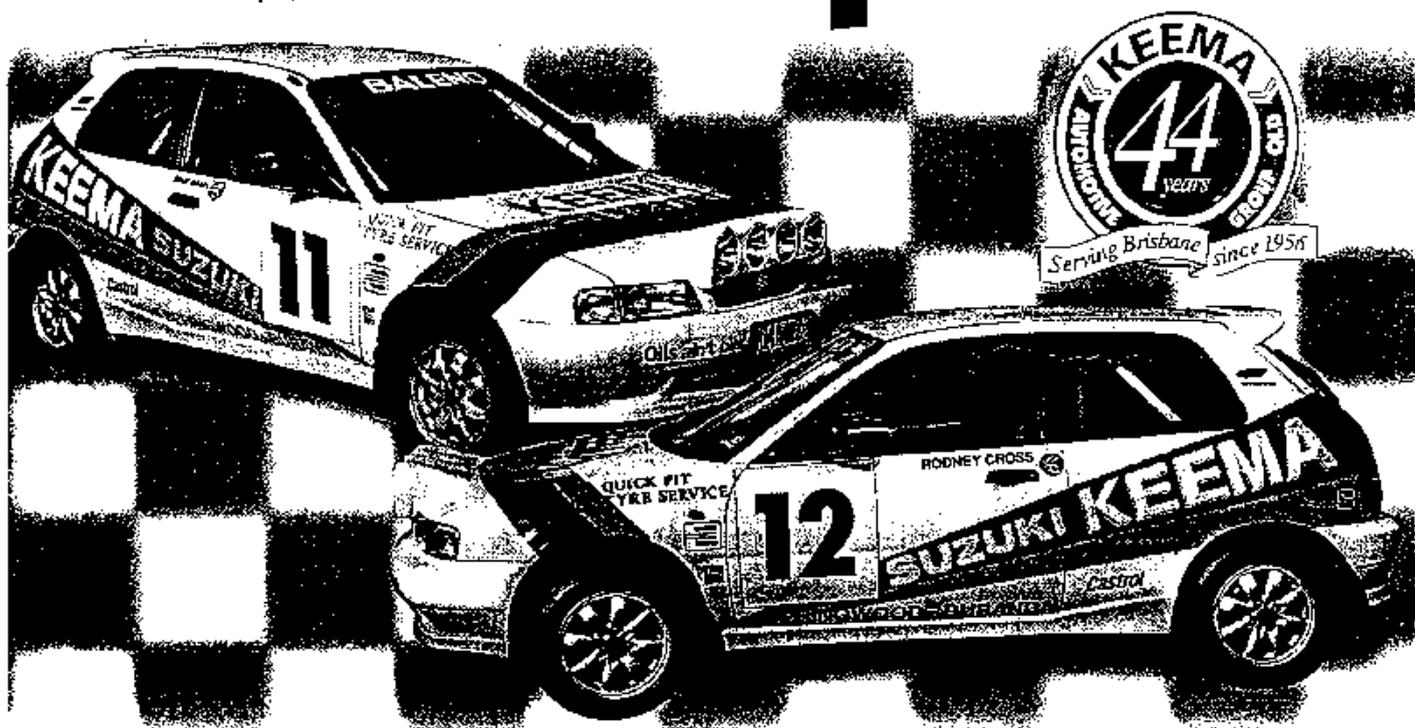
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