



VICTORIAN HISTORIC RACING REGISTER

ABN 97 521 303 894

Incorporated in Victoria

Association Number A 0007117 C

Foundation Patron: Sir Jack Brabham AO OBE World Champion 1959, 1960 & 1966
PO Box 3485 MELBOURNE VIC 3001 Website: www.vhrr.com Reg. No. 57/001
VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - September 2019

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	28-29th	HSRCA Wakefield Park.....	02 9988 4743
October	6th	Rob Roy Interclub Round 3 CCE.....	0417 398 606
October	22nd	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
October	25-27th	Historic Sandown	0402 224 133
November	10th	Rob Roy Triple Cup MGCC	0417 398 606
November	16-17th	25th Anniversary Wakefield Park	02 4822 2811
November	22-24th	Geelong Revival	03 5215 1181
November	30th	VHRR Annual Presentation & Awards Dinner.....	0407 825 545
March	5-8th 2020	Phillip Island Classic.....	03 9877 2317
August	1st-2nd	Winton Festival of Speed.....	0412 264 997

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 Hellsten03 9878 5272
(Red Plate) 5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130

*CCE = Club Championship Event

Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed within this newsletter are not necessarily those of the VHRR Inc. or its Committee and/or its Newsletter Editor. Whilst all care has been taken, neither the club or its officers accept responsibility for the accuracy of information printed and the quality of any items or services advertised or mentioned in this publication. Incorporated association Number A 0007117C. The Editor reserves the right to edit contributions submitted for publication.

The VHRR gratefully acknowledges the support of our major sponsors



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Phillip Island Classic dates:

March 5-8, 2020 and

Winton Festival of Speed: Aug 1-2, 2020

Membership

The committee has decided to make membership free for all junior members, not just junior racing members.

Vale Patrick Ryan

Patrick was keen, always keen.

He began early in his motoring endeavours and was mentored by his father Patrick and his uncles.

He began with motorkhanas, hillclimbs and sprints with the MG Car Club but very quickly tired of these and decided to be a racing man, and a racing man he became!!

Patrick aspired to build his own racing car.

It had to be an MG TC and it had to be supercharged - he would fill in the rest.

Learning was hands on and questions from his elders like "how much ring gap did you give it?" or "What was the bearing nip?" met with blank stares from our

Paddy, but he soon learnt and started to finish prodigiously powerful engines - small bores, but 30 lb boost, the fastest grenades on the track!! The bus boys at the Depot helped him build a body which Patrick was very proud of and we all thought he was the bravest of drivers - 140 horsepower and 19" wheels!!

Patrick progressed to 16" wheels and relative safety, then, with the help of Les Cooper went chronologically back to the Pre-war Group and built the TA special.

Using all their wiles and under driving the blower at only 18 lb boost the boys found the sweet spot in both performance and handling and Paddy was away on a stellar pre-war class racing career, running consistently high in this car, ably supported by Johnny Noble, for nearly 40 seasons.

He dabbled in open wheelers, the Cameron, and a Brabham, but always gravitated back to proper racing cars with the engines in the front, the TA, the Elgarem Jaguar, and latterly the Demmitt Fueling Special in which he still holds a Winton lap record.

Our Patrick, strong, upright, fair, compassionate

and loving.

A son, a brother, a husband and a father and in all things a family man.

A liver and lover of life and all its bounties.

Tireless and true as a man and a friend.

My friend.

A starter, a fierce competitor, a gracious loser and a humble winner.

His race fair run, he is taken way too early.

