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OUR FINAL EVENT FOR 2025 MAKES FOR A
WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

- ABRQ ARC AWARD WINNER AGAIN
- BIG THINGS FROM TINY AT THE ALPINE
- BSCC MEMBERS SHINE IN THE ARC AND ALPINE
- COMING EVENTS
- REMEMBERING GEORGE SHEPHEARD
- HOW YOU CAN HELP GROW OUR SPORT

2026

CALENDARS



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WITH TONY KABEL

Hello everyone,

Only a handful of weeks remain before Christmas is upon us again, and it seems this past year has flown by. It has been a busy year for our club, our team of event organisers, and our fantastic volunteer officials without whom none of the events we delivered would have been possible. Thank you all.

Earlier this month, our Clerk of Course for the Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland, Brian Everitt, travelled to Tasmania for the last round of the ARC and the 2025 EROAD ARC Awards Night. This year, our event cleaned up again, being awarded both Event of the Year and Rally Central of the Year. Winning these awards for two years running, as voted by the competitors, is a fantastic achievement and a great reward for the months of work and effort put in by everyone involved. From myself and all our members, a huge thank you to Brian and his team.



Shortly after this event concluded, we received a call from Adrian Coppin from the ARC management group regarding a proposed date change for the 2026 ARC calendar. After many phone calls and emails, it was agreed that in 2026, Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland will be the opening round of the championship, to be held from 17-19 April 2026. Unfortunately, this means work must begin immediately, and a huge amount of preparation must now be completed in six months instead of twelve to make the event happen.

We will be looking for your help, so I ask you to please start thinking about how you can get involved. If you are planning to compete next year, you can still assist in some way. Remember, this is your sport, and we need support from those of you who get to go and play in the forest. If you can help in any way, please reach out to us—we will point you in the right direction.

Aside from Rally Queensland, 2026 will be another busy year for us. The year will start with a Test and Tune on 7 February at Jimna. We are planning a pace-noted rally sprint QRC round in March, before ABRQ in April. On 23-24 May, the club will see a return to Off Road Racing with "Miles 229" Off Road Long Course, the fourth round of the Australian Off Road Racing Association (AORRA) Championship. This will also be the club's first event run under the Australian Auto-Sport Association (AASA).

On 6 June, we will host another QRC Rally Sprint, and on 18 July, we will run Classic QLD, which will be a full round of the QRC and will include a round of the East Coast Classic Championship. The final major event for the year will take place on the 19-20 September weekend.

More information on all these events will be released as planning progresses. The club is also looking at a number of other venues with the hope of running grassroots events such as Motorkhana and Khanacross. In closing, from myself and the rest of the BSCC board, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tony





WE'VE DONE IT AGAIN! - We couldn't be prouder to announce that we have won for the 2nd year running:

- Galvaniize Insurance Rally Central of the Year – Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland
- EROAD Event of the Year – Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland

To our incredible crew of organisers, officials and volunteers, once again this one's for you.

A maroon banner with a white outline, featuring the text "RALLY QUEENSLAND" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The banner has a pointed right end.

