



Yes not long till Christmas...





Hi Again.

The month of October is now behind us we seem to be gathering momentum towards the end of the year. Despite October flying by we hadn't any events. It's not to say nothing is happening behind the scenes in our countdown to Christmas and our long-awaited party on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

During this time, the board has been considering new technology which should take our communications well into the future. Our current radio system has provided more than solid service. In fact, the radios and the supporting infrastructure have been part of the mainstay behind our most iconic events for the past 20+ years. Many may not know but our radio network comprises a lot more than radios but repeaters and permanent and non-permanent aerials so our network footprint can cover vast areas while at the same time cutting through heavily forested hills and valleys. Anyone who has sat on a road block or operated as an SOS would have experienced the highs and lows of our radios but looking back, it has been a valuable resource.

The club has been the very lucky recipient of the tireless work and expertise of many people over the years and if I started naming them I am sure I would leave some out so I can't. Suffice to say there has been 10's of 1,000's of hours of work plus equipment donated over the years by these club members and supporters whose help has meant we have been able to run events.

However, with the passage of time has come the progress of technology. The types of radios we use are gradually being phased out by manufacturers. Part of the downside of that is growing difficulty sourcing replacement parts and the ever-increasing costs of repairs and servicing. The club has a good store of radios, repeaters, antennas and power options which we will continue to use. The time has now come to look to the future so in parallel to our current equipment, the club is planning a transition to state-of-the-art communications equipment which will first be tested though out all of 2022 with a view to full rollout thereafter.

Speaking of 2022, the BSCC is planning a bumper year of events. On the drawing board so far are six rally events, a Test and Tune, at least one off road racing event and some fun runs. It is more than we have been able to plan in the last two years mainly due to COVID but we are confident 2022 will mark the beginning of a new PC Era – **Post COVID** (restrictions) that is.

The six rallies we are planning include a new QRC event based in Nanango to be followed by a three event Short Course Pace Noted series leading into Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland and then the ever popular Imbil based QRC event. This means four of our six events will be pace noted. Just before all the excitement of competition starts, we are planning a Test and Tune and to finish the year, an off road event. Interspersed in these we will be trying to conduct some fun runs. Our spies tell us the dates are soon to be confirmed by Queensland State Council so when that happens, we can announce the calendar in full so everyone can prepare for the year ahead.

Speaking about Fun Runs, we're doing one. By now you may have seen on our BSCC Facebook Page a flier for a Fun Run being conducted by the club and planned by Laurie Garth and Judy Foster. The run will kick off from The Hub Shopping Centre at Burpengary at 9:00am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of November. Please keep an eye out on Facebook and your inbox for further details about registration and when to arrive for your start.

One week prior to our Fun Run, the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsports Club is conducting the long anticipated QRC event at Mundubbera. A little bird whispered in my ear the event is bursting at the seams for entries. The event has great support from Accent Benchtops and from what I can see it looks to be a great final event for 2021. I would like to, on behalf of the BSCC, express our best wishes to the GCTMC for a successful event. I am of the view that a rising tide lifts all boats so a great rally in November will be a great lead in to what we plan to be a BIG next year.

In closing, we are continuing our monthly feature on our club's advertisers. This month, it is Smartline Financial Services, in particular Craig Mole. Craig has been in the sport many years and he still loves it and supports the club.

Please support those who support us. You can check out more on page 5.

Cheers All,

Dom.

# GLOBE ROAMER II RALLY - CORRECTION:

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It was brought to my attention that the results published in my event review article in the last Brisport Magazine were incorrect. My apologies for this error with my only excuse being that it was written in haste.

The results were: Glenn Brinkman & Steven Richardson are outright winners in the Mitsubishi EVO 9, second place in Andrew 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.

QRC Junior driver Michael Gill and codriver Ryan McKinnon in a Hyundai Excel.

The Clubman series saw Gary Dutton & Giles Harris in a Toyota Celica followed my Matt Davidson & Amy Davidson in their Subaru WRX and finishing off the Clubman's placings was Michelle Van Der Wilk and Cassandra Brumley in a Subaru Impreza.

First in the Novice series was Paul Jansen & Kester Ward in their Subaru Impreza WRX followed by Nikki Duclos & Bear Hodge in another WRX and finishing off the placing was David Byrne & Jake Keleher in their mighty Datsun 240Z.

Hopefully next years review will not have so many errors and the event will go a little smoother than this year.