With fondest memories, rest easy mate,

Smithy



Winton Festival of Speed 2019

The 2019 edition of the Winton Festival of Speed one was one to remember, with great weather all weekend and even better racing, which provided spectators and competitors with a magnificent weekend of historic racing! Another impressive turnout of race cars made for really close, hard racing, which of course is a crowd pleaser and makes the competitors weekend a lot more enjoyable. Everywhere you looked were battle packs, with the biggest variations of cars racing for positions at both the front of the field, and also for minor positions at the rear of the field. For our little Formula Ford team, the weekend didn't go as planned, but we came out of the weekend with some positives to bring to Sandown in a few months' time. With our ace mechanic, Derek Smith, having the weekend off, it was a good chance for our legendary driver, Eric Bellamy, and myself to get more experience working on the car. A few incidents during races created more work than expected, but it was a good chance to learn more about how these fascinating machines work! For me, the weekend was really enjoyable, I got to work

on the mighty 1980 Wren Formula Ford and got to catch up with great people. What more could you want? As always, I'd like to thank the volunteers who make these weekends possible, you're all legends! Also, a big congrats to the VHRR for another great weekend of racing! Looking forward to Historic Sandown in October!

Josh Lowing

Vale Gordon Cope Williams

Gordon passed away peacefully at Epworth Hospital after a long illness on the 6th August. He was a generous benefactor to our club, always smiling, his wines regularly gracing the tables of our events. The VHRR extends it's sincere condolences to his wife Judy and family.

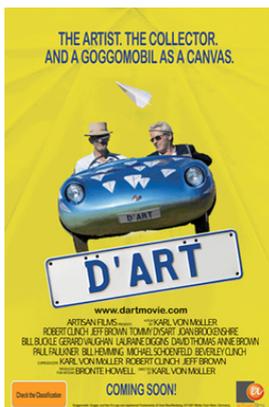
Vale John Flint

One of our younger and possibly less well known members, John unfortunately passed away due to complications from surgery. Most unexpected. The VHRR extends it's deepest sympathies to his family.

The VHRR Wednesday Lunch Group

continues to grow in numbers. Many VHRR members probably wonder how do they receive their hard copy of the newsletter, well, after Grant Campbell has it printed it is then delivered to the VHRR club rooms for the Wednesday guys to do the "Stuffing" and postage.

The Wednesday Lunch Group is open to any member, friends and also anybody that wants to do some research on their race car, look up old entry lists and results from the large collection of programs we have in the library, just make



Do you remember the Yellow Pages

TV advert with the Goggomobil? Painter Robert Clinch and Jeff Brown had an idea that if Jeff bought a Goggomobil Dart, Robert would paint his signature paper darts on the car, to create an *Objet D'Art*. *D'Art* was unveiled in 2017 and has since

been on tour of regional galleries around Oz. A feature length documentary about creating *D'Art* - have a look at this 3 minute trailer <https://vimeo.com/345842556>. The doco will premiere in Melbourne on Sunday 8th Sept at 2pm at the Classic Cinema, 9 Gordon Street, Elsternwick. Immediately after the showing there will be a Q&A involving Robert, the videographer and me. The car will be on show too. Tickets available on-line at <https://www.classiccinemas.com.au/movies/dart>. Ticket discounts are available for group bookings - contact the cinema on 9524 7900.

Automotive Historians Australia has been building a close relationship with the VHRR since our formation in 2015, due in large part to the efforts of Patrick Ryan. In recognition of his contribution to AHA, and the wider historic motoring community, we are dedicating our annual conference in October 2019 to Patrick.

This year our conference theme is "The Joy of Motoring" and will include academic papers and less formal enthusiast presentations. Don't be put off by the academic tag - it just means they are researched to a high level for publication. The conference will focus on motoring and automotive culture, dealing with experiences derived from owning, racing, designing, restoring or building an automobile or motorcycle. Rallying, time trials, long-distance road trips and the open road will also get a run.

Understanding these experiences often depends on tacit knowledge accrued over a long period of time and which is seldom recorded. Our conferences are an opportunity



yourself known our librarian Cheryl Reid who will be happy to help you find what your looking for. Cheers Simmo

to get this information and knowledge on the record.