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QUEENSLAND**

17-19 APRIL, 2026

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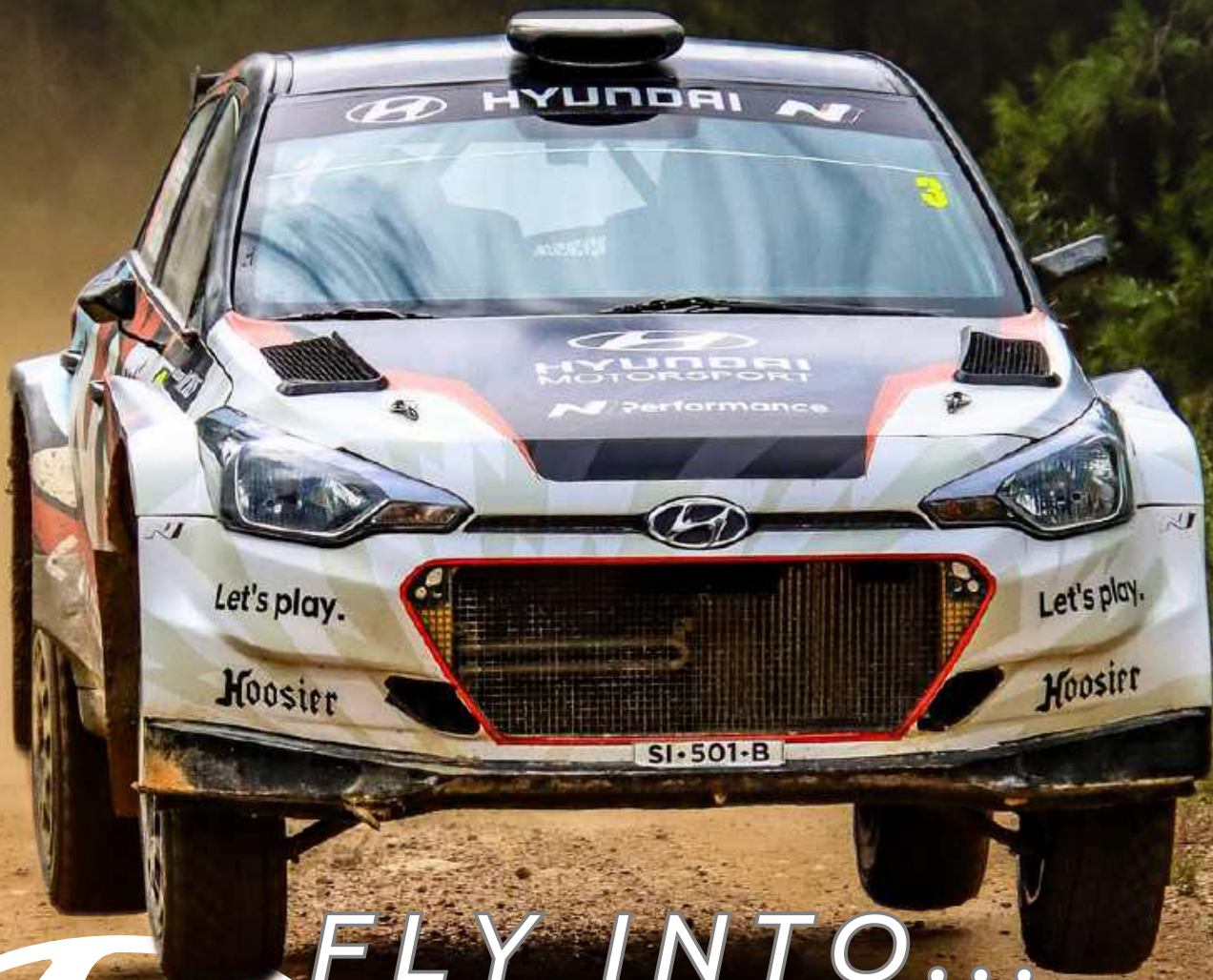
17-19th April 2026, IT'S A NEW DATE!

With a new date, comes the inevitable clash of events in the Gympie Region, of which there are a few. SO, crews and fans alike, have you got your accommodation sorted?



***IT'LL BE HERE BEFORE
YOU KNOW IT***

**HAVE YOU GOT
ACCOMMODATION
SORTED?**

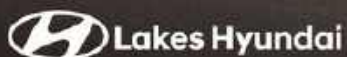


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2026 RALLY DATES

CALENDAR* 2026



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7 FEB	TYRES MORE TEST AND TUNE
7 MAR	BLACKBUTT RALLY
17-19 APR	RALLY QUEENSLAND
23-24 MAY	MILES 180 - OFF ROAD
6 JUN	JIMNA RALLYSPRINT - TBC
18 JUL	CLASSIC QUEENSLAND RALLY
19-20 SEP	DOUBLE HEADER IMBIL RALLYSPRINT

2026 CALENDAR*

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QUEENSLAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

7 MAR	BLACKBUTT RALLY
17-19 APR	RALLY QUEENSLAND
2-4 MAY	WET WEATHER CONTINGENCY WEEKEND
6 JUN	JIMNA RALLYSPRINT - TBC
18 JUL	CLASSIC QUEENSLAND RALLY
15 AUG	RALLY - TBC
19-20 SEP	DOUBLE HEADER IMBIL RALLYSPRINT

