



# VICTORIAN HISTORIC RACING REGISTER

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**CLUB PATRON:** *Sir Jack Brabham* O.B.E. F1 World Champion 1959, 1960 & 1966

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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

## NEWSLETTER - September 2009

We meet Bi-Monthly - on the Fourth Tuesday of the Month 8pm  
at the VHRR Club rooms 30-32 Lexton Rd Box Hill.

### COMING EVENTS

September	4-6th	Speed on Tweed - Steven Brow.....	02 6676 7029
September	13th	Heathcote Sprints - Trident Cup *Note New date!! .....	0413 744 337
September	12th-13th	Mt Leura VHCC Rd 7	
September	20th	GCC Multiclub Hillclimb Haunted Hills	
September	18th-20th	Baskerville All Historics - Terry Atkinson.....	0418 303 995
September	22nd	Social night at the Clubrooms.....	0427 031 737
September	27th	MGCC Club Challenge Rd 2 Rob Roy.....	
October	3rd-4th	Lobethal - Tony Parkinson.....	0408 805 518
October	4th	Haunted Hills Trident Cup (CCE).....	0429 999 675
October	10th	Point Nepean and Portsea Pub Run .....	03 5988 4846
October	24th-25th	Mt Tarrengower - Robert Sales.....	03 5476 2007
October	27th	VHRR MGM	
October	29th-1st Nov	Australian Hillclimb Championships Haunted Hills	
November	6th - 8th	<b>Historic Sandown (CCE)</b> .....	0402 224 133
November	28th	Shannons Christmas Party with the Clubs	
November	29th	Rob Roy 18th Historic & Classic .....	03 9850 4795
December	5th	Xmas Presentation Dinner.....	03 9877 2758

### Wednesday Lunch Group - every Wednesday except Christmas Holidays.

CLUB LIBRARY HOURS	Wednesdays 11.30 - 2.00 Club Nights 6.30 - 7.30
<b>Club Permit Scheme</b> (Red Plate)	Lloyd Shaw .....0415 351 164 PO Box 828 Glen Waverley 3150 *CCE = Club Championship Event

All the above club activities including the Wednesday Lunch are designated Red Plate activities

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

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**Historic Sandown November 6th-8th** Entries out now and available on the Website (over 220 at the time of writing!), in case you didn't get one in the mail. Early entry bonus rates and new credit card facilities will apply. Feature cars will be from the Biante Series. The Biante Touring Car Masters cars will have two practice sessions on Friday November 6, qualifying and one race on Saturday November 7 and two races on Sunday November 8 – one of them a reverse grid race for the top eight competitors. Features will also include F/Fords to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of FF in Australia.

**Major/minor sponsors wanted.** Let Noel or Ian know if you have any ideas. Give Grant Campbell a call with any potential supporters for the race programme. Very reasonable rates.

**We are also having a major push for Trade Stands at Sandown.** These have proven very popular with patrons and competitors alike, so any ideas, contacts etc would be greatly appreciated. Contact Grant Campbell 03 9787 3640 or grant@thecampbells.net.au

### **New Committee for 09-10:**

**President:** Ian Tate, Vice President: Noel Robson, Secretary: Leanne Newson, Treasurer: Ian McLennan, Membership: Mike & Sue Byrne, Minutes: Leanne Newson, Committee: Bob Morrow, Peter Donald, Andrew McInnes, Michael Russo, Mike Devine (advisory) Bob Harborow (advisory), Patrick Ryan (advisory).

**HCC:** Patrick Ryan, Mike Devine. CAMS Rep: Kel Prior. Eligibility Officer: John Caffin.

**Group Reqs:** J & K: Patrick Ryan, Lb: John Caffin, F5000: Bob Harborow, M & O: Derek Smith, Formula Junior: Kel Prior, Group S: Colin Fulton, Group N: Ken Zinner, F Ford: Nick McDonald, Group C: Troy Kelly, Group A: Neville Butler, Regularity: Ross McKinnon, Club Plates: Lloyd Shaw, Newsletter: Grant Campbell, Oily Rag Coordinator: Grant Campbell, Library: George Spanos, Shop: Mike & Dot Devine, Club Property Officer: Lloyd Shaw, Webmaster: Grant Campbell.

