



Globe Roamer Imbil Rally
month...





President's Message

Hi Everyone,

While we had the disappointment of the cancellation of the Roo Systems Manumbar Rally in August due to COVID restrictions, the Globe Roamer II Imbil Rally due to take place on September 11 is still looking good to go. Mal Bartolo and his team has done a great job in preparing the event and I see there are over 40 entries. It is encouraging for this many entrants come out and run in this QRC event in these discouraging times so I hope everyone is looking forward to the rally.

On a sad note, this will be the last competitive event for the BSCC in 2021. The annual Off-Road event has not been able to be run this year, mainly due to those who have managed the event in recent years have not, this year, been able to do so. The BSCC has a strong Off-Road Racing representation in the membership so it is a shame this part of our community will miss out.

The board of the BSCC is currently working through the event calendar for 2022. As usual, there are many challenges and for next year we are concentrating our rally efforts within a six and a bit month time frame starting in late February and finishing our rally events by early September. The reason for this is to avoid the rainy season early in the year and the fire season late in the year. Time has been allowed for Off-Road as well outside that period. A draft is under consideration at the moment and I look forward to soon being in a position to announce its finalisation and we can all get on with preparations.

During the year, the BSCC has been gradually been building its equipment capability. Craig Porter has been managing some added radios and well as overseeing the Communication trailer which will house a repeater and extend our range. Ian Menzies has also been very generous with his time and contributions so thanks to Ian as well. At Benarkin, we trialed out new wireless TAG timing beams and I am told they worked a treat. Andrew Dillon has prepared set-up instructions for crews to set these up in very simple and easy to read (with pics) steps. We are trialing that work as well at Imbil before making into a weather proof version. Thanks Andrew.

Just out of curiosity, I had a look at the edition of the magazine from 20 years ago. If you feel like a walk down memory lane to September 2001 you can do so here:

https://bscc.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Brisport_2001_09-compressed.pdf

I found some old names I knew and some involved on the board then are still involved today, including our very own Vice-President, Tony Kabel and Treasurer Rod Sams. Also, the results of the very popular Bailey Powerlines Rally were published. This rally was held in Imbil and headquartered at the Island Reach Caravan Park. Everyone involved in that event over the years it ran has fond memories of it. The rally was often a round of the QLD Clubman Championship but for most, it was an easy event over ARC roads with the primary focus being FUN. The KCF short course events were also in full swing at that time with similar attributes of ease of competing and having fun in the forest. So, with that in mind and our calendar almost complete from a rally perspective, what sort of events do you find the most fun? I am being approached from some quarters to run more pace noted events. Is this what our customers would like to do? Some have very strong ideas on what a rally is but the paying customer can't be shy telling us and if a mixed bag of events comprising some pace noted events and some blind road book rallies satisfies everyone then why not? Some events in NSW have for many years had the two forms in the same event even at State Championship level. What do those entering have to say about this? What about our Off-Road members? In what sort of events do they want to enter?

Please, if you have read this far and you have something to contribute to these questions don't be shy in approaching the board or me personally. The BSCC is constantly trying to improve what we provide to the membership and the motorsport community at large so your feedback is important to us.

That's it from me this month. I'll be at Imbil albeit not in the car this time so I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible before our last yearly event – the BSCC Christmas Party. If you haven't penciled the date in yet, it is Saturday 11 December.

Cheers for now,

Dom.

A promotional poster for the Tamborine Khanacross event. The top half features a blue and white rally car driving on a dirt road, kicking up dust. A large, jagged white banner with red text reading "NEW DATE" is superimposed over the car. In the top left corner, there is a logo for the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club, which includes a checkered flag and a tire. The text "Tamborine Khanacross" is written in large white letters at the top, with "Sunday 26th September" below it. At the bottom of the poster, a black bar contains white text: "Fantastic new venue close to the big roundabout in Tamborine (not on the Mountain)".

Tamborine Khanacross

Sunday 26th September

NEW DATE

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Imbil, 11th September 2021

Round 3 of the Queensland Rally Championship is coming together well.

