

ROCKHAMPTON SPEEDWAY AWARDS NIGHT

Approximately 120 people were in attendance at the Rockhampton Saloon Car Club's Annual Trophy Presentation Night held on Saturday, 26 August. Mr Wes Beadman and partner, Kelly Stewart, made the trip to Rockhampton for the evening and Wes very capably fulfilled the role of Special Guest Commentator.

After a short speech from Wes who praised the club on their efforts and particularly the contributions made by the club executive, an official welcome was extended to all by Club President Peter McKeiver. A very special thanks was made to the club sponsors. After dinner, presentations were made to the local Fender Bender, Super Stocker and Super Sedan competitors who were suitably impressed by the sea of trophies that were on offer. Super Stocker highest points scorer for the season was Craig Torr and Bryan Owen gained the highest overall points for the Super Sedan class. Darren Saunders took out the Fender Bender overall points and was also named Club Champion.

The Buddy Fire Sales & Service Perpetual Trophy for club dedication was awarded to Julie Etherden and Digger McCallum. The club executive also made presentations to its highly valued volunteers in recognition of their assistance throughout the season. Without such dedication, the club would certainly not survive as successfully as it does.

The undoubted highlight of the evening was a special presentation made by Peter McKeiver. After a series of powerpoint slides highlighting the many and most notable milestones of his career, no-one was more surprised than Darryl Etherden at being awarded life membership of the club. After a lengthy and deserved standing ovation, Darryl eventually overcame complete shock to accept his badge and trophy. The trophy was a specially mounted section of the former wooden fence that surrounded the Rockhampton track before the construction of the current concrete barrier in 2000. This represented the history of Rockhampton Speedway and the part that Darryl has played in that history. Apart from his numerous racing achievements, Darryl is also recognised for his many other contributions to the Rockhampton Saloon Car Club and is the current QSCA Driver of the Year.

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Caption: Darryl & Julie Etherden formally recognised for their support to the Rockhampton Saloon Car Club – at the Queensland Modified Production Championship in Bundaberg, June 2006.