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**The next event is The IRE of MAN on February 15 to 16,
entries close Tuesday February 11 (see flyer inside)**

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January 2025

President's Report

2025 is underway and I do hope you all had the chance to have an enjoyable break over the Christmas / New Year period.

This year is shaping up to be a great one with plenty on offer for all of us to enjoy.

Our first event is coming up very quickly, and certainly warrants your attention. **The IRE OF MAN TT** is on **February 15/16**, an awesome two day event held in the Sapphire coast region with an overnight in Merimbula. Martin Leaver has again taken the reins to put together a weekend that is sure to be as enjoyable as it is challenging.

So please get to it and get your accommodation and entries in **NOW!**

Yes that means stop reading now and get it sorted – the rest of the mag can wait.

I can't wait to see you all there and kick 2025 of in style.

IRE OF MAN TT – Get your entries in NOW

- Do not miss this one !!! -

Our first club night returns to Canada Bay Club – Five Dock, with 'Hawaiian Shirt night'. Inspired by Robbie Panetta's bright and colourful shirts during summer – the tradition continues to have a bit of fun at our first and informal meeting of the year. So come along in your Hawaiian inspired number and enjoy a catch up and even dinner in the clubs restaurant if you choose.

Of course outside of our first events, this year will again bring us many of our favourites – be they competition (Championship events) or wonderful social TOURS , your club has a lot on offer.

We will be visiting, and enjoying more of the best of NSW and ACT, delving through some lesser used areas to get you on some roads to explore.

The only piece missing at the moment is you! So by all means lets support our club through enjoying what we love the most – a social catch up with friends and of course The Drive!

Just remember that a club is only as good as the effort of its members. So every little bit will count, drop us a line and a couple of pics of what you're up to – we'd love to see a project on the go, a trip, something you found of interest. You would be amazed how easy it is to fill half a page and 'share' with your fellow club members. You never know where it may lead. If you're up for a bit more each event can't run without officials so if you have been on the fence 2025 is the year to give it a go. Trust me. It is a great way to participate and help out for an event. Well worth thinking about.

In an attempt to keep this opener on the 'lighter / shorter' side please keep an eye out for some more information throughout the mag. This will include items such as ' Short cuts' small news bites and updates, Also a 25 in '25, a quick fun questionnaire to reveal a bit more about your fellow CRC'ers. Upcoming Events, amongst others. So take a look, enjoy the read and I look forward to catching up with you soon.

Alan Walker

CRC President

2025 has us looking forward to the Ire of Man TT, 15/ 16th February.

Martin Leaver has again been hard at work putting together another wonderful event, set to enjoy not just some of the best roads and scenery that the Sapphire Coast has to offer, but an unmissable food stop or two along the way too !

The event structure is a little different from other CRC events, as there is an optional Friday night social function. Friday night is a social dinner in Canberra, 7 pm at Eastlake Football Club, Oxley St in Griffith, which is the same venue as 2023.

As the event start venue is another 1 ½ hours further south of Canberra, at Nimmitabel. The rest area across the road from the BP Service Station. It is recommended that you fill up with fuel here. If the weather is wet, then the documentation will be handed out at the BP.

This gives an option to break up the transit for those coming from Sydney, and will save the club money by not needing to cover accommodation costs for some officials on Friday night.

Nearby to the Friday dinner are the Forrest Inn and Apartments, which was the Rally HQ for the Southern Cross Reliability Trial. Some event officials are staying at the Ramada Diplomat Hotel, while others are Canberra-based, so this saves the club

money. I have been given a discount code for the Ramada Diplomat for the night: CARCLUB.

The Saturday finish, Sunday breakfast and Sunday start will be at the Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle Club in Greigs Flat. This is 5km south of Pambula and 15 km from the dinner at the Merimbula Aquarium and Wharf Restaurant. The event officials are staying at the South Seas Motel in Merimbula, and will be driving to dinner.

Your choice of accommodation in Merimbula or Pambula will be fine for the event.

The finish location - Capital Brewing Co - is only 4 km from the Friday night dinner. This location is close to the Monaro Highway and Canberra Airport, and will allow Sydney-based crews to be back in Sydney by approximately 7 pm on Sunday.

So please be mindful of accommodation and look at getting your entries in early next year.

We'll be sending out some more information soon, so enjoy yourselves and we'll look forward to catching up with you all soon.

Alan Walker
CRC President

CLASSIC RALLY CLUB

IRE OF MAN TT

14-16 February 2025

motorsport australia

A navigation assembly running from Canberra to Merimbula and back, starting with a social dinner and registration on 14 February and then two days of rallying over great roads in south-east NSW

C.R.C.
Ire of Man TT
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Welcome to our 2025 Committee

I'd like you all to welcome all of the committee for taking up the challenge to build upon the solid base the CRC club has. Thank you to,

Glenn Evens for taking on the additional role of Club secretary on top of membership.

Peter Reed returning as Treasurer, along with Ron Cooper as Historic Vehicles Plates.

I'm also happy to announce that Martin Leaver has taken on the role of Pointscorer.

Chris McDonald and Harriett Jordan helping out with a stable hand for the Club mag and website.

As the new incoming President, I along with the

committee, am aware of the challenges we are going to face. I am also sure that you all know that this task can't be achieved without general support and effort from our members. A core group of seven 'officers' can't carry a club, we need you too.

We are still looking for a Competition Secretary to work within the committee group. So if you would like to or a thinking about a way you could help, please contact me I'd be happy to chat about what's involved.

