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NEWSLETTER - July 2020

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

August	1st-2nd	Winton Festival of Speed CCE - Cancelled.....	0412 264 997
August	16th	VSCC Hillclimb Triple Cup Round 2	0407 825 545
August	25th	AGM.....	03 9877 2317
September	25th	All Historic Track Day Winton	0413 702 558
October	4th	Rob Roy InterClub Ch Round 3 (CCE, hillclimb).....	0417 398 606
October	27th	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
November	1st	MGCC 29th Historic & Classic Hillclimb TC Round 3.....	0407 825 545
November	6-8th	Historic Sandown CCE.....	0402 224 133
TBC		VHRR Annual Presentation & Awards Dinner.....	0407 825 545

Please note* At present, many things are being cancelled/postponed so please check before you go.

Committee Meetings 2020

January 20th	April 20th	July 20th	October 19th
February 17th	May 18th	August 17th	November 16th
March 16th	June 15th	September 21st	December 14th

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

(Red Plate)

Chris Nelson0439 955 562

2/1 Rushdale Street, Knoxfield 3180 BH only please.

*CCE = Club Championship Event

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Members are reminded that the General Meeting scheduled for June 23 is cancelled. It is likely that the General Meeting scheduled for August 25 will also be cancelled and AGM rescheduled to October. We will keep you advised in this regard.

Members with cars on the Club Plate Scheme (CPS) are reminded that your vehicle registration requires your club membership to be current. So for those who have not yet renewed, can you make sure you do so by July 1, 2020. Many thanks in advance from the CPS administration team!

All Historic Track Day at Winton

It may not be Historic Winton or The Winton Festival of Speed, however it will provide one of the few opportunities this year to brush the cobwebs off yourself and your historic car

To be held on the Winton long circuit the special track day is aimed at earlier 5th category historic vehicles.

Entry fee \$200 - which includes the luxury of individual garage spots and plenty of timed laps. Friday September 25th

Online entry only www.wintonraceway.com.au
<https://wintonraceway.com.au/eventinfo/competitors/>

The Derrard Cortina

With yet more spare time due to the circumstances of late, I've had a perfect opportunity to do some continued research about some hidden gems of the Australian motor racing scene, that potentially aren't known to a majority of motorsport enthusiasts. Naturally, my first contact that came to mind was my grandpa, Derek Smith. Having raced and built pretty much anything that was available year back when, I knew that Derek would have some great stories about some great little racing cars.



When discussing a car to focus on, we both agreed on one of the originals of the category that we now know as Sports Sedans. The car, a Holden red-motor powered Ford Cortina GT500, has been the subject of many conversations that we've shared over time. The car is often referred to as Derek's 'favourite project', and has not just a significant meaning to the people who put in countless hours building the car, but to the Sports Sedan category itself. In the hands of Scotsman Alec Moore, the bright orange rocket dubbed the 'Derrard Cortina' won the inaugural Toby Lee Series held in 1970, having finished and won its class in every race. The co-owners/founders of the Derrard Motors business, Derek Smith and Richard Hilyear, had known Alec since their business began in 1968, as he was a regular customer with his Mini Cooper S racing car, but Alec decided after campaigning the Mini in countless events that a change was needed. There was one obvious choice, a car that was fast becoming a proven formula, the Ford Cortina GT500. So, the boys purchased a bare chassis and shell, which would be remodeled

