



# CROSS FLOW

BENDIGO CAR CLUB  
(BCC)

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April 2018

## Presidents Report

April is here and Easter is just around the corner and we are nearly a third of the way through the year. The 17th and 18th of March Shane Houlahan brought out his grader and water truck and Nic Boswood brought out the Manitou and got stuck into the track. The motorkhana track was smudged and the full off road and autocross tracks were graded and profiled. Great work was achieved by Nic, Mick, Peter and the boys who helped out on the weekend. The track is looking great and hopefully will hold up to the pounding of the H.R.A. rally cars. The next event to be held there for our members championship chase is in May.

I am sitting in my car writing this report at the Eddington Sprints and for the first time in years it is bucketing down with rain here. A good field of cars and bikes have turned up but its not looking good for the event. We may have to reschedule the event for later in the year. See you at the next meeting. The catering committee will need help to cater for the rally sprint and it would be appreciated if we could get some assistance. Yours in Motorsport.

Kevin Symons

Club President

Bendigo Car Club inc.



## Upcoming Events

<b>5 April</b>	<b>General Meeting 8pm</b>	<b>BCC Clubrooms Maiden Gully</b>
<b>7 April</b>	<b>HRA Rally Sprint</b>	<b>Bagshot Motorsports Complex</b>
<b>3 May</b>	<b>General Meeting 8pm</b>	<b>BCC Clubrooms Maiden Gully</b>
<b>5 May</b>	<b>Twilight Khanacross / Motorkhana</b>	<b>Bagshot Motorsports Complex</b>
<b>20 May</b>	<b>Working Bee / Test &amp; Tune</b>	<b>Bagshot Motorsports Complex</b>
<b>3 June</b>	<b>Khanacross/Motorkhana</b>	<b>Bagshot Motorsports Complex</b>
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## Behind the Screen

Hi Members,

Welcome to April Members, it was an incredibly busy March! The Khanacross / Motorkhana was run at the start of March with good entries and great weather. This was followed up with the Eddington Historic Sprint meeting which unfortunately had to be called off midway due to the inclement weather conditions.

A working bee was held at Bagshot to enable the Off Road / Rallysprint track to be graded and prepared for the upcoming HRA Rallysprint this weekend. Thanks to those who helped out. Last weekend saw the annual running of the Saleyards Dash, held at the Bendigo Livestock Exchange, see separate report.

We've recently sold the Holden Gemini Junior Club Car due to its gain in value and the lack of use that it was getting. The club has been very fortunate to have a late model BA Ford Falcon donated to us by Richard Opie and the team at Bendigo Mazda. This car once prepared will be used as an advanced Junior / Senior come and try vehicle, thanks to Bendigo Mazda for its continued support.



In preparation for the Easter Saleyards Dash, the Club Nissan Pulsar recently received some much due maintenance. Scott Nicholls and his team at Bendigo Tyre Centre went through the car from top to bottom carrying out servicing and repairs where required. Don't forget to drop in and see them for all your Motorsport needs.

On a final note, there are only a few more months left until the annual Committee elections. Each year there are 4 vacancies (each member who's time is up must renominate and face elections if there are more nominees than positions available) with this year being 5 as one person has chosen not to continue. If you are interested please give some thought to joining the Committee and making your time count. It is an exciting time as the Club needs to develop a business plan to determine its future direction and priorities, you can be a part of this!

Hope to see you at the meeting on Thursday,  
Behind the screen—Craig Hardiman





## Club Member of the Month

**Name:** Luke Farrar

**Occupation:** Fitter & Turner

**Years In BCC:** 13

**Favourite Venue Raced At:** Swan Hill Autocross Track

**Vehicles Of Interest You Own:** Nissan R31 Skyline Silhouette

**Best Motorsport Memory:** Becoming Bendigo Car Club Junior Champion

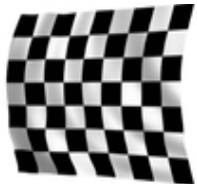
**Favourite Racing Driver:** Craig Lowndes

**Before You finish racing you'd like to:** Compete in the full years Bendigo Car Club Championship and winning

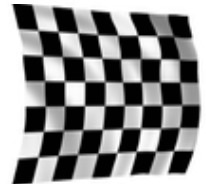
**Best Motorsport Achievement:** Winning the Bendigo Car Club Junior Championship in my Nissan Pulsar ET Turbo.



