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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - February 2022

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

February	20th	RACV British and European Motoring Show.....	0473 832 277
February	22nd	AGM - Note* Zoom Meeting	0458 882 304
March	11th-13th	Phillip Island Classic.....	0458 882 304
April	19th...	Ron's Tour..... Ron Townley	0418 999 576
May	28th-29th	Historic Winton	0419 504 233
August	6th-7th	Winton Festival of Speed.....	0412 264 997
November	4th-5th-6th	Historic Sandown	0402 224 133

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

The Annual General Meeting of the VHRR will be held on Tuesday February 22 2022 at 8pm as a Zoom meeting. We will be informed, closer to the day, on how to participate.

Nominations are called for the Executive positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and eight positions on the General Committee. Nomination forms and a notice about the meeting will arrive by postal mail shortly.

That notice indicates that the AGM will be held at the clubrooms. Given the current circumstances and social distancing requirements, the General Committee decided this week to hold a virtual meeting so please disregard that information when it arrives.

Please consider putting your name forward to join the committee.

Leanne Newson, Secretary

Club Championship Application form attached. Please complete asap. Thanks

VHRR President Ian Tate has been Awarded the Order of Australia for Services to Motorsport. OAM

You will be well aware of Ian's great leadership skills of the VHRR in recent years, bringing the Club further into the forefront of Historic Motorsport on a Worldwide basis.

We look forward to celebrating this great achievement over the next few weeks, and will issue further bulletins from this source.

Congratulations to Ian, from all members current and past.

Seconds after this news was circulated I received plenty of well deserved accolades. These are only some as the news appeared on Facebook minutes later:

"Wonderful news indeed, certainly well deserved. Cheers Simmo"

"Could you please pass on our sincere congratulations to Ian for well earned award.

On our previous trips to Phillip Island, Ian along with all the rest of you have made our visits most enjoyable and very memorable.

Ian's help in driving us around the track and showing us the correct lines, his help with our documentation and his smiles and obvious

pleasure in having us at the PI Historics will never be forgotten.

From all the Formula Forders from NZ that have had the pleasure to run at your meeting, congratulations and well deserved IAN.

Sincerely yours.

Keith Cowan and Peter Grant
Christchurch, New Zealand"

"Excellent, congratulations, well deserved!
James Owen (UK - 3 time PI competitor!)"

"Great news!! Wonderful to note that personal effort and dedication is still recognised in our hum drum world. Congrats. too, to the nominees for their presentation, which is quite demanding Thommo."

"Congrats Ian. Well deserved mate Joe (Calleja)"

"Well done that man, 1/-"



"Well deserved! Evan Edwards"

"Ian, congratulations to on the conferral of this High Order, we are all very proud of you and the way you have led your family, your team and the broader body of the VHRR.

With Our Very Wishes
Peter McKnight and Family and Friends"

"Well deserved and couldn't happen to a nicer chap. Paul Armstrong"

"Great news. And, very appropriate and deserved Congratulations Ian. Warm wishes Cath Davison"

"Congratulations to Ian for the years of service to the VHRR. A difficult task trying to please

most members. Ian was an innovator and long term thinker, although we SA & SB Drivers in Healeys, MG's were moved on eventually for more modern Classics. Ian and his Team were very Successful. Late 80's early 90's he built my Healey motors and was excellent.

Congratulations and best wishes. Peter Kent"

"That is great news Grant. I am very happy for Ian. Kind regards, Bernie (Mylon)"

"Superb news! Do pass on congratulations and best wishes from this side of the world (UK) - with thanks for the splendid receptions and hospitality we all received at the Phillip Island events. Keith Martin"

Congratulations Ian Tate OAM!

Wednesday, the 26th of January, 2022 marked a very special day for everyone on the historic racing scene. Our very own Mr. President, Ian Tate, or should I say Ian Tate OAM, was included in the Australia Day honours list, receiving an Order of Australia Medal for his services to historic motorsport. This, as I've been told, is the first of its kind, which in itself is very special. Most years, someone from motorsport in general gains an award signifying the contribution they have made and respect that the recipient has gained from the racing community, however, not once has there been a specific "historic motorsport" OAM presented. In my eyes, there is no one more deserving of such a prestigious accolade than Ian, and although no accolade can ever do his contributions justice, it is a very fitting one nonetheless. As we all know, Ian has done wonders for our great club that we know and love today, and without his commitment, I'm certain we wouldn't be in the position we are today. His care for each and every one of the Victorian Historic Racing Register's members is unrivalled, and speaks volumes about the gentleman he is.

For me personally, I know for a fact I wouldn't be where I am now without his endless support for a young fella's dare to dream, from day one I was welcomed, shown the ropes and had everything to convince me that historic racing was the way to go, little did Ian know, I needed no convincing whatsoever. I vividly remember my first ever visit to the Box Hill club rooms, as a quiet, 13 year old boy with an insanely strong passion for racing, where Mr. Tate dropped his preparations for the Tuesday night's MGM, conversations and everything else to welcome me through the door and explain to me

absolutely every detail I needed to know about the club.