With the cancellation of Manumbar, the pressure is on to ensure that the Brisbane Sporting Car Club get another event under way and completed in 2021.

The KCF event in Benarkin proved that there are keen competitors out there willing to test their skills and the Imbil event is certainly proving that with multiple entries coming in.

We must acknowledge, with gratitude, the generous sponsorship offer made by the guys from Globe Roamer, Chris Gabriel & Marcus Bark, in backing our event and helping contribute to the events success. On event day, you'll see the mighty orange Globe Roamer Unimog at the service park and with time permitting, they will be doing a lap of the stages in the middle of the day "to keep officials and spectators amused and awake".



Entries are open and the usual flurry before Close of Entries is happening, as expected, with entries around the 40 mark as I write this report. I'm not expecting to reach our cap of 50 but we are edging closer by the day.

I'd like to introduce our newly qualified Deputy Clerk of Course, Adrian Clarke who recently completed his certification as Bronze Event Command and is moving nicely into the role of event leadership. I look forward to seeing Adrian step up and take the reins as Clerk of Course one day soon. Adrain has been a huge help with the planning and preparing of Briefings etc. Thanks also goes to the super busy Kevin Lefever who is playing a dual role as COVID Checker and Officials Coordinator. And I should not forget to mention my wife and Event Secretary Gwen, who is tirelessly doing a great job of getting the event organised from an admin point of view, with much appreciated help from Marg Mackay. Of course, there is the greater team who are all working to ensure this event is great, Thank you.

The big change to this year's event is our Service Park location. With the change of dates due to a supplier not being able to service our event, the 11th September 2021 was already booked at the Imbil Showgrounds so we needed to reach out for a new venue. We have previously noted that the Stirling Crossing Equestrian Complex could be a great venue, but never thought a horse endurance property would consider noisy rally cars. I was wrong and the Owner has welcomed us warmly. Of course, it is private property and it is a horse stud, so we do need to respect their request to look after the property.



So far, those on the Organising Team have been left in awe, after paying the venue a visit. With 17 bays undercover, more space than you can imagine and Amenities that are just beyond belief, we do hope that you will all appreciate what we have available (the amenities block is luxurious AND AIR CONDITIONED).

Next on the agenda was catering. Thankfully we have the Mary Valley Show Society still keen to do the catering on Saturday and will be catering from 6:00am through to close of business at the end of day. We've also organised a Coffee Van to come along and serve coffee and small cakes. There is Jungle Pizza mobile pizza oven coming with pizza's cooked in a jiffy on Friday evening and Saturday and they have a friend coming along to offer smoothies and milkshakes. So, with all of this available, hopefully a stay at the SCEC grounds will be more than satisfying.

Lastly, the stages!!! As we approach the fire season, HQ Plantations have prepared a number of roads to ensure access is good, and while we didn't ask, many of the roads being used for the event seem to have been graded. There was also a section that we (BSCC) have paid to be fixed and so, the roads in general are in great shape though dusty (hopefully today's rainfall will help settle that).

With the ever-increasing restrictions being imposed by HQP, the event is running on roads used before, however we've brought back small sections of road not used in some years after the decline of the APRC events. We've also changed direction on a couple, so that the competitors won't find the event "boring" and "we did that last year". We then finish off with SS2 (Casey's Gully) being joined with the tail end of SS1 (Big Dadda) to become SS9 (The Dam) and give competitors that final run in the dark. Don't be

complacent because we've thrown in further changes to keep navigators on their toes. And drivers, don't follow the obvious marks in the road on the last run, we might not be going that way in the final stage.

Our respect goes out to the families of Errol Bailey and Keith Mackay who have allowed us to name two of the stages in honour of them and the legacy they have left behind. Big Dadda & Macca.

Lastly, we are still short of Officials. So, if you can help or know someone who can help, please get them to get in touch, as we still have a number of vacancies that need to be filled.

See you soon

Mal



Good Luck Guys.....