In upcoming issues of Rally Directions we (the committee) will be outlining the areas that we will be looking to bring up to date, and also exploring opportunities to share our

great club with the wider automotive community. Our club had such a wide variety of backgrounds and experience within the members, we just need to take on the effort to get the best of what our club can be.

So I'm looking forward to 2025, and I hope you are too.

Alan Walker



Events in 2025

When the CRC first started there was a wide variety of clubs and organisations hosting the various events throughout the year.

Over the years the efforts of other clubs have dwindled and in many cases the CRC has picked up the pieces and duties to host and promote many of the events during the season.

This has certainly put a strain on the organisers to keep standards high, and has led to fewer events on offer than in the past.

The committee can happily announce those that are still putting in 'the hard yards' to ensure we have some really well run and enjoyable events on offer in 2025.

AROCA Alfa Romeo Owners Club of NSW, will again be hosting the Tour D Course. An event that has now been going for more than 20yrs. In the competent hands of Alfa Romeo (and CRC) club member Martin Leave – this years event should be a great way to spend the day. Check it out in JUNE.

Drivetek Motorsport (Jon and Tina Mansell) running under AASA – will be promoting the Southern Cross Reliability Trial again this year and with a generous open invitation for CRC to enjoy the event and include as part of our championship. We certainly have to applaud them for that.

The Southern Cross Reliability Trial will be run in MAY, a follow up to last years inaugural event bringing us another two day rally to enjoy.

We had a great run and enjoyable time last year and we're sure that this year will be full of fun again. Well worth supporting.

HRC Historic Rally Club – are again hosting a couple of TOUR events this year. These will be social tours and not part of the championship, but as you can imagine many of our members enjoy the laid back

drive and beautiful scenery on offer. Tour of the Western Slopes being held in March is their first one to keep an eye out for.

Classic Rally Club

Certainly not forgetting our own 'in house' Directors and events.

The **IRE OF MAN TT** gives us a mid February start, with an awesome two adventure down the far south coast. Two years ago when Martin Leaver led us down this way we had a great time, new roads, new scenery and the beautiful Merimbula to call home on the Saturday night. We'll be there you should too.

Hidden Gems TOUR, again backing up for the second time round will be Glenda Lawrence and Warren Herrick. A great mid year two day break (19/20th July) , letting us enjoy a tour in the Hunter and Upper Hunter Regions. A great option to enjoy a drive without the challenge of the 'serious' navigation.

Alpine Classic turns 25 this year !

Plans are underway to piece together something a little special and unmissable for the anniversary.

This year we return to the 'traditional' date of the weekend after the Bathurst 1000 in October.

There will be more details filtering through.

So as you can see the CRC and Affiliated Clubs and Promoters have managed to put together a range of events, that are all sure to be enjoyed by all. It takes a huge amount of effort to even get these on the calendar. So all we can do now is leave it in your hands, only your help support and attendance can make these some of the greatest and fun rallies we have access to date.

So lets do it and get out here again and enjoy 2025 the best way possible, by enjoying The Drive !

SHORT CUTS

Previous Committee Members

I'd again like to thank John Cooper, Tony Kanak and Mike Batten for their unwavering years of dedicated service to our club. As committee members they all ensured that the CRC ran steadily through some very tough times for clubs and groups in general. Their service is truly valued – THANK YOU.

CMC Display Day 2025

John Cooper has kindly volunteered to continue organizing the CRC display for the CMC day at SMP.

Last years effort was exceptional and for our 30th Anniversary was an outstanding effort. I personally would have thought John and all of those who helped setup and bring cars along, had the CRC in the running for best club display. Needless to say it was a great day and a wonderful way to interact with a vast number of clubs and see some very special vehicles. Such as the CRC's very own Geoff and Trish Mills and their prototype TRIAD.

Xmas Party

A super day out for the final catchup for the year – John and Wendy Cooper put together what can only be described as impressive lunch at Mulgoa Hall. The hall was full of many familiar faces and even a few that hadn't been as active of late. A great way to spend the day and finish out the year.

It will be certainly a hard one to top in 2025.

Christmas Run (Tour)

A great run for all those that attended.....I certainly would have liked for a few more as the run was well worth it. Hopefully 2025 will bring a lot more attendees.

This year Lauren and I (Alan Walker) had our two kids in tow, so with a couple of extra instructions and a healthy bit of guidance our two new navigators had us enjoying the Tour and looking out for a few simple questions and taking in the sights. A very easy and social way to enjoy dipping your toes in a Tour, even for those partners or friends that don't compete throughout the year.

I can't thank Andrew Taurins, Bruce Miller and their partners for the efforts to put together not only just the run but a delicious morning tea along the way. Well Done !

Christmas Raffle

As it has been a while since Don and Heather Dux last competed in a CRC event, Heather had decided that it was time to find the next custodian of her handmade custom Leather CRC rally folder. A beautiful bit of kit that they put to good use and should be well looked after within the CRC. So it was kindly donated to raffle, to raise funds for children's brain cancer.

A welcome surprise was a massive hamper put together by Jen Navin to also help boost the tally for the charity.

We can't thank these two enough for the kind donations and efforts, alongside all of those that helped raise \$1500 all of which has been donated toward children's brain cancer research.

Yet another great job !

2024 - 30 Years Celebrations

by John Cooper



2024 concluded for the Classic Rally Club with the very successful celebration gathering at Mulgoa Hall on the 23rd November for the Club Championship awards presentations, the Club's 30th Anniversary and our annual Christmas luncheon party. It was attended by around 90 people on a very hot Saturday Western Sydney afternoon, thank goodness for the great air conditioning inside.

I welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance to join in the celebration of our Classic Rally Club's 30th birthday. We had a few travel some distance just to come along, the furthest being Ian Reddock and Amanda from Melbourne. To celebrate the CRC 30th year, a pretty special milestone, so many had come together, so many faces of current members and families, past members, (that's previous members not our good friends who have past). Over the 30 years there's been quite a few that have past, we remembered them and have fond memories of them all.

We were there to congratulate the winners of our Championship awards for 2024 with the presentation of the trophies and getting into the upcoming festive spirit with the Club's annual Christmas Party. I believe the CRC Christmas party has been happening for 27 years now. Something that was started back in 1997 by Past President Brian Cooper in a small hall over at Acadia. It's also been held with the generosity of many members providing their residence and property for us. We would even clean up our Classic Cars for the Walmsley Christmas show and shine award. It's always been a free function, something to give back to our members.

I received quite a few apologies from those that unfortunately could not make it along. There are too many to list, but a few of the main ones were from,

Peter Reed our current Treasurer

Tim McGrath a former Treasurer
 Margaret Brown Life Member
 Lui McLennon Life Member & Past President
 Garth Taylor Life Member
 Matt and Sonja Bryson, Matt is our official
 International Ambassador

We welcomed our founder, the ideas man, Geoff Bott, Life Member and the man who got the club started. His vision and his passion and the proposed concept taken up by The Jaguar Drivers Club to conduct our style of rallying for classic cars back in 1990/91 with the introduction of the Repco Mountain Rallies, 6 days long back then which all formed the basis of our club. Geoff has remained very active with the CRC for our 30 years. I included the copy of the original proposed meeting agenda to form the CRC in the 30 magazine, which can be downloaded from our web page. It contains the attendance list from the original sign on sheet from 30 years ago. Some of those people, the pioneers, who were there joined us at the luncheon and were acknowledged by asking to stand.

Geoff Bott Past President and Life Member
 John Cooper Past President and Life Member
 Adrian Walmsley Past Treasurer and Life Member
 Tony Kanak Past Secretary and Life Member
 here with his long time partner Kathleen Plimsoll who was also at the meeting



Tony Kanak and Kathleen Plimsoll



Gary and Wendy Maher



Jim Richo and Bev

Tony Wise and Jim Barrett

Garth Taylor, Peter Thomson, Ken Smith also there at that first meeting and only recently had to pull out attending.

I welcomed Mike Batten and Dave Johnson, Australian Rally Hall of Fame who gave us so many BFC's, two of our CRC Rally Legends that made it along. Barry Ferguson apologised as he could not make it on the day. It was great to see so many from the earlier days of the Club. Lots of them may not have been at that first meeting but joined up soon after. Retired Rally Directors like Gary and Wendy Maher, Jim Richo, Bev, Mal Sinfield, and Jeff West. Jeff was intending being there and only just had to email me the day before to apologise, a bit crook and not up to traveling on the day. He asked to congratulate the CRC on achieving 30 years, saying in his active time with the club he enjoyed himself and met some great people. There were many from the old Mountain Rally days and so many past and present CRC rally entrants and competitors, some along with their family members

and back amongst good friends. Something I take from this Club is that I can consider all of you my friends. I mentioned Ian and Amanda, Henry and Julie, I thanked them for coming, being there, bringing the spirit of another with them, their very close association with our friend Gerald Lee, who we sadly recently lost this year.

I acknowledged our magazine editor, for putting together, not one but two magazines for the month of November, thanks to Chris McDonald. If you haven't downloaded them yet I encourage you to do so, as there is quite a bit of our 30 year history, now up to date, documented in them. You can read all about it in those magazines.

I mentioned that I'd like you to reflect back over the years that you have been a member on what the club has given you, and all of us, so much to remember and reminisce about your time in the club. We now need to continue with your support to go forward in to the future of the Classic Rally Club. Things aren't like they use to be, we are all getting that little bit older, we can't continue without some modernisation, some fresh ideas and leadership so that the CRC can move forward for many more years into the future. That means hopefully encouraging lots of you to get back behind the wheel or roadbook and come and join in our events, we will have something for everyone.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and a sincere thank you to so many that helped make the day a success.

We had the second half of our main raffle of Heather Dux's leather bound rally folder. We sold tickets at the Alpine Classic rally dinner function and followed that up with selling more at the 30th. The draw, finding the winner in the room, congratulations Bruce Miller, a big thank you Heather and Don Dux for the fantastic prize, and with a donation from the CRC, The Children's Brain Cancer Foundation will be receiving a \$1500 donation. A big thank you to Jen Navin for donating a huge Christmas hamper basket filled with goodies, as the lucky door prize.

Some special mentions and thanks to the following for helping me put the function on. A fair bit goes into organising this function and I couldn't do it without the assistance of Wendy, my wife, who always arranges and liaises with the caterers. They put on another great feed, plenty for everyone. Thanks to Robbie and Zoe Panetta, Ross Warner, Geoff & Trish Mills for their help with the setting up, Peter Jakrot A/C repair and the many hands that stayed and helped clean up/pack up leaving the place spotless for me to hand the keys back. Many thanks to Andrew Taurins, Bruce Miller and their wives, who set and conducted the Christmas Fun Run in the morning to get to lunch, only to be a little disappointed with the small number turning up out of the reasonable field that said they were entering. Apparently they missed another well organised run. Maybe the forecasted temperature turned them off.

Looking around the room there, seeing all the faces, brought back so many good times and memories we have shared together. As it was my last year as President I must again say a big thank you to all my committee members and registrars over my 10 years in office. I think all of you have been there as the full team with me when I took over from Ross Warner. I approached all of you for a commitment and they have well and truly delivered for me. One of my philosophies is, surround yourself with good people and good things happen, they share the load, make my life easier and make me look good. Thank you good people.

