

500 CAR CLUB OF TASMANIA QUARTERLY 2016



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Gravel Notes

Hello and welcome to a new season for the 500 Car Club of Tasmania!

2015 was a cracker of a year for the club, and leads us into another excellent new season of motorsport mayhem.

In this issue, you will find that the club is tracking well after the completion of the Khanacross Summer series, with many new members competing and helping out with official duties and junior development.

You will also see the outcome of our March AGM, and the approved changes to the modernised Rules of Association by which we conduct ourselves. We also saw a change in President, with Anthony Shaw completing his term, and Graham Malcolm returning after a few years break from the job. A massive thanks must go to Ant for his dedication to progressing the club, and support of events through his business and his dedication. Also thanks to retiring Club Captain, Daniel Willson, who has been a significant contributor for many years.

There is a terrific innovation by long-term member Dale Wiggins with the **Virtual Trial** concept. This should give everyone a unique challenge, and will keep testing us during the year. I strongly suggest you have a go!

The 60th Anniversary Dinner is racing towards us in June, and this will be a night to remember. If you have any snippets of historical info that you wish to add to the night, please let us know via the usual methods (see contacts). The committee is working hard to make this a unique evening, so book it in.

And don't forget upcoming events including a trial, a state rally round, and a rallysprint. If you need a CAMS calendar, please ask Casey to send you one out.

Waldo

AGM 2016

The AGM held at the Civic Club on March 30th saw changes proposed and accepted for the Rules of Association that govern how the club operates, including the modernization of practices.

Most of you should have already received the document via email prior to the meeting, so below is an explanation of the most important changes passed.

Family Membership:

Eligibility is defined as Married or De Facto couples, plus family members from grandparents to grandchildren as approved by executive upon application.

This will encourage wider family participation in events, reflecting the modern nature of an extended family unit. This will allow discretion in regard to applications such as mature-aged or grandchildren, and grandparents.

Any member satisfying this may pay the applicable family membership fee.

This enables any individual under the family membership to make fee payment on behalf of the collective, ie, grandparents may choose to pay for three tiers of family unit

Committee of Management:

The association executive is reduced to five officers. This includes President, Chairman, Treasurer (who shall also act as Public Officer during their term), Secretary/Membership, and Club Captain, with four general committee members.

Reduction in the size of committee from 13 to 9. This is a more efficient and reliable model, and reflects current role requirements

PRESIDENTS REPORT for 2015

On behalf of the current committee I would like to thank you all for coming and for your continued support of our beloved club. As outlined in my report at the previous AGM in 2015, we have continued with a major focus towards entry level events such as Khanacross, growing our membership database, attracting new members & running financially sustainable state level rally events. There has also been significant 'behind the scenes works' to enable our club to run more efficiently and fall in line with modern standards and requirements.

Khanacross has continued to grow which has seen a significant increase in our membership numbers as well as profits. We saw some 60 odd individual competitors enter our events during our summer series, as well as 7 juniors. We negotiated a new venue within Baskerville raceway which is more cost effective, central and appears to be popular with entrants.

We have implemented a social media policy to ensure we are notifying possible entrants well in advance. Our membership numbers are also up some 60+ people (new and old) as compared to an average of approx. 30-40 in previous years.

A restructure of how we do social events has been quite successful with a constant number of attendees that exceed expectations. It's quite good to see the club spirit is not only alive and well but also growing, the amount of family participation is fantastic.

Overall, as you will see in the treasurers' report we have made significant gains as well as allowing for all our overheads, ongoing running costs, depreciation etc.

As we move forward through 2016 and beyond we aim to continue on the current path but also introduce some different styles of events that our members are seeking. We intend to continue growth within Khanacross and introductory events that can act as a stepping stone to get competitors to move forward from Khanacross and into gravel rallying. We intend to reinvest in the venue to benefit our members and eventually expand on plans to kick start rally cross within the state.