2026 RALLY NSW SERIES CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT/LOCATION	NSWC	RCRS	CPS	PAC/NOTES PW/ROADBOOK RB	ORGANISER
14TH MARCH	RALLY OF BATHURST	✓		✓	PR RB FOR CRL	RALLY CAR CLUB
21ST MARCH	MITTA MOUNTAIN RALLY		✓		RB	ALBERT WOODWARD & DISTRICTS CAR CLUB
24 - 26TH APRIL	RALLY OF THE HEARTLANDS		✓		RR	RALLY ONE
16TH MAY	ADA RIVER RALLY	✓	✓		RB	WESTERN DISTRICT CAR CLUB
27TH JUNE	NANDOMA FOREST RALLY	✓	✓	✓	PR RB FOR CRL	BRINDABILLA MOTOR SPORT CLUB
18TH JULY	CLASSIC QUEENSLAND		✓		RS	BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB
25TH JULY	RALLY OF THE BAY	✓	✓	✓	PR RB FOR CRL	NORTH HIDE SPORTING CAR CLUB
17TH NOVEMBER	RALLY OF CARRERNA	✓	✓	✓	PR	BRINDABILLA MOTOR SPORT CLUB
18A	CHIFFS COAST RALLY	✓	✓	✓	RS	COFFEY BARRETT & DISTRICT SPORTING CAR CLUB



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2026 CALENDAR

1	QUEENSLAND <small>BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB</small>	17 - 19 APRIL
2	WESTERN AUSTRALIA <small>WA CAR CLUB</small>	22 - 24 MAY
3	NEW SOUTH WALES <small>BRINDABILLA MOTOR SPORT CLUB</small>	26 - 28 JUNE
4	TASMANIA <small>ARC PROMOTIONS PTY LTD</small>	14 - 16 AUGUST
5	SOUTH AUSTRALIA <small>ULTIMATE MOTORSPORT EVENTS</small>	2 - 4 OCTOBER
6	VICTORIA <small>VROOM EVENTS PTY LTD</small>	20 - 22 NOVEMBER

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2026 Rally Events



28 MAR

Bago Rally

Wauchope

Rd. 1 SCRS

6-7 JUN

Bega Valley Rally

Bega/Eden

Rd. 2 SCRS

12 SEPT

Rosewood Rally

Rosewood

Rd. 3 SCRS

3-4 OCT

Working Dog Rally

Bonalbo

Rd. 4 SCRS

10 OCT

Minidulla Rally

Shallow Crossing

Standalone Event

31 OCT

Oberon Rally

Black Springs

Rd. 5 SCRS



2026 OLD AORRA OFF ROAD RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1: GUNDY 250 LC - FEBRUARY 28TH & MARCH 1ST (GOONDIWINDI MOTORSPORT ASSOCIATION)

ROUND 2: DALEY SC - APRIL 12TH - 13TH (GYMPIE AUTO SPORTS CLUB)

ROUND 3: BURDEKIN LC - MAY 2ND - 3RD (BURDEKIN OFFROADERS)

ROUND 4: MILES LC - MAY 23RD - 24TH (BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB)

ROUND 5: MT LARCOM SC - JUNE 20TH - 21ST (GYMPIE AUTO SPORTS CLUB)

ROUND 6: MORANBAH SC - JULY 18TH - 19TH (MACKAY OFF ROAD RACING ASSOCIATION)

ROUND 7: GUNDY 500 LC - AUGUST 6TH - 9TH (GOONDIWINDI MOTORSPORT ASSOCIATION)

ROUND 8: DON RIVER SC - SEPTEMBER 5TH - 6TH (BURDEKIN OFFROADERS)

ROUND 9: ESK SC - OCTOBER 10TH - 11TH (GYMPIE AUTO SPORTS CLUB)

