



Yes not long till Christmas...





Hi Everyone and welcome to October. If you are like me, this has come up quicker than expected and we are really into the downhill run to Christmas.

Yet again, since the last issue we have had another event, the Globe Roamer II Rally Imbil. That event was the last rally event for the year on the BSCC Calendar. The Imbil rally, which ran on Saturday 11th of September, didn't fail to provide the usual challenge to competitors but while most of the rally was right, it did show that as a club we can always be learning.

Firstly, credit should go to Mal Bartolo for stepping up as a first time Clerk of Course for a Queensland Rally Championship round, his deputy Adrian Clark, and the tireless work of the course checkers, Tony Kable and John Coleman. These rallies are very complex events which require months and months of preparation and dedication to presenting the best possible experience for competitors, officials, sponsors and spectators. Most of the rally was very well done but as many know, there were areas where the rally could have been better. Not all were the fault of the organisers but a range of minor issues managed to come together at precisely the right (or wrong) time to create something bigger than each matter was by themselves and they decided they wanted to take centre stage. The organizing committee and the board have looked into the event and many comments from officials and competitors have been taken into account. The real positive was everything said has been constructive and reflecting the hard work our precious volunteers provide. I want to extend a personal thank-you to Mal and the team because I could see from behind the scenes what a job it was to build the event and the challenges faced as the event progressed.

While I was at the event, I got to see and feel the new venue. I have put in a few photos showing the service park and spectator area and Mal has some others in his report. If you didn't make it to Imbil, everyone was in furious agreement that the facilities were fantastic. These are so good in fact that they surpass many Australian Rally Championship events so a real pat on the back to Mal please when you see him next.



Plenty of flat ground for servicing and roads around the service park.



Heaps of space for spectators and less than one km from HQ and Service. Again – Brilliant.



I met people from all over. It was great to see some who came just for the rally spectating - locals and from Brisbane. Some kids were playing "rally car" with toy cars in the dirt.



Had to put in a rear wheel drive red car.

As I mentioned in my opening, we are on the downhill run to Christmas. COVID rules willing, we will have the end of year party again and we have booked a venue, the Transit Tavern in the Airport DFO precinct. As per the club calendar, the party is on Saturday 11th December from 6:00pm. A poster with further info will appear later in the magazine.

Starting this month, we will be running a series on our advertisers. To kick things off, we will be featuring EMT Medical Services, the company which provides the medical support for our short course and QRC events. Paul Will and his team provide excellent medical services which extend far beyond what they contribute for us at our events. I'm sure anyone who has used them can attest to their professionalism and the quality of care.

That's all from me this month. Have a great October,

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GLOBE ROAMER II RALLY

WRAP UP



On Saturday, 11th September, the BSCC commenced the day with a beautiful sunrise and warm weather out in the countryside of Imbil. With a new event venue and a good field of entries, the day looked like it started on the right foot.

Officials were treated to Bacon & Egg burgers care of Anthony Tanzer (Tanzer Automotive) and the event sponsor, Globe Roamer. Officials & Competitors were offered the fantastic venue at the Stirling Crossing Equestrian Complex on Derrier Rd. Though a horse stud and built for the equine community, the owner Matthew Sample welcomed us to utilise his complex as the service park and camping facility.

A great team of volunteers gathered on Friday morning to assist with the set-up of the service park and spectator park (which was just down the road) and others ventured out to complete their stage set-up which was started the day before by Bel, Tony, Doug & myself. Some officials & competitors arrived on Friday afternoon / night and settled in with caterers "Laroma Del Café" offering coffees and cakes, "Jungle Oven Mobile Pizza" offering a good variety of pizza's and the "Gypsy Hut" offering drinks, smoothies and milkshakes.

On Saturday, the Mary Valley Show Society came to the party and catered for the breakfasts through to dinner time meals and did a sterling job with quality food available all day. It was truly great to see the new venue morph from a horse stud to a great looking service park.



On Friday afternoon we did go into contingency planning when the venue lost "some" of its power supply. With no power to the toilet blocks (lights but no pumps), no power to the "Office" and only scattered power outside, things started to look worrisome. The owner was on the phone hunting down an electrician and the Security manager was checking the backup power unit, a 20KVA generator that refused to start. Along comes our helpful sponsor Chris, who happens to be a qualified sparky and the power board is checked out. Well out of his pay scale, the recommendation to get Energex in to fix the problem is made and Energex deploy an emergency guy to fix the issue. Some 4 hours later, power is back and everyone is smiling.

So, back to Saturday morning, everything is looking peachy, officials are heading out to stages, course cars are out already and a driver's briefing in conducted under cover. Thanks to Ian Menzies and his team of volunteers for enacting and explaining "the buddy system". Thanks to Keith Fackrell for coming along with his steering wheel to enact an accident.