The Classic Rally Club thrives, thanks to the dedication of its members. Your participation, enthusiasm, friendship and volunteer efforts are what makes this club so special. Still very special after our first 30 years. Let's continue to celebrate our love for classic cars and classic rally events, forge further and maintain lasting friendships and create more unforgettable memories on the road ahead.

See you all at the next event!

JOHN COOPER

2024 CRC Presentation Award Winners

Compiled by John Cooper

Club Championship Results

Masters

=1st Drivers and winners of The Barry Ferguson Shield — John Cooper and Edul Dhondy

1st Navigator and winner of The Dave Johnson Shield — Mike Stephenson

2nd Navigator — Alan Walker

3rd Driver — Andrew Inglis

3rd Navigator — Ross Warner

Apprentices

1st Driver and winner of The Gerry Crown Memorial Shield — Bruce Miller

1st Navigator and winner of The Shane Navin Memorial Shield — Andrew Taurins

2nd Driver — Murray Baker

2nd Navigator — Nikki Baker

3rd Driver — Joyce Lawrence

3rd Navigator — Susan Genner

Tour

1st Driver and winner of The Brian Cooper Memorial Shield — Doug Barbour

1st Navigator and winner of The Geoff Bott Shield — Xanthea Boardman

2nd Driver — Dennis Oste

2nd Navigator — Michael Malgo

3rd Driver — Michael Maglo

=3rd Navigators — Geoff Hemsall, Anthony Oste, Ted Norman

Future Star in a Rally Car

David Stephenson

Life Membership Award.

Awarded back in July 2024, recognised at the 30th Presentation

Classic Rally Club Life Membership Nomination July 2024

I, John Cooper, President and Life Member hereby wish to put forward a nomination for **Mr Adrian Walmsley** member no 94 for Life Membership of the Classic Rally Club Inc. Nomination seconded by the Club's Secretary Tony Kanak, a Life Member.

I wish to have this nomination put forward and voted upon at the 2024 July General Meeting rather than waiting for the AGM so as Adrian can have Life Membership status at the August Shannon's Day display in conjunction with our 30th promotions.

Adrian was an original attendee at the consensus meeting for the formation of the Classic Rally Club and a foundation member with continuous 30 years membership. Adrian, using his legal professional background drafted and had implemented our first Club Constitution, which was put forward at the Club's inaugural meeting, where he was also elected our Club's first Treasurer, a position he held for 13 years.

Adrian was very active competing in many rallies both as a driver and navigator, with various partners, but mainly with his wife Joanne. He provided much interest from fellow members with some of his exotic and popular classic vehicles, including his rare Double Bubble Lancia. He has always maintained his involvement within the Club either competing or as an official manning controls.

Adrian and Jo generously provided the venue on their property for our presentation and Christmas parties for many years, arranging all the catering and marquee tent and occasionally musical entertainment. Their property was also used for many rally finish locations.

In his occupation as a Solicitor / Lawyer and his legal business would not hesitate to provide the club professional legal advice, pro bono, on such matters that affected the CRC when needed.

On a not so serious note, like it or not, Adrian has provided a monthly joke, either in person or via electronic message to another member for over 30 years.

This was submitted for notice at the July General Meeting for nomination, approval by meeting vote and successful implementation.

Congratulations Adrian



Bryson Family Sportsmanship Trophy

Awarded to Eric and Jenny Young

Each year as President I ask for nominations from the club for worthy recipients for sportsmanship shown during the year. Again it has been left to me to decide. Following information I saw and received at the recent Alpine Classic Rally we had a crew who continually team up, either in a Range Rover or a Ford Falcon and usually and not uncommonly to have some sort of car troubles during the events. This year I spoke to a very happy and surprised Steve Maher who told me that they were on to a winner with making it to the first day's lunch stop without any car troubles.

Unfortunately the happy smiley faces of Steve and driver Ian were short lived, as not long after lunch the Falcon failed to proceed. It was then onto a tilt tray being transported to Bathurst for assessment to diagnose the problem. But being late on a Saturday afternoon the mechanics where it was taken would not be able to look at it until at least Monday.

An unsuccessful attempt to arrange for a hire car saw them stuck in Bathurst and needing to get back to Sydney for work Monday. As control officials out in the depths of god knows where and not having a car come through their control. When reporting in they were advised of the Packard / Maher dilemma. Without hesitation they received a phone call Saturday afternoon from those officials, Eric and Jenny Young, who offered them the use of a vehicle to get themselves home, a Fiat of course.

It was arranged for a Young family member to come up to Bathurst to pick them up on the Sunday, transport them back to Eric and Jen's place in Meadlow Flat, provide them with the car to get home and to returned it later. What great compassion, camaraderie and sportsmanship. It's not the first time these generous people have helped out anyone with some sort of issue during one of our rallies.

President's Award - Presenter John Cooper

Awarded to Tony Kanak

As President 10 years ago I changed the existing Ray Dwyer Sportsmanship award shield seeing we then had two of the same awards, the Bryson Family Sportsmanship trophy and the Ray Dwyer Award. The Ray Dwyer shield was renamed The President's award as most of the past awardees were awarded the shield for service to the club anyway.

Looking over the past 10 years the names that I have found worthy of presenting it to for what I considered benefited the Classic Rally Club in some way for their contribution there seemed to one particular person's name missing, amongst the other good people.

