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# Wheelspin



What did u do Gary?

Kenny's pet snake in Ingham

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## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

<b>Greg Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Lindsay Stone</b>	<b>Peter Trazona</b>
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### ***Joke of the day***

An elderly gentleman went to the local drug store and asked the pharmacist for Viagra.

The pharmacist said, "That's no problem. How many do you want?"

The man answered, "Just a few, maybe 4, but cut each one in 4 pieces."

The pharmacist said "That won't do you any good."

The elderly gentleman said "That's all right. I don't need them for sex anymore, as I'm over 80 years old. I just want it to stick out far enough so I don't pee on my shoes".

### ***MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS:***

Give me a call on 0413 528 947 or email me at [sslam42000@yahoo.com](mailto:sslam42000@yahoo.com) and I will do my best to get it in the next news letter.

*All submissions need to be into me, by close of business Wednesday after the club meeting.*

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well hello for another month. It has been a hectic month with meetings on Rallying and also for the first for five years a rally in Ingham Forest. On Ingham the whole rally was set up in just over six weeks and was never designed to be a top of the range rally, but just a simple bush rally. The rally was one that Forestry could have pulled the pin on right up to start time as it was the permit was not issued until 2.30pm on Friday afternoon. It also does not help when the director finds out that some officials have decided that they can't make it and that's the night before. But apart from that the rally went on. In future if you do put up your hand to be an official please make that you can be there when your hand goes up.

On the Rally Meeting. There was considerable discussion about what a competitor wants to get out of a rally. A booklet has been made up of all the comments handed in about rallying in Queensland and what most of them are pointing to is that the rally consist of approx 150klms be over in a day and afterwards have a barby and a beer or two with their mates. If anyone wants to read the book you can give me a ring and I will arrange to get it to you. The QRC was bought up and Rally Panel would like to see the Series be what the name stands for. All of Queensland. The motion to be put forward is that Brisbane runs two rounds Rocky runs one round and Townsville runs one round. The competitors will get points for starting stage one of each round and there will also be points allocated to each round. Competitors will not be allowed to drop a round. You will still have to nominate for the QRC but it will not cost you. Once all this is passed an invitation will be sent out to us to run a round. So back to the same old story if we get it we will need officials so keep an eye on the clubs web site for more information.

In the next few months there are a few Kanacrosses on the programme please support these as it gives the rest of the club members who don't have rally cars a chance to play.

Until Next Time

Greg Wright

Don't forget to listen to 4ttt on Saturday mornings between 10am and 10.30am for their motoring show.

## WOW WHAT A MONTH

Cardwell rally was great and the Ingham rally was not to be left behind. The roads were smooth, slippery and quick. All the 16 entries had a ball, some sob stories and 2 broken back windows, that is so random. A big thanks to Heckla for running the show and all the other officials that helped out, these events don't happen without officials. The year started off

slow with not many events but now, there seems to be some sort of motorsport on every weekend, lets go NQ.

Club Meeting  
Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room  
13 September 2010

Open: 7.42 pm

**Attendance:** Greg Wright, Geoff Nicol, Emma, Murray Sutherland, Ken Whitby, Kerry Cobbing, Marc Fisher, Aiden, Deb Melrose, Nathan Mullins, Robert Clem

**Apologies:** Kristy Baldey

**Secretary:** Minutes from last meeting read.

**Treasurer:**

- Expenses passed around
- Receipts are outstanding
- Events breaking even, some losing money
- Khanacross need to run at a minimum of 20 cars to cover the cost of the water truck
- Asset register to be done so we know what we own

**Editor:**

- All good
- Wants articles

**Club Captain:**

- Directors please send in names for events

**Social:**

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**President:**

- Brisbane: all about rallying, were given a book of competitor feedback. At the meeting there was Central, Us, Brisbane, Northern District, Ipswich and Rally Panel. The main comments for events are keep it simple, cheap, over in a day, bbq, drink and home.  
QRC next year proposed 4 rounds: two Brisbane, one Rocky, one Townsville. Rally Panel to review the meeting next Monday night and if it's yes then we need to apply to run a round. If we get it, the rally will be run in Ingham as logging in Cardwell will take place next year and we'll lose a stage. The rally will need a min of 150km. Rally Headquarters at Ingham showgrounds, with start, finish and service in forest.  
One condition of QRC is cannot drop a round. Get bonus points for starting the rally. If we run it will definitely need more officials. Each start needs 3 or 4, to book in and countdown clock, two at flying finish and stop. Barry Nuendorf from Brisbane s has offered to direct the event and Peter Marcovich to be Course Checker.  
Proposed targeted scrutineering to be done next year. Date of rally at this point is May Day long weekend. If too wet for Ingham, Kirknee is the second option. – Seconded, Passed.
- At present you pay to register for QRC and this point next year you won't need to. Locals can compete in these events. Rally will still run if the QRC guys come or not.