NB\* No nominations were received for a PQR Rep - please advise Ian Tate if you'd like the position.

**Trident Cup Heathcote Sprints - New Date! 13th September** - Originally cancelled due to foul weather, don't miss this second opportunity Call K11 for further info 0413 744 337

**MGCC Club Challenge Rd 2 Rob Roy** September 27th Help the eight VHRR members who have currently got us into second place. An additional 10 points are given to any competitor achieving a class win. Surely the VHRR would want to beat the Gippsland Car Club!

**Ed Holly from NSW has asked me** if I would be the "Agent" for information gathering on all M&O Racing cars for the Tasman revival next year. Ed has emailed me a template to fill in the Information/history of the car to make it a little easier for the commentators during the events. If any competitors would like to be included with all the updates & have their cars on Ed's database they can phone me on 03 9744 7309ah or 0419 507 535 or email at brians@djhs.org.au & I will post out or email the template to them.

Many thanks, **Brian Simpson**

**Saturday 10th October Point Nepean and Portsea Pub Run** - Ron Townley 5988 4846 Saturday 10th October meet at 59 Mt. Martha Rd. Mount Martha from 8.45am for morning tea. Leaving 9.30am to arrive at Point Nepean Portsea at 10.15am A Transporter is booked for a 2 hour return trip to Point Nepean. A La Carte lunch at Portsea Hotel at your expense is booked for 12.45pm Send cheques payable to VHRR Inc. for \$10 per person for park entry and transporter to:

**Ron Townley** 59 Mt. Martha Rd Mount Martha 3934

**Memberships:** Sue and Mike will be out of the country from early September until mid October and if people are going to need their membership cards, they should send in their renewals immediately.

**Group "M" Racing** Get your entries for Historic Sandown November 6, 7 & 8 2009. Why?

This meeting will see the inaugural presentation of the prestigious Bib Stillwell Gold Star Trophy award, exclusively for Group M Racing entries. One of this country's all time greats, Bib Stillwell won the coveted Gold Star Trophy as Australia's champion racing driver in 1962 (Cooper Climax) 1963,'64 and '65 (Brabham Climax). This being the golden age of group M racing, the trophy award will be made to the winner of the last group M racing event on Sunday November 8 2009. Entries close October 12 2009 so all you group M racing entrants make certain that you don't miss out on your opportunity to compete for this historic trophy award. As your group M&O rep I intend to make a regular contribution to the newsletter on your behalf so if you have news, views, gripes or goss please let me know on 0403 830390 or derrard@westnet.com.au In the meantime I will attempt to contact you individually.

**Derek Smith**

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**Vale Frank Gardner.** Frank passed away on the 29th of August after a long illness. He was 78 and will long be remembered for his exploits on and off the track. The VHRR extends it's sincere condolences to his family & friends

**Don't forget the informal social night** to be held on Tuesday 22nd at the VHRR club rooms 30-32 Lexton Rd Box Hill from 6.00pm. There will be a special guest speaker ? and some very good door prizes to be won. As usual BYO everything, with coffee and tea available at no charge.

The numbers have been increasing at the last couple of social nights, so come along and support this club activity, as the more the merrier

**Ron Simmonds** on 59622331 or 0427031737

**MGCC Rob Roy** - It has been decided to establish a new Clubman Sports Class for earlier model cars to compete against like model vehicles of similar performance. This action has been taken as a result of several submissions from owners of early model Clubmans who have not competed for some time due to the imbalance of performance when compared with the more modern state-of-the-art Clubmans, with modern chassis/engines. This new Class will only be created if it proves popular and at least four entries are received at each event, and it will commence at the next multi-club event at Rob Roy, the popular Club Challenge Round 2 on September 27 New Classes will be: CLUBMAN SPORTS – pre 1975 up to 1600cc, and CLUBMAN SPORTS – post 1975 all capacities.

