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# Management Committee Meeting Summary

Summary of the Management Committee Meeting held at VCCA Club Rooms,  
1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale  
on  
8 July 2024

## **Treasurer Report:**

Operating costs are within expectation.

## **Membership Report:**

Full membership include Family - 250, Senior - 49, Social - 28, Honorary - 3, Life - 1, Associate - 50, Total Voice - 381.

## **Historic Queensland at MP October:**

Discussion held on what needs to be organised. Promotion of the event is ongoing through all marketing channels.

## **Kevin Bartlett Patron:**

Resolved to contact Kevin to confirm his appointment as HRCC Patron.

## **HRCC Life Membership:**

The Committee considered a couple of names for life membership of the club.

## **2024 Annual General Meeting:**

The 2024 AGM will be held on Monday 24 November 2024 at VCCA Club Rooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale.

## **HRCC Club Forum:**

The next Club Forum to be held on Saturday 31 August 2024 at the VCCA Club Rooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale.

## **2025 Historic Competition Calendar:**

Proposed that following dates be considered for 2025:

TTT Day - February 2025

Autumn Historic - 16-18 May 2025

Historic Qld - August 2025

**Next Meeting:** 12 August 2024

**Committee Meeting minutes are available for members to view on request. Please contact the club secretary.**



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Matt Campbell is now at the very top of international sports car racing but historic racing in Queensland had something to do with that. I think it's fair to say his talent was first recognised in Frank Marshall's ASP F3. He was way further up the field than that car should have been and mistake free, but it was probably the drive in Ray Cleaver's Tiga sport 2000 that caught everybody's attention.

Ray was a good steerer, but Matt was going at least 3 seconds a lap quicker. From the tower I could see he was smooth, in complete control and so, so fast. We all knew at that point we had a very talented young man on our hands.

Grant Sparks set up a financial mechanism that provided the opportunity to invest in Matt and allow him to get a professional drive. The rest is, as they say, history.

Cheers  
Brian Ferrabee

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SPORT

# Le Mans win in the sights of the Flying Builder

DAVID McCOWAN  
MOTORSPORT

Matt Campbell should not be racing in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. All things considered, a working class kid from Queensland should not have a chance to take on more than a dozen Formula One drivers in one of the world's biggest races.

The hybrid Porsche with his name on the door is a world away from his old Datsun 1200, and the 325,000 spectators at the European circuit are a universe away from quiet supervision by his late grandfather at their local track.

And yet, Campbell will be the first Aussie since Mark Webber to have a shot at outright victory at Le Mans. He earned the remarkable opportunity with victories in major races such as the 24 Hours of Daytona and Bathurst 12 Hour this year.

"I didn't think it was going to happen," Campbell said.

"I'm forever grateful to my family, especially my mum, who risked a hell of a lot financially to be able to give me this opportunity."

Motorsport is frightfully expensive. Recognising the potential of a young Campbell years ago, a handful of mentors, rival drivers and family members pooled their cash to give him a chance on the promise Campbell could make the big leagues and pay them back.

The deal was put together by Porsche racing specialist Andy McElrea, inspired by similar equity programs that helped Australian drivers Will Davison and Will Power.

"What looked to be a quite effortless career was hanging in the balance," he said.

"Convincing people that kids are going to be good enough to get

paid lots of money to give them a return wasn't the easiest thing to do.

"(But) it was not about the financial investment, so to speak, it was about being able to sit on the couch and watch this apprentice builder from Warwick winning the Bathurst 12 Hour, winning the Daytona 24 Hours – and hopefully winning the 24 Hours of Le Mans soon."

Le Mans has attracted F1 champions such as Fernando Alonso and Jenson Button in recent years. Four-time champion Sebastian Vettel could be next, after a test alongside Campbell a few weeks ago.

Porsche's new Hypercar is so advanced that the manual for the steering wheel has 69 pages.

It has to be capable of racing flat out for 24 hours – the equivalent of 16 grands prix, non-stop, in one day.

Fierce competition from European and Japanese manufacturers Ferrari, Toyota, Peugeot, BMW, Cadillac, Lamborghini and Alpine will push the cars and the drivers to breaking point.

