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DOMINIC CORKERON
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CAR CLUB

From the Pres

Hi Everyone,

2022 will go down in the annals of the BSCC as the year of the big wet. Not since 2011, when the club was only able to run two events due to rain, have we had such a dismal year due to the weather - and this is worse than that.

The cancellation of Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland was a particularly bitter pill and devastating for everyone concerned. Brian Everitt and his team worked tirelessly for the last couple of months in the lead up to the event as it was only then that there was certainty provided by HQ Plantations and Gympie Regional Council that roads could be prepared in time.

In the days immediately before the event date everything was in readiness... including two low pressure systems lurking to the north west of Gympie.

The forecast was for the systems, which were releasing light but consistent rain, would move through the area. As it turned out, the two systems did move as predicted but when they arrived in the area over the rally's footprint, instead of continuing their south-east trajectory, they stopped, hovered and the rest is history.

To Brian and his team, on behalf of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club Ltd I want to thank him for the enormous effort to plan the event. I think in the weeks of planning, there were eight versions of the route due

to continual changes to fit in around road repairs and general conditions. During the Friday evening when we were all tucked up in bed, he and his leadership group re-routed the rally to maximise available distance.

To the Gympie Regional Council, the support of Mayor Glen Hartwig and his team were instrumental in achieving the result which could have been. Events Co-Ordinator for the GRC, Matt Allard, worked day and night building the event to include an expanded Wheels on Mary and the Lock and Load Transport Tie Down Systems Rally Village incorporating the Service Park. Unfortunately, many of the attractions had to withdraw in the days in the lead up so were not seen, but we have the template for success and succeed we will.

To our event partners, especially Accent Benchtops, a huge thank-you for your support and standing by the club in its time of need. The club is working hard to build partnerships with our corporate friends, so everyone benefits and your support drives us to continue on that path.

Finally, to all our entrants and officials. As organisers, we do appreciate the efforts you make to travel and accommodate yourselves not just for this event but the other events we conduct. It is a major disappointment. Some entrants travelled from as far away as Western Australia and Tasmania.

Some volunteers travelled from Coffs Harbour, so they certainly couldn't be considered locals. To all the volunteers, I acknowledge your commitment and generosity in time and resources to attend the event and I hope this experience doesn't dull your enthusiasm.

Plans are afoot to forge ahead and the GRC mayor sees this year's disappointment as a blip, and

his and the town's commitment is undiminished. This is great news.

Looking forward, in a few weeks we are running the Globe Roamer III Rally Imbil. Clerk of Course Mal Bartolo has a great looking itinerary and this year we welcome back the East Coast Classic Rally Series. As it

“The importance of a strong financial position cannot be understated as it provides the club with the ability to invest in the future”



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was last time the ECCRS joined us in 2019, it will be great to see some interstate rivalry in loud and exciting machines.

On a sad note, on Friday 5 August we farewelled Stephen Hetherman. Steve, to all who knew him, was the son of long term BSCC members Patrick and Anne Hetherman. Patrick and Anne's contributions to the club are immense and sister Sheridan has spent many years working behind the scenes at rallies. Steve himself competed in rallies and helped out where he could. On a personal note, I have known the Hethermans for many years. They are passionate about the club and the events we run and have all been a major part of what the club is today. Vale Steve.

To finish my message to all this month, I can announce the club is looking ahead to 2023. While true, it has been a rough year, the club remains strong and is committed to presenting the best events for the enjoyment of all our entrants, volunteer helpers and officials and our club partners.

Until next time.

Cheers,

Dom.

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Imbil to bring rally back to Queensland

While the Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland may not have gone ahead, the Acworth Recruitment Motorsport Australia Queensland Rally Championship has another event in its sights – the Globe Roamer III Rally.

Taking place next month in and around the forest of Imbil, the event will see crews complete 102 competitive kilometres across nine stages – the final one of which will take place under the night sky.

The event will serve as the first round of the state championship after record rain falls and floods across Queensland,

saw multiple events cancelled and the season delayed until further notice.

The Mary Valley was also hit hard as three floods within five months caused lots of damage and forests to be closed indefinitely.

Not to be deterred, HQ Plantations have worked tirelessly over the past few months to overcome the washouts, collapsed roads with large craters and deep ruts and build four stages that will be run multiple times.

Once again, the rally's service park will be located at the wonderful Stirling Crossing Equestrian Complex where



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fans can get up close and personal with teams and drivers and their cars.

In addition to the Acworth Recruitment Motorsport Australia Queensland Rally Championship, the event will also host rounds of the Next Level Creations Queensland Rally Championship Clubman Series, Virtual Security Guard Queensland Rally Championship Novice Series and the East Coast Classic Rally Series.