# *Bendigo Tyre Centre*



If you have any old motorsport DVD's for entertainment for after club meetings, we would appreciate your donation







## Feature Vehicle of the Month



**Type of Vehicle:** 1989 Nissan Skyline R31

**How Long Have You Had It:** 9 Years

**Any Modifications:** Turbo RB30 engine with 235 rwkw, coil over suspension, upgraded brakes

**What Events Is It Used For:** Motorkhanas, has done a few drifting event at Calder Park and Winton but mainly a road car.

**Future Plans:** Keep driving it, have a new engine ready to be assembled and hopefully give it a bit of a tidy up.

**If You Didn't Have This You'd Have:** My project Mk1 escort finished



## 2018 Melbourne Aust Grand Prix

After my usual comments of not doing that again, I applied to official at the AGP again this year and was accepted. Accommodation this year was a lot easier as I stayed with four other people right across the road from gate 10 which is the officials early morning entry port. Two of the people were New Zealanders and despite the fact that we Aussies run them down, they were two of the nicest people that I have met in a while, (Don't get out much!) The five days spent in this accommodation were very enjoyable and educational. But to alter a phrase, what happens in St Kilda, stays in St Kilda, doesn't it Lesley!

Thursday again saw me as line chief for the V8 supercars but as it was a points race this year I had a team of 11 people to delegate tasks to so the weekend was a lot easier. The stress wasn't less as the facilities consisted of a 3mtr X 3mtr tent that had to accommodate scrutineers, pit lane marshals and fire marshals, about twenty five of us altogether and since it rained Saturday 50mm of water in the tent only added to the fun.

We had the usual tasks to perform with nine cars to be audited and all drivers gear to be checked but since we had two races with a pit stop and fuel drop we also had to check pit crew safety gear and the refuel rigs. That was where the stress started. With small garages these rigs were not set up until virtually just before the race. Tests on them consisted of measuring the minimum hose length, diameter of hose, height of the rig and an electrical earth. All of these tests, accept the last, could be conducted prior to the race but the electrical continuity was done as the cars were driving down pit lane to grid up and got completed and stickered just as the race started.

Even though it rained on the Saturday and the race was declared wet they managed to behave themselves, probably because of the amount of championship points available. Some minor incidents occurred, an early release of the 15 car saw a near miss with the 230 car and Tander doing his pit stop slid sideways on the concrete apron to hit two of his crew and send them into the air and land in the garage, lucky the doctors were in the space beside GRM pits. Both Friday and Saturday were late finishes. Arrived Saturday morning before 8.00am and didn't leave track till around 8.30pm.





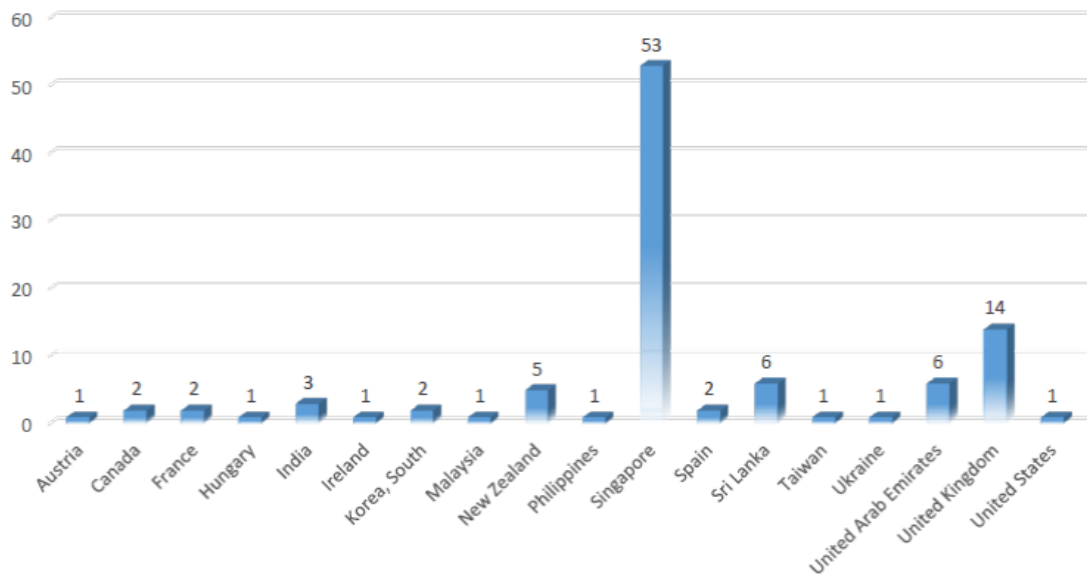
Roland Dane while happy with his showing spent most time writing notes on a pad about other teams and complaining to V8 Tech. Tickford racing seem to have lost the plot and mucked up a pit stop dropping the mega fuels car before the wheel was on. HRT or WAU as they now are jumped out with some success and Erubus also scored so there is a bit of competition to go around, with a bit of luck there will be a few different winners this year. Penske racing were happy but still need to work on setups. Sunday's race saw excitement when Golding's car was returned to the pits still on fire. A burning plastic fan would not go out until eventually they removed some panels and doused it with foam. He didn't crash it but stoped on track when he could not see or breathe because of the smoke and fumes.

