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## NEWSLETTER - January 2018

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

#### 2018

February	27th	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
March	9-10-11th	<b>Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport</b> .....	03 9877 2317
April	23rd	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
May	5-6th	HRCC Autumn Historic Warwick.....	0424 321 072
May	25-27th	Historic Winton.....	03 5428 2689
June	9-10th	HRCC Noosa Hillclimb.....	0424 321 072
June	26th	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
July	14-15th	Historic Queensland.....	0424 321 072
August	4-5th	Winton Festival of Speed.....	0412 264 997
September	18th	MGM (note change of date from August).....	03 9877 2317
October	23rd	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
November	10-11th	Historic Sandown.....	0402 224 133

#### Committee Meetings

January 15th	May 21st	September 17th
February 19th	June 18th	October 15th
March 19th (between PI and AGP)	July 16th	November 19th
April 16th	August 20th	December 17th

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

CLUB LIBRARY HOURS Wednesdays 11.30 - 2.00 Club Nights 6.30 - 7.30

**Club Permit Scheme** Gordon Hellsten .....03 9878 5272  
(Red Plate) 5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130

\*CCE = Club Championship Event

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

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### Information to members - Junior membership

At the October committee meeting, matters to do with junior membership were clarified. It was decided at this stage that the age for junior membership should remain at 21. If a member is classed as a junior member at the time of membership renewal, they will stay a junior member for the next financial year, even if they turn 21 during that year.

Junior members, who are children of full members, are entitled to a free race entry for each VHRR race meeting, for one car only.

Leanne Newson  
Secretary

### Celebrating Lloyd Shaw's Sixty Years Of Service



CAMS today recognised long standing CAMS Official Lloyd Shaw, who has formally retired from his duties as a scrutineer.

CAMS CEO Eugene Arocca presented Shaw with a certificate and personally congratulated the 85-year-old for his 60 years of service to Australian motor sport. Shaw was humbled and surprised with the recognition. "Yes, greatly surprised and greatly appreciated," Shaw said. "Had I not started as a flag marshal, I would not have met John Roxburgh (former CAMS President). I managed John's business and finished up as an international training person, and became deeply involved in the manufacturing industry.

"So that's what I was involved with in the automotive industry in Australia, and it helped me as a scrutineer."

Having been involved in motor sport for six decades, Shaw has made many close friends along the journey.

"I've got some very good friends who have

competed, particularly in the hill climb and sprints area, which I've been mostly involved in recent years," Shaw said.

"There are some great people out there. And some of the other people that started with me back in the early 60s are still doing it... I will miss it, but you know time has come. I'm 85, time to walk away."

Arocca paid tribute to Shaw's outstanding service as a scrutineer. "On behalf of the CAMS community, I congratulate Lloyd for his outstanding contribution to CAMS," Arocca said.

"To be involved for 60 years doesn't happen by accident. Lloyd is well respected by his peers and our officials, and he retires from the sport with our best wishes.

"I'm constantly amazed by the people who give so much of their time, to make motor sport happen in this country. Congratulations Lloyd, I hope you keep enjoying our sport as a spectator."

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### A Trip to Paris

It all began with a phone call on Friday 10th November from the President of CAMS (Confederation of Australian Motorsport), whilst I was officiating at the Sandown Historic meeting in Melbourne, to inform me that I had been named as the recipient of the FIA 'Outstanding Official of the Year' Award. To say I was speechless would be an understatement, and at being further informed that this honour would be presented at the 2017 FIA Black Tie Prize Giving night to be held in Paris, at the Palace of Versailles on 8th December, I became even more speechless!

The award for the FIA Outstanding Official of the Year pays tribute to exceptionally long and dedicated careers as officials in motor sport. As it can be appreciated, being told on 10th November and to fly to Paris with my wife on 6th December did not leave a lot of time for planning, especially considering my wife had to renew her passport. Before the dust had a chance to settle we were flying to Paris via Dubai, then met at the airport by chauffeur driven car to the Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel in the centre of a very cold Paris. There were certain formalities to be completed concerning registration, which was then followed by a very brief sightseeing stroll near to the hotel in the cold evening air.

The next afternoon, Friday 8th December, was spent making sure all the creases and

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wrinkles from a very long flight had been ironed out, before boarding the coach for the police escorted trip to the Palace, some 29kms from the hotel, on the outskirts of Paris. Words can't fully describe the amazing venue of the Palace and also the grandeur of the event. It



was a veritable who's who of world motorsport and it all seemed quite surreal to be a part of it. The trophy I received, and the box to transport it home in weighed a total of 5kg, which all added up to one of the most amazing nights of my life, and to be able to share it with my wife made it all the better.

I never realised that all those years of doing something I love could culminate in such an event, one for which I am truly humbled and honoured.

My thanks and gratitude must go to all the people concerned who made receiving this award possible.

Roger Chirnside

If you like to join or support Roger and the team, contact [secretary@vicflag.org.au](mailto:secretary@vicflag.org.au)

### **Adelaide Motorsports Festival 2017**

The fourth annual Adelaide Motorsports Festival held early last December was another resounding success. I believe attendances were up another 30%.