Thank you again for your attendance, and as always, your input and feedback is always welcome as the committee acts on behalf of its members and we all share the passion for not only the sport in which we play in, but the family we have all come to be part of.

Anthony Shaw

Treasurer's Report for 2015

The 2015 year has been a successful one for the club. We have seen a renewed interest in the Khanacross series and club nights, as well as conducting two successful TRS rounds. We have also seen an increase in family memberships, which is fantastic to see the up-and-coming juniors of the club competing, and their parents on the side-lines cheering them on.

These successful events have meant the club has achieved an overall increase in income of \$6,261 over the previous year bringing our total income received for the year to \$25,504. As part of this increase we were very appreciative to secure a major sponsor in Sackett Services for both our TRS rounds. We also held a successful fundraising raffle, with thanks to the generosity of our club members who donated some fantastic prizes from their own businesses, and to the members who purchased tickets. We were able to raise \$270 to put back into the running of our club and events for its members.

Conducting the TRS rounds created extra spending on items such as CAMS permits and ambulance fees, however with careful budgeting we have been able to control the costs which means our total expenses for the year have only risen by \$2,524.

Therefore the good news is the club has resulted in an overall profit of \$3,583, and if we add back depreciation the profit is \$7,206. From the Club's asset point of view, at the end of December 2015 we had \$9,600 in the cheque account, \$121 in the PayPal account, \$2,000 owing to us as debtors, \$1,329 in the AMP investment account, \$25,607 in the CBA Term Deposit and \$11,807 in Plant and Equipment at its written down value.

Lastly the accounts at 31 December 2015 have been audited by James Gibson who has provided a qualified audit opinion the same as previous years due to it not being practical for a club of our size to maintain an effective system of internal control. However, James advises if this was not a qualification the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies.

We now look forward to continuing this success into the 2016 year with the help of our committee, members and event entrants.

Melissa Johnson
Treasurer

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2016

500 Car Club of Tasmania Incorporated (TAS 03358C)

Wednesday 30th March 2016

Civic Club Hobart, TAS

Attendees:

David Waldon, Melissa Johnson, Casey Ennis, Anthony Shaw, Graham Malcolm, Tim Rose, Daniel Davies, Braiden Scott, Nick Shaw, David Cromarty, Darren Clark, Keryn Gray, John Davidson, Troy Johnson, Steve Norris, Dale Wiggins, Ian Wiggins, David Allwright, Craig Wright, Thea Waldon.

1. Opening and Welcome:

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, David Waldon at 7.01pm, who welcomed all members.

1.1. Apologies: Daniel Wilson, Alex Malcolm, Josh Malcolm, Bec Malcolm, Geoff Rainbow.

Geoff provided feedback at the previous meeting that the clubs reports for the AGM should be distributed via email before the meeting. – Chairman accepted feedback and club will provide reports in the future before the meeting.

2. Ordinary Business

2.1. Confirmation of previous minutes:

Moved Troy Johnson, seconded by Nick Shaw: 'that the minutes be accepted'. Carried.

2.2. President's Report: Presented by Anthony Shaw

Moved by Graham Malcolm, seconded by Casey Ennis: 'that the president's report be accepted'. Carried.

2.3. Club Captain's Report: No report presented as Daniel Wilson is in WA, but what would normally be in this report was incorporated into the President's and Treasurer's reports.

Casey Ennis as Membership Officer advised current membership stands at 91 Active members.

2.4. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Melissa Johnson:

David Allwright queried if TRS Sackett Services sponsorship had been paid.

Advised by Melissa Johnson \$1,000 had been paid and the final payment would be received at the end of April.

Moved by Casey Ennis, seconded by John Davidson: 'that the Treasurer's report be accepted'. Carried.

2.5. Appointment of Auditor:

David Allwright asked how much are the audit fees. Melissa Johnson replied \$572 for last year's audit. Members queried if this was still a reasonable price, and it was determined it was very competitive.