- Do promotional start to tie in with Strand Markets and then start 9am Saturday the next day.
- Will need to have someone to organise officials, one for sponsors, one for roadbooks, and one for communications.
- Sean, a CAMS Development Officer is coming up to the next Hillclimb and then will be running a forum on the Monday night, so clubs from around North Queensland have been invited to send along 3 members to have a talk about CAMS. More information will be passed around as it comes.

**General:**

- Murray – pulled in at a truck place on Ingham Road to see about running Motorkhana; waiting to hear back about it. It will be smoother to run on.
- Kerry – dirt motorkhana can be run at the Hillclimb service area. There has been a letter put into council requesting the area to be bituminised.
- Nathan – maybe we can liaise with other people that use the hill. The airstrip at Donnington Park has also been given as an option. Chris Condon has offered running club events in the Showgrounds.
- Kerry – too many people have interest in using the hill so things now have to be in at least two years earlier.
- Aiden – has anyone looked at Bowhunters land.
- Robert – some acreage behind the drag strip may be available too just, for the next 5 years, still waiting to hear back from the owner about it
- Deb – Cardwell, when the Rally finishes can we please inform the officials when they are safe to leave.
- Nathan – we need officials to stay at controls as in Cardwell the officials on section 1 were not there. It's a safety issue – Wrightie they have been spoken to about it.
- Geoff – Ingham was shambles, turned out alright, had a lot of positive feedback. There will be a thank you bbq for those that have helped out at Cardwell and Ingham.
- Kerry – Khanacross 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September. Numbers will need to be known by the 22<sup>nd</sup> need at least sixteen to run.
- Kerry – would like a pass a motion to get a set of mud tyres and rims for the club ute – Seconded – Passed
- Kerry – Don't forget the Hillclimb

Closed 8.37 pm

# BATHURST AT BOXHEADS

**WHEN- 10<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2010**

**TIME- WHENEVER U CAN MAKE IT**

**WHERE- BOXHEADS 415 STUART DR, STUART**

**WHAT TO BRING- NOTHING**

**COST- \$5.00 BBQ LUNCH, \$2.00 BEER, \$1.00 SOFTDRINKS (BYO SPIRITS)**

## **WORKING BEE AT BOXHEADS ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> OCT TO GET READY FOR BATHURST.**

### **HOY WINS 50/50 INGHAM FOREST RALLY**

AFTER SEVERAL DISAPPOINTING DNF's IN A ROW, GORDONVALE BANANA FARMER, WAYNE HOY FINALLY SHOOK THE MONKEY OFF HIS BACK TO TAKE A CONVINCING WIN AT THE INGHAM 50/50 RALLY HELD IN THE FOREST AROUND INGHAM QUEENSLAND ON SEPTEMBER 11.

HELD OVER ONE DAY, AND A ROUND OF THE TOWNSVILLE TWIN CITIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, THE EVENT COMPRISED JUST TWO STAGES, OF 13.06 AND 19.91 KLMS IN LENGTH RUN THREE TIMES DURING THE DAY AND ONCE AGAIN IN REVERSE AT NIGHT. BLISTERING HEAT DURING THE DAY RESULTED IN MANY CREWS RETIRING WITH OVERHEATING RELATED ISSUES. LONG GRASS ON THE SECOND STAGE QUICKLY BLOCKED A NUMBER OF RADIATORS CAUSING A SCRAMBLE FOR WATER AT A NEARBY CREEK CROSSING AT THE END OF THE STAGE.

RUNNING CAR 2 ON THE ROAD, THE POWERFUL RX7 MAZDA OF HOY WAS THE FIRST VICTIM TO SUFFER A SUDDEN SPIKE ON THE TEMP GAUGE AS THE NIMBLE BUT LOW PROFILE MAZDA BECAME A VIRTUAL LAWNMOWER FOR 8 KILOMETRES. AND GRASS QUICKLY FILLED THE INCLINED RADIATOR. THINKING THE EVENT WAS PREMATURELY OVER FOR THEM YET AGAIN, THE CREW WORKED FRANTICALLY TO CLEAR THE TRAPPED DEBRIS FROM THE FRONT OF THE CAR AND PUMPED ABOUT 20 LITRES OF WATER INTO THE ROTARY. LUCK WAS ON THEIR SIDE AND THE UNDAMAGED ENGINE REMAINED STRONG FOR THE REST OF THE EVENT.