PRESENTATION DINNER - NOVEMBER 28TH 2026







2026 CALENDAR

ROUND 1

POONCARIE DESERT DASH



10-12 APRIL

ROUND 2

FINKE DESERT RACE



8-8 JUNE

ROUND 3

LOVEDAY 400



23-26 JULY

ROUND 4

KALGOORLIE DESERT RACE



23-25 OCTOBER

FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP



2026 CALENDAR

1  **MONACO**
RALLY MONTE-CARLO
22-25 JANUARY

2  **SWEDEN**
RALLY SWEDEN
12-15 FEBRUARY

3  **KENYA**
SAFARI RALLY KENYA
12-15 MARCH

4  **CROATIA**
CROATIA RALLY
09-12 APRIL

5  **SPAIN**
RALLY RALLY SARAGOSA
23-26 APRIL

6  **PORTUGAL**
VIA RALLY RALLY DE PORTUGAL
07-10 MAY

7  **JAPAN**
RALLY JAPAN
28-31 MAY

8  **GREECE**
RALLY ALPHEO RALLY GREECE
25-28 JUNE

9  **ESTONIA**
RALLY ESTONIA
16-19 JULY

10  **FINLAND**
RALLY RALLY FINLAND
30 JULY-02 AUGUST

11  **PARAGUAY**
RALLY RALLY DE PARAGUAY
27-30 AUGUST

12  **CHILE**
RALLY RALLY DE CHILE
10-13 SEPTEMBER

13  **ITALY**
RALLY RALLY ITALIA
01-04 OCTOBER

14  **SAUDI ARABIA**
RALLY RALLY SAUDI ARABIA
11-14 NOVEMBER

STEP UP FOR THE SPORT YOU LOVE: QUEENSLAND RALLYING NEEDS YOU

Rallying is more than just the thrill of the throttle, the roar of the engine, and the stones, gravel and dust flying from beneath the wheels. It's a family; a community built on passion, trust, and countless hours of dedication behind the scenes and right now, that community needs you.

Here in Queensland, we have bold hopes and dreams for the future of QLD rallying. There's real momentum with plans for new events, fresh stages, and growing interest from the next generation of drivers and co-drivers. But without a strong team of officials to make it all happen, those ambitions remain just that: hopes and dreams.

That's why we're calling on our rally crews and supporters to step up and give back to the sport that's given us all so much. We're looking for the next wave of Clerk of the Courses (CoC), Deputy CoCs, Competitor Relations Officers (CROs), Scrutineers, Stage Commanders, and many other critical officials.

Why Step Into an Official Role?

- *Keep the sport alive and thriving - Events can't run without the right people in place. Your experience and knowledge from being on the stages are invaluable.*
- *Grow your rally skillset - Learning the ropes of event organisation deepens your understanding of how rallies work from top to bottom.*
- *Shape the future - Bring your voice, your ideas, and your passion to the table. Help Queensland rallying evolve and improve.*
- *Give back to the community - Every rally driver and co-driver owes a huge debt to the volunteers and officials who make it all happen. Now it's your turn to be that hero for someone else.*



Who Can Get Involved?

You don't have to have decades of experience or a trophy cabinet full of silverware. All you need is a love for the sport, a willingness to learn, and a commitment to seeing rallying in Queensland thrive. We're especially encouraging current and former competitors to get involved. Your perspective and understanding of what makes a great rally are invaluable and rallying works best when the whole community is pulling in the same direction. Whether you're ready to dive into a major role or want to start small and learn alongside experienced officials, there's a place for you.

Make It Happen.

If you're reading this, chances are you already care deeply about rallying. So let's take that passion and turn it into action. The sport's future depends on the next generation of leaders and organisers stepping forward.

Let's work together to ensure Queensland remains a vibrant and exciting home for rallying. Let's make sure every event has the structure, safety, and support it needs to succeed. Let's build something amazing—together. Ready to get involved? Reach out to your local organising club, Motorsport Australia, or any of our current rally organisers. We'll help you get started, supported, and trained up. Rallying needs you. Let's drive it forward.





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2025 AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 4WD CLASSIC CUP

CHAMPIONS

**SHANE
GARNER**

**SYLVIE
GARNER**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO BSCC MEMBERS,
SHANE AND SYLVIE GARNER, ON THEIR
2025 ARC 4WD CLASSIC CUP TITLE.**



