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## NEWSLETTER - September 2013

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	1st	Interclub Challenge Rob Roy .....	0418 311 040
September	15th	Maryborough Sprint.....	03 9827 8124
September	14th-15th	Modern Regularity Nationals Mallala SA - Tony Morgan	
September	28th-29th	Wakefield Park (tbc) .....	02 4822 2811
October	12th-19th	Camp Quality EsCarpade - Emily Werner.....	03 9329 8660
October	19th-20th	Mt Tarrengower.....	03 5447 0189
October	22nd	MGM Clubrooms.....	03 9877 2317
November	8th-10th	Historic Sandown (CCE) .....	0402 224 133
November	16-17th	Wings & Wheels Moorabbin - Bill Prowse.....	0412 926 002
December	7th	Shannon Xmas with the Clubs .....	0417 490 949
December	13th	Christmas Function - Mike Barker.....	0407 825 545
March	6th-9th	Phillip Island Classic (CCE).....	03 9877 2317

### Wednesday Members Lunch - 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)	Gordon Hellsten .....03 9878 5272 5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130 *CCE = Club Championship Event

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Please add to your diary** - the Christmas & Awards night this year is on Friday 13th of December at the Manningham Reception Centre. Have you given thought to forming a table of 10 with some of your mates/fellow competitors? We look forward to seeing you all on Friday 13th December. For bookings please contact Mike Barker on: Phone 03 9840 6155 Mobile 0407825545 email mbar6415@bigpond.net.au

### **Memberships are now overdue Please contact Mike or Sue Byrne**

**At the General Meeting** on Tuesday August 27 Richard Williams was the recipient of the club's Tony Gaze Merit Award. Richard was recognised for his outstanding work and support he gives to our race meetings. Well done Richard, your award is much deserved and your efforts appreciated.

**We had a most memorable service** at Geelong Grammar on Thursday to celebrate Tony's life. For those you could not be with us on the day, find attached a copy of the service booklet, and follow up article in the Geelong Advertiser, and a photo of his portrait in the chapel.

Following the playing of "The Last Post" in the chapel, we enjoyed a flyover by a Spitfire in Tony's honour. It really was one of life's magic moments. Great thanks goes to the Temora Aviation Museum in southern NSW, and to Spitfire pilot Guy Bourke.

With the fantastic support from Lord Charles March, Tony's ashes will return to the Goodwood Estate in the UK, and be interred into the Memorial Garden at the Goodwood racing circuit.

Regards, Chris Davison

### **Goodwood comes to the VHRR**

Due to requests to have a Goodwood Theme night again, I will be holding this as a social night event on Friday the 27th of September.

So hop down to your local op shop to buy up a bit of 40's - 50's gear, ie. flat hats and tweed jackets for the guys, and old furs, skirts and hats for the girls.

Remember it's a fun night, so come and join your fellow club members for a good time.

As usual BYO everything, tea and coffee supplied. For further info contact Ron on 0427031737

**Currently there are several Australians** competing in Europe including 4 Formula Junior drivers, one of which is from Victoria, namely Kim Shearn in his Lotus, and whilst talking on Lotus cars, Martin Bullock from WA has purchased the ex Glynn Scott Lotus 27 that was shipped to Australia in 1963. This car had been under major restoration by Don Ballingal here in Victoria for some years, having only completed it recently.

Another Lotus 27 arrived in the country from the USA late 2011, purchased by Andrew Fellowes from Queensland who has finally completed its restoration, and raced it in local events. The exciting news regarding this car is that it was originally a Lotus "Team" car making it more valuable than the average Lotus.

Dr Ian Henderson from Victoria has recently purchased the Brabham BT6 originally created from the damaged Greg Cusack car in period, that has been raced in recent times quite successfully by the previous owner Brian Pymble and his son in NSW, and whilst talking about Brabham, Nick McDonald completed the restoration of a Brabham BT2 that Denis Lupton found in Tasmania some 20 years ago, and raced it successfully before selling it to Graham Brown in Queensland 15 odd years ago. Graham raced this car consistently throughout Australia in Formula Junior events till age caught up, when he sold the car recently to a youthful Grant Craft also from Queensland.