Overall this year was most enjoyable and I consider myself lucky to have had the opportunity to work in such a privileged position as there were only four support categories so just four line chiefs. The amount of overseas officials for the event this year was down a bit to 70 plus and I had officials from Singapore, Sri Lanka, Western Aus, New South Wales and some others from overseas that are now residents of Melbourne We even had one scrutineer from the Ukraine.

As usual I was out like a shot after the last V8 race and on the train home so did not get to see the F1 race. Think some flash British guy was disappointed, but you win some you lose some so maybe next time. The photo that I have attached has nothing to do with racing but I think it is a cool shot of the Air force pilot having more fun than you could poke a stick at while flying over the race track and making a huge amount of noise during spectacular stunts.

Peter V.

## 2018 AGP INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT MARSHAL FAMILY



If you would like to view more photos and information follow this link.

<https://www.cams.com.au/media/news/latest-news/cams-officials-gazette-2018-australian-grand-prix>





## Bendigo Easter Parade 2018

Bendigo Car Club was approached by the City of Greater Bendigo and Phoenix FM to supply vehicles for the Bendigo Easter Parade. Thanks to Rod Martin (Holden HQ Monaro) Michael Rossi (Holden Commodore VF GTS) Peter Hardiman (Nissan Skyline) and Bret Borserio (Nissan Skyline) for the supply of these vehicles in the parade. I had my own Skyline in the event and the comments were favourable towards our displays.

Craig Hardiman





## BCC 2018 Championship Update



With nearly 3 months already gone in 2018, we have seen a busy start to 2018. So far we have had our test and tune/working bee, presentation evening, Eddington sprints and round 1 of our 2018 Club Championship. The end of the month will also be our Easter Saleyard Dash and round 2 of the club championship on Easter Saturday.

Round 1 of the championship was a Khanacross/Motorkhana held on Sunday the 4th of March at Bagshot. Firstly thank you to Mick Elvey and his team of helpers who ran a great event on the day and congratulations to Brad Hall on winning the day's Khanacross outright and taking class D honours. Brad had very successful 2017 winning the club championship and has started 2018 in fine style in his Subaru WRX taking an early lead in 2018 points. Following Brad home closely in 2<sup>nd</sup> place as he did last season was John Hardiman and Daryl Wensley came in 3<sup>rd</sup> also in a WRX.

Leading two wheel drive charge was Peter Panozzo in his Datsun 1600 that lead home class B competitors and took an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> outright on the day. 2<sup>nd</sup> in class B and 10<sup>th</sup> O/R was Mark Allan in his Lancer and Dwayne Austin rounded out the top 3 for Class B.

Class C was fought out between the Ritchie brothers in their Commodore, Craig taking the win and Brett in 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind him. Rounding out class C was Rob Andre in his V8 commodore, only just over a second behind Brett.

In the Class A competition Dean Smith in his Hyundai Excel took the win and a respectable 7<sup>th</sup> outright. Adrian Stratford was 2<sup>nd</sup> in class in a Daihatsu Charade and that saw the class A competition out with only the two competitors on the day.

The junior class was taken out by young Peter Hume in fathers' Ford Escort, Peter finished 16<sup>th</sup> overall and even beat home his father Chris who finished 18<sup>th</sup> O/R despite car troubles. Adam Button was the 2<sup>nd</sup> junior in the KE20 corolla and Lucy Allan rounded out 3<sup>rd</sup> position and took the honours of 1<sup>st</sup> Lady for the day.

In the Motorkhana it was fantastic to see a field of 10 juniors; after all they are the future of our club. Peter Hume took the O/R and class honours for the day in the Ford Escort. An impressive drive from first time competitor and new member Marshal Wood saw him take 2<sup>nd</sup> O/R and Michael Midlegy took 3<sup>rd</sup> place both driving the club car.