2025 AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP WOLF PRODUCTION CUP

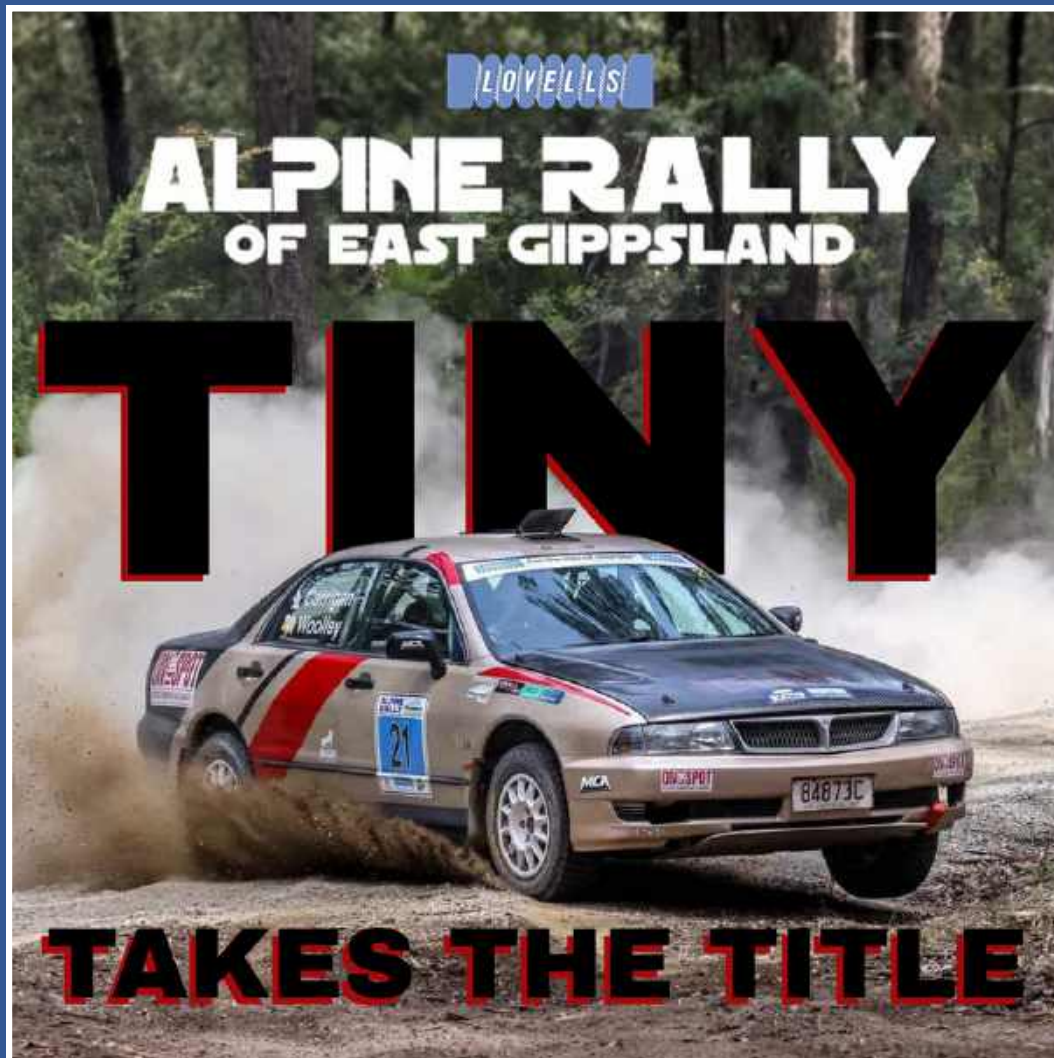
CHAMPIONS

**BODIE
READING**

**BRAD
JONES**



CONGRATULATIONS TO BSCC MEMBER, BRAD JONES, ON HIS 2025 ARC WOLF PRODUCTION CUP TITLE WITH BODIE READING.



BSCC member's Tristan Carrigan and Neill Woolley have defied their modest pre-event seeding to claim their first Alpine Rally victory, guiding the front wheel drive Mitsubishi Magna, the first of its kind to win the event, to a commanding victory. Despite early pressure from Andrew Travis and Darkie Barr-Smith's Nissan Gazelle, Carrigan excelled in Sunday's wet conditions to extend the advantage and finish more than a minute ahead.

Behind them, Tom Clarke and BSCC member Ryan Preston surged into third as mechanical drama hit rivals Luke Sytema and Adam Wright, while Nathan Quinn impressively climbed back from ninth to fourth after earlier setbacks.

