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Come and enjoy a couple of cold beers or glasses of wine or soft drink, a great meal and a chat with fellow club members.

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## ON THE COVER



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Welcome to the May issue of Wheelspin.

You are probably wondering why there was no April Wheelspin, well it has been a madly busy year so far and with Easter, work commitments, the end of the first season of summer ralliesprints and then preparation for our planned DRS round, the V Sport Caves Classic at Jenolan which was set down for 18 April, but was unfortunately postponed due to the wet weather which swept through the region. So after all of that getting Wheelspin out was nigh on impossible. So for that we apologise.

The V Sport Caves Classic has been postponed until 30 May and hopefully things will have dried out by then so we can make the event happen. We still need plenty of help with officials and helpers for the event, people to run controls, the service park, road closures and of course people to man and run the barbecue so every one can be fed in the bush during a hard day of rallying.

Our next scheduled event is our State Khanacross round set down for Sunday 10 May in the back grass car parks at Sydney Dragway, but with more bad weather on the way and the grounds already sodden it may have to be postponed as well, that is something we will have to make a call on in the week leading up to the event.

Our headline event for the year, the Rally of the Bay is scheduled for 11 July and we really do need a lot of officials and helpers to ensure the Rally of the Bay continues to be the most highly acclaimed state championship rally on the calendar.

Apart from the enormous success the club has had so far in 2015 with the Summer Rallysprints some of our members have been doing exceptional things in motor sport events in the past month or so.

Long time North Shore member Molly Taylor made history by becoming the first woman to win a heat of the Australian Rally Championship taking her Renault Clio to victory on day one of the Forest Rally in WA. It was a tremendous drive and Molly proved she was the match for some of the best drivers in the country beating both the Evans brothers on equal terms, setting fastest stage times in a display of speed and car control. As Molly will tell you she doesn't just want to be the fastest woman rally driver, she wants to be the fastest rally driver full stop. Well done Molly from everyone at North Shore. At the moment she is second in the ARC

heading to round two in Canberra in mid May with four rounds remaining and wouldn't it be fantastic if she could take the Championship and become not only the first woman to win the ARC outright as a driver but the first North Shore member to take the title.

Next Monday we will face our 2015 Annual General Meeting. It will be five years since I became president and I am reaching or some might say have already reached my use by date. It is time for someone else to step up to the role and take on the task of steering the good ship into the stormy waters of club motor sport in the future.

We have as a team helped restore some of the pride and passion into North Shore, restored the membership numbers and bolstered the bank balance. Our Rallysprint series has been largely responsible for this, taking membership from around 50 back in August last year to almost 450 now. Along with that the bank balance has never been better

We need fresh faces on the committee and we need as many of you as possible to pitch in. We are all time poor, I know that better than anyone, but if we all put our hand up for small tasks then we won't have to rely on a handful of people to do most of the work.

Our AGM is a pretty important night in the annual calendar and to help incentivise you to come along and be a part of the night we will be offering two free drinks (beer, wine or soft drink) and half price dinner in the club bistro at the Roseville Club. The club has had a fantastic year because of you the members and so we thought it was appropriate to give a little back.

The reasoning wasn't totally altruistic I have to confess. The success of the club in recent times and the massive boost to our membership list means under our constitution that we require 88 members to either attend or offer up a proxy vote to enable us to comply with the club's rules.

You should have received a proxy form via email from club secretary Michael Kent so if you cannot make it on Monday night, then we urge you to give your proxy to a member of the committee to ensure we can get the AGM done and dusted. If we don't we have to hold another meeting within seven days, which is just a plain pain in the neck. So either come along and enjoy a drink and a meal on the club or send your proxy back. There will also be some good door prizes on the night

so come along enjoy the hospitality, the camaraderie and play a part in the smooth running of the club, you might also take the opportunity to put your hand up for a task and help us all run the club a bit better.

Have a think about how you can contribute and become more involved in the running of the NSSCC. See you at Sydney Dragway for the final tarmac twilight event.

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## POSITIONS VACANT

We have a number of Club positions that need filling now and for the coming year

### WHEELSPIN EDITOR

Every month we publish the North Shore SCC magazine as a PDF. Your job will be to gather all the articles together, writing a few pieces yourself and getting everything off to the graphic designers who put the PDF together for us. It will consume about 10 to 15 hours of your time per month.

### CLUB POINTSCORER

We need a spreadsheet guru to track the club championships we want to reinstate. Again it is not too time consuming but we need some one to relieve the pressure and burden from the ones who do all the other work.

### PUBLICITY OFFICER

We need someone who can keep the media and social media fed with info about the club and our events. Again not too time consuming but for the rest of the committee.

### SOCIAL SECRETARY

We need to have some one planning social events for the club, we cannot live by competitive events alone so it would be great to have someone organising a few social events and weekend getaways each year

So come along to our AGM and put your hand up for a gig, WE NEED YOU!!

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# MOLLY TAYLOR MAKES HISTORY AND TAKES A PODIUM

North Shore member Molly Taylor has made history in the Australian Rally Championship, becoming the first female driver ever to win a heat in a round of the country's national rally series.

