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2023 Group T Champion

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS DESK

Dear HRCC Members, family and friends

First and foremost, thanks to all volunteers, competitors, pit crew and spectators who gave their time, energy and 'hard earned' at race meetings this year. If the October racing at Warwick was any indication, we are going to have a terrific 2025. We also want to acknowledge the multitude of interstate competitors who joined. The feedback was really positive and it's great to have their southern support.

Reminder - The Christmas party is less than a month away. A relaxed venue with good parking is being trialled for this year (Hamilton Hotel). If you are attending, please hurry and RSVP, so the catering can be locked in with the venue. It should be fun, with the usual social banter, raffles and trophy awarding.

As we move towards the holiday season, it would be a good time to reflect on the year we have had....Phew.

The HRCC is about to 'pivot' and make evolutionary changes to align with racing and motorsport covering the next 10 years. Remember - the HRCC is NOT Robinson Crusoe. All historic racing clubs are facing the same growing pains.

Car types/age/eligibility, membership demographics/age, which tracks to use, historic cars languishing in sheds, volunteer scarcity, etc.....the list goes on. There are many factors which have occupied our thoughts this year. To continue to sustain the club's health, we need to get in front of this 'freight train', which is heading our way.

The 2025 management committee has a small, focused action plan, which arose from the August roundtable meeting. The evolution of the club will take a couple of years. But if we make steady progress by completing each small action plan, we will be in awesome shape. Aim small - miss small is a good way of putting it.

Communication - In the coming months you will get regular updates, outlining the actions which are being progressed on behalf of the club. To refresh your memory, it's worth re-reading the roundtable minutes.

It is also likely the club will have a name change, to identify WHO we need to be in the future. But don't worry, our Historic DNA will remain front of mind.

If you care about the club, your support in volunteering on some initiatives will be most appreciated. Remember - without volunteers there is no club!

The HRCC remains one of the significant racing clubs in the country and was instrumental in establishing many motoring events across QLD. Let's keep it that way.

Other points of note:

1. The 2025 race event calendar has been published. Don't forget to lock the dates into your calendar.
2. We want to grow our membership, so please think of 1 person that each of you can encourage to join up in 2025. This is a major focus for us.

Reach out if you want to chat.

Chris Fung
Vice President

Invitation

Christmas Party

& Awards Presentation

Come along and take part in celebrating the achievements of the
HRCC 2024 Club Champions on



SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER
Arrive 5.00pm for 6.00pm start

Hamilton Hotel
442 Kingsford Smith Drive, Hamilton



COST \$50 PER PERSON

Two course meal of main and dessert will be served.
Please advise of any special dietary requirements when booking.

Complimentary beer, wine & soft drinks until the bar limit is reached, after
which a cash bar will be available.

RSVP: 21 NOVEMBER 2024
Booking essential

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15 - 16 Feb*

TTT Day & Super sprints

Open to Modern and Historic Cars

**Morgan Park
Raceway**

9 - 11 May*

Autumn Historic Warwick

Open to Modern and Historic Cars

**Morgan Park
Raceway**

27 - 29 June*

Winter Historics

Open to Modern and Historic Cars

**Morgan Park
Raceway**

17 - 20 Oct*

Spring Historics

Open to Modern and Historic Cars

**Morgan Park
Raceway**

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* Disclaimer: HRCCQ has planned for these events to take place during 2025 on these dates. However, situations may arise where events are brought forward, postponed or cancelled.

HISTORIC QUEENSLAND PEOPLE PICS

18-20 October 2024 at Morgan Park Raceway

By John Carson



▲Kevin Gray at Qualifying and it was all go for dashing young Kev before he created new oil galleries in his Tiga's engine, in a later race.



▲Sports and Racing Groups Q, R & Formula Ford Qualifying on Dummy Grid.



▲David James in the ex- Mike Gehde Lola points out his driving force, the Drive Against Depression insignia.



▲Bruce Combe, Group U Falcon Sprint, still with eyes closed after refusing to watch his energetic and safety minded wife, Tracy, provide backup assistance with a fire extinguisher whilst an errant sports racer is refuelled on the Dummy Grid.

▼Dean Hanger, Group R Sports, illustrates a safe and innovative means of fuelling his Sports 2000 combination of driver and Lola.



▼John and Penny Barram before he alights his Group Q Mark 5 F3 Cheetah.



▼Craig Robertson on left against car, Group N Charger RT E/49 plus his big team of helpers.