Provisional results, 2025 Alpine Rally

1. Carrigan/Woolley, Mitsubishi Magna, 2h30m10.3s
2. Travis/Barr-Smith, Nissan Gazelle, +1m20.5s
3. Clarke/Preston, Datsun Stanza, +4m49.4s
4. Quinn/Green, Mazda RX2, +5m54.7s
5. Leoncini/Leoncini, Toyota Corolla, +6m16.2s
6. Buist/Melver, Ford Escort RS1800, +7m25.9s
7. Williams/Jones, Datsun Stanza, +8m14.6s
8. Sytema/Wright, Ford Escort RS1800, +9m55.4s
9. Van Eck/Gleeson, Toyota Altezza, +10m18.2s
10. Schey/Schey, Ford Escort RS1600, +12.25.7s





**YOUR 2026 SEASON
BEGINS WITH THE**

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HEMMANT

**JIMNA
TEST AND TUNE**

**A CHANCE TO TEST YOUR RALLY WEAPONS
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PACENOTING
NON-COMPETITIVE**

**JIMNA BASE CAMP
21 SCHOOL ROAD
JIMNA, 4515
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026**

DOUBLE THE ACTION IN IMBIL

Competitors and rally fans were treated to a massive two-day motorsport feast as Imbil hosted back-to-back events: the APX Suspension Imbil Rallysprint on Saturday and the APX Suspension Jimbil Rallysprint on Sunday. The Sunday event served as a creative replacement for the cancelled Jimna round earlier in the year, ensuring competitors didn't miss out on vital mileage and fans didn't miss out on the spectacle.



Across the weekend, 33 cars lined up on Saturday and 34 on Sunday, tackling 20 stages and 131 competitive kilometres between them. Both days also featured a popular Rally Regularity component, attracting a wide range of entries in vehicles such as a Toyota Rav4, Subaru Forester, and Hyundai Getz. All this unfolded at the sport's newest base, the brand-new Rally HQ and service park at Borumba Deer Park, a well-received venue offering generous space, modern facilities, and a fully stocked kiosk.





Despite the ever-present question mark of Queensland' weather, conditions held together just enough to deliver two clean days of competition.

2017 Australian Rally Champion, Nathan Quinn brought crowd-pleasing flair as he campaigned his Mazda RX-2 on both days; part of his buildup toward defending the Alpine Rally title later in the year.

Quinn was again chased by a strong AWD contingent, including the Toyota Yaris AP4 of Ian Menzies and the Subaru Impreza WRX of Erik Johnsson, both of whom would leave Imbil as event winners.



With two standalone Rallysprints, new facilities, and close competition in both modern and classic machinery, Imbil delivered one of the most engaging weekends of the season so far.

Despite early-week rain, the weather cleared just enough to keep both events running smoothly to the relief of organisers and competitors alike.



Saturday – Imbil Rallysprint Results

10 stages – 69 km

1st – Ian Menzies / Robert McGowan (Toyota Yaris AP4)
38:03 – A commanding drive put the AP4 Yaris on top, finishing 1:10 ahead after stage adjustments.

2nd – Nathan Quinn / David Green (Mazda RX-2)

39:13 – Fastest 2WD and Classic; a strong performance only 30 seconds off raw time from the lead.

3rd – Brad Hardaker / Andrew Bennett (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo V)

40:03 – Consistent pace nets a comfortable podium.

4th – Cameron Henry / Claire Buccini (Subaru WRX STi)

40:40

5th – Rod Reid / Nick Reid (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VII)

40:49

Sunday – Jimbil Rallysprint Results

10 stages – 62 km

1st – Erik Johnsson / Larisa Biggar (Subaru Impreza STi N12)
43:21 – Johnsson powered to the top step, holding off Quinn by just eight seconds.

2nd – Nathan Quinn / David Green (Mazda RX-2)

43:29 – Another strong showing, again first in Classic and within striking distance of the overall win.

3rd – Brad Hardaker / Andrew Bennett (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo V)

43:43

4th – Rod Reid / Nick Reid (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VII)

46:09

5th – Andrew Mill / Jesse Mill (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VII)

48:25



TITLE NUMBER 5 BESPOKEN FOR

Ian Menzies and Robert McGowan clinched their fifth Queensland Rally Championship crown together, sealing the title with a composed podium finish at the thrilling Coffs Coast Rally.

With three heats and 75 points available in the final round, even their healthy championship lead meant the pair still had work to do. A strong field of nearly 50 NSW and QRC competitors, many chasing points in both championships, ensured the pressure would stay on, with endless points permutations in play.

