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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WITH TONY KABEL

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the first edition of Brisport for 2026. I hope you're all doing well. The club has a busy year ahead, with five rounds of the Queensland Rally Championship (QRC), including Round 2, which forms part of Round 1 of the Eroad Australian Rally Championship (ARC).

As you know, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East has created uncertainty and affected global fuel prices and availability. This will likely impact both our competitors and volunteer officials in attending and competing at events. We hope these challenges ease soon.



Unfortunately, the first QRC round — the Hi Service Group Benarkin Rally — has been postponed due to wet weather. Although conditions improved by event day, heavy rain beforehand made stage setup unsafe for our officials. The club has approached QRAP and State Council for a new date, and we'll share updates as soon as possible. Thank you to Peter Flynn and his team for their efforts. Looking ahead, Round 1 of the ARC (and Round 2 of the QRC) — The Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland — is just a month away. This year, the event will reach a new level. Brian Everitt, Mal Bartolo, and Matt Allard have been working tirelessly to deliver an exciting new format, including a central service park and the return of a bitumen super special stage adjacent to it. Wheels On Mary will expand to two days, featuring displays from the Cooloola Classic Car Club and the Sunshine Coast Motor Sport Club.

On May 23-24, the BSCC will host a round of the Australian Off Road Racing Association Championship – the Miles Tyre & Battery 150 Miles – in Miles on the Western Downs. This marks our first event under the Australian Auto Sport Association (AASA).

Round 3 of the QRC – the Bear Electrical Jimna Rallysprint – will take place on June 6 at Jimna Base Camp. Many thanks to Matt Sosimenko for stepping up as Clerk of Course. On July 18, we'll run the Classic Queensland Rally, Round 4 of the QRC and an invitational for classic rally cars, which has already attracted strong interest.

The final QRC round will be held in and around the Imbil Forest on September 19-20 or possibly the October long weekend, pending QRAP and State Council approval. Once confirmed, we'll announce the final date. This will be a full two-heat championship round, with one heat on Saturday (including two night stages) and another on Sunday.

It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting year. We'll need plenty of help to make these events happen and will do all we can to support competitors and officials throughout. Looking forward to seeing you all in Gympie next month for what promises to be a fantastic event.

Tony



AN EMBLEM UPDATE FOR THE BSCC



Motorsport clubs often carry decades of tradition, and the Brisbane Sporting Car Club is no exception. Over the years, the club's logo has evolved alongside changing design trends, printing technologies, and digital media.

Despite these changes, the emblem has always maintained its core symbols: a sports car silhouette, a banner bearing the club initials, and the iconic chequered racing motif. Together, these elements reflect the club's commitment to grassroots motorsport, competition, and community.



BSCC LOGO EVOLUTION



1960 - 1962

- Suitable as newsletter only printed B&W
- Clear reproduction in documents
- Suitable for engraving on trophies and awards



1962 - 1975

- A shield-style structure
- A gold and navy colour palette
- A secondary banner with the full club name
- Newsletter printed with colour



1975 - 1979

- Coloured version of the original
- Retained original logo's features with the addition of blue and orange



1979 - 1998

- A circular badge design
- A stylised open-top sports car silhouette
- A lighter blue used
- Circular shape



1998 - 2009

- A circular badge design
- A stylised open-top sports car silhouette retained
- A ribbon banner displaying B.S.C.C.
- A chequered racing pattern



2009 - 2026

- A deep blue circular background
- Cleaner vector shapes
- A more balanced ribbon banner
- A refined chequered pattern



2026





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**ASK NOT WHAT YOUR CLUB CAN DO FOR YOU -
ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CLUB**

Dear Former Members and Competitors,

The **Brisbane Sporting Car Club** was built by, and has always been run by passionate people; competitors, volunteers, and members who care deeply about grassroots motorsport. Many of you have helped shape the club in the past, and we're reaching out because **your experience still matters!**

Like many community clubs, **BSCC is at a turning point.** To continue running events, supporting competitors, and keeping the spirit of the club alive, we need members willing to step forward; whether to help on the board, assist with events, or simply lend a hand when needed.

In particular, the club is seeking a **Treasurer, additional Board Members, and Clerks of Course** to help ensure our events continue to run safely, smoothly, and sustainably. Also off-road events, khanacross, motorkhana, autocross, and even social navigation runs. **With that in mind, our AGM is fast approaching.**

You don't need to be an expert or commit endless hours. What we need most are people who care about our sport and the club and want to see it continue to thrive **for the next generations of drivers.**

If BSCC has ever given you a great event, a great memory, or a great group of mates, now is the time to give a little back.

We need to have you involved again. Please contact **Margaret Mackay at info@bscc.asn.au** or call **Craig Porter on 0412 259 877.**

Warm regards,

Board of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club

TYRES & MORE 2026 JIMNA HEMMANT TEST & TUNE

QLD RALLYING TUNES INTO 2026

The 2026 Tyres and More Hemmant Jimna Test and Tune delivered a smooth and enjoyable day of rally testing, with 29 entries taking to the stages in ideal conditions. A strong team effort ensured the event ran seamlessly, with setup completed on Friday ahead of Saturday morning recce thanks to the help of dedicated volunteers. Special thanks go to officials Craig Porter, Tony Kabel, Judy Foster, Margaret Mackay, Doug and Debbie Foster, Ryan Williams and Chloe Tanzer for their invaluable contributions.



