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General Meetings  
First Thursday of Each Month

**December 2013**



**BENDIGO CAR CLUB**

# Upcoming events

5 <sup>th</sup> December	BCC General Meeting	Maiden Gully
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Presentation Evening	Maiden Gully
9 <sup>th</sup> February	BCC Test 'n' Tune, Come 'n' Try	Bagshot

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## **Presidents Report.**

Well another year is completed and what a year we have had, unfortunately it wasn't the year that was planned with several events cancelled or postponed due to everything from total fire ban days, exceptional wet and the last one due to the planned venue being unavailable, bugger, bugger.

On the positive though several of our members have had a successful year of motorsport.

Firstly congratulations to Tristan Penhall and Jolie Middleton for being crowned the 2013 Victorian Rally Champions.

Jeremy Holt, navigating for father Ken, is the 2013 Outright Victorian Off Road Champion Navigator, with taking 3<sup>rd</sup> Outright and the pair winning the Super 1650 class championship.

David Anderson and myself have also had a good year taking out the 2WD Extreme class in both the VORC and Mallee Shield as well as the Mallee Shield Outright for the 5<sup>th</sup> year straight.

There have been members competing across the country in many forms of motorsport, I hope they have all achieved their goals for the year.

Roll on 2014, at last month's committee meeting a calendar was formulated, the general structure hasn't changed from previous years as well as a couple of inclusions that include and social tour and trivia night. There has also been a couple of working bees calendared for works at Bagshot.

The year will once again kick off in February with the presentation evening on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February and test and tune on the next day at Bagshot.

Finally I would like to congratulate all the club members for making the year another successful one and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

**Yours in Motorsport.  
Craig Button  
President Bendigo Car Club**

## **2013 Bendigo Car Club Championship**

This year very few members nominated to official at BCC events, as a result there are several members who competed in our championship rounds are not eligible for awards, at the printing of this newsletter the final points for 2013 have not been finalised. The winners will be notified prior to the presentation evening in February.

## **2014 Bendigo Car Club Championship**

Again next year to be eligible for points in the 2014 club championship, members have to nominate at least 2 non BCC championship events that are run by the Bendigo Car Club in the calendar year. A nomination form will be available at the monthly events, as well as at the general meetings. A register will be kept and each month a list of nominated officials for the next event will be posted in the Crossflow. If a member does not nominate for their events they will not be listed in the points posted, the same goes if they do not attend the nominated events without prior notification.

## **Event Reports.**

### **BCC VCAS Rd 10-11-13**

A smaller field than we have had in previous years meant that track time was aplenty with all competitors offered 6 runs, as well as an early finish time. In all 53 drivers showed up on the day for the autocross from most of the VCAS clubs and 9 competitors for the motorkhana.

Firstly the motorkhana. The usual front runners, Ross Batson and Kian Heagney, both made uncharacteristic mistakes wrong directioning a run each, this left the door open to the younger Heagney brother, Tynan to take to outright win ahead of a consistent Matthew Shanahan.

In the autocross, home track advantaged seemed the order of the day with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> outright going to BCC members after 6 runs that saw time tumble on each run as the track cleaned of and gripped up with very little damage occurring to the track. Brad Hall never looked like getting beaten all day in his ex-Penhall Subaru WRX. The next 4 places was a tussle between John Hardiman (BCC), Darryl Wensley (BCC), Martin Grigg (MADCC) in a buggy and Jason Whittaker (CCC) in a WRX. In the end John Hardiman drove his usual consistent day taking second overall, while Darryl Wensley just missing the podium by less than 2 seconds in 5<sup>th</sup> outright.

Usual BCC front runner and defending BCC champion, Brendan Paynting, had to swap cars before the event with his red WRX missing one of the cylinders somewhere around the rally sprint track a couple of weeks earlier. He was piloting the Innes Honda Civic along with Renee Innes before a drive line failure put an end to their day.

In all the day was a great day, dust was an issue but the breeze was in our favour meaning there was no hold ups and the feedback from all was positive.

## **NEWSFROM THE COMMITTEE**

### **Authorisation of Bendigo Car Club expenses.**

All expenses to be claimed by members must be authorised prior to purchase of the goods.

Anybody wishing to make expenses claims relating to either the clubrooms at Maiden Gully or the Bagshot complex are, required to contact Mick Elvey prior to the said purchase.

