



## Baskerville Historics

More than \$50,000 for the Baskerville Foundation has been raised at the two-day Baskerville Historics event held in October.

A collaborative effort between the Hobart Sporting Car Club and the MG Car Club, the event was a resounding success and raised an incredible amount of money to go towards the Foundation's planned track renovations. A revival in historic motorsport racing saw club motoring enthusiasts come together to celebrate older race cars and raise funds for a great cause. Usually an event like this might raise in the vicinity of \$15,000, but attendees dug deep



**Garth Wigston and Peter Killick of the Baskerville Foundation gratefully receiving a cheque for \$54,000 from Bronwyn Zuber on behalf of the HSCC and MG Car Club.**

in the hope of keeping the Baskerville dream alive.

The Foundation had hoped to have \$100,000 in the bank by the end of 2013 and thanks to the Historics event this dream is now a reality. It was great to see the motorsport community come together and not only have a great time, but also assist the Foundation.

The Baskerville Historics saw some 150 entrants and around 3000 visitors in attendance over the two-day event. As part of the event, a swap meet was also held on Sunday for car enthusiasts to barter their goods.

The Historics is one of the larger events on the Tasmanian motorsport calendar showcasing historic cars from not only Tasmania, but also interstate. The Baskerville track is a great design for older cars, reflected by the number of historic cars present at the event.

The entry list was a who's who of historic car racing, with the highlight being the Chris Ellis Memorial race, which saw 11 minis go head-to-head against classic cars of the same era.

## Foundation progress and goals

The Baskerville Foundation was set up in June 2013 with the aim of securing the future of the Baskerville Raceway and ensuring all funds raised are put towards the much needed upgrade of the Raceway.

To date, the Baskerville Foundation has raised over \$115,000 and hopes to raise in the vicinity of \$600,000 for track upgrades over the next four years. The Foundation's primary focus is the resurfacing of the track, which will cost approximately \$450,000 to complete.

As visitors to the Raceway would be aware, the track has a number of potholes on its surface and damage continues to occur due to excess water pooling around it.

The track has undergone many patch-up repairs over the years and it is now at a stage where it needs to be completely resurfaced. As it stands, there are not enough funds available to complete the full track resurfacing. This is where the Baskerville Foundation has stepped in to assist with raising the money needed to ensure the work can be done.

***"The Foundation's primary focus is resurfacing the track"***

*Banner photo - Early Morning Baskerville" – Photo Courtesy of Angryman Photography*

### Foundation progress and goals (continued)

Other works planned by the Foundation include drainage upgrades (which forms part of the preparation for the track resurfacing), control tower renovations, resurfacing the entry road and new entry signage and gates.

A track condition assessment was completed in 2013 and from this report it was recognised that works on the drainage at Baskerville need to be completed in order to prevent further damage to the track base.

Water is currently pooling around the track which is causing moisture to get trapped underneath the track. Removing the excess water will make the base more compact, resulting in a much better foundation for the future resurfacing.

Because the drainage issue is causing the track to erode at a faster rate, the Foundation sees this issue as the first one to address. In order to prevent further damage, this erosion must be stopped as soon as possible. The track also needs to be stabilised in order for the resurfacing to happen.

The control tower will also be receiving a much-needed refurbish and upgrade which is expected to be completed by Christmas 2014. The front of the Raceway will also be receiving attention, with plans to install new signage and a front gate, which will not only make the property more welcoming but also more secure.

Many race goers have raised concerns with the driveway. As nobody enjoys taking their prized possession on gravel, the sealing of the entrance road is another priority which many will be enthusiastic about. Plans are set for the reseal of the road to begin early in 2014.



It is hoped that all of the works will be completed by 2018. Most importantly, the track will continue to operate while these improvements are being completed, ensuring no one will miss out on a second of the action.

#### An overview of works and target timeframes

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| Undertake remedial site drainage and surface crack repairs<br>Estimated value of works is \$35,000 - \$50,000  | February 2014        |
| Undertake base preparation and sealing of entrance road<br>Estimated value of works is \$40,000 - \$50,000   | Early 2014           |
| Refurbishment and upgrade of the control tower building<br>Estimated value of works is \$60,000 - \$75,000 (subject to the level of in-kind support we are able to obtain) | Christmas Break 2014 |
| Track resurface works<br>Estimated value is \$400,000 - \$450,000  | Prior to Winter 2017 |

## Meet the Baskerville Foundation Committee



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Members of the Baskerville Foundation have come together, donating their time and resources, to make sure the Raceway continues to function well into the future. Many believed it was impossible to raise such a substantial amount of money, but the Foundation is very pleased with the funds raised to date and is looking forward to seeing the track restored to its former glory.

For a small team of volunteers to achieve what it has in just six months is truly amazing and a positive sign of things to come. This also shows how loved the Baskerville Raceway is amongst the community and just how willing people are to contribute their money towards the work.

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Although the amount of funds needed is substantial, to break it down, if 5000 supporters gave just \$100 each, all of the money needed for the works would be raised. If everyone contributes whatever is possible, the Baskerville track will be in great condition in no time at all.

The Baskerville Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has provided support so far, in particular the MG Car Club and the Hobart Sporting Car Club. Those who can donate are urged to please do so, whether it be financially, in voluntary labour or in any way possible.

The Baskerville Foundation would also like to recognise the support from Motorsports Tasmania, the owner of the Baskerville Raceway and the Symmons Plains Raceway.

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