A heartfelt acknowledgement also goes to Peter Cusack from Jimna Base Camp, who assisted with clearing lantana and slashing grass on the Marumbah stage in the lead-up to the event. The club extends its best wishes to Peter for a speedy recovery following a serious motorbike accident in Victoria shortly after the Test and Tune.



Of the 29 entries, two cars initially failed scrutineering. One, due to significantly out-of-date seatbelts, was later permitted to start after lunch following the swift efforts of Claire Buccini, who arranged replacement belts from Brisbane. The second car was excluded due to more serious safety concerns, including seat mounts and roll cage protection.

The event commenced on time and ran efficiently throughout the day. Both stages required a single stoppage each to recover cars with mechanical issues, but otherwise proceedings were incident-free. Officials reported that radios performed reliably, while RallySafe Lite functioned well overall, aside from a brief coverage gap on the Marumbah stage.

Crews came from as far as WA for the event. The field included multiple new builds, new purchases and new crews. Those lucky enough to catch some action were not disappointed.



With competitors enjoying valuable seat time and providing positive feedback, the event concluded at 4:00pm once all testing had been completed and stages were closed. Overall, the Jimna Test and Tune proved to be a successful and well-run event, highlighting the strength of the club and its volunteers. Thank you to Tyres and More Hemmant and the Buccinis for their help with the event and congratulations to John Coleman and his team.

COMING SOON



UPCOMING
EVENTS

2026

Annual General Meeting

You are invited

BSCC Annual General

Meeting Brisbane Sporting
Car Club Ltd

INVITATION

Our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. If you or anyone you know would be interested in joining the board of the BSCC we are currently considering applications for new board members. We would be particularly interested in current competitors that might be able to offer different perspectives and ideas. If this sounds like you or someone you know, expressions of interest can be emailed to info@bscc.asn.au.

We meet once a month and no board experience required, just an eagerness to grow our sport.



Wednesday
6 May 7:00pm



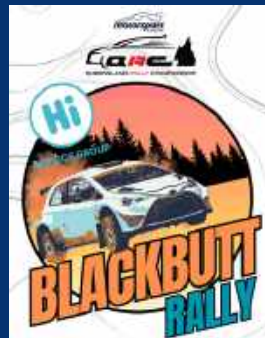
BSCC Clubrooms
16/23 Ashtan Place, Banyo

To be held Wednesday
6th May 2026 at the BSCC
Clubrooms Meeting to
commence at 7:00pm



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The Somerset Saunter is a non-competitive social observation drive conducted by the Brisbane Sporting Car Club. Speed and time play no part in this event. All road rules must be obeyed at all times.

For insurance purposes, this event is conducted under a Non-Competitive Social Permit issued by Motorsport Australia. As it is a non-competitive event, comprehensive car insurance or life insurance should not be affected — however, please check with your provider. RACQ membership should also not be affected.

The start location is the Ampol Foodary, 1382 Warrego Highway, Blacksoil QLD 4306. Please arrive from 8:00am to book in and receive your instructions for a 9:00am start.

The entry fee is \$20.00 per car. Entries can be made on the day, however, we would prefer you contact the Event Secretary, Judy Foster, on judyfoster@y7mail.com or 0402 390 925 so we have sufficient printed instructions.

The event finishes at the BP Service Station on the Brisbane Valley Highway, Toogoolawah. The total distance is approximately 156 km and, although time plays no part in the event, an estimated nominal duration of 4 hours (approx. 39 km/h average) is provided. If you have not finished within this time, we may become concerned. If you retire from the event, please notify organisers, otherwise a search may be initiated. The event is open to members of a Motorsport Australia-affiliated car club. If you are not a member, temporary event membership can be arranged at the start. Any road-registered or special interest vehicle is suitable.

Participants will follow the route and answer questions along the way. There are three styles of instructions available: Route Chart instructions (turn-by-turn directions), Beginner Mapping instructions (traditional navigation using maps where you act as the GPS), and Expert instructions for those seeking a greater challenge.

There are no trick instructions in any category, however navigators must remain alert. There are 21 questions to answer, all of which are easily visible if you are on the correct route. Most roads are sealed, with some good quality unsealed roads and approximately 140 metres of reasonable track.

Contact numbers throughout the event are:

Laurie 0434 886 283

Peter (Setup) 0428 416 599

Rod (Sweep) 0428 416 599

BP Service Station Toogoolawah (07) 5423 0247.





12TH APRIL 2026



THE SOMERSET SAUNTER

SOCIAL NAVIGATION RUN



\$20 per car



*Ampol Foodary, 1382 Warrego Hwy,
Blacksoil QLD 4306*



*8am - BP Service Station,
Brisbane Valley Hwy, Toogoolawah*



WORDS BY IAIN ROBERTSON

The Brisbane Sporting Car Club (BSCC) is thrilled to bring an all-new off-road motorsport event to the Western Downs in 2026: the Miles Tyre and Battery 150 Miles, running 23–24 May on the stunning “Rakaia” property north of Miles.