▲Darryl Meehan, Alfetta GTV, was keeping the rubber warm in Group Sc.



▼Spencer Rice had brake issues... but that didn't "stop" him or his very fast Group N Alfa GTV 2000.



▲Andrew Gamblen Group Sb Fiat 124 AC in pensive mode on the Dummy Grid.



▲Gayle Morgan helps husband David 'keep his cool' in the ex-John McKeon Lola (then orange, now blue) and as a result, David turned in an ice-cool P.B.



▲The family that pushes together stays together and whilst Robin Mciver of Ipswich had entered his blue MGB in Group S there were mechanical issues and so at the last moment he entered his road going mustard MGB GT in Regularity ... except that there were new gremlins afoot in the starting stakes ... and so devoted wife Naomi and strapping son Harrison were put to the task of push starting, and pushing... and pushing ... and there was more pushing until Robin eventually found a small incline on which to leave the car ... he was last seen driving home to Ipswich, mid Sunday afternoon ... alone!!!

◀Bill, another of our supportive officials, ticks off the next grid line-up, this time Group U, A, C & Invited.



▲Some of the 12 entered Super Mini Challenge brigade at Morgan Park for HRCC 19/10/24 event.



▲Barry Bates, grabs a break between runs in his superb bright red Group Lb 1962 Thompson Special.



▲Graeme Wakefield's Spencer Rice fettled and schmick Alfa Romeo GTV 2000.



▲Geoff and Dalia Gillespie beside his beautifully presented Group U Mark 2 Escort.



▲Doug Anderson from NSW gets a proper strapping in to his 'neat as a pin' Elfin.



◀David Benda had come from SA with his pristine Group R TIGA Sports 2000.



▲Two of the Formula Vee boys with Sydney's Daniel Bando and seated at the rear, the always consistent and local stalwart, Neil Siver.



▲Peter Thompson, Group R Sports 2000, has a Tiger for a co-driver in his TIGA!

QHTCA QLD CUP RND 4 TROPHY WINNERS

LAKESIDE

2-3 NOVEMBER 2024



Over 2 Litre Nc Cars

1st Grahame Wrobel - 30 points (Mustang)

Under 2 litre Nc Cars

1st Cameron Hein - 78 points (Mk2 GT Cortina)

2nd Chris McIlwain - 72 points (Datsun 1600)

3rd Bob Stewart - 42 points (Volvo)

Na-Nb Under 3 litre

1st Will Colton - 92 points (Mk1 Lotus Cortina)

2nd Rodney Hansens - 71 points (mini Cooper S)

3rd Shane McLanett - 69 points (Anglia)

After Rd 4 Will Colton (MK1 Lotus Cortina) has taken out the championship with 321 points, followed by Cameron Hein (Mk2 GT Cortina) on 297 points and just a couple points away is Shane McLannett (Ford Anglia) on 288 points.

Congratulations to the overall champions for 2024 and all the trophy winners for Round 4.



Photos by Garry Saunderson





QHTCA 2024 QLD CUP OUTRIGHT CHAMPIONS

- 1st Will Colton - 321 points (Mk 1 Lotus Cortina)
- 2nd Cameron Hein - 297 points (Mk2 GT Cortina)
- 3rd Shane McJanett - 288 points (Ford Anglia)

QHTCA 2024 QLD CUP CLASS WINNERS FOR OVER 2 LITRE NC CARS

- 1st Grahame Wrobel - 266 points (Mustang)
- 2nd Peter Baguley - 178 points (Holden Torana XU1)
- 3rd Russell Mc Dowell - 138 points (XY GTHO Falcon)

QHTCA 2024 QLD CUP CLASS WINNERS FOR UNDER 2 LITRE NC CARS

- 1st Cameron Hein - 297 points (Mk2 GT Cortina)
- 2nd Chris McIlwain - 168 points (Datsun 1600)
- 3rd Bob Stewart - 125 points (Volvo)

QHTCA 2024 QLD CUP CLASS WINNERS FOR UNDER 3 LITRE Na-Nb CARS

- 1st Will Colton - 321 points (Mk1 Lotus Cortina)
- 2nd Shane McJanett - 288 points (Anglia)
- 3rd Dave Waddington - 139 points (Mk1 GT Cortina)

QHTCA 2024 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Andreas Mueller (BMW)

Photos by Garry Saunderson



MEMBER INSIGHTS

Peter McConnell

What is your most memorable race?