One name that I realised that was missing was a fellow who has been here from the start, 30 years and has held down the same position for 28 years as Secretary. What I have experienced is a great teammate to work with over my time in the President's job. Being able to bounce things off each other to come up with the best solution in the administrative running of the CRC. Nothing I

asked him to do was an issue or a problem. We are talking about Tony Kanak who is now stepping back from those secretarial duties after such a long consecutive role in the position.

For all those years Tony has done all the secretarial things, dealt with all the correspondence, arranged our affiliations, government duties with the Incorporation requirements and dealt with many issues arising. Always available to provide constructive opinions and decisions, making my job a lot simpler. It gave me great pleasure to present **Tony Kanak** my final President's Award.



2024 Alpine Classic

Placegetters 2024 ALPINE CLASSIC

Masters

1st—David Stephenson and Mike Stephenson

2nd—John Cooper and Ross Warner

3rd—Graham Pettit and Phill Stead

Apprentices:

1st—Justin Bedingfield and Mark Tolhurst

2nd—Roger Banham and Roger Barlow

3rd—Bruce Miller and Andrew Taurins

Tour:

= 1st Doug Barbour and Xanthea Boardman

Geoff Hemsall and Fiona Hemsall

3rd—Greg Yates and Karen Yates

Alpine Cup & Sheep Station trophy

Awarded to Mike and David Stephenson

A Little about the Sheep Station award, this trophy was donated and is usually presented by Arthur Bransgrove or his son Garth. Arthur was one of only two who did all 20 consecutively of the first Alpine Classics. You may remember the iconic photo of all his 20 hats on the bonnet of his car and Ross Warner presenting him with a special jacket to commemorate that achievement. Well Arthur is now 93, living in a nursing home in Hammondville, getting around on his walker but has lost the use of most of his speech. He has some of his Alpine hats and photos on his wall in his room. I spoke to Garth who would have been at the presentation but had appointments dealing with the sale of Arthurs house on the day. The trophy was first presented 24 years ago in 2010 to the outright winners of the Alpine Classic, Those being Robbie Panetta and Jeff West. Arthur called it The Sheep Station Award as he considered back then that most of the Masters seemed to be playing for Sheep Stations. The name was appointed long before that other rally branded with the same name came about. Mike Stephenson is no stranger to receiving this trophy as his name appears on it 4 times now.

PAST TROPHY WINNERS,

AWARDS TO BE COLLECTED

I have a number of trophies that need collecting , if your name is on the list please give me a ring, 0414 246 157, Text message or email, johncoopclassic@gmail.com to arrange collection from me, either at a club meeting or event in the near future, or some other convenient place. I can't hold onto them forever. JOHN COOPER

Murray & Nikki Baker

Jim Deves

Anthony Oste

Tatiana Bench

Susan Genner

Grleb Bench

Joyce Lawrence

Alan Watson

Classic Rally Club 2024

30th Anniversary Celebration, Christmas Lunch and Presentation of Trophies



2024 Alpine Classic Presentation of Trophies



1st Place Masters Driver — David Stephenson
Navigator — Mike Stephenson
Presenter — Alan Walker



2nd Place Masters Driver — John Cooper
Navigator — Ross Warner
Presenter — Alan Walker



3rd Place Apprentices Driver — Bruce Miller
Navigator — Andrew Taurins
Presenter — Alan Walker



1st Place Tour Driver — Doug Barbour
Navigator — Xanthia Boardman



3rd Place Tour Driver — Greg Yates
Navigator — Karen Yates
Presenter — Alan Walker



The Alpine Cup
Driver — David Stephenson
Navigator — Mike Stephenson
Presenter — Alan Walker



The Sheep Station Trophy
 Driver — David Stephenson
 Navigator — Mike Stephenson

2024 Club Championship Presentation



=1st Masters Driver
 The Barry Ferguson Memorial Shield
 John Cooper and Edul Dhondy
 Presented to John Cooper by Dave Johnson



1st Masters Navigator — The Dave Johnson Shield
 Mike Stephenson
 Presented by Dave Johnson



2nd Masters Navigator
 Alan Walker
 Presented by Dave Johnson



3rd Masters Navigator
 Ross Warner
 Presented by Dave Johnson



1st Apprentices Driver
The Gerry Crown Memorial Shield
Bruce Miller
Presented by Mike Batten



1st Apprentices Navigator
The Shane Navin Memorial Shield
Andrew Taurins
Presented by Jen Navin



1st Tour Driver
The Brian Cooper Memorial Shield
Doug Barbour
Presented by Ron Cooper



1st Tour Navigator
The Geoff Bott Shield
Xanthia Boardman
Presented by Geoff Bott



2nd Tour Navigator
3rd Tour Driver
Michael Malgo
Presented by Geoff Bott



=3rd Tour Navigators
Geoff Hemsal, Anthony Oste, Ted Norman
Accepted by Tony South for Ted Norman
Presented by Geoff Bott



Future Star in a Rally Car
David Stephenson
Presented by John Cooper



Lucky Door Prize
Donated and Presented by Jen Navin







Secretary's Report – January 2025

Your committee completed several annual administrative functions during December.

- The Annual Summary of Financial Affairs was submitted to the NSW Department of Fair Trading, and the annual association fee was paid.
- The Department of Fair Trading was notified of the change of our Public Officer (to me).
- The CRC renewed its affiliation with Motorsport Australia and paid the annual affiliation fee.
- We renewed our affiliation with the Council of Motor Clubs and paid the annual affiliation fee.
- The Club paid its annual insurance premium.

