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From the Editor:

As you may realize this is the first newsletter of the year.

As in the AGM Minutes for 2026, under General Business Item 1, there was a discussion of the Future of BDC Qld Newsletter.

I raised the question of whether we need a Newsletter four times a year or even at all, given that members were kept up to date with club events and news via emails. There was general discussion about this with the benefits of a club magazine. General agreement with twice a year.

There was also a suggestion that we should be publishing the stories of our community or individual member's history with their Bentley Cars.

I am therefore calling on our members to contribute to the content of your newsletter with some short stories of their personal history associated with Bentley or any interesting articles they have come across and would like to share with fellow members.

.....Janelle

Chairperson AGM Report:

What does it mean to be in a 'Driver's Club' in 2026?

As it gets more difficult in general to drive with increased traffic congestion, our cars aging, us aging and the age of electric cars – is it a desirable thing to be in a driving club?

This answer to this will be different for each and every one of us. The challenge of maintaining and driving a W O Bentley anywhere is obviously much more of an effort than jumping in an air conditioned continental with seat massagers. It is becoming increasingly challenging to keep many of these classic cars on the road with less mechanics available with the knowledge of older cars and the availability of parts – and this is way before the challenge of driving them in today's hectic traffic.

And it's not just our car's age – there's our own aging process, health, family and work commitments that have to be considered too.

So, why is being in a Driver's club something to be a part of in 2026? I believe this is where being part of a club, with a common goal and interest is important. It is not just the common interest of the marque and enjoying each other's company that makes being in a Drivers club a positive thing.

It is a resource group – helping each other find parts, people who can work on your car and link you into other Bentley groups. This fellowship extends further than just our local members too.

As our planning continues for the National Rally later this year it is becoming increasingly apparent that this network extends all over Australia and even overseas. We spent a lovely afternoon with people we consider friends now In Taupo, New Zealand when we visited a few weeks ago. I know that at our rally we will not only enjoy doing activities together, but make new friends and acquaintances and learn LOTS.

Coming back to OUR club in Queensland; we need to try to perhaps to all attend more events/runs. In 2025 one or 2 runs were cancelled due to inclement weather—because safety always comes first, but some others runs were sparsely attended. Several members have come up with ideas for gatherings this year and I hope we can keep the attendance levels close to number we had attend to Jacobs Well in January (around 11 cars). That was a fun get together.

Because - In the end it's the PEOPLE who make the club fun and if your car happens to not want to come, and you come via alternate means of transport remember that's fine! Whilst we do like your choice in car, and always appreciate the effort people put in to bring it to events, it is ultimately about the people who love the cars and enjoy this Great Marque.

Let's keep the club thriving and the Wonderful Marque of Bentley alive for another century.Julie

NATIONAL RALLY 2026

1-8th November

The bi-annual Bentley National Rally, hosted by your Queensland Club, will be held in Toowoomba from 1–8 November.

The Rally Committee is putting together a fun, event-filled week, with several special activities planned (but not announced yet).

Please register to confirm your participation—and help show the other States what a great rally Queensland can deliver.

See the brochure at the end of this newsletter and also a Registration Form. Deposit of \$500.00 due by the end of May, with final payment the end of July.

Highlights:

- Rally HQ will be the Burke & Wills Hotel – right in the center of Toowoomba and within walking distance of some of our events (no driving!)
- Our very own Steam Train for the day – hired especially for the National Rally
- A fun day at the Races for Melbourne Cup – a bus is hired to get us there and back
- A visit to the Darling Downs Zoo
- The Australian Army Flying Museum
- A Music/Organ Recital in a well known Church
- Show & Shine to be held in Queens Park

“I love driving cars, looking at them, cleaning and washing and shining them. I clean ‘em inside and outside. I’m very touchy about cars. I don’t want anybody leaning on them or closing the door too hard, know what I mean?” – Scott Baio

Travis Pastrana and Bentley launch the most dynamic film in Bentley history – ‘Supersports: FULL SEND

FULL SEND:

The film is watchable on the Bentley YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2RqEakMWJ0>

- New Supersports taken for ultimate tour around the Bentley campus by Travis Pastrana, in a display of precision drifting
- Rear-wheel drive and 666 PS as standard mean Supersports is capable of sustained slip angles, donuts and slides
- Specific car modified for the shoot with the addition of a hydraulic handbrake and the ability to power-brake
- New Supersports already sold-out; 500 units reserved



(Crewe, 22 January 2026) The new and now sold-out Bentley Supersports has demonstrated its exceptional agility and performance in the hands of motorsports and extreme sports athlete and legendary stunt performer, Travis Pastrana. Today sees Bentley and Pastrana launch ‘Supersports: FULL SEND’, the most exhilarating and dynamic film ever released by Bentley, and shot entirely at Bentley’s campus and Dream Factory in Crewe, England.