Supported by local business Miles Tyre and Battery as naming rights sponsor, this state-level enduro race is an exciting first for the region. While BSCC has decades of experience running successful off-road events across Queensland, this is the club's debut in the Miles district, and the response so far has been overwhelmingly positive.

Western Downs Regional Council, in particular, has provided significant assistance in the early stages of organising the event, ably supported by other Miles organisations through both financial and in-kind support.

“Rakaia”, owned by long-time motorsport supporter Robert Parkinson, offers an exceptional venue for competitors and spectators alike. Parkinson, well known for hosting ralliesprints and off-road events at his former Hirstglen property, has crafted an impressive network of tracks on his new land.

The centrepiece is a 28-kilometre loop, ideal for the approximately 240-kilometre, two-day endurance challenge that forms the heart of the 150 Miles. Early course reviews from visiting clubs, including the Gympie Auto Sports Club, have been glowing. Drivers praised the variety, flow, and accessibility of the terrain, noting that the course will suit all classes of off-road vehicles and offer something for everyone.

The event is proudly supported by the Australian Off-Road Racing Association (AORRA) and sanctioned by the Australian Auto Sport Alliance (AASA).

As Queensland's newest AORRA-affiliated club, BSCC is excited to contribute a fresh, high-quality round to the 2026 ARB Mickey Thompson Queensland Off Road Championship, which features nine events across the state.

The Miles Tyre and Battery 150 Miles will be Round Four of the championship and the third enduro event of the season, sitting alongside long-established favourites such as the Gundy 500 and the Don River Dash 300.



Spectators are warmly invited to attend across the full weekend. With excellent access from the Leichhardt Highway and only seven kilometres of well-maintained shire gravel road to the venue, getting to the action is easy. Plans are also underway for a special exhibition-style activity on Saturday to give fans even more to enjoy. A BBQ and welcome for volunteers and competitors will be held at the Miles Historical Village on Friday evening, along with a show-and-shine. All are welcome to attend. Local businesses, community groups, and residents can expect a welcome boost in visitation as competitors, crews, and supporters travel from across Queensland to take part.

BSCC sees enormous potential in the “Rakaia” property and the Miles region. With its natural terrain, supportive community, and central location, the area is well positioned to become a regular host for off-road motorsport and other outdoor events in the years ahead. The club looks forward to working closely with the Western Downs community to make the inaugural 150 Miles a safe, enjoyable, and memorable event for all.



Images supplied by AORRA

CLASSIC QUEENSLAND SET FOR MID-WINTER SHOWDOWN

Rally fans across Queensland can mark their calendars for Saturday, July 18, 2026, when the Brisbane Sporting Car Club (BSCC) hosts the inaugural running of Classic Queensland.

The event has been designed to showcase the best of rallying's past and present, bringing together classic machinery and modern rally cars in a unique format on some of Queensland's most challenging roads.

Classic cars will run first on the stages in reverse-seeded order, before the field competing in the Queensland Rally Championship (QRC) follows. The format will allow spectators to witness both eras of rallying on the same stages, highlighting the contrast between historic rally cars and the latest generation of competition vehicles.



Importantly, classic cars will not simply be running for demonstration. They will be fully eligible for QRC points, including Outright and Class honours, while also scoring points toward the East Coast Classic Rally Series (ECCRS). With classics eligible for outright results, the format has already sparked some lively debate. As competitor Ryan Smart put it, the question is already being asked: could a classic car win the event outright? Some of the country's best classic competitors have already expressed interest. Organisers are aiming for a northern 'Alpine Rally' experience.

The rally will feature a demanding itinerary of more than 160 kilometres of competitive stages, including four night stages and a remote service, ensuring crews face a true endurance challenge. Competitors will start in Blackbutt, returning there before heading into the night stages. Rally headquarters will be located at the Blackbutt Showgrounds, approximately two hours from Brisbane and about 90 minutes from Toowoomba.



From there, crews will tackle a series of stages across roads that have not been used for rallying in many years. The event is currently scheduled to finish at Manumbar, although organisers have indicated that further adjustments remain under consideration.

Spectators will be well catered for, with multiple viewing points planned across both day and night stages, offering fans plenty of opportunities to see the action unfold.

Adding another element to the event will be the MCL M-Sport Escort Challenge, run by Oisin McLoughlin from MCL M-Sport, which will award a prize to the highest placed Ford Escort home.

Further details about Classic Queensland will be released closer to the event.

For more information, contact Clerk of Course Judy Foster via email at secretary@bscc.asn.au.





RALLY QUEENSLAND

17-19 APRIL 2026

EVENT UPDATE

Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland (ABRQ) is rapidly approaching, with anticipation building ahead of the event to be held from 17–19 April in Gympie. With just weeks to go, the event is shaping up as one of the most dynamic editions yet, combining high-speed competition, expanded spectator access and an enhanced program that brings fans closer to the action.

As the Australian Rally Championship begins with ABRQ, Rally Queensland will play a key role in shaping the season. Competitors will tackle a demanding itinerary across some of the country’s most respected rally roads, with the fight for podium positions expected to go down to the wire. The event will culminate on Sunday 19th April at Galvaniize Insurance Rally Central, where crews and spectators will gather to witness the final results and podium celebrations.