Ian's support since then has been overwhelming, and I can honestly say with the help of "Tatey", my dream has turned reality, and myself and my family will never be able to express our level of gratitude for his incredible support and countless gestures towards making it all happen. Although I'm sure many of our member's could share stories that credit the sheer generosity and care that our club President possesses, there's just a little bit of insight as to why the accolade could not have been awarded to a better man for me.

To Mr. Ian Tate OAM, I'm sure I say on behalf of all historic racing folks, a massive congratulations on such a deserving recognition for your years worth of hard work, commitment, care, contribution, and passion to make our fantastic club and sport what it is today.

A truly great achievement for an even greater man.

Happy New Year all! Josh Lowing

Aaron Cameron Wins!

2021 Shannons S5000 Tasman Series

2021 Supercheap Auto TCR Baskerville

2nd Supercheap Auto TCR Australia Series

Well done Cameron!

Bathurst this year was an absolute blast! Racing in the TCR Australia series and the S5000 Tasman cup thanks to Garry Rogers Motorsport.

For me going into the last round of the championship in TCR I had full focus on coming out with 2nd in the Championship which was a big task when we went into the weekend 5th. The Peugeot was fast from session one and we focused on making a race car that didn't use its tires too hard because of our 21 lap racers which is a lot more than we had ever done in a race. The racers all went well for me getting a 1st and two 2nd place finishes only tenths of a second behind the winner. These results led to me getting 2nd in the championship behind Chaz Mostert.

S5000 Tasman Cup was still a big learning curve. I was leading the series going into the weekend having only raced the car once before in the first round at Sydney a couple of weeks earlier (which I won the feature race) and completed 1 test beforehand. Qualifying

pole was the highlight of my weekend overall against a stacked field of drivers ranging from ex Formula 1, Formula 3, Supercars. Then to also be the only driver to go under the 2min marker was an incredible feeling that will last a long time. All 4 of our races were plagued by Safety Cars but overall to have high horsepower open wheel race cars back at Bathurst was awesome to be a part of. To Top my weekend off I managed to hold onto the series lead and claim the Tasman Cup. Very Proud to have my name going on the perpetual trophy alongside the likes of Bruce McLaren and Jim Clark!

Thanks, Aaron Cameron



Only 2 places left - hurry!

9.45am 19.4.2022 meet at the Tea Rooms with the red roof on the right as you enter Yarragon. Street parking, or at the rear via Loch street.

After morning tea leave for lunch at Community Sports Club hotel 122-126 Little Johnson St Maffra. After lunch proceed to Gippsland Vehicle Collection, 1 Maffra-Sale Road.

Leave Maffra, proceed to Bairnsdale, stop at the Catholic church (high spire on the left) to view the stained glass & the ceiling painted by an Italian man in the 1930s.

Proceed to RSL Motel 221 Esplanade, Lakes Entrance for 6.30pm Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, 8.30am.

20.4.2022, leave the motel, turn left, then we will drive in & out of Lake Tyers for a quick look, and we will visit a working lime quarry at Nowa Nowa, then on to Bruthen pub for lunch.

After lunch take the Omeo Highway to Ensay. We will visit David & Jenny Coy's Winery & Vineyard on the right before you cross the Little River bridge.

Proceed to Swift Creek, turn left to Cassilis, go on to the T intersection turn right to Omeo, entering the town, turn right into the car park at the Golden Age Hotel

Dinner 6.30 pm bed, breakfast 8.30am.

21.4.2022, after breakfast turn right, travel to the Blue Duck Inn. En route we will park on the side of the road to view Omeo Valley. Leave the Blue Duck, return to Omeo, pass The Golden Age & head for The General Mount Hotham opposite the police station for lunch.

Leave Mount Hotham, head for Bright. Before Bright turn right to Tawonga South, turn left at the T intersection, turn left John Stanley's green roof house is 1st on right, park in the side road.

John Stanley is an Aussie marathon runner who has a fantastic international career. His Stoewer museum has interesting cars including Stoewer. In the 1800s Stoewer made typewriters & sewing machines, which are on display. A donation would be appreciated. Back over the Tawonga Gap to Bright. Proceed to Riverside Motel 69 Gavan Street. Bed & breakfast.

Dinner yet to be arranged. Friday enjoy Bright & the autumn leaves.

The tour is finished, hope you enjoyed it

Be aware of the fuel gauge & maybe have 2 anti virus shots.

- RSL Lakes B&B \$133.00 double
- Golden Age B&B \$135.00 double
- Riverside B&B \$140.00 double

All cooked breakfasts. Book early,

Accommodation is limited.

Pay as you go.

Ron Townley 0418 999 576

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The car is available as a driving chassis, with the body partly assembled to the chassis. The engine has recently dismantled for inspection, found to be in good condition, and re-assembled. Engine runs very nicely. Brakes have been re-conditioned. The chassis & suspension



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