Cheers

Mal Bartolo

Clerk of Course

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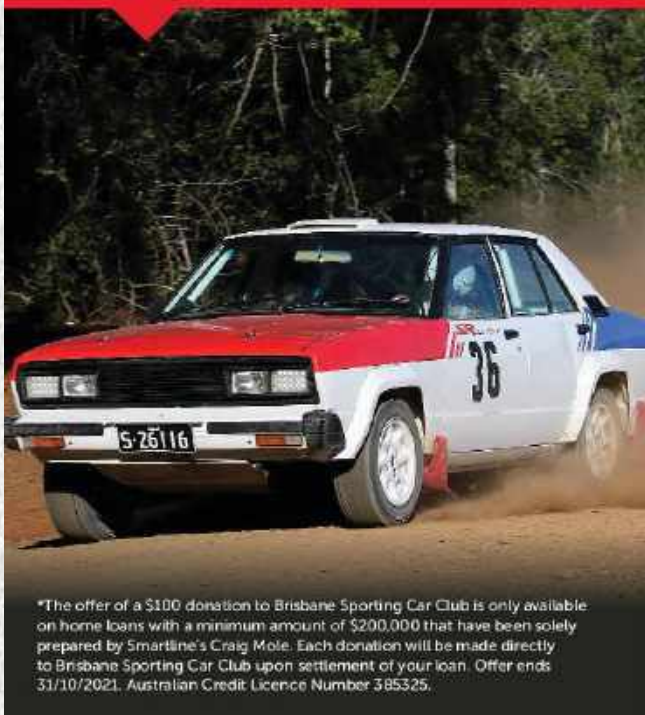
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START: The Hub Shopping Centre, 113 – 117 Buckley Road, Burpengary East

WHEN: 28 November 2021 commencing at 9.00am

If you want to grab the family and go for a Sunday Drive into parts unknown, looking for strange things in the countryside ie:



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If interested in joining us for the day email me at [judyfoster@y7mail.com](mailto:judyfoster@y7mail.com) to let me know that you are coming.

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# BSCC FUN RUN

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**28 November 2021.**

**START: 9.00am**

**WHERE: The Hub Shopping Centre Burpengary East**

The Fun Run consists of 200kms of various forms of navigation but all will be very basic.

We will finish at a park close to the Bruce Highway.

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Members and non Members Welcome

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The event will be byo lunch - snags, onions bread etc for the bbq at the end.

Bring your sense of humour, as we are not playing for sheep stations.

If you haven't finished by sunset you will need to phone a friend as you are not where you are supposed to be. There may be some small gravel roads however these are public roads and no worse than what you would drive on to get to a spectator point.

For more information or to let me know that you are coming email Judy at

**[judyfoster@y7mail.com](mailto:judyfoster@y7mail.com)**

# Vale Bruce Hodgson

For those that are not aware a Rally great Bruce Hodgson passed away on the 30/9/2021 at the age of 89.

The first time I met Bruce was when he competed in the 1992 Gallangowan round of the QRC as a test of the car, a XT Falcon GT that he was going to run in the 1993 London-Sydney Marathon. This event took place 25 years after the first London-Sydney Marathon.

CAMS allowed Marathon Specification cars to run in State Championship events as a test for the upcoming Marathon, however they were not allowed to score points or win awards. Bruce was also running in the event to check that he was still capable as it had been a few years since he last competed. He was also purchasing fuel off other competitors because in the time Bruce had "retired" from the sport events were no longer arranged that you travelled through towns between competitive stages and could buy fuel at Service Stations. No need for a Service Crew to carry fuel.

Bruce ran as zero car testing and sorting another competitors car in the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsport Club's round of the QRC about twelve years ago.

Bruce was a CAMS delegate for the GCTMC for many years and was awarded Life Membership of that club. He was also a regular attendee at State Rally Panel when he lived at the Gold Coast.



Bruce was an excellent public speaker as he demonstrated at the 2001 Awards Dinner where he was the guest speaker and kept the audience amused with his stories and wit.

He also had a serious side and at that dinner also mentioned that if Competitors wanted to further their careers they needed to learn to public speak and quoted the TAFE Public Speaking course to attend.

Bruce was also in attendance at the 2019 SR Automotive Manumbar Rally. Many who were there spoke to Bruce and listened to his wisdom and wit. Bruce was living at Warwick at the time and this was possibly the last time due to his deteriorating health that Bruce was able to drive a long distance to attend a Rally.

One correction with regards to the attached link. Bruce Hodgson / Mike Mitchell won the 1971 International Heatway Rally in a Ford Cortina Lotus.

RIP Bruce.

Regards Viv.

You can read the article via the following link:

<https://motorsport.org.au/media/news/2021/10/01/vale-bruce-hodgson>



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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:***

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