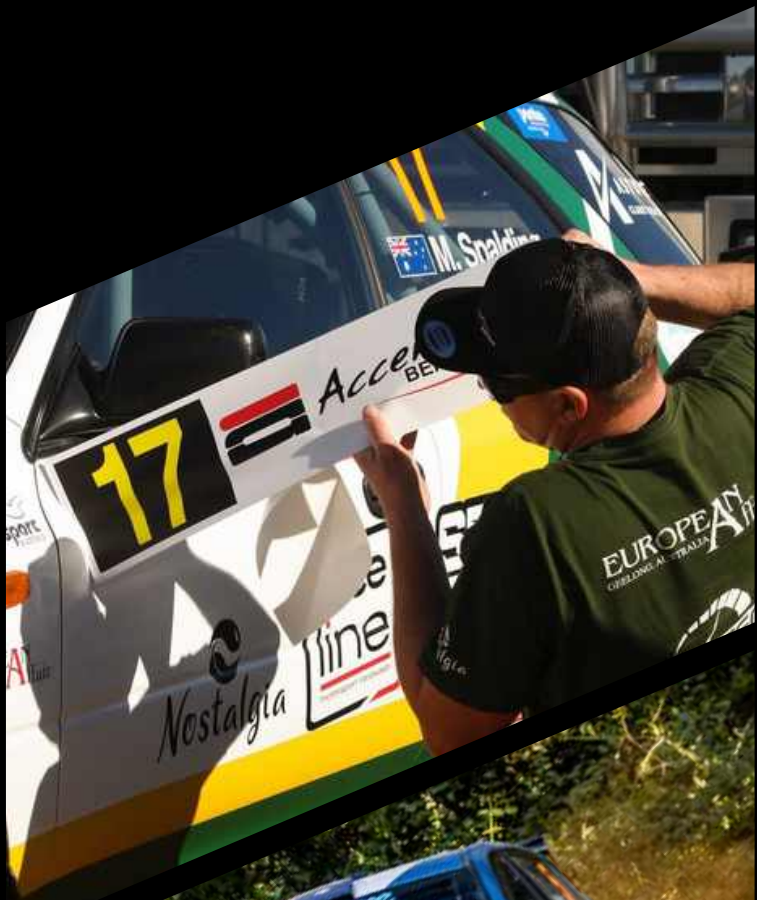
A major feature for 2026 is the continued transformation of the Gympie CBD into a full motorsport precinct, offering multiple spectator-friendly attractions in a central location. The Campbells Super Special Stage will once again bring rallying into the heart of the city, supported this year by an expanded street program. A standout addition is the Fink Street Invitational, featuring internationally recognised drifter Luke Fink. His drifting demonstrations will run alongside competitive street sprints, creating continuous action between rally sessions and adding a new dimension to the event. This combination of rally cars, drift machinery and sprint competitors ensures strong spectator appeal throughout the weekend.

The Telstra Service Park at Galvaniize Insurance Rally Central, located at Nelson Reserve in the Gympie CBD, will again serve as the operational hub of the event. Recognised as the Australian Rally Championship Service Park of the Year in both 2024 and 2025, it provides spectators with a rare opportunity to see the intensity of



rally operations up close. Between stages, crews work under extreme time pressure to change tyres, repair damage and fine-tune setups before sending cars back out on stage. Open to the public across Saturday and Sunday, the service park remains one of the most engaging experiences for fans.

While the CBD delivers spectacle, the surrounding forests provide the ultimate test. Testing in Imbil starts the event off on Thursday and then competitive stages through Imbil, Amamoor, Brooyar and Glastonbury, continue over the weekend. They are widely regarded as some of the best rally roads in Australia. Fast gravel surfaces, blind crests and narrow sections leave no margin for error, demanding total commitment from drivers. Thanks again to HQ Plantations for their continued support.



Beyond the stages, the event offers a comprehensive spectator experience, including the Velmec Automotive Wheels on Mary displays on Friday and Saturday, centralised viewing opportunities within the Gympie CBD, and easy access to Rally Central and service operations. With a strengthened program, increased accessibility and a mix of traditional rallying and modern motorsport spectacle, Rally Queensland 2026 continues to raise the bar. As teams prepare for battle and fans prepare to descend on Gympie, all signs point to an unforgettable weekend where speed, skill and strategy will determine who stands on the podium when the dust settles.

As always, volunteer support is needed so if you'd like to help out and be a part of an incredible event, get in touch today at



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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland 2026 doesn't run on luck — it runs on horsepower, precision... and people.

We're firing up recruitment for our 2026 volunteer Officials team to launch the opening round of the ARC and we want you there.

From the electric street party atmosphere of Velmec Automotive Wheels on Mary, to the full-throttle intensity of the Campbells Super Special Stage, the dust-charged Forest Stages, and the Telstra Service Park at Galvaniize Insurance Rally Central — this is championship motorsport at maximum attack.