The Supersports’ combination of 666 PS, rear-wheel drive and a highly developed chassis and aerodynamics package unleashes a new level of performance ability for Bentley. To showcase the car’s agility, Pastrana worked with Bentley in September last year to create a gymkhana-type film within the grounds of Bentley’s factory, originally constructed in 1938 on Pym Lane in Crewe – Bentley’s own ‘Pymkhana’. Supersports: FULL SEND is a celebration of the new Supersports, Pastrana’s extraordinary precision and ability, and the Bentley factory itself, recipient of significant self-funded investment over the last five year.

Supersports: FULL SEND was premiered to an audience of 400 invited customers and guests at a launch event in Dubai, UAE. The film is watchable on the Bentley YouTube channel [here](#).

Pastrana was chosen by Bentley to support the filming project based on his long career of extraordinary stunts, motorsports successes and extreme sports.

Inspiration came from Bentley's past, and the story of Mildred Mary Petre, a 'Bentley Girl' who pushed the boundaries of what was possible with a fearless spirit, and so in her honour the development team christened their project 'Mildred'.

Supersports: FULL SEND follows Pastrana's final official gymkhana film, 'Aussie Shred', which was released last month and also been viewed almost nine million times.

Pastrana comments:

"I knew the Supersports would have a lot of power but I was happily surprised by how nimble and fun it was to drive. I've never driven a production-based car to film a video of this magnitude before, without a clutch or modified steering angle, I had my concerns - but the Supersports exceeded all of my expectations. It was exactly what I had hoped for - the perfect combination of luxury and performance."

Supersports: FULL SEND was shot over the course of three days at the Bentley factory, supported by scores of Bentley colleagues who volunteered their time, after the star car was specially prepared in the on-site Engineering Technical Centre by a dedicated team of technicians.

The FULL SEND car

In order to allow Pastrana to navigate the Bentley site while driving the Supersports beyond the limits of grip, modifications were made to a standard Supersports to make it even more agile. The key change was the addition of a hydraulic handbrake, mounted alongside the steering wheel, to enable instantaneous locking of the rear axle. Bentley's chassis and transmission teams integrated the handbrake with the car's control systems to allow instant reinstatement of power as the handbrake was released, meaning Pastrana could manipulate the car sideways before a tight corner and then maintain a long drift through it.

The handbrake includes the word 'Mildred' on the handle – a reference to the internal project name for Supersports. Inspiration came from Bentley's past, and the story of Mildred Mary Petre, a 'Bentley Girl' who pushed the boundaries of what was possible with a fearless spirit, and so in her honour the development team christened their project 'Mildred'.

Other changes included software modifications to allow 'power braking', where the brake and throttle can be applied simultaneously, to allow adjustment of cornering stance mid-drift and to allow the car to perform static and rolling burnouts.

The FULL SEND car will make appearances at upcoming Bentley events across 2026, and then be retained by Bentley as the newest member of the now 50-strong Heritage Collection based in Crewe.

More cars from Bentley's Heritage Collection make special appearances, in the shape of five pre-war Bentleys led by the 1929 Team Blower #2 – the most iconic and valuable Bentley in history

Special Guests

The film includes a new of special guests – some obvious, some a little more inconspicuous.

The action starts in Bentley's Engineering Technical Centre, with the FULL SEND car surrounded by some performance icons of Bentley's past. These include both generations of Continental GT3 race car, the 2003 Le Mans winning Speed 8 (chassis 004/5), and even the W16-powered Hunaudières concept car from 1999.

Both the Pikes Peak Bentayga and Pikes Peak Continental GT appear in a scene shot through Bentley's solar panel car park, with the two specials giving chase to Pastrana through the complex and past Bentley's future luxury urban SUV, launching later this year and so wearing camouflage.

More cars from Bentley's Heritage Collection make special appearances, in the shape of five pre-war Bentleys led by the 1929 Team Blower #2 – the most iconic and valuable Bentley in history – and followed by two more Blowers, a Speed Six and a 1926 3 Litre Speed Model.

Eagle-eyed viewers will catch a glimpse of last year's EXP 15 design vision concept, atop the newly opened Design Centre at the heart of the Bentley campus. Pastrana then literally smashes his way into the still-in-build production line for the luxury urban SUV, and past an disguised example of the new model under a silk.

The final production Brooklands from 2010, also a member of the Heritage Collection, is seen using the last millimetres of rubber from its to-be-replaced rear tyres, providing a dramatic and smoky backdrop for a huge Pastrana powerslide. Finally, Pastrana comes to a stop in front of Bentley's brand new, state of the art Paint Shop, where all three previous generations of Supersports await him – two contemporary examples from the Heritage Collection, and a 1925 3 Litre Supersports (one of the original 18) borrowed from Vintage Bentley.

The final cameo is Bentley's chairman and CEO, Frank-Steffen Walliser, who sets to work when he's greeted with acres of tyre marks across Bentley's campus.

Production of the new Supersports begins in Q4 2026 ahead of first deliveries at the start of 2027. The new Supersports will be available in the following countries and areas: UK, Europe (EU27 plus Switzerland and Turkey), USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Japan, Oman, Bahrain, UAE, Qatar and Kuwait.

Images of some gatherings in 2026:

At Montauk Tavern, Calypso Bay

Pictures courtesy of Julie Pierce.