In their first event together – the Quit Forest Rally, run in WA over the weekend – Taylor and experienced co-driver Bill Hayes (Renault Clio R3) kept their heads while their rivals fell victim to the treacherous WA gravel or mechanical problems.

They won Saturday's first heat of the opening round of the 2015 ARC and came third on Sunday (March 28-29), giving them second place outright for the weekend, behind Eli Evans and Glen Weston (Citroën DS3 R3T). Eli's brother Simon Evans and co-driver Ben Searcy (Honda Civic Type R) completed the podium.

"To be honest, making history was the last thing on my mind but it is pretty cool!" Taylor said.

"And as far as being the only female driver competing against the guys, I don't think about that either. I'd feel the same way if Eli and Simon were women!" she chuckled.

"We're all competitors and when you're out there, you just want to be the best competitor, to make the best of whatever happens on the day and – hopefully – that's good enough to get a really good result.

"Obviously it's been a really fantastic weekend for us and we're pretty excited. I didn't know what to expect being away from competing in Australia for so long, and here we have Bill and I being in the car for the first time, and the first time together, and we've achieved a podium, which is a great result for everyone involved," Taylor said.

"I was putting a lot of pressure on myself but the car felt really good and we were happy with our pace from the start, so then we just decided to concentrate on getting our jobs right – and then everything came together and here we are!"

Despite the result, Taylor and Hayes were not without their own dramas. Coming into the final two stages of Heat One, the steering went on the Clio.



"The suspension arm just snapped just as we came into control and we had about five minutes to fix it before those two stages around Nannup Oval," Taylor said.

"We managed to jerry-rig the steering and the wheel with a couple of ratchet straps and then we drove, rather than rallied, the last stages. We were trying not to brake and not to turn too sharply and just nursed the car around, hoping we had enough time up our sleeves to keep the result. Thankfully we'd built up enough of a buffer through the day that we could sacrifice the time, but it was so nearly all over."

Taylor and Hayes also had some dramas on Day Two, with a puncture two kilometres from the end of the first stage. They drove out of the stage – uphill all the way – before changing the tyre, but it cost them valuable time.

"We spent the rest of the day trading times with Eli and Simon which was a lot of fun. We've learned a lot this weekend. We know we have the pace and we know what we need to do from here and we are really excited for the rest of the year. Bring it on!"

The 26-year-old, who is back home in Sydney after six years competing in the British, European and World Rally Championships, has paid tribute to Scott Pedder and the Pedders team, who own the car. Pedder and co-driver Dale

Moscatt won the Australian title in the Renault last year.

"I knew the car was good – Scott Pedder proved that last year – it was up to me to live up to how good it is. I want to thank him and all the guys in the team who have helped get me here this weekend.

"I'd also like to thank Bill [Hayes] for doing an awesome job in the car as well as my sponsors including Rexona and Hi Tec Oils – and everyone who has supported me. This result is truly the best way I can repay them," she said.

Taylor has been instrumental in helping Scott Pedder put together a programme to contest the WRC2 category of the World Rally Championship this year. Pedder returned the favour by arranging for Taylor to drive his car in the top level of local competition.

Taylor and Hayes' next outing with the Renault will be the National Capital Rally in Canberra in May.

During the young Sydneysider's time overseas, she was named British Ladies Champion two years in a row, won the inaugural European Rally Championship Ladies Trophy and was officially recognised as the fastest female rally driver in the world (2013). Taylor is working on plans to contest several WRC rounds in 2015, as well as the Australian championship.

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We are calling for nominations for the following positions:

President  
Vice President  
Club Captain  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Wheelspin Editor  
Social Secretary  
CAMS Delegate  
Committee Member

For this to occur, we require a Quorum of 20% of our membership.

Failure to meet the required Quorum, another meeting will be held on Monday 11th May, 2015.

In the AGM we would also like to propose that the Financial Year for the club's accounting to be changed from the current 1st January to 31st December system to 1st July to 30th June to align it with the normal taxation financial year.

If you are not able to be present for the AGM, **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT** you please fill out the attached Proxy Vote form and return it to [secretary@nsscc.com.au](mailto:secretary@nsscc.com.au) by 8:00pm Saturday 2nd May, 2015. A nomination form is also available below.

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Please come along to the AGM at 8:00pm Monday 4th May, 2015.

Normally, members arrive from 6:30-7:00pm and enjoy a dinner and drinks at the club. As a reward for your membership and loyalty to NSSCC every member attending the AGM will receive a voucher for two free drinks and a voucher for a half price meal in the Roseville Club Bistro on the evening of the AGM. We really urge you to come along and get involved in the running of the club and be a part of North Shore!

Looking forward to seeing you there

## YOO HOO JUHA CAN YOU COME TO CANBERRA?

While the inductees into the Australian Rally Hall of Fame are yet to be announced for 2015, The organising committee is very excited to have secured one of the greats of the rally world Juha Kankkunen as guest speaker.

