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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - July 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

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| July | 14-15th | Historic Queensland..... | 0424 321 072 |
| August | 4-5th | Winton Festival of Speed CCE..... | 0412 264 997 |
| August | 19th | Rob Roy VSCC Historic & Classic..... | 0417 398 606 |
| September | 18th | AGM (note change of date from August). 03 9877 2317 | |
| October | 14th | Rob Roy Interclub Round 3..... | 0417 398 606 |
| October | 23rd | MGM..... | 03 9877 2317 |
| November | 10-11th | Historic Sandown CCE..... | 0402 224 133 |
| November | 18th | Rob Roy MGCC Historic & Classic..... | 0417 398 606 |
| December | 8th | VHRR Presentation & Awards Dinner | |

Committee Meetings

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|---------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| January 15th | April 16th | July 16th | October 15th |
| February 19th | May 21st | August 20th | November 19th |
| March 19th (between PI and AGP) | June 18th | September 17th | 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 Hellsten03 9878 5272

(Red Plate) 5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130

*CCE = Club Championship Event

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Notice Of Annual General Meeting 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the VHRR will be held on Tuesday September 18 2018 at 8pm at the clubrooms in Lexton Road, Box Hill.

Nominations are called for the Executive positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and six positions on the General Committee. Nomination forms will be circulated with the August newsletter. Please consider putting your name forward.

Leanne Newson

Honorary Secretary

Membership renewals are due by the 1st July 2018. Please note The membership forms will no longer have the tick box to indicate if members are participating in this annual championship. Instead a separate form titled Annual Club Championship is to be completed & forwarded along with membership renewals for registration with membership secretary.

Club Membership and its benefits

We want to let you know that there will be no increase in club membership fees for the 2018-2019 year. Your membership is important as it helps make the VHRR a viable and responsive club which enables us to support, encourage and promote historic motor sport and its history through our race meetings and other events. By being a member of the VHRR you back a great club and your membership benefits include:

Receiving each year

- Four issues of the Oily Rag
- Up to twelve monthly newsletters and other updates
- Up to two glossary magazines
- Access to our updated library and its collection
- Access to the Club Permit Scheme
- One complimentary entry ticket to the Phillip Island and Sandown race meetings
- Access to outstanding speakers at our bi-monthly General Meetings (and Noels' party pies and sausage rolls!!)
- Access to the clubrooms
- Participating in our social events, and enjoying the company of friends
- Joining the Wednesday Group.

Annual Club Championships for 2019:

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membership renewals for registration with membership secretary.

Debbie Collins

VHRR Membership Secretary

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Winton Festival of Speed

A reminder that entries for **WFOS close**

Friday 6th July and can be made through the link on the website - vhrr.com. If you require a paper copy please contact Bob Morrow on bobmorrow@iprimus.com.au or call 0419 393 363 and he will send you a copy.

A thank you to the flaggies

A special thank you to the Victorian FlagMarshalling team for the great framed shirt they presented to Ian Tate at Phillip Island in recognition of our support of their work. This will be proudly displayed in the clubrooms. And as always we appreciate very much the work of the flaggies and other volunteer officials, who without their giving of their time and assistance, we could not hold our race meetings.

Leanne Newson, Secretary

Annual Club Championship

At each nominated round of the Annual VHRR Championship, members will be awarded points relevant to their cars finishing position within each Group at each event, and where the event is Circuit racing, further bonus points will be awarded to the first four outright race positions, and in Hill Climb/Sprint events, bonus points will be awarded to the winning car in each Group relevant to the number of contestants:

Car Group points O/rlight race position bonus

First 9 points 4 points

Second 6 points 3 points

Third 4 points 2 points

Fourth 3 points 1 point

Fifth 2 points

Sixth 1 point

Hillclimb/Sprint winning points:

3 plus Group cars 4 points

2 plus Group cars 3 points

only car in Group 2 points

Really nice to see the following contribution from Derek Smith's 13 year old grandson!