The last time an event was held in Imbil, it was crews from the East Coast Classic Rally Series who outperformed the rest of the field, with three top outright placings (Ryan Smart, Jack Monkhouse and Nathan Quinn) all registered in the 2WD component of the series.

Brisbane Sporting Car Club President Dom Corkeron was excited for the event and thanked Globe Roamer III for its support.

“Being a round of the East Coast Classic Rally Series, we are hoping to see some of the country’s top classic 2WD’s come to Imbil and show us what they’ve got,” Corkeron said.

“We’re looking forward to another state versus state, mate versus mate battle again and if the 2018 and 2019 editions are anything to go by, it should be a cracker of an event.

“Of course, 2022 has been a hard slog for our club and we’re very excited for Queensland rally crews to finally have the opportunity to get their tyres warm, which wouldn’t be possible without the work of HQ Plantations.

“A big thank you must go out to Globe Roamer III for getting behind the

event, because we need support to hold events now more than ever.

“It would be fantastic to see Queensland crews and officials back the event and come be part of an important rally for us.”

The Globe Roamer III Rally takes place around the forests of Imbil on 10-11 September.

[Click here for more info on the upcoming Globe Roamer III Rally](https://bscc.asn.au/events/imbil-rally)

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QR kicks off in style

Queensland Raceway reopened to the public last month with the circuit putting on an open day, before hosting its official race meeting earlier this month with the Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships.

July's open day was the first look people had at the circuit since undergoing a major transformation after Tony Quinn purchased it late last year and completed a number of renovations.

While there is still more work to be done, the new and improved circuit

received a lot of good feedback during the open day, with many organisations involved in putting on a show.

The Brisbane Sporting Car Club Ltd was lucky enough to be invited with Ryan Williams, Glenn Brinkman and Phil Thomas all answering the call to display their cars as part of the club's display there.

While there was rain that occurred throughout the day, it wasn't enough to dampen the spirits of those who attended.

"The QR team has worked incredibly hard the last eight months and they had a blast seeing the look on spectators' faces checking out the updated facilities"



Following on from the open day, Quinn was thrilled with the reaction of all attendees.

"It was a resounding success and a great day was had by all. We raised a significant amount for a great cause and my personal highlight was re-opening the Dick Johnson straight with the man himself," Quinn said.

"Queensland Raceway was first opened in 1999 through the efforts of local enthusiasts and the QLD State government of the time. It is safe to say not a lot has changed at the venue since it was first opened.

"The entire facility needed a complete overhaul. The equipment, buildings, track surface and grounds had been unloved for 10+ years, and it showed.

"The QR team has worked incredibly hard the last eight months and they had a blast seeing the look on spectators' faces checking out the updated facilities. We are absolutely thrilled with the result, as well as raising in excess of \$60,000 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities South East QLD.

"It was a great way to say 'Welcome to Queensland Raceway'."

BSCC President Dom Corkeron was left highly impressed with the venue and gave credit to Quinn for his work.

"The venue has undergone an amazing re-vamp and there is more to come," Corkeron said.

"Owner, Tony Quinn, manager Neil Lewis and the whole team at QR should be congratulated for the work they have done to make this a family friendly place where we can enjoy our motorsport."

Queensland Raceway is now open to all Motorsport Australia events.

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Errol Bailey to be honoured for Rally Queensland

The Brisbane Sporting Car Club will honour the late Errol Bailey at future Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland events, naming the special perpetual trophy for the outright winner after him.

Known as the Errol Bailey Memorial Trophy, the special trophy is a tribute to the long-time Rally Queensland Clerk of Course who held the position between 1992 and 2011.

The trophy will be kept by the BSCC and presented to the outright winner of Rally Queensland each year, with the driver and co-driver to have their names engraved on the back and the remaining side.



Brisbane Sporting Car Club President Dom Corkeron revealed the trophy has many specific Queensland features that serve as a tribute to the event.

“We’re really happy with this design as a lot of the elements represent this great event from over the year,” Corkeron said.

“Using native QLD hardwood from the Gympie region, the timber is representative of the forests for where this event has taken place over the years.

“It’s a wonderful symbol of not just his efforts at Rally Queensland as Clerk of Course more than 20 times, but for the beauty this state has to offer”

“The front of the trophy is embossed with the state’s floral emblem, the Cooktown Orchid, while also donning the classic Queensland colour of maroon on both the front and side of the trophy.

“Of course, it would be remiss of us to include the Queensland coastline as this state is known for its beaches, and that prominently features on the front and side of the trophy.

“Errol was a Queenslander through and through and life member of the BSCC and this trophy is a wonderful symbol of not just his efforts at Rally Queensland as Clerk of Course more than 20 times, but for the beauty this state has to offer.

“I think he would be incredibly humbled by the fact that we are honouring him, and I personally think it’s a nice touch to have.”



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