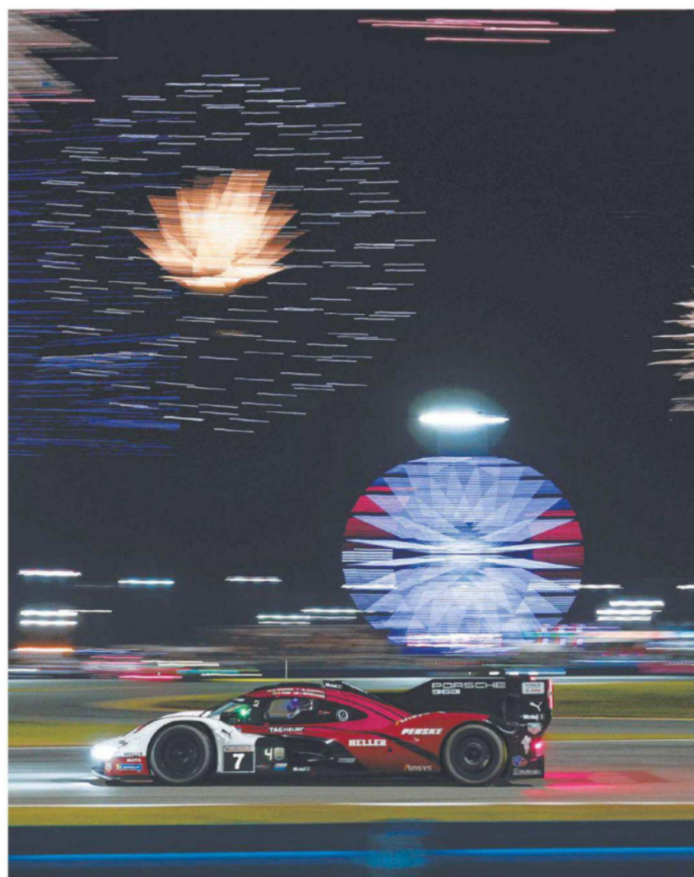
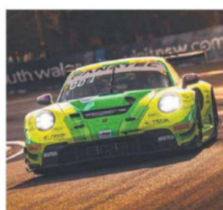
Australian motorsport commentator Richard Craill took his voice to Le Mans last year.

"After Formula One cars, you won't find anything as fast and technically advanced as a Le Mans prototype," Craill said.

"The Le Mans 24 Hour is one of the biggest car races in the world. The depth of this field is phenomenal."

Craill said Campbell truly beat the odds as someone with "no wealth at all" to make it to the summit of endurance racing.

"His family worked incredibly hard to support the early racing – his granddad, his mum and his aunt in particular invested every cent they had," Craill said.



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Former apprentice builder Matt Campbell wins this year's 24 Hours of Daytona, main. Inset left: Campbell celebrates his victory in the 2024 Bathurst 12 Hour Race at Mount Panorama, and his Bathurst-winning Manthey-EMA Porsche

"That Andy McElrea-led group including Michael Hovey and Grant Sparks ... had that not come along, he would not be doing what he's doing now, potentially winning Le Mans."

"It's such a rare thing... someone delivers on natural talent, but then galvanises the people around him to go 'well we know you've got no money, but we're gonna support you regardless because we think you're the real deal'."

There is zero doubt Campbell is the real deal.

He played a starring role in

Porsche's victory at the Daytona 24 Hour in January, sharing his car with a veteran sports car racer in Dane Cameron, ex-F1 driver Felipe Nasr, and two-time Indy 500 winner Josef Newgarden.

Porsche's crew for Le Mans and the World Endurance Championship includes international racing stars with experience at the highest levels of motorsport.

Though Campbell's resume looks thin in such company, McElrea says there is no doubt he belongs in a star-studded squad.

"All those dudes have that

European wanker, swagger, arrogance about them – and the little builder from Warwick is quicker without any of the bullshit," McElrea said.

"It's not a stretch to say that the kid who was an apprentice builder in Warwick nine years ago is one of the absolute top sports car drivers in the world, and that's absolutely no exaggeration, which is bloody cool."

"He's going to be, in another 10 to 15 years, one of Australia's most successful-ever drivers."

"At the end of the day, apart

from Jack Brabham and Alan Jones, he'll be the greatest."

Campbell is far too modest to make such an outlandish statement. But he is glad to have repaid the people who put their faith in him.

"I'm very grateful that it's all worked out for the people that have been involved in this journey," he said. "I'm exactly where I wanted to be."

And when Le Mans starts on Saturday, Campbell will be exactly where he should be – racing at 340km/h alongside F1 stars.





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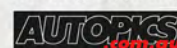
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## 2024 AGM

The 2024 HRCC AGM will be held on Monday 24 November 2024 at the VCCA Club Rooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale.

Notice of Meeting and Office Bearers nominations forms will be sent by email directly to members.



## HRCC CLUB FORUM

The next HRCC Club Forum will be held on Saturday 31 August 2024 at VCCA Club Rooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale.

Invitations will be sent to all current and past members. Look out for further info on the [HRCCQ facebook page](#).