Thanks to Peter Reed for his prompt attention to these and for the payment of fees and premiums. Thanks also to Tony Kanak who is still having to forward correspondence to me until all these organisations are notified of the new e-mail address for the CRC Secretary.

Condolences. Don and Heather Dux's son, Michael, was hospitalised in November after an accident. Sadly, his treatment was complicated by his existing health condition and he passed away on 23 December. The Club sent our heartfelt condolences and flowers to Don and Heather.

Correspondence. The Club has received the following correspondence since the AGM:

- Minutes of the Meeting on 17 October 2024 of the Motorsport Australia State Council. These minutes reveal that the increased cost of MA competition licences are of concern to participants in other motorsport disciplines as well as ours. In particular, the Autotest (motorkhana and khanacross) representative reported that its competitions have been poorly patronised as many competitors do not undertake any other form of motorsport and have refused to pay the extra cost for a Speed licence.
- CMC Preserve December 2024 issue.
- Thornleigh Car Club's Piston Slap December 2024 issue.
- MA invited the club to the 2024 Motorsport Australia Awards presentation, which will be held on 8 February at Sydney Motorsport Park. Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite. Contact me for more information.
- Modern Classic Cars Foundation is offering fee-free apprenticeships at its Bankstown workshop for motor mechanic, auto electrician, panel beater and painter, and trimmer trades. Contact me for details or visit <https://modernclassiccars.com.au/>
- The Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club has extended an invitation to us to participate in its annual Motorfest. The date is Saturday March 8th, 2025 at Myall Sports Park, Yamba Street Hawks Nest. The focus of the display will be classic cars, hot rods and motorcycles, and a selection of trophies will be awarded in each category.

Glenn Evans

Secretary

CRC Treasurer's Report November 2024

	CRC 1st July 2024 to		25/11/2024		
Balance Sheet	30/06/2024				Change
Bank Account	\$ 15,442.51		25/11/2024	\$ 9,797.29	-\$ 5,645.22
Term Deposit - exp 4/25	\$ 31,308.58			\$ 31,308.58	\$ -
Term Deposit - exp 9/25	\$ 34,869.11		25/11/2024	\$ 36,564.90	\$ 1,695.79
	\$ 81,620.20			\$ 77,670.77	-\$ 3,949.43

Profit and Loss	Income	Expense	Net	Total
Membership	\$ 195.00	\$ -	\$ 195.00	
HVP	\$ 150.00	-\$ 155.50	-\$ 5.50	\$ 189.50

Events

			\$ -	
Alpine 2024	\$ 20,715.00	-\$ 16,406.75	\$ 4,308.25	
			\$ -	
		\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ 20,715.00	-\$ 16,406.75	\$ 4,308.25	\$ 4,308.25

Donations

				\$ -
Admin		-\$ 10,142.97	-\$ 10,142.97	-\$ 10,142.97
				\$ -
Term deposit		Interest		\$ 1,695.79
Change since 30/6/2024				-\$ 3,949.43

Expenses/Admin	
Trophies	-\$ 1,454.87
Website/Domain Name	
Fair Trading	
Newsletter	-\$ 614.00
Xmas Party /30th	-\$ 7,756.00
Insurance	
Council Motor Clubs	
Shannons Day	
MA Affiliation	
Youtube Marketing	-\$ 96.10
Projector	-\$ 222.00
Flickr/Website (alpine)	
TOTAL ADMIN	-\$ 10,142.97

Record of the 26/11/2024 Annual General Meeting of the Classic Rally Club Inc, at the Canada Bay Club.

1. The Meeting was opened at 7.47 pm by President J Cooper. The Attendance Book was circulated, confirming that a more than adequate quorum of members (24) were in attendance. All club officers, members and event entrants were thanked for their support during 2024.

2. Adoption of the 2023 AGM minutes, as printed in Rally Directions, with a copy available for perusal at this meeting: No matters arising, it was moved by P Morton, 2nd by R Cooper to accept the minutes as a true record, carried.

The President, Secretary, and Membership Secretary and HCRS Officer had provided reports for the year in review prior to the meeting. Predominantly these had appeared in Rally Directions. A report from the Treasurer was presented in overview by President Cooper at the meeting. There being no matters arising, it was moved by R Warner to adopt the reports en bloc. 2nd G Evans, carried.

3. Election of club officers:

Prior to the meeting all nominations received in accordance with the Rules had been noted and checked by the Secretary. The Committee stood down for the conduct of the election by Tony Wise, as returning officer. Notably, regarding the elected position of Event Secretary (under the Club rules) there was no nomination for this position, and no offers were forthcoming to serve in this role from the AGM attendees. Therefore, this position was not filled and action in response to this elected position vacancy will require attention from the C'tee as soon as practicable.

Results of the election process, conducted by member Tony Wise- for the other positions were:

President Alan Walker

Secretary Glenn Evans (who will continue in the role

of Membership Secretary as well)

Treasurer Peter Reed

The new C'tee assumed their respective roles in conducting the balance of the AGM and President Walker and Secretary Evans provided some background information on themselves and about their thoughts concerning the future of the Club.

Appointment of other positions by the new C'tee:

Due to the changes in the Executive C'tee, only two other office holder positions were allocated at the meeting, for 2025-

HCRS related matters- Ron Cooper

Council of Motor Clubs Delegate- John Cooper (who was provided with the CRC/CMC ID badge as a handover from the previous Secretary and CMC Delegate, Tony Kanak).

Other appointed positions will be advised when determined.

Tony Wise was thanked by the meeting for his assistance with the election process.

4. Setting of membership fees for 2025:

President elect Alan Walker moved that CRC membership fees for 2025 be increased to \$60 single and \$75 family for 2025, partially to offset the hire of meeting facilities, presently at \$200 per month.