Moved by Graham Malcolm, seconded by Tim Rose: 'that James Gibson be approved as Auditor'. Carried.

3. Extraordinary Business

3.1. Motion to modify Rules of Association

Explanation provided to members by David Waldon, advising the committee had only made minor changes over the years. Two years ago the committee decided to review the Rules, and looked to modernise to meet current banking and electronic means, reducing the size of the committee, consolidating roles, a change to the family membership description and an update to the minimum amount that can be paid without committee authorisation.

Discussion was opened to the floor and the members requested that David Waldon go through each point of the Rules of Association that was updated.

David Allwright queried whether electronic payments likely to happen – confirmed by Chairman and Treasurer.

Ian Wiggins queried about the change to the Family Memberships. He questioned paying a high amount for an individual, while the family price only being \$15 more, and having a number of people under this membership. David Waldon advised that this change wasn't to do with price at this stage, the committee still reserves the right to change the price of the membership fees if required, but this is a method of encouraging more families to be involved in our events by competing or volunteering.

David Allwright questioned the voting rights. David Waldon noted the Rules do state the inclusion of two votes. David Allwright questioned how many people are included under a family membership, was advised it is not restricted, but must be approved by executive.

Keryn Gray said she is more than happy to pay the \$55 for single membership because she knows it goes to help get more entrants in events.

Nick Shaw said we will not get entrants if we don't do this change. David Allwright mentioned the item numbering was not right. David Waldon agreed and will fix accordingly.

David Waldon discussed the changes to the committee positions, and noted Daniel Wilson wished to step down as Club Captain because of his work/travel constraints.

David Allwright suggested the committee was dismissive of the work that Daniel Wilson had done for the club. David Waldon advised he had already spoken to Daniel Wilson, and thanked him for his contribution to the Club Captain role over the years, and reiterated this to the members.

David Allwright said that committee hadn't considered positions like Competition Secretary etc. and started discussing people holding current committee positions.

Graham Malcolm said we need to bring the discussion back to the point, and don't need to talk about specific people and any roles they currently hold.

Ian Wiggins questioned what the current quorum number is for a committee meeting. Melissa Johnson confirmed it is 6. David Waldon said we are only reducing it by 1 person to 5.

Graham Malcolm asked for David Waldon to run through current positions that have been removed or consolidated.

David Allwright said that some of these changes had already been made in a previous copy of the Rules of Association in 2011, but could not produce a copy showing the changes had been made. Therefore the Committee have worked with the current copy tabled to the AGM and this will become the ratified copy if changes are approved.

Daniel Davies suggested once approved, the current copy needs to have a version number and date put on it.

Craig Wright queried section on providing only 1 copy of a newsletter to family memberships. It was decided this was a minimum and to leave as is.

David Allwright questioned about Junior membership, and if there is an age criteria – understood it to be under 16 years old.

Daniel Davies queried 5.7 in relation to public officer, and David Waldon confirmed the current wording is correct.

Moved Troy Johnson, seconded Nick Shaw: 'that the updated Rules of Association be accepted'. All in favour vote was 15 members approved, 1 disapproved.

Elections

4.1. Elections of Officers due to expiry of term:

4.1.1. President: Graham Malcolm elected unopposed 2 years

4.1.2. Secretary: Casey Ennis elected un-opposed 2 years.

4.1.3. Club Captain: John Davidson elected un-opposed 2 years.

4.1.4. 2 x General Committee:

Nominations: Anthony Shaw

Ian Wiggins, David Cromarty, Darren Clark, Thea Waldon

Membership voted: Thea Waldon and Darren Clark successful.

David Allwright and David Waldon thanked Daniel Wilson for his time and commitment to the Club Captain role and read out his resignation letter.

Keryn – asked if we have any Female committee members, which we have Melissa Johnson as Treasurer, and now Thea Waldon as general committee.