## KEVIN BARTLETT HRCC CLUB PATRON FOR 2025

The HRCC Management Committee again welcomes Kevin Bartlett to be the clubs Patron for 2025.

Big Rev Kev has been a member and supporter of the club for many years, his reputation for skill, knowledge, fair play, common sense, and his great love of motorsport see him regarded with respect, by all walks of motorsport, from Sir Jack Brabham to the most casual spectator.

The HRCC thanks Kevin for his support and patronage.



# QHTCA QLD CUP RD 2 TROPHY WINNERS

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grahame Wrobel (Mustang) - 73 points

## Under 2 litre Nc Cars

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cameron Hein (Mk2 GT Cortina) - 86 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> John Tupicoff (BMW) - 75 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Stewart (Volvo) - 66 points



## Na-Nb Under 3 litre Cars

- 1<sup>st</sup> Will Colton (Mk1 Lotus Cortina) - 84 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shane McJanett (Anglia) - 74 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Waddington (Mk1 GT Cortina) - 62 points

Congratulations to all trophy winners for round 2 for 2024.

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### TENTATIVE ICC CALENDAR DATES FOR 2024

Date	Event Type	Host Club	Venue
14 July	Show 'n Shine	MX-5 Club of Queensland	Caboolture Aero Club
20 July	Super Sprint	Porsche Club Queensland	Morgan Park, Warwick
10 August	Regularity	BMW Club Queensland	Lakeside
1 September	Khanacross	HSCCQ	Willowbank
8 September	Hillclimb	MG Car Club of Qld	Mt Cotton
29 September	Navigation Run	MR2 Owners Club	TBC
27 October	Consistency Sprint	Qld 86 BRZ Club	TBC
14 December	Trophy Presentation	Inter-Club Challenge Queensland	TBC

The Inter-Club Challenge is a grassroots motorsport competition involving 12 Car Clubs and 12 different events in 2024.

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# 2024 HISTORIC MOTORSPORT EVENTS

Event	Dates	Venue
HSRCA - Sydney Classic	8-9 June	Sydney Motorsport Park
Motorsport Australia State Championship Race Meeting Rd 3	15-16 June	Morgan Park Raceway
VHRR - Winton Festival of Speed	2 - 4 August	Winton Motor Raceway
Motorsport Australia State Championship Race Meeting Rd 4	10-11 August	Queensland Raceway
HLS - Historic Leyburn Sprints	17 - 18 August	Leyburn, Qld
GSCC - Historic Hillclimb	30 Aug - 1 Sept	Mountainview Motorsport Complex
HRCC - Historic Queensland	18-20 October	Morgan Park Raceway
GCC - Australian Hillclimb Championship	24-27 October	Bryant Park, Vic
BF - Baskerville Historics	1-3 November	Baskerville Raceway, Tas
Motorsport Australia State Championship Race Meeting Rd 5	8-10 November	Morgan Park Raceway
VHRR - Historic Sandown	8-10 November	Sandown Raceway
HSRCA - Summer Festival	30-1 December	Sydney Motorsport Park



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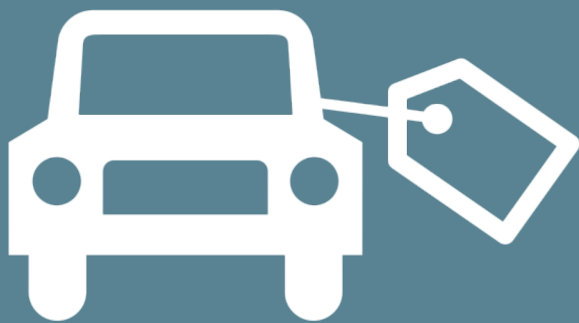
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In 2010, all rust was removed and a full body structural restoration was completed by Pebble Beach award winning Sleeping Beauties, Brisbane.

A stunning duotone refinish resulted in a white turret overlaying a lower body in blue whilst internally the original red trim offsets the AMC tri-colour presentation. Over the years mechanical overhauls have returned this wagon to a high level of on-highway cruising ability.

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Meanwhile this one-careful-lady-owner 2012 Mitsubishi Challenger LS Diesel automatic has done under 177,000 kilometers, features dealer fitted towbar plus electric brakes and has never been off-road or on the beach.

Unfortunately, due to a December 2023 skiing accident in Canada John is now having to give up motorsport and the Torana, a PBL 2490 kg ATM trailer and the Mitsubishi Challenger are now available for purchase. The PBL ATM 2490 kg tandem trailer is fitted with a 12,500 lb electric winch.



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*Picture shows from Left A048 new, A048 worn & A052 new.*

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