The motion was seconded by T Norman, and was carried.

5. There was no other AGM business in accordance with the Rules, on this occasion.

The AGM component of the meeting ended at 8.32pm.

Tony Kanak

Formerly Secretary

27/11/22

Classic Rally Club Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting
Held at the Canada Bay Club on 26 November 2024

Present:

Alan Walker President
Ron Cooper Committee Member
A Kanak
J Cooper CMC Delegate
G Yates
K Yates
M Browne
Geoff Bott
Ross Warner
Kim Warner
Lui MacLennan
Tony Wise
Julia McDonald
Chris McDonald Editor
Xanthea Boardman
Doug Barbour
Nikki Baker
Murray Baker
Lindsay Trevitt
Paul Morton
Jim Barrett
Tony Norman
Robbie Panetta
Glenn Evans Secretary

Apologies:

Peter Reed Treasurer
E Dhondy
Geoff and Trish Mills
John Henderson
Garth Taylor
Lauren Walker
Bob, Jane and Teresa Morey
Bruce Miller
Steve Maher

John and Helen Young
Warren Herrick
Alan and Shirley Heritage
Mike Batten
Andrew Inglis
Dominic and Tanya Votano

Item 1: Opening

The President opened the November meeting at 8:35pm, following the close of the Annual General Meeting.

Item 2: Reports

Treasurer's Report

The President presented the Treasurer's report for November. The funds at bank, including term deposits, totalled \$77,670.77, a decrease of \$3,949.43 since 1 July 2024. The President noted the pleasing surplus of \$4,308.25 from the Alpine Classic. The Treasurer's Report for November is attached.

Event Secretary's Report

Alan Walker presented the Event Secretary's report, as the immediate past incumbent. He advised that the 2025 calendar is basically set, so the incoming Event Secretary has only to try to fill the gap between the AROCA Tour D'Course in June and the Alpine in October with another event or social run, such as this year's Hidden Gems Tour.

HVP Report

The HVP Registrar reported that 81 cars currently are on historic conditional registration through the Club, and that another five cars club cars have classic conditional registration.

Membership Report

The membership report tabled at the AGM reports the current situation (a total of 347 members).

Item 3: General Business

The President spoke on some of the issues to be addressed in the coming year. These included:

- The conduct of a physical Rally School at some point, and to update the online Powerpoint rally school.
- Motorsport Australia licensing is an ongoing issue.
- The requirement for councils to give consent for the staging of the Alpine Classic is expected to change. The committee will keep the membership informed.

Christmas and 30th Anniversary Function

John Cooper thanked those who helped to set up the Mulgoa Hall for the function, and to clean up afterward. He proposed that Jennifer Navin be thanked formally for her generous donation of the Christmas hamper. There was unanimous support for this and it was not put to a formal motion.

Action By: Secretary

Raffle Proceeds

John Cooper reported that the raffle conducted at the Christmas function raised \$435. These proceeds are to be added to the proceeds of the raffle conducted at the Alpine Classic dinner, which were about \$900 to \$930. These proceeds are to be donated toward research into children's brain cancer, as nominated by Heather Dux, who donated the main raffle prize of her handmade leather navigator's folder. John proposed that the Club donate up to \$300 to take the total donation to \$1500. There was unanimous support for this and it was not put to a formal motion.

(Secretary's Note: The proceeds of the two raffles was \$1350, which has been deposited to the CRC account for onward donation.)

Newsletter

The President thanked the Editor, Chris McDonald, for his work on Rally Directions throughout the year. He called for members to contribute articles, no matter how short, on anything which will be of interest to members, to relieve the work of the Editor to come up with material each month.

Item 4: Close

The President closed the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Alan Walker President
Glenn Evans Secretary

25 in '25

Name: Alan Walker

Member of CRC since : somewhere around 2006/7 I think

Driver / Navigator: Navigator / Director and now President !

Favourite things

Rally: (CRC) Alpine Classic – tried very hard to get a win but never did, so now Direct it !

Car manufacturer: Alfa Romeo

Racing driver/ sports personality: Ayrton Senna tragic, but do also like Alonso

First Car: (that I purchased / not shared) – 1970 Alfa Romeo 1750 gtv, series 2

Dream Car: 1967 Alfa Romeo 33 Stradale, but if a 'family car' 1990 – '95 Mercedes 500E

Movie: Smokey and the Bandit

Actor / Actress: Al Pacino

Place to visit: Goodwood Revival

Childhood game/toy: LEGO

Band/ Musician: Jamiroqui

Game: Anything fun the kids want to play, but if just me Grand Theft Auto on my old PS2

Colour: gun metal silver with the right size metal flake (colour goes so well on many things)

Ice cream/ sorbet flavor: peppermint / choc

Season of the year: summer

Other interests / hobbies: where to start... Huge motoring/motorsport memorabilia collection that includes books, mags, models....on and on and on.....not to mention a couple of classic cars.

What would you do with \$100,000 ? : really setup a well laid out workshop, some on my classic cars and a fun holiday with the family.

Pet Peeve: time wasters, and lack of common sense

Dog / Cat/ Other : Dog

Five words that describe you: Observant, Meticulous, Detailed, Honest, Versatile (Jack of all trades)

Goal for the next 12 mths: Hopefully achieve some 'forward' movement in all parts of life (family, work, Club/s and other interests. And of course have some fun along the way.