AGM, Beenleigh Distillery in February.

Pictures courtesy of Julie Pierce.



Manly Yacht Club, with Terry & Lin Cooper, Director BDC Club UK (March 2026)



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André Theron's car collection, Gold Coast (April)



Calendar of Events

MONTH	DATE	DAY	DETAILS
May	29-30	Friday-Saturday	10.30am Sir Henry Royce Foundation Coolum Museum Morning Tea. 1pm Lunch Pomona Hotel. 2pm Pomona Theatre with “the Sheik”. \$20. Boreen Point Hotel accommodation. (?)
June	TBA		Asking for volunteers for suggestions
July	18	Saturday	Christmas in July at Angelhurst Tamborine Village
August	TBA		Asking for volunteer for suggestions
September	27	Sunday	All British Day, Tennyson
October			Busy with last minute Rally commitments
November	1-8	Sunday to Sunday	BDC National Rally Toowoomba



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BENTLEY RALLY
2026

TOOWOOMBA

QUEENSLAND

November 1st – 8th



Hosted by the Queensland
Region of the Bentley Drivers
Club

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We cordially invite you join the National Bentley Rally 2026 being held in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia being hosted by the Queensland Region of the Bentley Drivers Club.



Toowoomba is the 2nd largest inland Australian City known as “The Garden City”. Located on the top of the Great Dividing Range overlooking the Lockyer Valley, Toowoomba is home to a university, Museums, glorious parks and gardens, theatres and galleries. Toowoomba is the central hub for business, transport and education for the Darling Downs region of Queensland.

We are promoting accommodation in Ruthven Street in the CBD as this gives us easy access to many of our event locations and offers a good launch point for our driving events. Please see the attached information for the Burke and Wills Hotel where greatly discounted accommodation options have been organized. You are also welcome to stay at several other quality hotels nearby. The Burke and Wills Hotel will be our main venue for registration and informal social events.

<https://burkeandwillshotel.com.au/>



When booking be sure to advise them that you are with the National Bentley Rally to ensure a discounted room rate.

These reduced room rates per night are...

Corporate Queen Room \$205

Superior Queen/Twin Room \$215

Deluxe Queen (Bath tub) \$245

Luxury King (Spa bath) \$275

Family Room \$285

You are welcome to select another accommodation venue. The Rally team are happy to chat to you about this by phoning Julie on 0419 788 871 or email Simon at admin@bdcq.com.au.

Your Rally entry fee includes many diverse and fun activities, entertainment, tours, meals and more.

Highlights include our own chartered Steam Train which will pull into the Main station in Toowoomba to take us into the country for lunch in a country pub after stopping off at the Downssteam railway museum for morning tea and a look around. You are also welcome to bring refreshments on the train with you. <https://downsteam.com/>



A certain horse race takes place on the Tuesday and we will join the revelry at the Clifton Park Racecourse with all the fun that takes place on Melbourne Cup Day. We will be there in our finery – but will take a bus to ensure all stay safe. This is all included in your registration fee.



Other highlights include drives into the countryside visiting the Darling Downs Zoo, The Australian Army Flying Museum and seeing the Darling Downs and Lockyer Valley areas.



Meals include 2 formal dinners – Wednesday at The Downs Club - Toowoomba's finest private and social club and our formal presentation evening on the last night at the Empire Theatre's Old Church Venue. There are six evening meals, six lunches and six breakfast/brunches included in the Rally fees. As we are based in the CBD there are many dining options close by should you still be hungry at any time.



Other activities included in your rally entry are a games afternoon, Organ Concert and Dinner Theatre evening as well as the Show and Shine Event, which will be held in the CBD near the Cobb and Co Museum, a Saturday market, and the renowned gardens of Queens Park.

We will conclude our 6 full days of fun and festivities with a farewell breakfast before we all part ways.

Bentley Drivers Club Qld Region (Inc)

2026 National Rally Registration Form.

Early Bird Registration

\$2,150.00 per person

\$500 deposit per person accepted until the end of May with the balance payable by July 30th

After 30th July, 2026

Registration: \$2,400.00 per person

Please email your completed form to the Bentley Drivers Club, Qld Region (Inc) to admin@bdcq.com.au or post to

BDCQ, P.O Box 7027, Hemmant Qld, 4174

And send your payment to ...

ACCOUNT NAME: Bentley Drivers Club Qld Region Inc.

BSB: 633 000

ACCOUNT No.: 240076356 (Bendigo Bank) –

SWIFT code: BENDAU3B

Please use your initials and last name as a reference



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BENTLEY DRIVERS CLUB RALLY

2026 REGISTRATION FORM

Please enter your details below.

Name _____

Partner _____

Address _____

Mobile Contact Number _____

Email address _____

Participating Car details:

Model _____

Year _____

Chassis Number _____

Registration/Number Plate _____

Dietary requirements /allergies _____

If you wish to transport your car to Brisbane, fly up and then drive it to Toowoomba, please contact Simon at admin@bdcq.com.au.