Cameron Smith from Corostar Motorsport will be taking his Class 8 to the Don River Dash in Bowen being held over the weekend of 11th & 12th September.

You can find out more on the event on the Australia Off Road Racing Association website

<https://aorra.com.au/event/don-river-dash-long-course/>

Go hard guys
and bring it
home safely!





(We are part of) a Rally Family because we simply can't have enemies, there's no choice.

When we line up with our cars at a start area initially it seems we are amongst our nearest rivals. But take a closer look - back behind us, more than anything those rivals are the people that we will be relying on in our hour of need, they will see us at our worst and they are the ones who are going to help us.

Then take a look forward, those rivals will need YOU more than ever, to carry out those safety protocols. You will only be a small piece in the safety protocol puzzle, but you are still essential.

Now take a look at all those yellow vested officials and that mysterious list of names and numbers in the supp regs. Those people are the biggest part of the family. They aren't just here to serve us, build up our egos or do a job. They have a vital role in watching over us, making sure equipment is safe, performing complex communications, incident management and preparedness and keeping everyone safe. They are the lifeblood of our sport.

A sport that relies so heavily on each and every one of its participants then becomes a Family.

So maybe you've been doing the sport for 20 years or maybe you're just starting out. Go and get that roadbook, go and read that accident procedures page. It may seem long and wordy (its not), but when you arrive at a scene you'll know it, you'll be calm and you'll be useful. "

Larisa Biggar



For the past few years I've been getting my car ready for Rallying.

The big deal is that it's a diesel, a 2.0 liter VW Tiguan 2008. I've slowly gotten it to competition performance. (suspension, turbo, ecu, brakes etc.)

The trouble we're facing is that rules and regulations are made for petrol cars so we're having some trouble with finding tires for the 16" wheels as well as trying to get away without a turbo restrictor plate.

So far we're aiming to get the car ready and attempt to compete in one of the 2022 gravel and tarmac events. We're also getting some valuable tip and tricks from Tristan Carrigan and he has been awesome!

Brett Middleton and Andrew Benefield got the first Subaru Forester diesel back in 2012-2013 in the SUV class however we have no idea what class were going to be able to compete in.



I was born in Romania, eastern part and I grew up learning to drive and race at age 14 with my father. I started off in a 1978 Renault 12 but never got past Club and hobby level as I left the country. Now I'm trying to get back into it and fell in love with the different way a diesel can be driven at a competing level.

