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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

## NEWSLETTER - December 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

December 8th VHRR Presentation & Awards Dinner - Mike Barker .....0407 825 545

#### 2019

February	26th	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
March	8-9-10th	Phillip Island Classic.....	03 9877 2317
April	23rd	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
May	17-19th	Historic Winton (*note date change) .....	03 5428 2689
June	25th	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
August	3-4th	Winton Festival of Speed.....	0412 264 997
August	27th	AGM.....	03 9877 2317
October	22nd	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
October	25-27th	Historic Sandown (*note date change).....	0402 224 133

### Committee Meetings 2019

January 21st	April 15th	July 15th	October 21st
February 18th	May 20th	August 19th	November 18th
March 18th	June 17th	September 16th	December 16th

### 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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### Don't forget

#### *the* Annual Dinner/Awards Night

is just around the corner! So now is the time to organise your regular table group, if you have one, and book.

#### **Date Saturday 8th December**

Cost \$60/head - drinks inc (wine/beer/soft drink)

Contact Mike Barker

mbar6415@bigpond.net.au

0407 825 545 or 03 9840 6155

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### 2018 Historic Sandown

Although a bright start to the weekend, with sunny skies and barely any clouds to be seen, this was going to be one of the darkest weekends for the little Formula Ford team, now wearing the number 7 on the freshly painted 1980 Wren. The Friday private practice started well for us however, with a strong car until an unsettling second session with a spin and a very unhappy car. This took a fair bit of confidence out of our ace driver, Eric Bellamy, and problems for us kept coming throughout the weekend. On another note, before I explain the troubles of the weekend, let's look at the positives. The weekend was incredibly well run, the officials, medical team and others did an amazing job to pull off a really enjoyable weekend for those racing and those spectating. And talking of spectators, what a turnout! The Sunday when I arrived, I was awestruck to see the amount of spectators out on a beautiful day, watching stunning cars blast by them!

Now, back to the little Formula Ford. We struggled with a gear selector that broke three times, but luckily not during the race. Also, we had a right front wheel that came loose, once again luckily not effecting our races. However, we didn't miss any of the races, finishing all of them to our surprise! We didn't go out for qualifying, which relegated us to the back of the grid. Eric, our driver, did a brilliant job throughout the weekend, passing cars while trying new techniques with his driving. We wrapped up the year in 2nd for the Formula Ford Fb Class Championship, which is a great effort for our little team. Seeing as we got second this year, let's go one better next season!

Josh Lowing

### **I would just like to say how much I**

enjoyed the Historic Sandown Meeting . I ran my Aztec F3 car there (last time was in 1973).

The VHRR should be congratulated on the seamless way the meeting ran. I found everyone I had contact with helpful and friendly , from the Clerk of Course to all the CAMS officials and Sandown management.

The Remembrance Day service was extremely well done and a fitting tribute.

All in all, the attention to detail in organising the event augers well for the future of Historic Racing in Victoria.

Regards, Allan Ould.

### **What's New In The Library**

Newly released The Yella Terra Story by Dave 'Dyno' Bennett was recently donated to the library and has already been borrowed by members. This autobiography follows one of the great success stories of the Australian high performance automotive industry. Fuelled by an innate interest in things mechanical, Dyno Dave was destined to work in an industry based on that interest. From humble beginnings offering dynamometer based tuning services, the Yella Terra business grew and developed into a giant of the Australian aftermarket and indeed had considerable influence in the OEM market for more than 40 years. This book is a particularly interesting to all high performance auto enthusiasts.

Thank you to all members who have donated items to the library in 2018. We have been particularly delighted by the motorsport memorabilia which has been added to the club's collection.

A reminder to anyone who is embarking upon a declutter over the new year to keep an eye out for race programs from both recent events as well as the early years. These are particularly invaluable when researching the history of our cars, as well as providing 'bragging rights' for members.

See you in 2019! Cheryl Reid

### **Pole position for V8s**

By Rowan Forster

From the **Pakenham Gazette**

Cardinia's proposed motorsports facility is in pole position to stage a major coup and host a Pakenham-rendition of the Sandown 500 – should the iconic power circuit be sold off for development.

It comes after Star News last week reported that plans have been sketched for a mix of high-rise apartments, town houses, homes, a medical centre and shops on the iconic Springvale

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raceway site. The track could reportedly be closed as early as 2020 – when car racing ends at Sandown. Pakenham's world-class facility is being planned by British-based Apex Circuit Design, which is simultaneously drafting concept art for a second, 4.5km track at the world famous Mount Panorama.

The Gazette can reveal that the 3.7km circuit at 335 McGregor Road will be constructed to meet a Grade 2 Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) ranking. The grading would make the track eligible to host V8 Supercars, GP World Cups and even Formula One.

To meet the Grade 2 qualifications, the Pakenham racetrack would be higher quality than Mount Panorama and on equal grounds with the Okayama International Circuit, EuroSpeedway Lausitz and Sydney Motorsport Park.

Property developer Steven Paglia, who was awarded the tender for the facility by Cardinia Shire, has announced the raceway will play host to major events. When asked if he could see V8 Supercars use the track in the future, he replied: "Yes, definitely." "This complex will be designed to host local, state, national and international events – for all sporting disciplines facilitated within the complex," he said. "Specific events will be released at a later date once the final master plan for the complex is established." According to Greater Dandenong City Council reports, councillors were given an update briefing on the "redevelopment" of Sandown on 3 September.

