



To all who have supported the building of the S&J Rally Sport Gravel WRX.

Last weekend was the second outing for our recently built Subaru Rally Car, another event at Lanac Park run by SDCC, this time a Khanacross in very muddy conditions. The car has had changes and improvements since the last event such as a PPG gearbox, electronic centre diff and we managed to find and repair a boost leak, which helped gain more power. The car felt phenomenal on the initial run, as it was my first time driving the car since the improvements. The PPG gearbox internals certainly helped in regards to gear ratios and easier selection. ACS provided us with a Carbon clutch kit that is very smooth on take up but "Extremely" grippy.

The scoring system was unlike an Autocross due to a 5% time penalty for AWD cars, making the event more challenging, but this is a very fair system. By the end of the day we managed to fit in five demanding but fun courses. I maintained 3rd outright until the last two courses, they were extremely tight slaloms and chicanes, where the smaller FWD cars were less challenged. Steve McKenzie and Michael Clements did a sensational job in their front wheel drives staying ahead of the entire field the whole day! My final results were 4th outright and 1st in the Junior category, and also highest place out of the AWD cars. Having attended Rally School for some more Driver Training the day before was good timing, and I am sure it was a great help towards my results. At the end of the day I was lucky enough to take home one of the five trophies on offer.

We believe that Khanacross style events are the best and safest form of improving skills outside of professional coaching, so we intend to do as many a possible prior to entering Special Stage Rallies. Next year my brother Brad will share the car with me as we double enter these events. The WRX ran perfectly all day, and I am really starting to appreciate just some of its potential now, we couldn't be happier with the car, thanks to all of the sponsors who have helped out.



Daniel Day, July 11th