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- Stage Commander
- Deputy Stage Commander

Operational Control

- Time/Start Control
- Stop Control
- Regroup Officials

Event Delivery & Oversight

- Stewards
- Organising Team Members
- Medical Teams
- Accredited Media



Safety & Stage Operations

- Spectator Marshal
- Road Closure Official
- SOS Official
- Scrutineer
- Recovery Team
- Course Car
- Command/Radio Base
- Results

Every role matters. Every position powers the event. Together, this team delivers a safe, professional, high-impact rally experience from the first countdown to the final champagne spray.

Why volunteer?

- Go trackside at a national championship opener
- Work alongside elite competitors and experienced officials
- Gain accredited training and real event experience
- Be part of an event that continues to raise the standard year after year

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Not Sure Which Role Fits?

No problem.

If you're keen to be involved but unsure where you'd fit best, simply select "No Preference" on the registration form.

One of our team members will get in touch to discuss your interests, experience and availability — and match you with a role that suits you best.

There's a place for everyone at Rally Queensland. Register your interest today!

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?**

2026 RALLY DATES

CALENDAR* 2026



Established 1953

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 7 FEB | TYRES MORE TEST AND TUNE |
| 7 MAR | BLACKBUTT RALLY |
| 17-19 APR | Accent 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 |

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2026 CALENDAR*

**Provisional subject to Motorsport Australia State Council Ratification*



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 | NEWS | RCRS | CRS | PRENOTES PW / ROADBOOK RB | ORGANISER |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------|------|-----|---------------------------|--|
| 14TH MARCH | RALLY OF BATHURST | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | PB RB FOR CRS | RALLY CAR CLUB |
| 21ST MARCH | MTTA MOUNTAIN RALLY | | ✓ | | RB | ALBURY WOODVANA & DISTRICTS CAR CLUB |
| 24 - 26TH APRIL | RALLY OF THE HEARTLANDS | | ✓ | | RB | RALLY ONE |
| 16TH MAY | ADM RIVER RALLY | ✓ | ✓ | | RB | WESTERN DISTRICT CAR CLUB |
| 27TH JUNE | NANDOMA FOREST RALLY | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | PB RB FOR CRS | BRINDABELLA MOTOR SPORT CLUB |
| 18TH JULY | CLASSIC QUEENSLAND | ✓ | ✓ | | RB | BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB |
| 25TH JULY | RALLY OF THE BAY | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | PB RB FOR CRS | NORTH SHIRE SPORTING CAR CLUB |
| 17TH NOVEMBER | RALLY OF CARRERNA | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | PB | BRINDABELLA MOTOR SPORT CLUB |
| 18A | CHIFFS COAST RALLY | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | RB | COFFEY BARRODIE & DISTRICT SPORTING CAR CLUB |










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>BRINDABELLA MOTOR SPORT CLUB</small> | 26 - 28 JUNE |
| 4 | TASMANIA <small>ARC PROMOTER PTY LTD</small> | 14 - 16 AUGUST |
| 5 | SOUTH AUSTRALIA <small>ULTIMATE MOTORSPORT EVENTS</small> | 2 - 4 OCTOBER |
| 6 | VICTORIA <small>VROOM EVENTS INC</small> | 20 - 22 NOVEMBER |



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
Mindulla Rally
Shallow Crossing
Standalone Event

31 OCT
Oberon Rally
Black Springs
Rd. 5 SCRS



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

ROUND 2: DALBY 5C - 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 5C - JUNE 20TH - 21ST (GYMPIE AUTO SPORTS CLUB)

ROUND 6: MORANBAH 5C - JULY 18TH - 19TH (MACKAY OFF ROAD RACING ASSOCIATION)

ROUND 7: GUNDY 500 LC - AUGUST 8TH - 9TH (GOONDIWINDI MOTORSPORT ASSOCIATION)

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

ROUND 9: ESK 5C - OCTOBER 10TH - 11TH (GYMPIE AUTO SPORTS CLUB)

PRESENTATION DINNER - NOVEMBER 28TH 2026



2026 CALENDAR

ROUND 1
POONCARRIE DESERT DASH
10-12 APRIL

ROUND 2
FINKE DESERT RACE
6-8 JUNE

ROUND 3
LOVEDAY 400
23-26 JULY

ROUND 4
KALGOORLIE DESERT RACE
23-25 OCTOBER

FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP



2026 CALENDAR

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| 1 | | MONACO RALLY MONTE-CARLO 22-25 JANUARY | 8 | | GREECE EGO AGRIGIOLIS RALLY DRIVEE 25-28 JUNE |
| 2 | | SWEDEN RALLY SWEDEN 12-15 FEBRUARY | 9 | | ESTONIA RALLY ESTONIA 16-19 JULY |
| 3 | | KENYA SABURI RALLY KENYA 12-15 MARCH | 10 | | FINLAND SLEETS RALLY FINLAND 30 JULY-02 AUGUST |
| 4 | | CROATIA CROATIA RALLY 09-12 APRIL | 11 | | PARAGUAY IBERO RALLY DE PARAGUAY 27-30 AUGUST |
| 5 | | SPAIN RALLY DE LA SERRA 23-26 APRIL | 12 | | CHILE RALLY DESDE SICU QU 10-13 SEPTEMBER |
| 6 | | PORTUGAL VIAO DO RALLY DE PORTUGAL 07-10 MAY | 13 | | ITALY RALLY ITALIA 01-04 OCTOBER |
| 7 | | JAPAN RALLY JAPAN 28-31 MAY | 14 | | SAUDI ARABIA RALLY SAUDI ARABIA 11-14 NOVEMBER |



COFFEE & CLASSICS

CLUB CATCH-UP



DATE
SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH



Members of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club (BSCC) recently enjoyed a relaxed Coffee & Classics catch-up at the Brisbane Motor Museum.