Speed on Tweed & Leyburn

What is your dream car and why?

To build a Castrol Super Falcon XY. Because it's a wild beast.

Your favourite movie and why?

Running on Empty. Close to my heart as we street raced in the 60's & 70's. Fords Forever.

What is the coolest sound?

A 351 Ford engine at 7,500 RPM



What is your favourite track to compete?

Morgan Park, Warwick

Who is your favourite motorsport hero?

Dick Johnson (then) Matt Campbell (now)

What motivates you?

The sound of V8's and the smell of petrol fume.

What does the perfect day look like?

When you bring your race car in from racing, and it is straight and still running.

What is the best part about competing?

The mateship and banter of fellow competitors.

What would be the hardest thing to give up?

Motor racing and work.

What is your favourite quote?

"Go hard or go home"

~ WANTED ~

HRCC CLUB MERCHANDISE PERSON

We are still looking for a person to showcase the merchandise of the HRCC to competitors or spectators who attend race meetings here in South East Queensland? It is a great way of meeting club members and other race members from all over Australia who stop by the tent/trailer to enquire about our range of merchandise for sale.

The trailer is kept in a storage shed at Sumner Park, close to the Centenary Highway so easy access on the way to Morgan Park. The trailer has a lean-to tent, tables, and all current merchandise.

Be the person who selects the Merchandise items for resale and the choice is endless. Additions can be made through the present supplier or other suppliers.

If you are interested or want to some information please contact:
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\$34,500.00

WELSOR WAGGOTT HISTORIC GROUP Q CLUBMAN IN VERY GOOD CONDITION

With C of D, Historic Vehicle Log Book and a good assortment of spares incl. spare blocks & 3K big port cylinder heads.

Built by Welsor (Colin Wear) in 1972 and was very successful in the NSW and Victorian clubman championships throughout the 1970's both as the Welsor works car (driven by David Seldon) and then by Baron Revelman.

It was the first Welsor to feature a one-piece beam front axle with radius arms and a Watts linkage that provides extremely good handling and very late braking plus simplicity in front wheel alignment.

Its rear suspension comprises trailing arms and a BMC differential with fully floating axles and both front and rear suspensions feature adjustable coil-over AVO springs and shock absorbers.

Braking is by four-wheel disc brakes and it runs 8" front and 10" rear rims fitted with near new Avon slicks.

It is powered by a Corolla 3K engine (1298 cc, twin 45 DCOE Webers, dry sump, electronic ignition, etc) with Carillo pistons and Spool conrods and a close ratio 4-speed Corolla gearbox with Modena gears and shafts.

I have owned the car since 2003 and have used it mainly in historic racing and the Morgan Park sprints.

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\$34,950.00

1965 RAMBLER CLASSIC 660 CROSS COUNTRY WAGON

Built at AMI Port Melbourne, one of only 185 in 1965, this American/Australian beauty was discovered, unrestored, in Adelaide in 2009 and driven home to Brisbane by the current owner.

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.

In 2021/2 a complete engine overhaul was completed by Mark and Garry Hammond of Capalaba and the car was last displayed at the RACQ Motor Fest in June 2023.

Personalised plates, subject to state laws, are included in the sale.

Originally considered as an historic tow vehicle for a 1968 AMC AMX 390 the complete combo is also available with a tandem trailer to suit.

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1971 Lancia Fulvia Sport 1600 Historic Race Car

- Logbooked Group Sb with sealed engine
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1968 Morris Mini Cooper S, Group U Log Booked Historic Sports Sedan

History:

Competition history from 1977, mainly raced Amaroo & Oran Parks

Restoration:

Completed to 1983 spec for COD purposes. Livery: Rapid Transport

Mechanicals:

1380cc (new build by Ken Nelson) Russell Head, CAM. All the best components I could afford for reliability & performance. Diff: MED LSD ratio 3.9:1 Gearbox: Straight cut Remote Shift

Paint:

2 pack fresh total respray (2020 - GC Restorations)

Wheels:

Original set Mawer 13x8.5", 10x8", 13x8". Custom made Mawer 13x9", 10x8"

Tyres:

Hoosier Radial Slicks front and rear, 2nd set Avon radial front

Brakes:

Morris Marina Callipers (front), Morris Mini drums (rear), Master Cyl Triumph Stag

Way more than asking spent on the car as built to race not reluctantly sell.

Happy to answer any questions as the car has been a passion over 3 years of the research and build process.

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