Following on from the hugely successful inaugural and 2014 Rally Hall of Fame Gala Presentations, the RHoF Committee is proud to announce it has matched the high standard of guest speaker achieved last year in the globally popular Ari Vatanen. Fellow Finn Juha Kannkunen is a four times world champion himself and continues the tradition that has established the Rally Hall of Fame on the annual motorsport calendar.

The Gala Presentation will run in conjunction with the National Capital Rally, the second Round of the East Coast Bullbars Australian Rally Championship, on Thursday 14th May. "Last year's event proved a massive hit with Ari, so we are absolutely ecstatic to welcome Juha as our guest of honour for this year's gala awards," said the Hall of Fame Committee member Col Trinder.

Kankkunen was active in the World Rally Championship from 1983 until 2002,

including stints with Toyota, Peugeot, Lancia, Ford, Subaru and Hyundai. In 1986 he became the sports youngest ever Champion when he mastered the mighty Group B Peugeot 205, and then backed up his success the following year when he switched to a Lancia Delta.

Kankkunen, who has also competed in the Dakar Rally, the Pikes Peak Hillclimb and twice won the Race of Champions, is widely regarded for winning three of his four World Championships with different manufacturers, a result that has never been beaten. Organisers have urged the rally community to book early and avoid disappointment as many did in 2014 with Ari Vatanen. Tickets are strictly limited so get in early.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at <http://www.trybooking.com/120856>



### 2015 AUSTRALIAN RALLY HALL OF FAME

**Date:** Thursday 14th May

**Venue:** Ballroom, QT Canberra Hotel, 1 London Circuit, Canberra

**Time:** 6.30pm

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The Dragway gives us a perfect venue for some great khanacross competition close to the geographic centre of Sydney with great facilities and a fantastic day of motorsport fun.

We will have a barbecue on for food throughout the day so pack the picnic rug some chairs and head on out to Sydney Dragway for our annual state khana. Scrutineering from 8am. Competition starts at 10am.

We are embracing CAMS new online EventEntry system for the first time, so you can enter on the CAMS website.

Supp regs are available for down load here <http://nsscc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/NSSCC-Colo-Khanacross-Sunday-10thMay-2015-Supp-Regs-2.pdf>

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# CARY SET TO UNLEASH HIS MINI IN CANBERRA

The development of NSSCC member Ric Cary's MINI has been progressing along piece by piece over the past eighteen months, which Cary admits has felt like a lifetime, but he's confident that he'll take the start line at the National Capital Rally to give the car its maiden outing.

"Baring plague, pestilence or nuclear holocaust, I'm certain we will be in Canberra," Cary laughed. "The car was basically ready back in September last year, but decided we need time to get it running perfectly and made the call to hold back until Canberra."

The former circuit racing MINI has been stripped, overhauled and setup for the rigors of gravel rallying, and as that process has unfolded Cary and his team uncovered hurdle after hurdle that kept knocking their completion date further into the future.

"It has been a long process, we are pretty much twelve months behind where we originally wanted to be. I didn't want to take the car out and waste our time and money though, I wanted to wait until the car was 100% ready before it hit the gravel properly," Ric said.

To help speed up development Cary ran the MINI at the new Twilight Rallysprints at Eastern Creek over the summer. "Every time we ran the car it improved out of sight, plus only being twenty minutes from home gave me the confidence that if something went wrong we didn't have far to go to get parts."

"The plan now is to pump a few events into the car, and the driver, between now and Canberra in May. I'm really looking forward to showing our faces at Nat Cap, it'll be great to finally show everyone all the hard work we've been doing," he added.

After such a long lead time Cary has every confidence that the car is going to be up to the job, but he does have a few lingering doubts about the guy behind the steering wheel. "I'm very happy with the car, now it's just a case of bedding in the driver!"

"I haven't driven a front-wheel drive in anger in more than 25 years! I've come from four-wheel drives where you can



afford to use the power to get yourself out of trouble, in these things you don't have that luxury," commented Cary.

"I'm expecting it'll take me a while to get a proper feel for driving the MINI flat out. I'm probably giving away more than 20 years in age to the guys I'll be competing against. So my aim? I'm just going to take it Round by Round and look after my own business and see where we end up come the finish."

"I'm pretty confident we'll get a couple of hundred kilometres out of the car without any trouble, bar of course a failure by the driver!" he joked.

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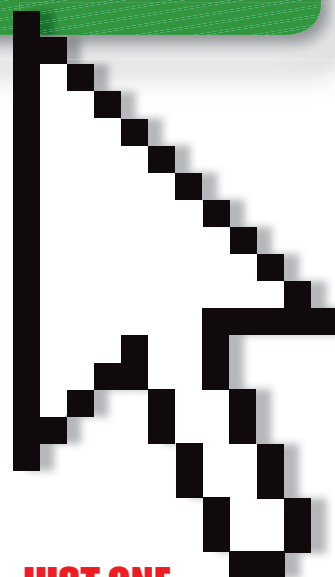
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