Historic Winton Rundown

By Josh Lowing

A couple of weekends ago, all historic racing fanatics drove up to Winton Motor Raceway in country Victoria, for the 42nd annual Historic Winton. Trust me when I say this, we didn't drive up there for nothing. As always, Winton didn't fail to impress, with close, hard racing all

weekend long. For myself personally, I was very privileged to be spending time with some truly great individuals. I was involved in one of the Formula Ford teams, the car being the number 49 Wren Formula Ford driven by Eric Bellamy. The weekend was an interesting one for Eric, as out of nowhere drove to a PB of 14th in the Pearl White Wren. For Derek Smith and I, this was a very pleasing result. It was all smiles for all of us involved! I was also very lucky to be able to do a few Parade Laps in David Wright's stunning 1911 Fiat Tipo 1. To top off the experience, I was sprayed with the Fiat's radiator overflow during every one of the 3 laps that David and I did of the Winton circuit. The racing over the weekend was magnificent, as no one knew which battle-packs to keep an eye on! To my knowledge, Historic Winton is one of the only meetings of its kind in Australia, incorporating cars and bikes together. The bikes put on an incredible show, as well as the cars providing great racing as always. All of this means that the turn out from spectators was massive! Massive congratulations to the organisers of the event, as the meeting was run on schedule throughout the weekend. Looking forward to the Festival of Speed in August!

What's New In The Library

Earlier in the year VHRR member Paul Beranger, delivered a vast collection of pre loved magazines to be added to the library collection. In addition he proudly presented us with a copy of his newly published book Crayon to Cad: A History of Post-War Automotive Design in Australia.

In engaging, non technical language, this 336 page limited edition hardback coffee table book takes us through the doors of Australia's high security automotive design studios, tracking the progress of design, from early drawing board and crayon to sophisticated computer technologies (CAD).

As an ex-designer (Holden, Nissan and Toyota), Paul understands the local design culture, knows many of people involved and brings an expansive perspective to the wonderful stories he tells. Covering not just Holden, Ford and Toyota in a decade-by-decade narrative, the book embraces BMC, Nissan, VW, Chrysler and even the gallant locals (Buckle, Bolwell et al) who attempted to build low volume sports cars. The book lists hundreds of creative design people involved in the industry and adds 23 biographies of the most interesting. A highlight of the book is the inclusion of

'insider' material, archival black-and-white photographs and illustrations, as well as lavish full-page colour images. Thank you Paul! Why don't you pop into the library and check it out?

Balls Out To The Baltics

The three year celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Formula Junior has seen grids from several continents and dozens of countries cart their cars and crews for full grids to the UK, Europe, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, America, back to the UK and Europe and now we were off to do the Baltic Sector – three races in Lithuania, Latvia and Sweden.

The Australian representatives (now there's a frightening thought) included Marty Bullock from Perth in his ex-Roger Ealand Wren (after being crashed into at Zolder the previous week in his rapid Lotus 27), Lance Carwardine also from Perth running the Lynx borrowed from the West Australian Racing Museum, Bill Hemming (Melbourne) in the "shit it's not an Elfin" Tojeiro, David Kent from near Sydney in another Lynx, Neil McCrudden, Perth, with a Lotus 22, John Rowe again from Perth (must be a good place to get away from) in his Lotus 18, Brian Searles – Perth again - pedalling the West Australian Museum's Pink Panther, Kim Shearn and Peter Strauss from Melbourne in their Lotus 22 and Brabham BT6 respectively, David Watkins – yes you guessed it – from Perth with an Elfin FJ, and I think we can include Noel Woodford from NZ (but at least he was born and bred in Brisbane) who was driving Kim's PennyFord F3.

Fortunately there were enough other teams with 2 grids of at least 20 cars, to water down the effect of this motley crew of Aussies.

As with the rest of the world tour, the Baltic Sector was organised by the tireless King of Formula Junior, Duncan Rabagliati, and his brilliant daughter Sarah who was responsible for running the events and looking after the involved humans. Bill Hemming (I have more of this story and will publish next month - Ed)

In 1951 I gained my drivers licence

two days after my 18 birthday and was then able to select petrol from one of the 10 curbside bowlers at my local supplier. The Petrol price was the equivalent of 7.3 cents per litre. Prices were still controlled from WW2 at the equivalent to 33.5 cents per gallon.