The event is held in Victoria Park on a shortened section of the Clipsal circuit (which in turn is a short version of the old F1 track), and attracted over 200 entries, ranging from F1, Formula Ford, Formula Libre, sports, touring, Porsche, Ferrari, Supercar etc. I took the Match SR4, which is always a welcome sight, and great fun on that circuit even if it seldom needs any more than second gear. I was in a rather peculiar mix, which consisted of "pre 1969 and Invited"; the "invited" included an extremely rapid twin turbo GT40 replica (on slicks!!), which may well have been the quickest on the circuit excepting the F1s.

There was no racing as such, just 4 lap Super Sprints, but these are good fun anyway.

There is consideration into extending the track for the 2018 event, taking the cars up into Wakefield Street and this would bring the length closer to the Clipsal, and perhaps some of the events will be races.

Being right in Adelaide it's a marvelous venue for families to bring along youngsters who may eventually get the motor sport bug. There was something for everyone. Spectacular drifting demonstrations, a "race" between a F1 and a very fast super touring car, motorcycle demonstrations by Troy Bayliss (and others), and all sorts of static displays, including rally cars.

If you enter you will get a marquee and will be placed alongside other cars in your particular event and this makes it easy for the marshals to call you up to the pre grid in time for your run, we got 2 events each day. There is no practice as such, only your warm up lap. The organization is terrific, there is only a minute or so between events, just enough time for the course car inspection lap.

This year's event hosted the magnificent display of some 24 Elfins honoring the late Brique Reed, Cheryl will be writing this up separately.

As in previous years the festival coincided with the Shannons Adelaide Rally, which attracted some 500 entries, the cars departing the circuit early and returning late afternoon. So for rally fans there was plenty to see, either at the circuit or at the stages on each of the three days.

### *Tailem Bend*

The new motorsport facility is proceeding rapidly and will be open (just for push bikes on the new track surface) by February. There is already a busy schedule for motor sport, cars and motor

bikes, for 2018. You can see the control tower and pits in construction from the highway (about 5 km on the Melbourne side of Tailem Bend.). The pit facilities are on the outside of the circuit. A 100-room hotel is planned and will be run by Accor. This is good because there is not much accommodation in Tailem Bend!  
The full circuit will be about 7 km in length and will have 18 corners but there will be shorter circuits in the mix so that two events can be run simultaneously, bikes and cars or whatever. The complex will include a skidpan and a drag strip. All this is looking exciting and I'd say there is a fair chance that VHRR entrants to the next Motorsports Festival will get an opportunity to call in to see the complex first hand. Peregrine, the company owned by the owner Sam Shahin, is managing the whole project and has plans to upgrade the facilities at Mallala, which it now owns.

So with Adelaide now having three circuits, if you count the Victoria Park Clipsal/Festival facility, there is every reason for VHRR members wanting to have other options to use their cars to include a trip over in their 2018 planning. And there is plenty to do in Adelaide and nearby, not least of course the wonderful wineries.

Nigel Tait

### **Dear Club Member**

We are asking for your help in locating a stolen 1968 Valiant VE sedan.

The car was stolen from a private home in East Bentleigh on December 22nd. A one only family owned car purchased new in 1968 by the current owners' father, who has recently passed away. The car was parked in the driveway behind locked gates and was transported by trailer or truck as the engine did not start. A very original car with straight panels and poor condition paintwork.

If you have seen or know the whereabouts of the car please contact Victoria Police.

1968 Chrysler Valiant VE sedan

Registration No.: KBE684

Engine No.: LVE3D4655

### **Dear Leanne**

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Kind Regards

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### **Classifieds**

**Kombi race transporter** 1976 bay window with disc brakes – Extended by 1.3 metres to carry open wheeler up to Formula Pacific length. Vicroads approved. Upgraded 2.2 litre engine on Webers. Cruises at 100kph. Cap 1.1 tonnes. Excellent condition. RWC. Airbag rear suspension and elec.pump for easy loading. Powerful winch. Removable alloy weather proof canopy incorporating under roof tyre racks. Two huge underbody lockers. Comes complete with easy to use loading ramps, trestles, tie downs and tyre inflation kit. Also represents great concours transport for Porsche356 or 911 size show car. Offers Invited.

Please phone Don Hume 0438 308 788 anytime

### **Race Car Trailer.**

Ideal for a single seater formula car, this lightweight, streamlined, enclosed trailer has rigid sides and brand new tarpaulin style top (not pictured, it's being made).

It isn't braked, which makes it very quiet and even lighter. I towed my FF with a BMW 3 series for years and it was always a breeze. Good condition, full timber floor, light truck tyres and the rearward axle location means you can load forward.

Forward doors to access tie-down mounts, rear turnbuckles, aluminium ramps and hinged front section. It is the most efficient and best towing trailer I've ever used, shame the current machine doesn't fit! For JKL cars it's 5'10" wide inside, for later groups 176cm. Call Nick McDonald 0414 569 506 or email [nick@a3recruitment.com.au](mailto:nick@a3recruitment.com.au) for full measurements and more pics. Located in Highett. \$4,500