Greater Dandenong city planning director Jody Bosman said the MRC was working with council officers to develop a "planning framework". Bill O'Gorman, described by Wheels Magazine as the "father of the Australian F1 Grand Prix", spent a decade shaping Cardinia's proposed motorsports facility. He was not awarded the tender, despite investing about \$500,000 into the project and having Australia's only international racetrack designer, Michael McDonough of Mtrack and the Benalla Auto Club on his side. When asked if he thought the Pakenham facility would be a future home for V8 Supercars, Mr O'Gorman said it would happen, without a doubt. "It's supposed to be a FIA design circuit – so you can have Supercars and you can have Formula One," he said. "Obviously the Grand Prix will be at Albert Park, but the Supercars will need somewhere. "As for Sandown, she's over. "This Cardinia project needs to go ahead. "If he (Mr Paglia) doesn't do what has been proposed, motorsport will not have a major circuit in Melbourne."

The scope of the development has also re-ignited concerns surrounding noise. Tony

O'Hara, from Lakeside, is concerned about the impact on local amenities – more so in wake of Sandown's dire news. He said the 335 McGregor Road site is only 1200 metres from residential areas. "These sorts of decisions should be given more consideration," he said. "Before I even moved here I originally wrote to Cardinia and said they need to consider where they're proposing it. "A fair few people are concerned about this going ahead and the impacts this will have on amenities." A reveal of the track's preliminary design is slated for 14 November.

**In honour of our family's long** friendship and association with the late Brique Reed, we invited his son Brendan Reed to drive the Ecurie Australie FF86 Quest Formula Ford at last weekend's Geelong Revival.

Many members of both the Davison and Reed families were in Geelong to see Brendan behind the wheel and it was both an emotional day and great success for all concerned. Chris Davison



### **Brooklands Followed Sandown**

Last month's Sandown programme revealed that Sandown had existed as a horse racing track for many years before being selected as the venue for Australia's first motor races. Harry James and several other members of the Automobile Club of Victoria (Now RACV) were requested to organise activities for the Commercial Travellers Association's 1904 annual picnic to demonstrate the suitability of motor cars as transport for commercial travellers. Three events were conducted on March 12th on marked sections of the horse track and witnessed by around 1400 spectators. Most of them had arrived on special trains to the Sandown station.

Twenty two months later motor racing commenced at Brooklands (UK). Mr Hugh Locke King and his wife Ethel sponsored the 2.75 mile long, 100 feet wide track. with 30 feet high banked corners that was claimed to be the world's first permanent motor race circuit. Hundreds of trees and numerous farm buildings

were removed and the River Wey was diverted in two places. Three bridges were erected and eight miles of fencing was required to enclose the area. Railway lines were laid to bring in the 200,000 tons of gravel and cement needed to build the famous banked corners. Up to 2000 workmen were employed and costs were in the region of 22,000 pounds and almost bankrupt the Locke Kings..... Continued next month. Info source - The VHRR library. Lloyd Shaw

### **Classifieds**

#### **Trailer for hire**

NEVCO Ezy load, full drop deck single axle car trailer with electric winch. Wheel tie downs included. Weighs 850kg GVM 2500kg \$250 per week. Pick-up Sunshine West or South Melbourne. Richard Mann 0419 565 959

#### **1 set triple 40mm Dellorto DHLA**

carburettors on Holden 179 manifold.

Includes linkages, and new aircleaners. carbs are clean and have come off a Group A sports car restoration, now no longer required \$1000 or offer. Also: Holden EH clutch pipe, braided stainless new in package, bought for project but not used, \$60 with free postage included. Raymond McAuliffe. rlmotorsport520@gmail.com



**Tiga Sports 2000**, championship winner 2009, 2014, 2015 ex Keith Carling. Rebuilt motor, zero miles, new legal series camshaft, new AP clutch, new Girling brake master cylinders and braided brake lines .12 wheels, near new wets, 16 gear ratios, fibreglass body moulds , 1.21.476 on old surface at Morgan Park, Historic Log Book and Cof D. \$39700. Trailer available extra. Please phone John 0427 668 677



#### **VHRR name badges with club logo**

Alex: mcbadges1@gmail.com

**Car storage space for hire.** Located in Sunshine West, Melbourne. Pick up and delivery service available. Call Richard Mann 0419 565 959

**For Sale Formula Ford** brand new 1988/9 Van Diemen nose cone. If interested please call Phil Randall 0400 377 500

#### **1962 series 2 Lotus Super Seven**



Cosworth 1500cc all steel engine  
Ex Bruce Dunkerton, John Evans, Mike Devine.  
CAMS COD, log booked Group O  
Recent major freshen up & is in immaculate condition. The most historic Lotus Super 7 in Australia and the last sports car to compete in the AGP. Has an extensive racing history. Serious offers considered  
Jim Foulis 0418 346 174

#### **1968 RENNMAX PALLISER**

Formula 2 For Sale

- Car was made for Alex Milden as a spare but never used by him.
- Car was first completed and raced in 1973



- Car has had several owners and was completely rebuilt from the ground up and completed about 13 years ago
- Its had only moderate use since then
- Car has recently had engine rebuild, new brakes, new paint, new grooved slicks, refurbished wheels, new battery, new fire extinguisher
- Car has H5. Five speed transaxle, 1600 Lotus twin cam motor, cams c of d group O racing
- Car is in immaculate condition ready to race, nothing to spend.
- Contact Ian on 0431 847 870
- 65K neg.