**David White**

### **Cardinia Motor Recreation & Education Park**

Following a recent discussion with my local state member, she provided me with a document that I tabled at the August State Council meeting concerning the proposed motor sport complex to be developed at Pakenham on State owned land not required by the new Pakenham By Pass. On August 18th I attended a subsequent forum organised by CAMS at the MG car club rooms where various CAMS officials together with the project coordinator Bill O'Gorman, and consultant Dr. Ken Marriott explained what was proposed to Victorian Club Representatives at that meeting. Currently there is a feasibility study being conducted for the project funded by State/Local Governments and Chisholm TAFE. The subject site is bounded by the Gippsland rail line and the by pass road east of Pakenham, and adjoins industrial zoned land, hence its suitability for this purpose, namely, but not limited to, the establishment of a 3.5 km circuit, Skid Pans, Kart facility, and buildings to facilitate things like car storage and display, and repair workshops etc. Car clubs and individuals are being asked to comment on the proposal via a new email address for this purpose: [infrastructure@cams.com.au](mailto:infrastructure@cams.com.au)

**Kelvin Prior** State Council Delegate

### **A trip to Morgan Park**

The thought of towing a race car for two solid days to reach Morgan Park is too daunting for many Victorians. How pleasant it was then, to get an offer from Peter Mohr to rent his recently acquired and now immaculate '83 Reynard. The thought of simply flying up, driving for the weekend and flying back proved too tempting. Not to mention picking up valuable points in the Formula Ford Fourth Year Festival. Feeling like a works driver, I flew into Brisbane Thursday night, stayed at the Mohrs and together we headed out to Morgan Park - just over 2 hours out of Brisbane.

The circuit is what every small circuit should aspire to. Someone summed it up as a mini Eastern Creek and they weren't wrong. Plenty of undulation, plenty of variety and not easy to get right. The straight is longer than Winton's, with a fast kink then a tightish right hander - not unlike Wakefield. From there it's a climbing, blind, long left-hander that's flat in a Formula Ford (just) and very exciting in anything with decent poke. It's one of the best corners on what is a tricky but very enjoyable track. Lap times are about 5 seconds slower than Winton, but the track feels much bigger and faster than that.

As you'd expect, the Queensland hospitality is nothing short of outstanding and the laidback feel makes the weekend an absolute joy. Laurie and Jan Bennett did the smart thing and combined the trip with a break on the Gold Coast. It's not a bad way to keep the pit crew happy! If you want to try a new track and have a great time doing it, Morgan Park is well worth a visit.

**Nick McDonald**

**I was fortunate to be able to attend 'An Evening With Tony Gaze'** at the clubrooms on Friday 31 July. The evening was one of the best events I have attended as a member of the VHRR. We are indeed fortunate to have someone like Tony amongst us. His anecdotes will be long remembered and talked about. To President Ian, the Committee and the evening's organisers my heartfelt congratulations for a job very well done. The organisation, layout, catering and presentation were fantastic. Don Kinsey, you are a real professional, thank you. It may be very hard to top or even equal the night in the future. Again, well done to all concerned,

**David Palstra**

**Dear Ian,**

I can't thank you & the VHRR enough for giving us such an unforgettable evening. Everything was wonderfully arranged, Di and I and Cathy still can't believe just how special it all was.

Don's efforts to write to overseas friends and their letters and phone call from Susie Salvadori were overwhelming and we keep rereading them just to make sure it did all happen! I will be kept very busy writing to thank them.

The inscribed vase will find a special place and Di has asked me to thank you too not only for the naming of the Board in her Honour which quite took her aback, but also for the beautiful flowers. She will be writing to you.