Mihai Diaconu

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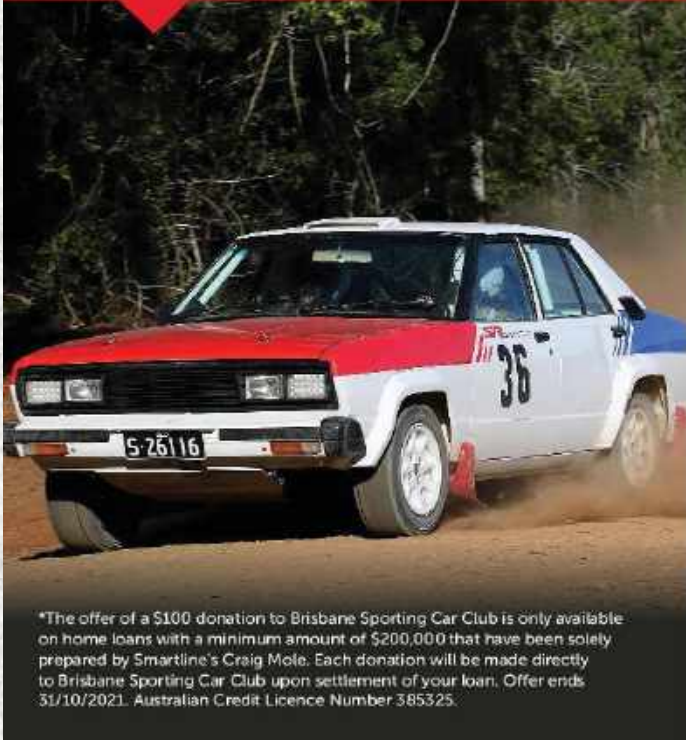
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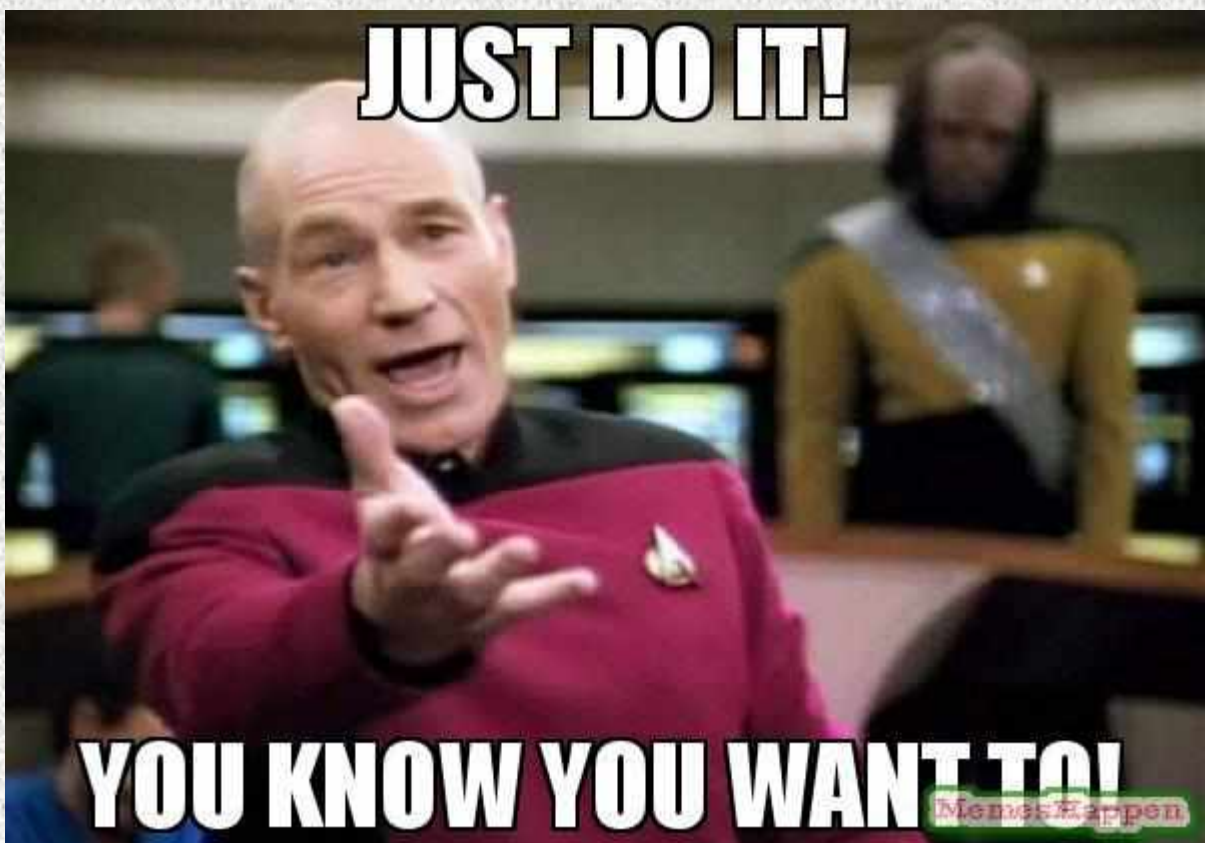


With many new club members joining the ranks it would be great to hear your story and what motorsport your involved in.

Why not share your story with us through the magazine – it might be the car your building, the event you recently officiated at, your hopes to compete in the future or even your thoughts on events we should run (social and competitive).

BSCC is an inclusive club and it's important to know what are members like, want or need.

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If you've got something to contribute to the magazine we'd love to hear from you.



On behalf of the Board of Brisbane Sporting Car Club and Membership Registrar, Margaret Mackay; it is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new or returning Members to our Club.

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