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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

## NEWSLETTER - July 2021

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

July	17th	<b>VHRR 50th Anniversary Dinner - Manningham</b> .....	03 8774 4154
July	27th	MGM .....	0458 882 304
August	6-7-8th	Winton Festival of Speed .....	0412 264 997
August	15th	Vintage Rob Roy .....	0412 339 934
August	24th	MGM .....	0458 882 304
September	11th-12th	All Historic - Pheasant Wood Circuit .....	<a href="mailto:jscl.2996@gmail.com">jscl.2996@gmail.com</a>
October	3rd	Rob Roy Interclub Challenge Rd 3 .....	0412 339 934
October	26th	MGM .....	0458 882 304
October	31st	30th Historic & Classic Rob Roy .....	0412 339 934
November	5-7th	Historic Sandown .....	0402 224 133
November	26th-28th	Geelong Revival .....	03 5215 1181

### Committee Meetings 2021

January 18th	April 19th	July 19th	October 18th
February 15th	May 17th	August 16th	November 15th
March 18th	June 2nd	September 20th	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 Nelson ..... 0439 955 562  
2/1 Rushdale Street, Knoxfield 3180 BH only please.  
\*CCE = Club Championship Event

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

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**Report from the General Meeting** held April 27 2021.

Ian Tate gave a warm welcome to the members at the meeting, noting the sad passing of Eileen Sheppard, Rob Graham and Mal Bruster. He introduced our panel of guest speakers. We had a Panel Presentation which was entertaining, relevant and very Interesting, from groups and those undertaking roles vital to historic racing:

- Roger Chirnside represented the Flaggies Phil Craig - Fire & Rescue
- Mike Herlihy gave a rundown of all that happens in Race Control
- Stuart Allen - Motorsport Australia - Historic Series Steward for all Historic meetings gave us a rundown on his most interesting duties in that role
- Brendan Hogan - Manager of Blanchard Racing Team was the final outstanding speaker.
- The club made a donation to the Flaggies and Fire and Rescue to support these essential services.

A great line-up and we thank all for their time and support. There was no Treasurers Report at this meeting. In Rohan's Vice Presidents report he acknowledged the great work of Ian Tate and the PI race committee; while this year's event was scaled down it was a real success. Thanks to category managers.

Our new Membership Secretary John D'Asques (thanks John for taking on this role) reported we had 483 members.

Ian Tate gave his race report on Phillip Island noting it was a great meeting overall with fewer track incidents. We had 290 entrants which was excellent given potential border closures and the Covid situation. Mike Herbily did an outstanding job along with Jean and David Bellenger and Noel Tippet. The Expo Centre sign in worked really well and we will do this again in the future. Thanks to every official and for the decisions they had to make, many on the spot. The meeting will hopefully return a small surplus.

Mike Barker reported on the upcoming Rob Roy event, encouraging support from club members. Planning for WFOS and Sandown is on track.

We then had reports from some Category Managers (Group Reps), Cheryl Reid in the Library and Bob Harborow on the HCC.

Chris Nelson reported on the CPS noting we have 244 cars registered. All members with

cars on the scheme are reminded they must keep their club membership current. In terms of upcoming social events, Geoff Kelly reported in the special anniversary dinner being held on July 17 at the Manningham Hotel. The VHRR was formed on 21/4/71 and we have the minutes of the first meeting. There are limited numbers and all members should have received more information on how to book by now. Roy Best is performing; we are looking for photos of the early 1970s.

In General Business Ian Tate reported that the Gordon Cope-Williams perpetual trophy was awarded to Shane O'Brien at PI and that Connor Ryan was the Jack Brabham driver. We need to support Concept Racegear and thanks to Bruce for coverage in Auto Action and we are looking to have an ongoing column re historic. Please get any information to Mark Bissett.

Noel held an auction to try to sell the spare bookcases, to no avail! A Covid safe supper was served. Leanne Newson Secretary

Note: The next scheduled General Meeting on June 22 was postponed until July 27 2021. Please put this date in your diary. At his stage we still hope to hold the Anniversary Dinner on July 17.

### F5000 News

Hello fellow F5000 members

Since our May AGM and the appointment of our new committee - the accelerator has been flat to the floor- Test and tune bookings have been made New grid formats to be introduced, Race calendar events/venues being confirmed with driver training and advice for the test and tune days, Social bbq, plus dinners at our confirmed race venues

A major push to actually have a friendly and enjoyable experience both on and off the track - something to look forward to with your special F5000 Race cars not collecting dust with the planned handicapped events

We want you and your car to join in and participate with all of us. Can't drive? - You can help cook the BBQ or open the beer!

A Newsletter - which you are now reading - will be regular, along with our Facebook page so you can be part of our F5000 'club' and hopefully with renewed enthusiasm and friendships.

As an added bonus your membership renewal will be automatically extended through to the

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30th June 2022 free of charge

As you can see there has been a huge push by your committee to bring us altogether to ensure our F5000 Association continues into the future and that you can enjoy racing your cars with a renewed sense of excitement with your fellow racers. See the updates below from your fellow Committee members and newsworthy items.

Peter Brennan as Vice President/Race Director  
Bill Hemming as Secretary

Frank Harris as Treasurer along with  
Rod Carroll - as Public Relations Officer  
Alister Ondarchie - as Resource Adviser to the Committee.