Menzies wasted no time asserting their title intent, going fastest on SS1. Simply making the start, however, was a triumph in itself. After their AP4 Yaris suffered an engine failure at the previous Imbil round, the team faced a race against the clock just to get to Coffs, with Menzies' Evo 9 kept in reserve. The rebuild of the original engine was abandoned when the damage proved too great, forcing a last-minute purchase of a new motor from Neal Bates Motorsport. Fabricating a damaged exhaust manifold and installing the new engine created further hurdles, with Nick Ashwin of NA Motorsport ultimately putting in a remarkable 32-hour shift to ensure the car rolled out of Brisbane the day before the rally.



Their efforts paid off. The new engine ran faultlessly, and with only a dependable points haul required to lock down the championship, Menzies avoided unnecessary risks. When rival Erik Johnson (Subaru WRX STi) retired from heat two with a broken driveshaft, any remaining title threat evaporated, leaving him to likely secure second in the QRC.

One of the standout features of the event was a 30km night stage, a nostalgic nod to when rallies regularly stretched into the dark.

Combining new roads with a reversed earlier stage, the test delighted Menzies: "That was a blast, and probably the most enjoyable stage we've done in many years. Let's go and do it again!"

With their fifth QRC title now secured, it was a fitting way to celebrate a championship-winning performance.

CONGRATULATIONS

IAN MENZIES AND ROBERT MCGOWAN



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Dinner
Recap of Events
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KEEPING IT REGULAR: A New Way To Go Rallying

RALLY REGULARITY

WHAT IS RALLY REGULARITY?

Rally Regularity is a great opportunity to experience conditions not unlike a Special Stage Rally but within a more risk-controlled environment. The intention is to provide a bridge for those wishing to step up from more grassroots activities like khanacross, or for those who might have already been there or are just interested to get involved in competition within a rally-like environment.

- You will be competing over the exact same roads as the QRC crews under rally-like conditions.
- Speeds will be monitored via the Rallysafe Lite App. Target times will be set to achieve an average of 70kph. Maximum speed will be set at 110kph and at no time should you drop below 20kph.
- Within these limits crews aim to complete the stages to achieve as close as possible to the required target time. Scores will be allocated on the basis of:
 - 1 point per second late.
 - 5 points per second early.
 - Placings will be determined based on who loses least points.
 - Crews can be Cautioned for arriving too early or exceeding the 110kph limit. Crews receiving three or more cautions will be referred to the Stewards of the event and may be disqualified.

So drive SMART, not necessarily fast.

WHAT DO I NEED? -

Vehicle Requirements

- Vehicles must be registered as we drive on public roads.
- A roll cage is not essential
- lap sash belt is acceptable
- All vehicles will be checked at the Event
- Scrutineering by scrutineers to ensure they are in a safe and roadworthy condition.
- A secondary bonnet retaining mechanism, fire extinguisher plus requirements per the Rally Regularity Standing Regulations.
- A fixed mobile phone mount for use of RALLYSAFE lite (RSLITE)



WHAT DO I NEED? -

Crew Requirements

- Must possess a current civil driving license
- They require a Motorsport Australia Speed Event license as a minimum.
- Licenses will be checked at the event.
- Minimum requirement is a helmet, Standard B unless using a HANS. (Your old Skito is OK)
- Wrist to ankle, long-sleeved clothing of a NON-FLAMMABLE material; not nylon for instance.
- HANS devices not required but recommended if in a car suitably equipped. If using a HANS then a Standard A helmet is required.



NEW entries in the Regularity Class will go in a draw to receive their entry fee for the next event, to be paid courtesy of Inverted Motorsport. NEXT EVENT APX Suspension Imbil Rallysprint 23 August

SR automotive AWARDS NIGHT

Hosted by the one and only Dallas Dogger, the SR Automotive Rallysprint Series awards night delivered everything a motorsport enthusiast could hope for; food, film, and a stunning lineup of cars. The event drew 51 attendees to SR Automotive in Kippa-Ring, transforming the venue into a celebratory hub of horsepower and camaraderie.

Guests were treated to an exclusive display of Stewart Reid's impressive collection, highlighted by the show-stopping 850hp Audi Sport Quattro Replica that had cameras snapping all evening. The presentations were followed by a special video segment on SR's brand new 87-inch screen, featuring a surprise greeting from rally star Hayden Paddon, much to the crowd's delight.

Well attended and warmly received, the night was a resounding success. An energetic celebration of the QLD rally community and the machines that make it.