For each gallon sold the supplier received the equivalent 4.5 cents commission..

About sixty seven years later whilst on a recent Sunday drive the local Supermarket outlet

signalled a sudden price increase of 27 cents to \$1.76 per litre. (\$8.00 per Gallon) A mile or so down the road I took the ACCC's advice and filled up for \$1.45 per litre. It is noticeable that when these now slowing "normal cycles" occur that one Supermarket's outlets advertised prices are between 2 and 4 cents higher than competitors. OK those Supermarket outlets do offer various discounts from their inflated on site advertiser prices. The Herald Sun have recently run articles relating to the petroleum industry, the article on May 31st refers to Viva Energy who own the Shell refinery in Geelong and numerous other fuel related facilities are quoted about their upcoming changes. Substantial price reductions via the 1165 petrol stations they supply, or their numerous other outlets would seem unlikely. Every living person in Australia is effected on a daily basis by fuel pricing and the inactivity of the ACCC who continue to assist maintaining "normal cycles" that provides the governments with higher GST income and helps further by allowing LPG to be available overseas at prices lower than are available here.

One can only assume that the oil industries bean counters are better informed and resourced than our ACCC. The criticism of the OPEC countries by the ACCC may be justified but it doesn't condone the Australian's fuel rip off's. Prices up last week, school holidays next week - ACCC normal cycle?

Nuff Sed. Lloyd Shaw

Richard thank you for the display passes and the couple of complimentary tickets. We made very good use of them. Once again the Philip island historics was a high point for our club and an extremely enjoyable event. I have attached a past copy of our magazine in which you will see the advertisement for the event that accompanied the 2 free full passes. Please pass on our appreciation for all those that ran the event.

Also we discussed some time ago that Bolwell may be the marque of the event for 2019 given it is 50 years since the first Nagari was produced and as such it will be a celebration year for us. Since this is such a cool event and a great milestone we have had many interstate Bolwell clubs interested to attend so we were considering having our national meeting to coincide with the event rather than Easter for this one year. This will maximise the number of Bolwells attending the event. When is the date for the Phillip Island 2019 event to be locked in? It would be great to have confirmation that

Bolwell will be the marque of the event too.

Thanks again for the great weekend

Regards, Fred Podner

President Bolwell Car Club of Australia

VACC Centennial Rally - Melbourne to

Bendigo Saturday 22nd September

As you would know we have been asked to find suitable significant vehicles to take part in this rally travelling to Bendigo from Melbourne.

Starting at 1918 the year of establishment of the VACC in Bendigo the rally will feature one vehicle from each year 1918 to present day.

At the present time we need significant or interesting vehicles to take part manufactured in the following years: 1919, 1920, 1922, 1924, 1927, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1948, 1950, 1954, 1960, 1966, 1972, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018.

The Expression of Interest Form can be

downloaded from the VACC's website

www.vacc.com.au/news/events and follow prompts to VACC Centennial Celebrations.

Please note one photo of the vehicle will suffice

Please address all enquiries regarding entry to

the rally to Iain Ross t 9890 0467 m 0409 027

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Classifieds

Ray Gibb's Cooper Climaxes are to be auctioned at Shannon's on July 16

Alfa 147, 2 ltr twin spark, May 2002 build, 5 speed Selespeed trans.

Unreg but drives well, straight but for front bumper, black with red leather upholstery.

Good starter or parts car \$1250

Derek Smith 0403830390

1 complete electronic ignition system

for MG T series motors \$1000 Never used

Bob Boast 0412 215 732

FOR SALE; 1969 Rennmax-Palliser

Formula 2, Historic log book group O.

Full history available. Reluctant sale \$65,000.00

Neg. contact Ian Gray 0431 847 870 or ian@graeson.com.au