All other expenses are to be authorised by Glenyce Coombs or Craig Button

### **Vicroads Club Permit Scheme requirements**

Over the last 2 years the Vicroads scheme has become very popular and our club has had several requests from people wishing to get "Cheap Rego" this scheme is not just a cheap rego it is a privilege for our members to utilise their pride and joy vehicles

Many of our members have utilised the scheme for their vehicles and in the majority there is no problems with dedication of members to the Bendigo Car Club, however there has been a couple of case where the members who have been issued a permit have not fulfilled the current obligation and had their renew rejected by the permits officer.

As with every rule or regulation reviews are undertaken and given the requests being made to our club the committee have decided to increase the participation requirements for members utilising the Vicroads Club Permit Scheme.

The change is:

Members who have a vehicle/s on the scheme must:

- Attendant at least 2 monthly General Meeting of the Bendigo Car Club, and
- Participate in at least 2 other activities of the Bendigo Car Club, either as an official or participant.

For proof of compliance it is suggested that members have their Log Books endorsed by a senior official at an event or a committee member.

# **VICROADS CLUB PERMIT SCHEME**

As you all should be aware, the recent changes to the Vicroads Club Permit Scheme have opened up freedoms on the use of vehicles. This has led to an increase of enquiries and demands for it from members and prospective members of our club. Due to this, there has been some concern that some people may take advantage of the cheap “rego” offered by the scheme without putting anything back into the club. As a result, the committee have moved that some requirements be placed on members who have vehicles on the Vicroads Club Permit Scheme, they are as follows.

Members who have vehicle/s on the Vicroads Club Permit Scheme must attend no less than **TWO (2) GENERAL MEETINGS** and participate in at **LEAST TWO (2) OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT THE BENDIGO CAR CLUB** is involved within a membership year. It is the member’s responsibility to maintain proof of this for the permits officer at time of renewal, a suggestion of this proof is get an official of the attended function to sign your Vicroads Logbook.

The club activities that are eligible for this are:

- Club run motorsport events, competitor or official
- Social tours
- Working Bees

**If you use your car without renewing your membership you are driving an unregistered, uninsured vehicle. Vicroads will be notified of un-financial members who are using the scheme.**

If you have a car that was on the scheme and is no longer please let me know, as the permit is not transferable if the vehicle is sold.

Permit renewal forms are printed with 45 or 90 days. If you wish to change the number of days a new form will need to be completed

The club also requires that a vehicle inspection be done on an annual basis; these can be obtained from Norm Brown at **Specialist Brake and Clutch** in Golden Square or **Roger Hall** in Myers Flat.

**John Orr**

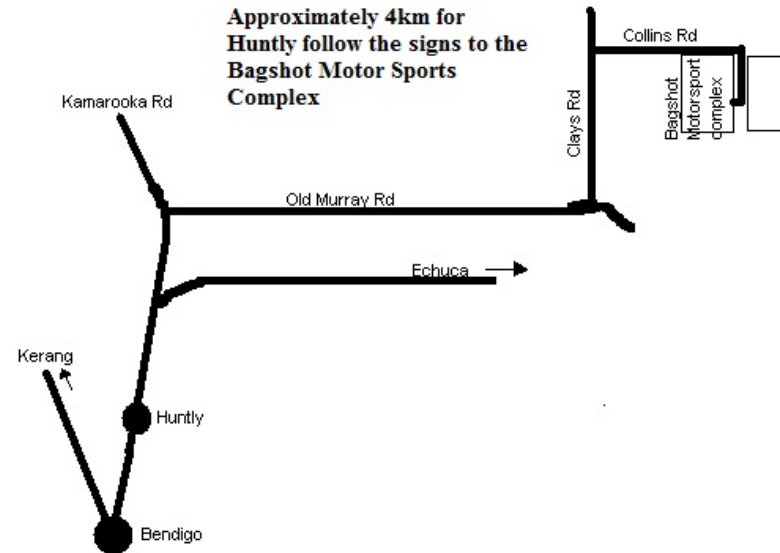
**Club Permit Scheme Official**

Below are some shots from BCC members competing in the HRA rally Sprint on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, Photos by John Strauch



## TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE BAGSHOT MOTORSPORTS COMPLEX

Due to road conditions and agreements made with local land owners, members are reminded to travel to and from the complex via Clay's and Collins Road. Recently several competitors towing trailers have been using Wirike Road south of the complex gate. Unfortunately most GPS units will direct you down this way. Please follow the posted signs from the Midland Hwy at the Kamarooka/Lockington intersection to the complex.