Something you'd like to get better at : time management

Something not many people know: When on a trip to the Alfa Romeo museum (old one) place was empty just my brother and I, so I had to take the chance to sit in one of my ultimate cars. The 1750 GTAM was locked however the Alfa Romeo TZ (one of just 114 made) wasn'tso I slunk in and snuck an incredible chance to get behind the wheel of one of Alfa Romeos nicest cars.

25 in '25 (Blank for you to fill in and email to the Editor)

Name:

Member of CRC since :

Driver / Navigator:

Favourite things

Rally:

Car manufacturer:

Racing driver/ sports personality:

First Car:

Dream Car:

Movie:

Actor / Actress:

Place to visit:

Childhood game/toy:

Band/ Musician:

Game:

Colour:

Ice cream/ sorbet flavor:

Season of the year:

Other interests / hobbies:

What would you do with \$100,000 ?

Pet Peeve:

Dog / Cat/ Other :

Five words that describe you:

Goal for the next 12 mths:

Something you'd like to get better at :

Something not many people know:

CRC Event Calendar 2025

Day	CRC Championship Events	Other events / notes
January		
Tuesday 28th		Club Meeting (Hawaiian shirt night!)
February		
Saturday 15th	Ire of Man TT (NA)	Martin Leaver, Andrew Inglis
Sunday 16th	Ire of Man TT (NA)	Martin Leaver, Andrew Inglis
Tuesday 25th		Club Meeting
March		
Tuesday 25th		Club Meeting
April		
Tuesday 22nd		Club Meeting
May		
Saturday 17th	Southern Cross Reliability Trial	Drivetek Motorsport
Sunday 18th	Southern Cross Reliability Trial	Drivetek Motorsport
Tuesday 27th		Club Meeting
June		
15th or 22nd	Tour d'Course	Martin Leaver
Tuesday 24th		Club Meeting
July		
Saturday 19th	Hidden Gems TOUR	Glenda Lawrence/Warren Herrick
Sunday 20th	Hidden Gems TOUR	Glenda Lawrence/Warren Herrick
Tuesday 22nd		Club Meeting
August		
Sunday 17th	CMC Display Day	
Tuesday 26th		Club Meeting
September		
	Event TBC	
Tuesday 23rd		Club Meeting
October		
Saturday 18th	Alpine Classic (25th Aniversary)	Alan Walker
Sunday 19th	Alpine Classic (25th Aniversary)	Alan Walker
Tuesday 28th		Club Meeting
November		
Tuesday 25th		Club Meeting- AGM
December		

Conditional Registration of Historic Vehicles

For all enquiries regarding club plates please contact

Ron Cooper CRC Club Plates Registrar
rondcooper1275@gmail.com Mobile 0403 037 137

49 Wongawilli Rd Wongawilli NSW 2530

The scheme is designed to allow historic vehicles (more than 30 years old) to be registered under conditional registration which provides limited usage of the vehicle and also provides Compulsory Third Party insurance cover both at a very reduced cost. The Classic Rally Club is very grateful to the RMS and the relevant Minister for the scheme which allows the preservation of historic vehicles for road use without incurring the cost of full registration and insurance. The scheme works very well so long as it is not abused; it is not intended for day to day driving such as driving to work, going shopping, commuting to the railway station or driving the kids to school. The introduction of the 60 day log book trial allows members to enjoy 60 days use of the car for driving sake. The Classic Rally Club will not tolerate any abuse of the scheme by club members.

Types of Conditional Registration available to CRC members

1. Historic Vehicle Registration H Plates (HVS)60 day log book which allows 60 days per year use plus club events This an accord between the RMS and individual car clubs
2. An annual signature and club stamp required to ensure you are a financial member of the CRC RMS Form for HVS 1259
3. Classic Vehicle Registration (CVS) similar to above but with modification allowed provided they are certified by and engineer's report. This is an accord between RMS and the CMC /ACMC An annual club RMS form for CVS 1835
4. Rally Registration for outright rally cars, note this is the only way cars with full roll cages can be registered in NSW.

When your renewal with the RMS falls due, they will send you a new Historic Vehicle Declaration form. You MUST have that form signed by the Club Plate Registrar, so allow enough time for this to be done before your registration falls due.

Procedure for renewing at the RMS:

- **Get a pink slip. (The preferred option) You need to send a copy of the pink slip to me.**
- **A return stamped address envelope would be appreciated.**
- **Fill in the Historical Vehicle Declaration and mail to me. Email copies not permitted by RMS. Alternatively you can complete the writeable PDF on the RMS web site and that can be emailed to me but it needs to be posted back.**
- **Club Plates Registrar will complete Section 4. and sign**
- **Take or post your Conditional Registration renewal and pink slip to RMS or Services NSW for processing.**

Don't forget that all movements of your car, other than those set out in the constitution, must be logged with the Club Plates Registrar or logged in your logbook if your car is on the 60 day scheme to ensure your CTP insurance is valid. To log in vehicles not on the 60 day scheme contact me on mobile 0403 037 137 or email rondcooper1275@gmail.com.

Club Rules in addition to RMS Conditions

The scheme is designed for Classic Rally Club members who will be active in club events not just to provide cheap registration as per the overview of the scheme.

The club reserves the right to withdraw eligibility to those who do not participate in club activities.

Members should be financial members for 12 months prior to applying for club plates.

Members with club plates must comply with all RMS conditions and club rules and directions from club officials.

The club reserves the right to accept or reject any cars and to withdraw acceptance to the Historic and Classic Plate schemes.

In addition to the RMS costs the Classic Rally Club charges members on the HVP scheme \$25 per year and require them to sign a document annually requiring members to agree to the conditions of the scheme and to provide information on the insurance of their vehicles.