My congratulations to you and The Club not only for Friday night but for the great standard you have set for the Phillip island and Sandown Classic Car racing, it has brought such interesting and historic cars to Australia.

I will forward you a copy of the biography and I hope you will find it interesting.

Very Sincerely, **Tony Gaze**

### **Historic Formula Ford Members Entry Fees**

At a recent lunch Laurie Bennett presented a copy of the entry form for the Historic Sports Car Club's event scheduled for September 13th at Brands Hatch. All day testing is available on Friday 11th for \$A432.00. Morning only testing costs \$A280.00 and afternoon only costs \$A320.00. Testing is over now consider your entry options. The entry fee for your one race costs \$A454.00. Unless you select to enter the 40 minute feature event then the entry fee will cost \$A546.00. Therefore to select all day testing on Friday and entering the feature event it will cost \$A978.00 for the one race. Alternatively do a cheapie and practice on the Friday morning and compete in the only one race available the cost would be \$A734.00. Don't those costs make VHRR event entries much more attractive?

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Another document presented by Laurie showed that an English insurance company has made an OFFICIAL DISCLOSURE that they TEST THEIR PRODUCTS ON ANIMALS such as Jaguars, Cobras, Stags and Beatles claiming that they all seem to like it. And so do the owners.

### **Classifieds**

**FOR SALE MG TC Special** Known as the GAF this beautiful aluminium bodied, supercharged Aussie special is reluctantly for sale as I am forced to take a bit of a break . It is as quick if not quicker than the other TC specials raced regularly and has just had a new engine (one race old ) fitted . Also now has a bigger carby and revised timing but still runs on Avgas . Tradesmen for the old Government Factory hand made the aluminium body in 1954 for Bill Thompson and over the years the chassis and body framing has been developed to make it into a light handling , sure cornering and easy braking, delight to drive, more like a modern than a TC. Great history . Lb log book and COD. Asking around \$38,000 . Tony Osborne 03 5264 7880.

**Hewland MK8/9 Ratios For Sale** All in good condition. Three hubbed second gears plus 13 STD ratios. \$ 100 each. Three 1.00 inch Layshafts One 5 speed with integral first and reverse gears \$ 300 One 5 speed with removable first gear and integral reverse gear \$ 250 One 4 speed shaft - no reverse gear \$100 Ring - Ian Carrig - Ian Carrig 0417 851 716 Melbourne

**For Sale: 1x5" black faced mechanical tach 0-6000rpm**, 1:1 ratio checked and tested \$280 or exchange for similar 2:1 ratio. 1xLucas badge bar horn....\$50 1xCav ampmeter, black faced in vg cond...\$100 Frank Cuttell - frankcuttell@yahoo.com 0412 347 127

**Ford Twin Cam Bits For Sale** Engine block. 1598 cc capacity with good racing pistons to suit. Also 4 high comp. pistons to suit 1498 cc capacity engine. Inlet & Exhaust camshafts. Cosworth L1 grind in good nick with sprockets also in good condition. German timing chain. New in box. 3-SR120. Vandervell copper-lead bearings. Mains and big ends. Standard size. In boxes. ALSO BRABHAM BITS Front and rear discs (9 ¾ and 9 ½ inch) also original Brabham front hubs. All to suit BT6 or later. In excellent condition. Open to reasonable offers. Prefer to sell as a single lot. Ian McDonald. Phone 0418 502335 or A/H 9589 1217. ihmcd@bigpond.net.au

**Hi, It is a shame that I don't know more about my fathers passion.** When he became engaged to my mother he gave away racing. Apparently he raced a Monza at Sandown up to 1962. His name is Barry Alexanderson and he sold cars and now is a very successful heavy equipment earthmover: See Alexanderson Earthmover. I want to find the car... or model of car he raced. If anyone knows please email me. Petea Alexanderson mpadamson@westnet.com.au 0420 302108

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