The Sunday morning gathering gave members and friends a chance to meet over coffee and breakfast while surrounded by one of Brisbane's best collections of classic cars.



Conversations flowed easily as attendees caught up, shared motorsport stories and admired the impressive display of historic vehicles throughout the museum.



Highlights included a beautifully presented Audi Quattro and Lancia Delta plus a range of Australian and European classics.



Events like this are a great reminder that the club is not only about competition, but also about bringing members together to enjoy cars, conversation and good company. Join us next time!



TOM SMITH

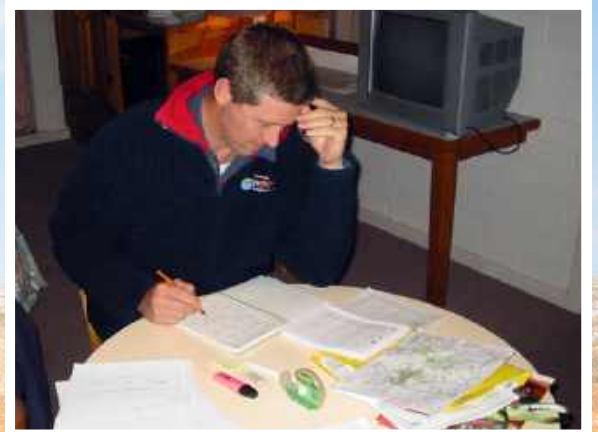
1962 - 2026

By Craig Porter

A LIFE IN RALLYING, JOURNALISM AND CLUB SERVICE.

Tom Smith, along with Gary McLane and several others, came across from the Light Car Club of Queensland to join the Brisbane Sporting Car Club (BSCC) in 1986 to follow rallying. At the time, Brian Swinton had just taken over from Jim Reddiex as President with a strong board behind him. Tom became involved with Property and Building works, while Alan Clunes served as Refreshments Officer. Peter Johnson, who would become a very close mate of Tom's, was the Brisport Editor.

In April 1988 Tom took over the role of Brisport Editor, a position he held until 1995. Under his banner came STARTLINE, and producing the magazine in those days was no small task. Every edition required significant manual work to assemble a lively and informative newsletter before being posted to members by, Esme Gibson. Tom's writing style and enthusiasm helped keep members connected to the club and its events during a time long before digital communication.



Early Competition Success

Tom first came to prominence in April 1988, representing the club at the third round of the Queensland Inter-Club Motorkhana held in the car park of the Beenleigh Rum Distillery. Later that year he secured second place overall at the Olbis site car park in Rocklea, finishing just behind his mate Peter Johnson. The pair also teamed up in Peter's yellow Honda Civic for the Keema Classic, achieving a credible 10th place finish.

In November 1989, Tom directed his first event, the Bailey Powerlines Rally at Mapleton.

That same year he also competed in the Tweed City-Kyogle Rally alongside his great mate Richard Anderson in an Alfetta. They were running strongly in third place until two punctures and a failed shock absorber ended their event. In early 1990, Tom teamed up with Johnny G in his new Sprinter for the Cooloola Classic, finishing third place against strong competition including Kahler, Reid, Bell, Glennie and Griffith. At the end of that season Tom was awarded BSCC Sportsman of the Year for 1990.



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Motorsport Journalism

1990 also marked the beginning of Tom's career in motorsport journalism. After contributing to Rallysport News as the Queensland correspondent, he became a columnist for Auto Action, continuing to write about rallying well into the 2000s.

In 1992, Tom completed a Diploma in Journalism, further strengthening his involvement in motorsport media. One memorable moment came in a December 1992 Rallysport News article, where he referred to the Keema Classic Clerk of Course as "The Barking Chihuahua", a nickname I still cherish today.

Service to the Club

In March 1991, Tom joined the BSCC Board, while continuing as Brisport Editor and remaining active in rally competition. That same year the club invested in 15 radios from Philcomm and 12 Tag Heuer timing clocks, strengthening the club's event equipment.

Tom also achieved another milestone that year, becoming the BSCC Rally Champion for the first time. He would repeat that success in 2007 alongside Steve Shephard.



Always Ready to Compete

Throughout the following years Tom appeared regularly in Brisport reports as a navigator across numerous events. If he didn't have a defined role at an event, he would still turn up with his helmet ready, just in case. In 1996, after seven years as editor, Tom stepped down from Brisport. In recognition of his dedication and service he was made an Honorary Member of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club.

A Rally Life

Club records show remarkably few incidents across Tom's long involvement in rallying. One notable moment came during the Moby Vics Rally in April 1999, when Tom and Bruce Dummett suffered a car problem while running Car 1 on the road. Both were taken to hospital for observation, thankfully with no serious injuries. True to form, Tom rang Bruce the next morning to check on him, only to discover Bruce already had the car completely apart and was preparing a replacement shell.