4. Other Business

Graham Malcolm thanked the committee for their efforts in getting the rules of Association updated and passed.

David Allwright asked if the club have plans to run more events this year.

David Waldon ran through calendared events for the year.

David Allwright expressed his disappointment for running a pace-noted TRS and will not compete in our events, but will be competing on the mainland.

Daniel Davies asked about Junior development options, expressed that time in the seat is essential, and there is not always enough time at a Khanacross to have juniors drive a car and insufficient people to provide guidance.

Keryn advised the off road has a limited engine capacity for juniors.

5. Closed meeting at 9:01

Khanacross Series Presentations

The Khanacross Summer series was once again a massive success for the club, with 61 individual entrants over four events, and a wide array of cars, skills and species (see below).



We had an influx of very motivated juniors, help from overseas travellers, variable weather (often all at once), and some extremely spirited competition. Thanks to Casey, Bruce, Thea, Johnno, Joanne, Darren, Mel, Tim and all the other super people that put in the extra effort to make this appear seamless for the entrants.



The club held a trophy presentation at the Queens Head Hotel. Congratulations to our Outright Series Winner, Nathan Roddam (Excel), class winners Craig Wright (Sprinter), Braiden Scott (Lancer) and Nic Shaw (WRX), outstanding Junior winner Josh Webster (Excel), and all the competitors that made up an excellent season.





Virtual Trial

Imagine this scene!
You have received a message via courier.

It says says to meet at 7pm at
2 Cross Street.

Now that is where the problems start!
You drag out a copy of **Jarman's** Map of Hobart
Town to find your way there.

(findable on the internet nowadays at
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Jarman%27s_Map_of_Hobart_Town\(1858\).JPG](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Jarman%27s_Map_of_Hobart_Town(1858).JPG))

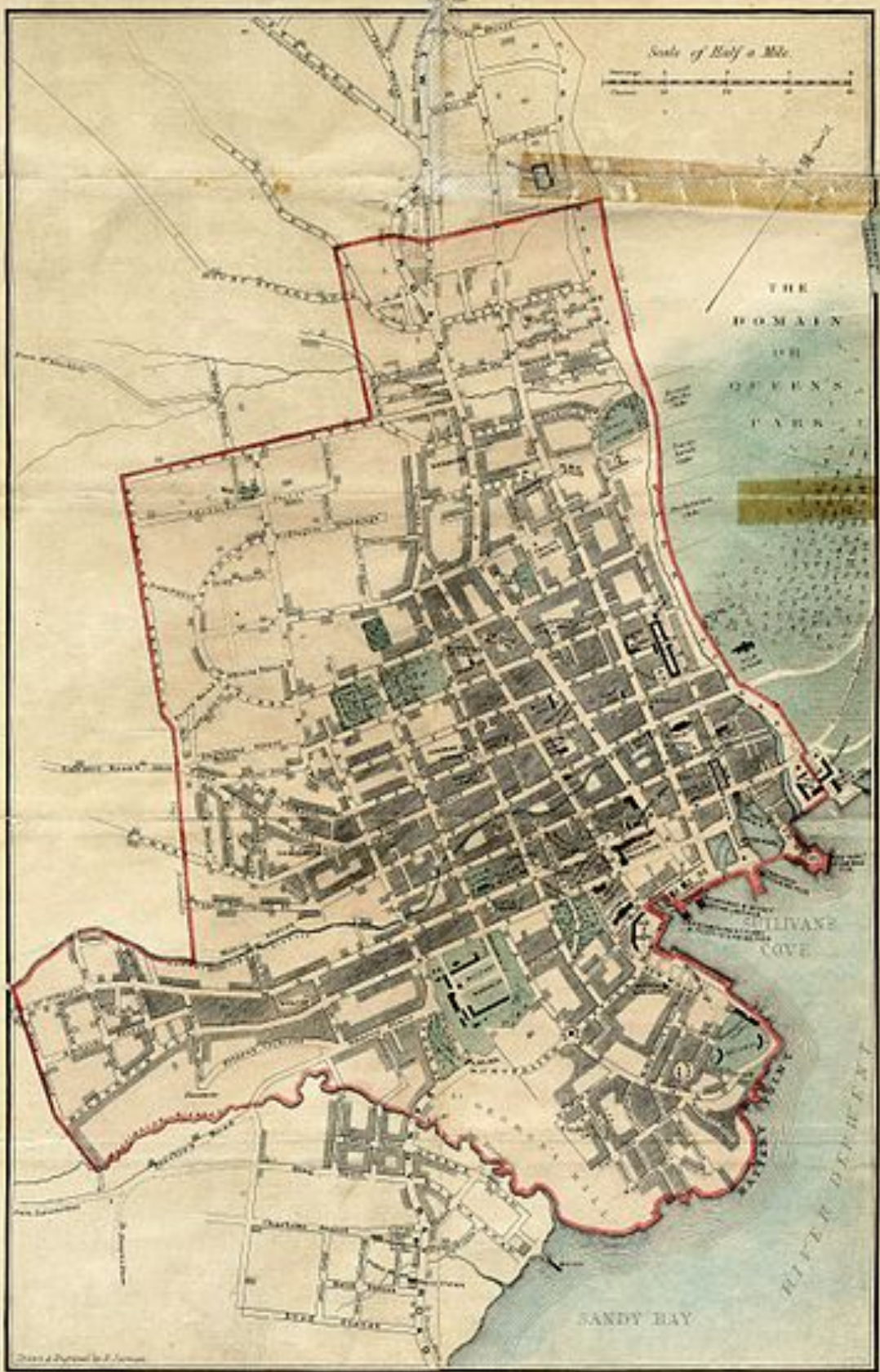
This is **1858**, so no electric street lights, no cars, no pesky cyclists, no phones, and horse and dog dropping everywhere.