Regards Kelvin Prior

### **Warning Club Permit Holders**

A reminder to all Club Permit vehicle owners.

I draw your attention to rule 14: Responsibilities & Obligations - Permit Holders.

Clause 3: Maintain financial membership of the Club at all times whilst holding a Club Permit.

I can not sign off CPS renewals if your membership is not current. Your CPS renewal will be held until clearance from the Membership Officer.

If you continue to use your vehicle when your membership is not current you are in breach of the Club Permit Scheme. The Club is obliged to advise VicRoads of non-financial permit holders.

Gordon Hellsten  
CPS Officer

## **CPS Renewals**

The AOMC has received many reports from member clubs of CPS holders NOT receiving their renewal notices or receiving them late. This has resulted in the vehicle becoming UNREGISTERED. This means that the driver of the vehicle is liable for a large fine if found to be driving the vehicle while the CPS is not valid! We understand that VicRoads allows only a short period of grace for renewal. If this is exceeded then the vehicle is considered unregistered and will need to undergo a Roadworthy Test before reregistering on the CPS.

VicRoads advise that the process of issuing CPS renewal notices has been "contracted out" and that renewal notices are now typically sent to owners about 4 weeks before expiry (in contrast to fully registered vehicles where renewals are sent out about 6 weeks before expiry).

Clubs are strongly reminded to alert their members that responsibility for registration of a vehicle is with the owner and that they should check their renewal dates. The AOMC also recommends that Club Permit Officers monitor their CPS records and alert members if the CPS Officer has not received the renewal notice for countersigning within say a couple of weeks before expiry.

If an owner has not received their CPS renewal notice within say 2 weeks of expiry then they should take the receipt of their previous payment to a VicRoads office and request that a new renewal notice be generated on the spot. The AOMC has received reports that although the owner may have made a payment and received a receipt, the payment has not been processed in the CPS database and the vehicle is recorded as unregistered hence no renewal notice is generated for the following year.

The AOMC is also aware that not receiving a renewal notice for the year following a new CPS vehicle registration can occur where during the original processing of the CPS application the date of issue was entered as the date of expiry. That is, the permit expires at 12 midnight on the date of issue and therefore a renewal notice is NOT generated 11 months later. Owners putting a vehicle on the CPS for the first time should check the expiry dates on the label and logbook.

Note that changes of address need to be advised to VicRoads for all vehicles and driver's licences. As the CPS vehicles are recorded on a separate database from the fully registered vehicles and driver's licences these address changes need to be separately advised to VicRoads for the CPS vehicles.

The above issues have been formally raised with VicRoads by the AOMC.

## **Driving Standards In Historic Racing**

The nomination of a DSO (Driving Standards Observer) at Historic meetings does not appear to have stopped the poor driving of some "serial offenders". It seems that this important position does not have the role or authority required. The following should be considered:

The title must indicate the role - Driving Standards Controller/ Officer/ Administrator/Supervisor etc.

- A job description, detailing what is required and to whom he/she reports.
  - A recommendation from the AHMRP to The Historic Commission formalizing these appointments.
- The Historic Car Clubs have gone to a great deal of trouble (and expense) to establish a viable standard for driver behavior. The cost of repairs following incidents may also be a contributing factor to shrinking entry lists. It should be noted that there is virtually no excuse for coming into contact with another car. It is recommended that meaningful penalties be applied for this offence. Thought should be given to introducing the practice used in Speedway racing, whereby both cars involved in an incident are sent "rear of field", either at any restart or the next event in which they compete. Even in our case, if this is at the next race meeting. Part of the required procedure has been the mandatory reporting, to the DSO, of any contact at an event. Drivers involved are required to do this immediately upon returning to the paddock area. If the Race Director/Clerk of Course issues directions (at the Drivers' briefing) that this must happen, drivers may be charged with failing to obey the direction of an Official! The fact that drivers have resolved matters themselves, does not excuse the failure to report the incident to the DSO - for a multitude of reasons!