Experience and Leadership

Through the early 2000s, Tom continued to compete regularly across Queensland and interstate, often sought after by drivers who valued his experience and calm approach. He also filled many event roles, most notably as Competitor Relations Officer, where his knowledge and level-headed advice helped guide many teams through difficult moments.

A competitor, journalist, organiser and friend, Tom embodied the spirit of club motorsport and the values of a life shaped by friendship, enthusiasm and generosity. He leaves behind not only a legacy within the Brisbane Sporting Car Club, but also many friends who were fortunate enough to share the journey with him.

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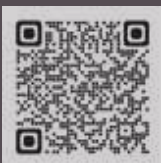
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ARABIAN NIGHTS. ARABIAN DAYS.

CLUB MEMBER MICHAEL DWYER SHARES HIS RECENT TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA AND THE WRC



This story starts over 30 years ago when my wife, Cathy, and I worked in Saudi Arabia. Since then, after settling back in Australia, we've often thought about going back to see how it has changed. We left Brisbane at the beginning of November last year for a month-long trip, flying into Dammam on the east coast to start the tour.

And, boy, has it changed. First of all, we couldn't find a post office to send Christmas cards, so we had to use e-cards and emails. It seems many are hidden away and few and far between, and even our tour guide couldn't find one. We did manage to see one, but it was on the other side of a motorway and we couldn't get to it.

They also seem to love air conditioning, with temperatures set very cold pretty well everywhere we visited.

We then had a look around the countryside and visited some of the sites. It was an introduction to zillions of cars across the main cities, with motorways built for them—up to five lanes each way—and frequent traffic jams and congestion the likes of which I've never encountered before. There were no pedestrian crossings over these city motorways. Red traffic lights seemed to take five minutes or so to change. There were many mobile radar speed cameras around, seemingly every few kilometres on the motorways, and plenty of speed bumps to slow traffic down. And this will make you jealous—petrol prices are less than half what we pay here.

Later, we travelled to Riyadh by train and had a look around the capital. It has grown significantly, like the rest of the country, with many shopping malls, high-rise buildings, and expansion into the desert. We then toured the north and northwest to see old ruins and historical sites. One night, in the middle of the country, it rained heavily in the town where we were staying—a very rare occurrence. Finally, we went to Jeddah on the west coast. This used to be our weekend destination when we lived in Taif in the mountains, where we worked in a military hospital. Jeddah still has the old souqs (markets), Red Sea diving, and plenty of social life.

The Saudis are very proud of their history and heritage and are doing a lot to resurrect and renovate these sites, with the intention of attracting tourists. These would be well-heeled travellers rather than backpackers, as the hotels all seem to be four- and five-star. There are also a number of museums, well worth visiting.



BEFORE AND AFTER OF A MOUNTAIN ROAD WE ONCE KNEW WELL

We decided to kill two birds with one stone on this trip. While in Jeddah, we worked on the World Rally Championship round being held in Saudi Arabia for the first time. As an experienced rally official, I contacted the organisers and volunteered, and they gladly accepted. It was a four-day event, and I was happy to work with the Saudis. One big difference is that while we volunteer in Australia, Saudi officials are paid (US\$100 per day, I was told). We did get free T-shirts and caps. We met some very friendly officials, mostly locals, along with a few from England and Ireland. The locals themselves have changed, with younger people being well educated and speaking English fluently. They were interested in Australia and why we had come. There were also a number of women working as officials. They no longer have to cover their hair and face and are now allowed to drive and work in their chosen occupations.

We were based at the main Service and Control Park and didn't get to see any stages. The Service Park showed what a big business the WRC is. Trailer loads and shipping containers of cars and parts are transported around the world. Even the replacement body panels alone took up a huge amount of space. At the end of each day, many of these panels were needed after run-offs, straight-heads, and spin-outs.



WRC



OUR RALLY VOLUNTEERS TEAM, WITH ME IN MY BSC SHIRT.



WRC

AN OLD TRAIN FROM THE HEJAZ RAILWAY (AS IN THE LAWRENCE OF ARABIA FILM).



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We met Petter Solberg, the Perth WRC winner in 2003, and his wife Pernilla, who is an FIA WRC Commissioner. Their son, Oliver, is making waves as a WRC2 driver for Toyota. Colin Campbell, whom some of you may have met in the NSW WRC rounds, was also there, but our paths didn't cross.

The rally was very well organised. The organising committee had even set up a public carnival next to the Service Park to attract locals.

NOVICE

With Benjamin Stead



We ask a QRC Novice nine questions about the season ahead.

Benjamin Stead is new to rallying, but definitely not new to Motorsport, or dirt for the matter. With a background in speedway, he's diving straight into the deep end; bypassing the Novice Series and into the QRC.

BRISPORT

1. What got you into rallying?

BENJAMIN STEAD: I've always loved the idea and after going and seeing a few like Rally QLD, I made the switch from speedway .

2. How has it been so far?

Honestly, I've only completed 1 Stage at the Jimna Test and Tune before a water pump failure. It was super fun and I can't wait to have another crack!