ALL HISTORIC TRACK DAY

**WINTON MOTOR RACEWAY
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH**

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Photo: Neil Hayward

using fibreglass, this meant the car was light. With a 186 cubic inch red motor/T10 four speed gearbox driving the rear wheels, it was putting out decent power too. The car first ran at Phillip Island in early 1970, and Derek, who would pilot the car that weekend, recalls completing the final assembly on the Thursday night, then deciding that the car needed a shakedown before the weekend. So, the trio hired Calder Park Raceway for the Friday, to test the car and make sure everything was in working order. After packing up post a successful day and handing in the keys to the track, the boys went home, to get some sleep. They then woke in the early hours of the Saturday morning to drive to the Island and officially debut the Derrard Cortina. At the completion of the weekend, the car was still in one piece, and a successful weekend results wise capped things off nicely. From then on, Alec took over the role of pilot, although on occasions Derek would get an opportunity to drive the car at venues such as Winton and Templestowe Hillclimb. Alec and the Cortina went on to be a very successful driver/car pairing, regularly notching up race wins/class wins in the process. A Phillip Island meeting in 1971 saw Alec roll the Cortina on the opening lap of the race at Honda Corner, formerly known as Repco. Derek recalls frantically calling Channel 10 at the time as the Cortina, which was usually at the front of the field, was nowhere to be seen on the black and white television coverage. Thankfully, Alec had escaped from the Cortina unharmed, and to Derek and Richard's surprise the Cortina, which was only half caged, had held its shape. Despite the crash, the car returned to the track the weekend after for a Calder Park race meeting! After 1971, the boys from Derrard Motors finished working on the Cortina, as work and home were becoming increasingly busy, ending a successful relationship. Post Derrard Motors, Alec painted the Cortina yellow, which was now sporting a 179 red motor to get the car under 3 Litres, and continued to stay a force to be reckoned with in the category. The category was then known as 'Sports Racing Closed', as 1973 was the first official year of 'Sports Sedans'. Since parting ways with the Derrard Motors crew, to Derek's knowledge, the car has gone under the radar. Any information would be greatly appreciated, so if the whereabouts of the car is known please feel free to contact me via email- jlowing28@icloud.com

Josh Lowing

English historic Formula Ford driver,

Richard Tarling, who raced with Ecurie Australie at the 2019 Winton FOS and this year's Phillip Island Classic, contracted the Corona Virus on the return flight back to the UK after Phillip Island.

"After two very difficult months battling the virus, I can report that Richard is now well on the road to recovery" reports Chris Davison, "and he even got to do a day's testing at Brands Hatch last Friday".

"Richard's international racing experience makes him a great addition to our historic FF grid, and he is really looking forward to returning to Phillip Island in the future"

Pic: Richard with fellow UK FF driver and team owner Linton Stutley. Chris Davison



Historic Sandown

Whilst Covid 19 has caused significant disruption to life as we know it, the gradual easing of Government restrictions provides us with some optimism that we can look forward to again enjoying our passion for Historic Motorsport.

The VHRR is currently planning to conduct Historic Sandown on 6th to 8th November, subject to the continuation of the easing of restrictions. Whilst it is not yet clear as to the nature of restrictions that will be in place in November, we will be proceeding with our planning and making some informed assumptions.

Please note that our ability to run the event will be continually under review by the VHRR Committee and a final decision to proceed will be subject to the continuing easing of restrictions.

This means that Historic Sandown will be conducted and managed with some differences to previous years to ensure that we operate in accordance with any Government restrictions which may apply at the time.

We anticipate being in a position to release an Invitation to enter together with Supplementary Regulations late July ---- it will be critical that you read these documents carefully to ensure that you are aware and understand the inevitable changes required to the conduct of the Event.

We look forward to receiving your Entry and the opportunity for all of us to enjoy our Historic Motorsport.

Noel Robson
Chair, Sandown Race Committee

A little different VHRR Wednesday

Lunch Group this Wednesday the 24th June with a visit to The Naked Racer Cafe in Cheltenham. 14 members attended this amazing venue, with its wonderful collection of all thing's motor bikes and other memorabilia, some hanging from the roof and walls.

The Naked Racer Cafe has a nice selection of various foods on the menu, probably not the place to go if you're on a diet, but what the heck. The motor bike collection is predominately Indian, some very early ones, and some the latest model.

On site there is also a very busy workshop servicing bikes and restoring some older ones, you can view this through a glassed wall, most interesting.

Thanks to Gordon Hellsten and Frank

Campagna for organizing the outing. The next outing will be on Wednesday July 22nd to be held at the Box Hill RSL, thanks in advance to Roger Griffin for organizing this one.

Classifieds

Trailer for hire - single axle drop-deck Nevco car trailer. Includes electric winch and 4 x wheel ratchet strap tie-downs. 1800mm deck width. Can carry up to 1650kg. \$200 per weekend. Please contact Richard Mann on richard.mann047@gmail.com or 0419 565 959

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. Please contact Richard Mann on richard.mann047@gmail.com or 0419 565 959

Classic and race car storage

Located in Sunshine West. Various size spaces available. Please contact Richard Mann on richard.mann047@gmail.com or 0419 565 959

Wanted ~ 2 Lockheed rear calipers They are 1.1/4 inch and appear to have the number FCP825H. I think these were pretty common around 1980. Norm Falkiner 0409 868 973

