



**WHITELINE**  
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To all sponsors, friends and family here is a brief story about the recent SDCC Khanacross and Motorkhana Training days.

After helping fellow competitor Patrick Hall with a few issues at the start of the day Dad and I managed to get his car running just in time for his first run. The weather was perfect, and the track held up well all-day with the large field of 38, not muddy or dusty. There were only 3 turbo AWD vehicles, which were all Subies, driven by Lachlan McLeay, Patrick Hall, and myself. The first run was quiet a long course which was great for the high performance cars such as the Subaru's. Patrick's time was over 4 seconds faster than anyone else's and his driving style was aggressive and impressive to watch, there was only one-second difference between Lachlan and myself on this run and most others throughout the afternoon. After observing minor mistakes from both Lachlan and Patrick on following runs, such as over corrected corners and doing extra laps, I relaxed too much and made an error myself on the third run which cost me about twenty seconds. The last two runs were steady and smooth, and I took these final runs to try some different braking distances and diff settings, after knowing my outright result was bumped down significantly from the mistake previously. The car performed great all day, and it was great to see Mum and Brad there for my final run.

I am really feeling to be at one with the car now, with all these Motorsport opportunities, especially the Motorkhana practise day a few weeks ago with Steve Glenney at Tailm Bend Motorsport Park. This pre arranged Driver Training day was great for Brad and myself to learn how the WRX clutch, gearbox, diffs, brakes, and performance responds to our driving on the tarmac. Steve and I also had the opportunity to do some recce practise in his Landcruiser later that afternoon. This was for sure one of those days where you learn lots and take it all in. Thanks Steve.



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