It is no secret that more than one "high profile" driver, who have been party to several incidents in the past have not been penalized for their dangerous lack of consideration for others and for verbal abuse after returning to the paddock area. The DSO must have the powers of a Judge of Fact (or even a Steward?) and be authorized to recommend suitable penalties to the Stewards. Historic Racing has a unique need for drivers to understand that, because of the relaxation of some safety measures by CAMS (in line with the requirements from the era) they must not take risks, which may or may not be acceptable in contemporary racing.

The role of a DSO is most definitely not that of an Observer but a "controller", who ensures that 'Justice

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is administered according to the law." Which in this case, is the National Competition Rules. The duties of a DSO must be carried out without fear or favour.

### **2013 Club Challenge Series - Round 2 1st September 2013**

Congratulations David Bell - Subaru WRX - 21.70 seconds Fastest Time of Day

Congratulations VHRR for the round 2 & Series Win

**Most members with email** will know I'm putting together a database comprising histories and profiles of cars and drivers for future use in various race programmes, commentating, and just general interest. If you don't get emails or don't have access to the internet you could always just post me anything you have on your car. For preference it should be typed so at least I can scan it and convert it to electronic format. Really though, I'm happy with anything. Grant - grant@thecampbells.net.au

**The AGM of the VHRR was held on August 27, 2013.**

### **Current club contacts for 2013/14**

#### **Executive committee**

President	Ian Tate	9877 2317
Vic president	Noel Robson	0402 224 133
Treasurer	Ian McLennan	0414 991 777
Secretary	Leanne Newson	0417 128 332

#### **General Committee**

Bob Harborow	0419 593 308
Andrew Mcinnes	0414 991 777
Ian Carrig	0400 836 856
Bob Morrow	0419 393 363
Peter Donald	0412 264 997
Mike Byrne	0419 158 696 (Membership)

Patrick Ryan is standing down from the committee but will continue as a co-opted member.

#### **Group representatives**

J&K	Patrick Ryan
Lb	John Caffin
Q&R sports	Derek McDougall
PQR racing	Rowan Carrig
F5000	Bob Harborow
M&O	Laurie Bennett
FJunior	Kel Prior
FFord	Nick Bennett
Group C	Rod Hatfield
Group A	Craig Bowring
FVee	Geoff Kelly
Regularity	(open)

Lloyd Shaw is stepping down as Club Property Officer and we need a volunteer to take on this role. Many thanks to Lloyd for all the work he has put into this position for so long. It is very much appreciated. Details for the group reps and other club contacts see "Contact us" - [www.vhrr.com](http://www.vhrr.com)

#### **Classifieds**

**Sunbeam Alpine, Hillman Hunter Overdrive Gearbox** complete with new g/box mount, cross member, prop shaft and all wiring - bolt straight in. \$2200 contact Michael Ban 0415336460 or [alpineban@gmail.com](mailto:alpineban@gmail.com)

**For Sale 5 speed close ratio gearbox.** Originally from an Austin Champ, it was fitted to the MacHealey by Roger Wells but was removed by Alex Reid in the interests of originality .It has a mixture of helical and straight cut gears with no reverse.. The Champ had reverse gear built into the Diff. It appears to be in good condition and is a substantial unit. Price is \$600-00 negotiable. Jim Reddy. 9775 6728

**BMW 650 GS 010** model adventure motorbike low km excellent condition \$9250.00 Greg 0438 051563 email [greg.marriner@hotmail.com](mailto:greg.marriner@hotmail.com)

**For sale: 4 wheels, Performance Alloy Superlites.** Colour silver, 2 off, 13 by 5.5 19 P 4 stud pattern. Tony Burrage 95747117

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