The task would be just a gamble as to which address, but people didn't travel much, let alone venture out of their suburb especially at night. Jarman's Map of Hobart Town shows three Cross Sts, but it doesn't show the loads of laneways, night soil access lanes and other shortcuts that existed then.

Find these three addresses, and capture them on a phone or camera with the current street name visible.

Email the pictures with your details to
virtual_trial@500carclub.com.au
More address challenges will be listed soon.

JARMAN'S MAP OF HOBART TOWN.





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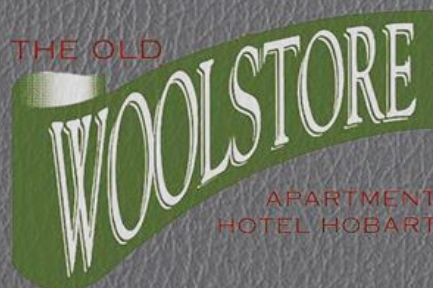
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IN CELEBRATION
OF OUR
60TH YEAR

DRESS TO
YOUR BEST

SATURDAY
25TH JUNE

6.30 FOR
7PM START
3 COURSE MEAL
\$65

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60 Years as a Club

Since inception at our first general meeting on October 5th 1955, the committee of the day received a number of nominations for the club's name.

The following names were put to the vote - The Racing Drivers Club, 500cc Car Club of Tasmania, Light Car Racing Club and the Tas Racing Car Club. With a 50% majority vote by those present, the club was officially named the 500cc Car Club of Tasmania.

What is a 500cc car?