First car rolls out of the Service Park on time at 9:30am and starts the first stage at 10:08am (I think a couple of minutes late) and everything is looking good. Big Dadda (SS1) was a combination of roads used recently plus the added bit of roads used back in the heyday of IROQ. News comes through that we had cars coming to roadblock 4 from

“behind” them and we note on the Rallysafe screen that competitors are not making Tulip 14 correctly. We also had a radio message passed on by a competitor asking to stop the stage and another message advising that bunting at Tulip 12 had been taken out as well; watching Rallysafe, we had no choice but to stop the stage and transport everyone to Casey's Gully (SS2). When we can, a team is deployed to add more bunting and an update to the roadbook published (not to change the instructions but to clarify the instructions). Casey's Gully (SS2) then runs and all is going well with competitors moving to Macca (SS3) and Birdwood (SS4). Unfortunately, “Brocky” turns the Gemini onto its roof and an SOS is received via Rallysafe. Next competitor through does the same so, Stage (event) is stopped and MIV deployed. While the MIV was out, all stages are stopped so everyone experiences an unexpected delay. We almost get back on track but lost time meant a decision is made to drop SS8 (Birdwood II). A notice is published and the event is resumed.

The event recommences after service and Big Dadda II (SS5) is underway with most competitors getting through unscathed but unfortunately Richard Harris goes wide and hits a bank hard parking the Starion on its sump and Richard experiencing back pain from the jarring. An SOS message is relayed and again, the next competitor does the same so we stop the stage (& event) and deploy the MIV again. This one takes more time and we are presented with a time problem. With some quick timing work and decision making, SS6 & SS7 are cancelled due to light issues and SS9 is rescheduled to finish the day. Eventually we finish the day and event inside our allocated times and we are still able to award a result to competitors. We are pleased to say that no one required transportation to hospital and those attended by the MIV's are recovering well.



The provisional results were: Glenn Brinkman & Steven Richardson are outright winners in the Mitsubishi EVO 9 with an exciting second place in Tristan Carrigan & Jennifer Prince

racing the mighty Mitsubishi Magna Evolution with the flying Ford Escort RS1800 of Tom Dermody and Ryan Preston wrapping up third place.

Adding to their trophy collection and leading the 2WD class was Carrigan & Prince followed by Dermody & Preston then Daniel Ross & Jay Davidson in their Mitsubishi Starion who placed 7th overall.

Sharing the road with the QRC drivers, QRC Junior driver Michael Gill and codriver Ryan McKinnon in a Hyundai Excel came a creditable 15th overall and winning the Junior QRC category. First in the Clubman series was Paul Jansen & Kester Ward in their Subaru Impreza WRX (10th outright) followed by Nikki Duclos & Bear Hodge in another WRX.

The field also packed an impressive 12 novice competitors indicating the sport, even in these trying times, is experiencing growth and is encouraging for the future of rallying in Queensland.

For those of us in Event Command, it was an exciting but trying day and some lessons learnt for future events. The BSCC board agrees that we need to employ the services of two MIV's at future events preventing the stoppages we experienced at Imbil. We have also taken on board some of the feedback from competitors and will make changes to setup in future along with the drawing of some of the tulips. Lastly but no less important, we will focus on ensuring the roadbook is presented better in the future, something the BSCC usually gets top marks for in other events.

As Clerk of Course, it was exciting to have the opportunity of presenting a new venue and a changed event, it was also exciting to introduce our new Deputy Clerk of Course Adrian Clark who did an enormous job through the lead up and on event day. Our new Rallysafe Monitor, Aaron (AZ) Bell who watched the screens and alerted us to issues as they occurred and worked tirelessly with Wayne (Mr Rallysafe) down in Tasmania ensuring the event went as smoothly as could be. Special mention of Kevin Lefever who played two roles as COVID Checker (COVID Key) and Officials Coordinator, with some 150+ officials it was a balancing act of sorts. And of course, it would be remiss of me to not mention my event secretary & wife, Gwen, who tirelessly worked on the event from the get go some 6 months ago and made it happen from the admin point of view, with the ever-present Marg Mackay doing what she does and ensuring we all stayed on track.

While the dust has only just settled, planning is underway to create yet another new course for 2022 with a number of volunteers putting their hands up already to come and play in the forestry around Imbil to identify stages.

Cheers

Mal Bartolo

Clerk of Course



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Unfortunately we had CAMPBELL SMITH'S name incorrect in last month's magazine.

"Cameron Smith from Corostar Motorsport will be taking his Class 8 to the Don River Dash"

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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.

Welcome to:

Nicholas Spaginger – Member No: 5124

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