### TOTAL FIRE BAN DAY POLICY

On days of Total Fire Ban there will be no activities conducted at the Bagshot Motorsports Complex. This also includes events, track maintenance, private practise, etc.

### CLUB MERCHANDISE

The club merchandise is being reviewed and Cheryl Holt is trying to organize a new range for members. Those interested should contact Cheryl.

## Address updating

If you move house or change email address could you please let us know so we can keep you informed and up to date.

Postal address updates can be done by contacting Darryl Wensley.

Email address updates to [enquires@bendigocarclub.com.au](mailto:enquires@bendigocarclub.com.au)

## Penhall Motorsport wins Victorian Rally Championship

Bendigo locals Tristan Penhall (driver) and Jolie Middleton (co-driver) finished Rally Victoria, the final round of the Victorian Rally Championship (VRC) in first place, wrapping up the 2013 season as Victorian Rally Champions.

Rally Victoria, a combined event hosting both the ECB Australian Rally Championship (ARC) and the VRC, was held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November based out of Lardner Park, Warragul. VRC crews competed over six competitive stages in the forests near the towns of Powelltown and Noojee and one Super Special Stage around Lardner Park, totalling 143 competitive kilometres and 327kms of transport sections.

The Penhall Motorsport crew went into Rally Victoria with a firm lead on the championship after their outright win at the AKADEMOS rally in October on 136 points, ahead of Kenway/Palmer on 115 points and Pannam/Dewhurst in third on 94 points.

In order to win the championship, the worst the pair could afford was a third in both heats and with unknown road conditions ahead of them with the Gippsland forest roads receiving heavy rain in the lead up to the event the pressure was still on.

Penhall and Middleton started Heat 1 confident and with a few nerves, but it wasn't long before they were gone and the pair and their '06 Subaru WRX STI Spec C were setting fastest stage times, winning all three of the mornings stages. The Penhall Motorsport crew had won the first heat by 1 minute 26 seconds ahead of Liucci/Gavin in second, Walker/Lowe in third and Kenway/Palmer in fourth.

With Penhall/Middleton securing 30 points for this heat they led the championship by 33 points, and were out of reach for any other competitors to catch; Penhall and Middleton had won the Victorian Rally Championship!

With the championship sealed up, Penhall and Middleton saved their celebrations for later and focused their attention on Heat 2, hoping to make the win even sweeter and win the rally.

The pair continued to prove their strength, again winning all three repeated forest stages and the Lardner Park Super Special Stage, finishing the heat 1 minute 56 seconds ahead. Penhall also showed his autocross roots being the second fastest of all ARC and VRC cars on the Super Special Stage.

Liucci/Gavin finished the heat in second, giving them a second overall for the rally (their first podium finish!), and Semmens/Parry rounding out the top three for the heat and the overall event.

"We couldn't be happier," Middleton said, "Our first championship win and a rally win is the best possible way to end our year and it wouldn't have been possible without the amazing support of our sponsors."

"We're rapt," Penhall said, "It just proves that hard work and dedication does pay off. And with not one mechanical issue on any scale all year, I really want to thank our service crew and sponsors who have not only helped at events but also in preparations before events. We couldn't have done it without them. Rallying really is a team effort!"

Penhall and Middleton started rallying three years ago after Penhall won the Victorian Autocross Series and have come a long way in such a short period of time. Their first two years rallying in a 1994 Subaru WRX they finished 5<sup>th</sup> outright VRC and then 2<sup>nd</sup> outright VRC.

Penhall and Middleton look forward to what the opportunities might be for next year.

Penhall Motorsport is supported by Innes Motors Bendigo Subaru & Honda, Bendigo Tyre Centre and Melbourne Performance Centre.



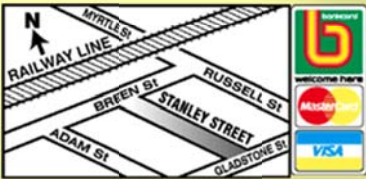
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