Cheers, Rob Splatt - President  
Formula 5000 Association Australia

**It may be news** that after 22 years here in Bulleen, where we established Loel's "Costume Collection", and I had space for my cars and m'cycles, our property has been compulsory acquired by the government to make way for the North East Link project. As a result I have sold off half of my toys thru' Robbie Richards at "Donington Auctions", and further to this, Robbie has set up an 'online' auction of my collected motoring/motorsport books/photos/posters/racing apparel and memorabilia, beginning on July 5th. I would rather these 'treasures' went on to motorsport enthusiasts, than into a skip!! Any and all proceeds from the sale will be donated to the VHRR to assist in a small way, to the continued promotion of historic motorsport. Just a heartfelt 'payback' gesture for my years of excitement in our motorsport community ..... Thommo.

This wonderful gift from Bryan is a testament to his kindness, generosity and community spirit. The VHRR sincerely thanks Bryan and Loel and wishes them well in their move from Bulleen.

In addition, Loel's exceptional collection of vintage textiles and couture, acquired during her time in Bulleen has been donated to the Shepparton Museum who has built a new wing to house it. The display will open in August 2021.....Robbie Richards  
[www.doningtonauctions.com.au](http://www.doningtonauctions.com.au)



**I started racing in 1979** with the Classic Saloon Car Club, driving, or rather wrestling, a P4 "Auntie" Rover. After a few races the terminal understeer got the better of me in the wet at Donnington and I wrote the car off. I then raced a Wolseley 15/50 for the next six or so years. It was during this period that I had my first race in a Jaguar - a Mk 10 automatic.

The car belonged to a mechanic friend of mine and had been languishing in his back garden for some years. Nobody wanted them back then, so we decided to try racing it, inspired by having seen Trevor Wilkinson in his Mk10 winning the first ever CSCC Pre '66 race in the wet at Silverstone.

My friend welded the rusted sills then sprayed the car red, using some cheap paint meant for buses and tractors.. We got some second-hand XJ6 wheels and tyres, fitted the racing seat from my crashed Rover, and took it to an acquaintance's private track day at Goodwood. You could hire the place for peanuts in those days.

I was pleasantly surprised by how well it handled, and how quiet and luxurious it felt after the harsh and raucous Wolseley. Among the few



other participants was a chap with a go-cart. I spotted him broken down in the infield so I stopped, put the cart in the boot of the Jag and took it and its driver back to the paddock.

The car's first race was at Brands Hatch on the GP circuit; a round of the CSCC Pre'66 championship. It was a wet race and I got past several other cars. The brakes went AWOL around half-distance, resulting in some lurid cornering. After finishing around mid-field, I rejoined my friends in the grandstand. They asked me if the commentator was my uncle because he had talked so much about me and the Mk10 during the race!

Chris Logue (to be continued).

**This year's instalment** of the 2021 Winton Festival of Speed is set to be a mega one. As always with this event, all are looking forward to a fantastic weekend of racing for both drivers and spectators, and I couldn't be any more excited. With strong entries in classes like Group N, a celebration sprint event for the 50th Anniversary of the Marque Sports Car Association of Victoria, the HQ Racing Series also featuring, there'll be a huge variety of cars on track over the course of the weekend. For us, after such a positive weekend at Historic Winton, snatching our first set of podiums, there's plenty of momentum moving forward and we're making so much progress lap by lap. The season so far has been such a massive learning curve for me, with countless moments that have taught me so much, and I couldn't be any more keen to learn even more come the Festival of Speed. With what's shaping up to be over 20 entries for Formula Vee, thanks to some fantastic work behind the scenes, we're hoping for an individual race for the class, which is a challenge I'm really looking forward to! Formula Vee is renowned for its close racing and battle packs spanning all the way down the field, and at Winton, there's never any shortage of that! The circuit is one that suits our cars really well, plenty of corners but also a perfect opportunity for some slipstreaming with two decent straights, too, so it's looking to be an awesome weekends worth of racing. With some competition from interstate, us Vic's will have our work set out for us, but as always, the more the merrier, right? Overall, this year's Winton Festival of Speed is set to be a cracker, so set the 6-8th of August in your calendars, because I sure have! Really looking forward to seeing everyone back trackside, a huge thank you as always to the VHRR for their hard work behind the scenes to ensure us racing fanatics can all get out and do what we love! Josh Lowing

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### **Miller Ford 1935**

Replica built Indianapolis Race Car. Flathead V8 stroker engine. Car was built in 1997 in Aust from dimensionally correct drawings obtained from USA. Has VSCC and AASA book. Ready to run for fun. Selling to concentrate on the Mighty Customline. We have successfully concluded the negotiations for this car and priced for you to buy @ \$19,999.99

Thanks, Derek McLaughlan



### **Lotus Twin Cam Cylinder Head.**

Prepared by John McCoy in the U.S. CNC machined ports. The valve guides have been removed to facilitate this process. New intake valve seats have been fitted to suit racing valves and McCoy high lift cams. Cam caps and studs included. No cams, valves, springs or retainers. \$3000. Please contact Richard Mann on richard.mann047@gmail.com or 0419 565 959.

### **For Sale 1960 Cooper Climax F1 2.5**

Lowline T53 Colotti 5spd 58mm Weber's Restored by Ray Gibbs and re-commissioned by Keith Sparkes has f/glass nose cone and engine cover FIA removable roll bar by Borland Racing \$140k. Barrie Read Park Orchards 0400 054 358 readworks@bigpond.com



**I am seeking a home** for a collection of motor racing books & publications for which I have no further use. They are as follows:  
Australian Motor Racing Year Book - 5 editions - 1983 to 1987  
The Big Race James Hardie Bathurst - 4 editions 1984 to 1987  
Australian F1 GP Programmes - 1986 to 2005 (except for 1994) Plus 2009, 2010 & 2012  
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