Enthusiast sessions will include contributions from Colin Russell speaking about his experiences in the Ford works team, Allan Moffat Racing and 'Lot 6' and Mark Bisset of 'Primotipo' will be presenting on the Repco Brabham engines.

The keynote address, named the Ron Tauranac lecture in honour of our patron, is always a highlight. This year it will be given by Don Capps, incoming president of the United States Society of Automotive Historians, on the history of the Mercedes Benz Silver Arrows. RMIT University in Melbourne is the venue for this year's event, which is being held on 18 and 19 October and includes a range of social and special events, including a limited numbers tour of Fishermans Bend historical sites and the GMH Heritage Collection.

The AHA website at <http://www.>

[autohistoriansaustralia.org/conference-2019](http://www.autohistoriansaustralia.org/conference-2019) has more information and the full conference program will be released in the near future.

Tony Lupton

Secretary, Automotive Historians Australia (and VHRR member)

HTCAV News

Broadford, September 1st Plenty of entries left!

Our very own once-a-year Club track event.

Half Price for HTCAV Members - Just \$95. This is the Club giving back to YOU - to have some fun for Fathers Day!

Social Members - get yourself a AASA licence beforehand and have a whizz around the track!

- No timing
- Passenger runs all day
- Give your crew, family, friends the ride of their life!

- Race cars or road cars (no open wheelers)

- Only 60 entries available - hurry!

- Cafe open all day

For more info contact the Event Secretary - Geoff Vernon - or call him 0429 100 891.

Classifieds

Trailer for hire - single axle drop-deck Nevco car trailer. Includes electric winch and 4 x wheel ratchet strap tie-downs. Can carry up to 1650kg. \$200 per weekend

Porsche air cooled engine tools for hire – engine support cradle. Attaches where the bellhousing bolts on. Fits VW as well \$50 per month. Crows foot and cam tool also available.

Classic and race car storage – located in Sunshine West. Various size spaces available

Please contact Richard Mann on Richard.

manna047@gmail.com or 0419 565 959.

I am wanting to find some historical photos of my father, Wes Nalder, as my sister and brother and I are wanting to put his history together for him digitally, and in writing.

I know that he competed many times at Philip Island when he was younger and I am wondering if you have any information and/ or photos of him from this time.

His name is actually George Nalder but he has always gone under the name of Wes.

If you have any info or photos that you can supply we would really appreciate it.

Looking forward to your reply.

Regards,

Sue Cridge, (nee Nalder)

suecridge@optusnet.com.au

I am after a tow car, but am on a tight budget. I am a 19 year old junior at the club, and just want something I know one of the lovely people at this establishment will have looked after. I've been looking for anything that will tow a Vee really (which doesn't take much), however most XR6's have seen less of a tow bar and more of burning rubber in an industrial estate! :) Anything that will get me to the track and back, and will manage to pull the old girl along with her.

Christopher Jackson, 0432 824 626 are my contact details! In the meantime I'll keep hacking through the classifieds! :)

For Sale Kent 1600 cylinder head with matched inlet manifold, 34.5 mm inlet ports, recently resealed and springs replaced \$850 Kent 1600 cast iron crankshaft, std size and crack tested at ACS \$350

Kent 1600 plus .040" pistons have been fitted, very little use, set of 4 \$120

Weber DGV32/36 suit deco \$50

Radiator, brass 4 row 360mm high, 315mm wide, recently cleaned \$150

Set of 4 CSA 5.5" x 13" aluminium wheels, 4" offset, 4.25 pcs (English Ford), Hydro blasted and crack tested \$600

Derek Smith 0403 830 390.

Elfin 620B Formula Ford, restored & running \$30,000 or best offer. Please phone Peter Halpin on - 0418 593 659. For photos, e-mail Brian Simpson - cooperjap1955@gmail.com

Avon slicks to suit F/5000, Historic F1, or a big Sporty. Size's 15./26.0-15 and 10.0/20.0-13. Used only one race weekend. Price \$450.00 for the set . Call 0418 313482