“...built the car after racing one in speedway for the last 15-16 years”



3. What are your rallying goals?

Just to go out and finish the events and learn the craft of gravel rally. And also have a heap of fun with my co driver (best mate) Paul McBride.

4. What is your vehicle?

1995 Honda Prelude

5. Do you know its history?

I built the car after racing one in speedway for the last 15-16 years and still having the main running gear I thought why not.

6. Who is your Motorsport idol?

My grandfather Ron Oliver Snr and my son Jaxson. Even though he's 6, in his short time racing he has blown me away.

7. Is there a particular event you'd love to compete in one day?

Rally QLD which hopefully in a few weeks will become a reality.

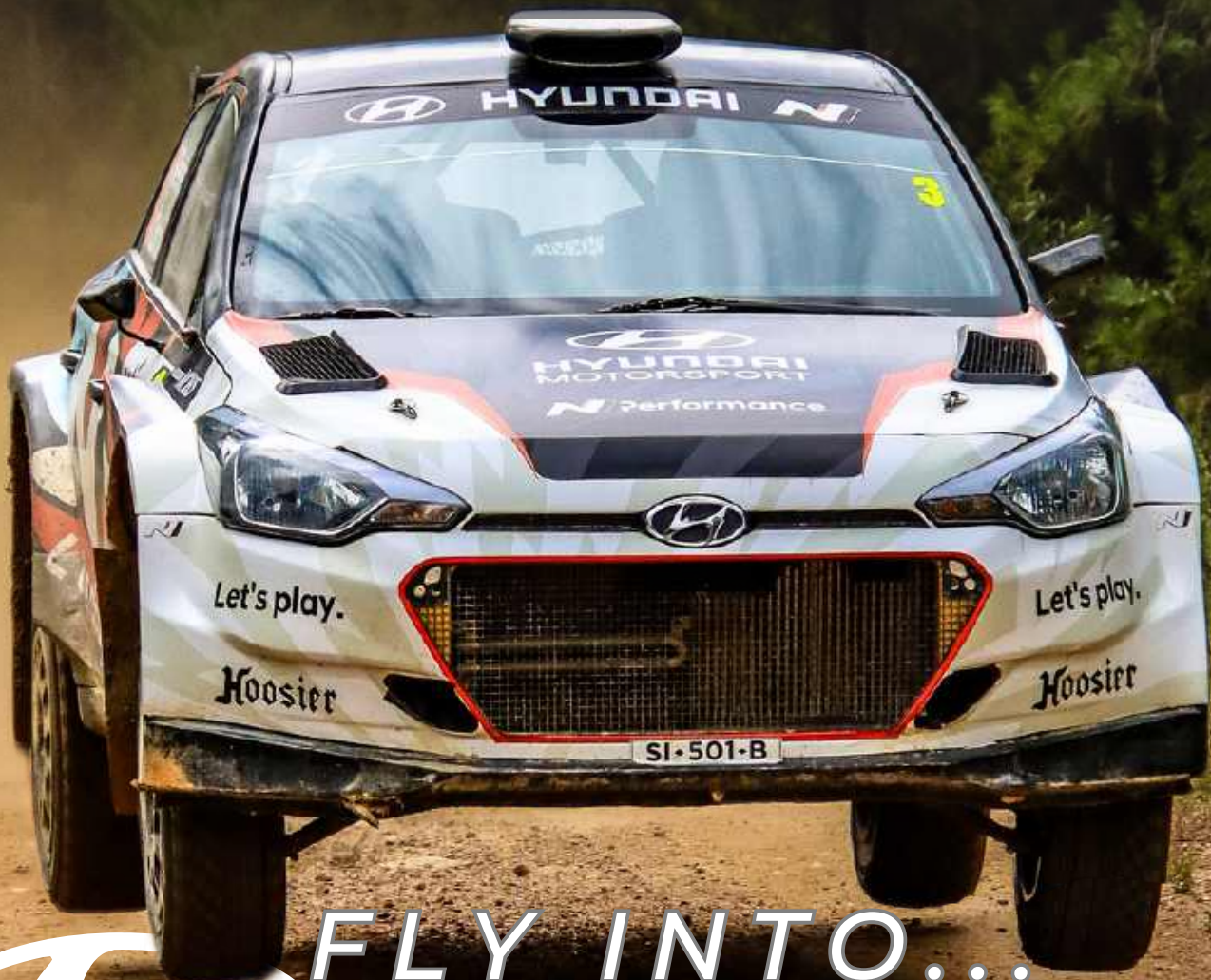
8. Anyone you'd like to give a shout-out to?

Mainly my family: My Gran, Pop, Mum, Dad and Brother, and Wife and kids for all the hours they allowed me to spend building the car. All my sponsors: Cooters Mechanical; Rabbyts Spray Painting; Newline Hunting Supplies; Davison Homes; Rollin Cages; Toowoomba Performance and Mechanical; Season Noosa; Pitlizard; Instaprint. Without them the car honestly wouldn't have been possible.

9. Lastly, if had to choose between \$1 million and your dream rallycar, what colour would the rallycar be?

White and orange for sure



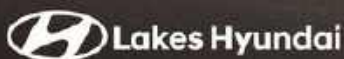


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RALLY REGULARITY

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 Stilo 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.



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