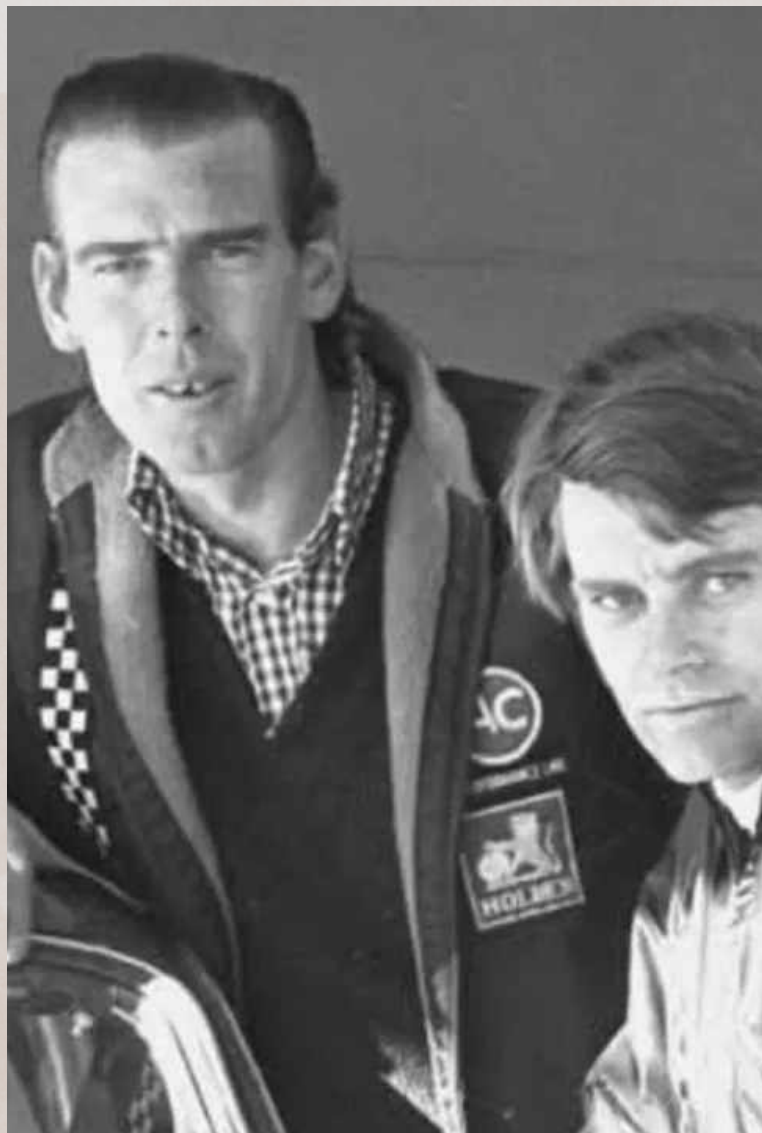




GEORGE SHEPHEARD

AUSTRALIAN MOTORSPORT LOSES AN ICON

The motorsport community is mourning the passing of George Shephard, one of Australian motorsport's most influential figures in both rallying and circuit racing. Shephard, a long-time BSCC member, was a driving force behind the Holden Racing Team's off-road success, winning three Australian Rally Championships as co-driver to Colin Bond between 1971 and 1974. He also prepared Holden's Commodores for the 1979 Round Australia Trial, where HDT swept the podium with Peter Brock, Matt Philip and Noel Richards. George built cars for touring car competition, including Bob Morris's Falcon that finished second on debut at Bathurst in 1981. He later managed Dick Johnson Racing, guiding the team to the 1984 touring car title, and played a central role in rebuilding the Greens' Tuf Falcon overnight at Bathurst in 1983.



His career spanned rally, touring cars and manufacturer programs with Mitsubishi and later Volvo, contributing to Volvo's 1998 Bathurst 1000 victory with Rickard Rydell and Jim Richards. He also continued competing as a driver, winning three Queensland Rally Championships in the 2000s.

Motorsport was a family legacy: his father Reg helped create the original Round Australia Trial, and his son Steven became an ARC round winner.

George Shephard passed away at age 83 after a battle with Parkinson's Disease. Our thoughts are with his wife Marie, sons Steven and Reggie, and the extended Shephard family.



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