WHILST RELATIVELY MODEST IN NUMBERS THE FIELD HAD SOME VERY COMPETANT PEDDLERS INCLUDING 5 TIMES AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION ROSS DUNKERTON IN HIS BDA ESCORT, CO DRIVEN BY LONG TIME PARTNER ALAN STEAN. THEY TOO SUFFRED OVERHEATING PROBLEMS WHICH FORCED THE DUO TO NURSE THE CAR ALONG FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE EVENT AT A LESS PUNISHING PACE AND IN THE END THEY HAD TO SETTLE FOR THIRD PLACE OUTHRIGHT.

EXPERIENCED BROTHERS DAVID AND PETE KAYESS IN THEIR TOYOTA SPRINTER RETIRED MID EVENT WITH A BROKEN DIFF AND CONSISTENT DRIVING SAW THE PAIRING OF MULLIN AND FORD IN A NISSAN SKYLINE. TAKE SECOND PLACE FOR THE DAY.

RESULTS: 1<sup>st</sup> outright Wayne Hoy/Lisa Dunkerton Mazda RX7

2<sup>nd</sup> outright Nathan Mullin/Ford Nissan Skyline

3<sup>rd</sup> outright Ross Dunkerton/Alan Stean Ford Escort 1800

### Report from the Kiwi Goat – Cardwell Rally

My wife, Sharon and I were coming over to Townsville to spend some time with Greg and Sandi Fitzgerald and catch up with the Aussie friends that we have made when they came over to the Otago Classic Rally in NZ over the years. I was a wee bit chuffed to find out that the timing fitted with the Cardwell Rally.

I was keen to see how a rally would be over here. To give you some background, I have a workshop that prepares cars and we lease rally cars. I also drive whenever I get the chance.

So when “slow” Phil rang and asked if I would co-drive with him I just had to say yes.

I spent a day prepping the car and loading it up to head up to Cardwell. Now, you have to understand when I told my wife we were camping she hit the roof. But, I told her it would be okay as Greg and Phil would take turns at night patrolling the camp site for drop bears, snakes, and crocs. This calmed her to a state of okay and that would be good of them, but who is doing the first shift?

Now, I had never been in a car with “slow” Phil before and with my lack of co-driving experience, I was somewhat nervous.

So, as we drove out the gate and turned left on our way to the 90 left up into the plantation, I just never saw the road and got us well lost so when I looked at “slow” Phil and said “*Do you not know where you are going?*” (I thought it was his local rally), he just gave me “the LOOK”. Now I was in the She\*t and we had not even got to the start yet.

Into the start we went. “Slow” Phil was on it straight off the go and I would have to say I did a crap job of co-driving. I gave him some calls that he will never again hear in a car. ☺ You should have seen his face when I said “*Phil see that triple caution, I think we should slow down for that*” he he he (I think I was meant to say “in 300 meters there is a caution” [monotone]. Most of my calls were like this all day so “slow” Phil did well to keep the Silly car (ce-li-ca) on the road.

I was just having too much fun and looking at the road to see what you have out there to give him the instructions.

Well here we are, what a great rally. Great people and a wonderful day. You all made Sharon and I feel welcome and it is a memory that I will keep forever.

Well done “slow” Phil, (who is really FAST Phil) you did so well without a co-driver. I had a great ride! Thanks to Greg and his beautiful wife, Sandi also Phil’s gorgeous wife Di for their hospitality.

Thanks to all. GREAT WEEKEND!!!!!!!!!!

Paul Goatley

**MURRAYS LOVE TIP**

Make sure you choose wisely when there is a Bathurst party on the same day as your wedding anniversary

## **dATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>25- 26 September</b>	<b>Khanacross</b>
<b>3 Oct</b>	<b>Hillclimb</b>
<b>16- 17 Oct</b>	<b>Khanacross</b>
<b>30- 31 Oct</b>	<b>Rally Sprint</b>
<b>13- 14 Nov</b>	<b>Ironman</b>
<b>20-21 Nov</b>	<b>Final NQ series</b>

Stewards School to be held in Townsville for those who are interested – 1 day course.

### **1982 Mazda Familia**

Black with red trim  
Group A spec turbo  
Roll cage and Harness  
Qld registration til Dec 2010  
CAMS logbook  
Homologation papers  
Number of spare tyres and papers

\$5,500 call Heckler 0417 614 663

### **1985 Mazda Familia**

- White
  - Roll Cage Harness
  - Group A Spec Turbo
- Log Book

### **1987 Mazda Familia**

blue and yellow  
chrome roll cage  
Murray Coote built  
log book, but not going



Spare tyres and Parts  
\$7,500 for both  
Contact Heckler 0417 614 663

## **DON'T BE A STRANGER COME TO THE CLUB MEETING**

Club Meetings are the 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, at  
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**Yours in motorsport**

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