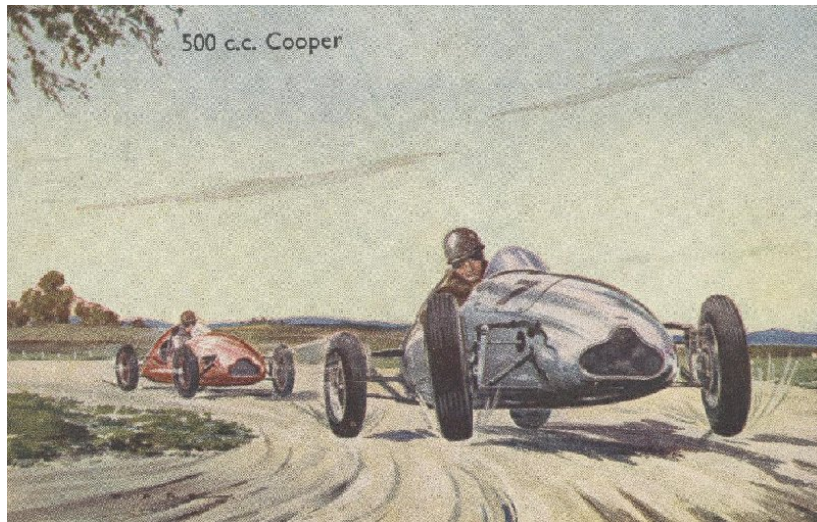
The London based Cooper Car Company began in 1946, simply as a project to build two cars, and ended with two Formula 1 World Championships and the iconic Mini Cooper. Along the way, Cooper Cars became the largest and most successful builder of 500cc Formula 3 Cars and helped create the industry of racing car production.

In 1946, John and Eric Cooper decided they they would build two cars for themselves to hillclimb and race. They had already decided that a light-weight, small-engined car would be the only practical way forward and the 500 rules of the time were ideal.

The resulting Prototype Cooper was a simple, light design using the remains of two Fiat 500s for front and rear suspension, a speedway engine (obtained through motorbike connections), a simple ladder style frame and aluminium body. Crucially, and for largely practical reasons, the engine was placed in the middle of the car, driving a chain to the gearbox and a second chain to the rear axle.

The Celebration

This years 60th dinner will celebrate the foundation of our club, present snippets from our archives, giving an insight into the history and evolution of the 500 Car Club



Tickets available [HERE](#)

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Junior Driver Program

Our club has long identified the need to introduce junior members to the art of driving, whether to establish a path to motorsport, or more importantly to help them develop the necessary vehicle-handling skills and confidence, before entering the mad world of the public road.

Several training days have been conducted in previous years, mostly connected to competitive events. Despite good intentions, and some good outcomes, none have had longevity or consistency.

After this topic was raised at the AGM, a small group was entrusted with the delivery of a more formalized program that could meet modern expectations and requirements. Led by enthusiastic member Daniel Davies, this is now close to fruition.

It is designed to suit those juniors with limited or no knowledge and experience, taking them through the fundamentals of the car from basic mechanicals to simple driving.

To move this forward, we are looking to members for an indication of possible participants. This includes children of members, their greater family and friends, and of course anyone wishing to assist.

Can you please make your interest known by email, stating name and age of junior/s?

email – jdp@500carclub.com.au

Winter Trial June 4th

Following on the success of last years event, this is another easy navigation event on good roads, perfect for the first-time competitor. Add another skill to your motorsport bundle, and have a go at this.

Only requirements are a road car of any kind, a reasonable sense of direction (not compulsory), and a sense of humour (a must!).

All activity is conducted within the public speed limits, and many have discovered that haste is not an advantage.

One of the vehicle occupants must hold a current CAMS L2NS licence or better. Get your friends together and waste a day away laughing!

See the upcoming event page on Facebook, or call [Dale Wiggins on 0412 903 244](tel:0412903244) for further information.



Club Classifieds

Have an item to sell? Members advertise free!
Contact us at newsletter@500carclub.com.au

2016 Event Calendar

June 4th	Winter Trial	Trial	South
August 6th	Safari Rally	TRS 3	South
Sept 17 th	Rallysprint		South
Nov 13 th	Summer Khanacross	Round 1	Baskerville
Dec 3 rd	Summer Khanacross	Round 2	Baskerville

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