With round 1 now done and dusted be sure to get out to round 2 of the championship, the Easter Saleyards Dash on Easter Saturday. If you are competing, Good Luck! If not please come out and help on the day and support our members that are competing. It will no doubt be an enjoyable and entertaining day.

Daniel Rossi





# Easter Saleyards Dash 2018

The 2018 Easter Saleyards Dash has been run and won again for this year. Although the event wasn't advertised and combined with a car show as it had been in other years, there was a steady flow of spectators all day and a list of 61 entries.



All up the competitors enjoyed a total of 9 different tests for the day, with specials taking the top 3 positions, Blair Jones being the outright winner and Brad Hall being the best placed Bendigo Car Club member.

Thanks to all the officials who helped out on the day, Chris Hume event Director, John Strauch, Nick Boswood and Tony Moore for their help behind the scenes. Thanks to Scott Innes from Innes Motors LDV for the use of their vehicle for the course car for the day, greatly appreciated.

Thanks ,

Craig Hardiman—Assistant Director





## 2017/18 BCC Committee Members



**President**  
**Kevin Symons**



**Vice President**  
**Chris Hume**



**Treasurer**  
**Tony Moore**



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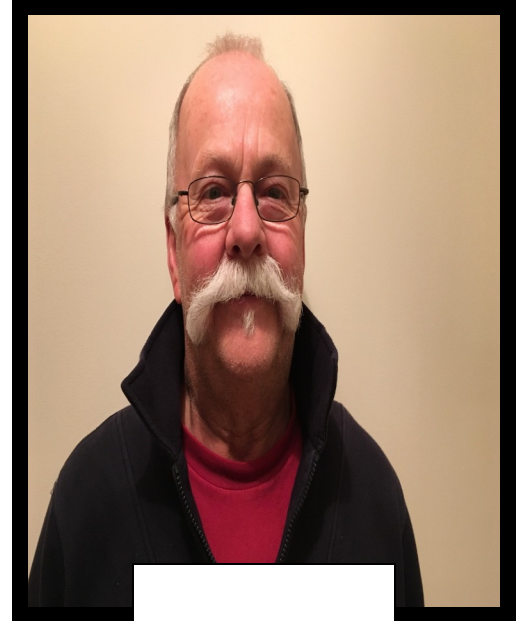
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**Membership  
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John Strauch**



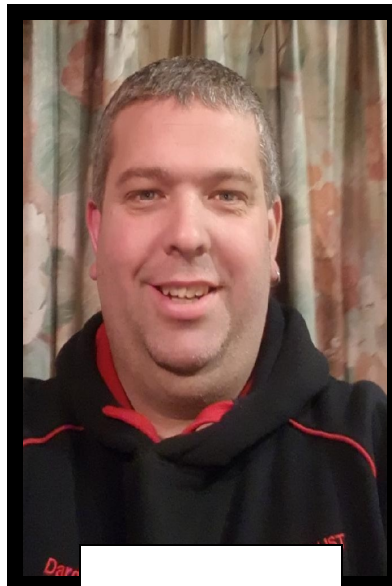
**Property Officer  
Nick Boswood**



**Peter Weichard**



**John Hardiman**



**Darden Brown**



**Brad Hall**





## BCC Life Members

1991	Max Jackman *	2002	Harrie Larter
	Bill Atkinson *	2005	John Orr
	Frank Panozzo *	2012	Craig Button
	Frank Coad	2013	Michael Elvey
1996	Rosalie Panozzo	2014	Ken Holt
1998	Lois Jackman		Cheryl Holt
	Phillip Gallagher	2015	Peter Valentine
1999	Laurie Johannesen	2016	Roger Hall
2000	Norm Brown		
2001	Barry Farnell		





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## BCC Contact List

The Bendigo Car Club is a multi-disciplined motorsport club that gives its members the opportunity to compete in a wide range of activities. Below is a list of members who can be contacted in regard to specific disciplines of motorsport.

Event Type	Contact
Motorkhana	Brian Shanahan
Khanacross / Autocross	Mick Elvey
Rally	Murray MacKenzie / Tony Moore
Off Road	Craig Button / Jim Coombs / Ken Holt
Bitumen Sprints / Circuit	David Dixon / Roger Hall
Officiating	Peter Valentine / Les- ley Smart
Vic Roads Club Permit Scheme	John Hardiman / John Orr / Mick Elvey / Craig Button



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