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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - March 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

March	11th-13th	Phillip Island Classic.....	0458 882 304
March	20th	Rob Roy.....	0412 339 934
April	19th...	Ron's Tour..... Ron Townley	0418 999 576
May	22nd	Rob Roy.....	0412 339 934
May	28th-29th	Historic Winton	0419 504 233
August	6th-7th	Winton Festival of Speed.....	0412 264 997
October	31st	Rob Roy.....	0412 339 934
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

Secretary's Report

A General Meeting and our AGM was held on February 22, 2022 via Zoom. Many thanks to all members who were able to participate. Apologies to some members who were unable to log in; we did our best.

Ian Tate welcomed all to the meeting, noting it had been another difficult year. He made mention of the loss of members and friends who passed away since our last AGM: Rob Graham, Eileen Sheppard, Jim Foulis, Garry Dumbrell, Frank Coad, Elaine Coffin, Chris Spiteri and John Anderson. He noted particularly the sad passing of our great supporter and life member John Blanchard Senior.

Normal business was conducted at the meeting. Ian McLennan gave his Treasurer's Report and the club is in a sound financial position. Many thanks Ian for your outstanding work. John D'Asques, in his Membership report, noted we have 472 members. He also asked members to send in their forms to be part of the Club Championship.

In his President's report, Ian said it was a privilege to serve the No 1 historic car club in Australia. He thanked

- those on the General Committee
- chairs, members and all involved in our race committees
- the many people for the ongoing work and contribution they make to the club and its events
- our major sponsors: CoolDrive, Penrite, Bursons and Shannons,
- and most importantly all the members of the club.

Ken Innes-Irons as Returning Officer confirmed the following appointments for 2022-23:

Executive:

- Ian Tate President
- Rohan Carrig Vice President
- Ian McLennan Treasurer
- Leanne Newson Secretary

General Committee:

Peter Donald, Bob Morrow, Anthony Mann, Conor Ryan, Bob Harborow, Geoff Kelly, Noel Robson (Immediate past Vice President), John D'Asques will be an ex-officio committee member.

Group representatives:

- J&K, Lb Greg Smith
- Q&R sports Derek McDougall

- PQR Rohan Carrig
- F5000 Bob Harborow
- M&O racing Laurie Bennett
- M&O sports Tim Wright
- FFord Anthony Mann
- FJunior Kim Shearn
- Group C Rod Hatfield
- Group A Craig Bowring
- FVee Conor Ryan
- Regularity David Bellenger

The Returning officer confirmed the appointment of the auditor, Russell Alexander, for another twelve months.

The President returned to the chair and thanked the Committee members who are stepping down, Ken Bedggood and Craig Bowring. Craig has served on the committee for many years and we recognize his service. And welcome to Conor Ryan who is joining the committee.

Our President was awarded the Order of Australia for Services to Motorsport in recognition in part, of his great leadership skills in bringing the Club further into the forefront of Historic Motorsport on a worldwide basis. We offered our congratulations to Ian, from all members current and past. Well-deserved Ian!

Member benefit - entry to the Phillip Island Classic

Remember, you can use your Membership card to receive a complimentary entry ticket to Phillip Island. You will need to have your current club membership card with you, in person, and show it as you enter the track.

See you all at Phillip Island!

Leanne Newson Secretary

Phillip Island Classic - Preview

For everyone involved in racing, there's always that one track that no matter what, you can't shake it from your mind. Whether it be a corner that with all your focus or skill, that you just can't get right, or a track that every time you visit takes your breath away. The latter, for me, is Phillip Island. Coming out of the pits at the beginning of the first, last, or any session in between for that matter, of any weekend I'm there, I get goosebumps driving onto Bass Strait. There's no other feeling like it. While on a surface that is unrivalled by any other I've driven, you're eyes are lead to the ocean blue serenity that lies on the horizon. Oh, and the track isn't too bad either.

The fastest, most demanding track I've set foot on, that not only puts machinery to the ultimate test, but demands so much in the way of commitment and bravery from the driver, too. Cresting the hill at Lukey Heights, it's either keep your foot planted or back out of it. There's no in between. You're either confident that there'll be track beyond the blind rise to MG, or you're not. It plays with your mind, but boy, is it a good track if you fight back.

That's why, this time of year, all us historic racing folk push anything else to the side and prepare ourselves for the best weekend on the calendar, the Phillip Island Classic. Like always, this year's edition looks to be another instalment to remember, with 435 entrants over a huge amount of categories and a star studded line up of both cars and drivers alike, it's sure not to disappoint.

For myself, I'm back behind the wheel of the Vee after what's seemed like a break way too long, and I couldn't be more excited to further the progress from late last year and build on the learnings from it, too. With approximately 15 cars in FV, a great turnout, we'll definitely have our work cut out, but in Vees, the more is always the merrier.

With a max capacity grid of cars in various categories, there'll be no shortage of action for all, so trust me, if there's a day in the weekend free, you'll want to be at the Island, because folks, this year's edition of the VHRR's Phillip Island Classic is one you won't want to miss!

I'll see you there. Josh Lowing

Club Championship Application form attached. Please complete asap. Thanks

International drivers boost packed historic Formula Ford grid

Historic Formula Ford will again field a massive grid of 58 cars at the upcoming Phillip Island Classic, which will include an excellent representation of overseas drivers.

"The international support for historic FF racing allows for drivers from right around the world to compete at Phillip Island in cars that are very similar to those they race in both the UK and Europe" said Ecurie Australie principal Chris Davison, "and they return home with glowing reports of their time in Australia and the magnificent Phillip Island circuit and event".

This year sees the return of UK gun driver Richard Tarling, along with Frenchman Xavier

Michel and Irishman James Hagen. Of special interest will be UK FF team owner, Brian Soule, who has been invited to drive John Blanchard's Van Dieman after John had to withdraw due to a bike accident. Swiss driver, Gislain Genecand, who is a regular HHF driver in both Europe and the UK, he will drive the Ecurie Australie 84FF Reynard, whilst young UK driver Joe Ahrens will have his first outing in the MT086 Quest.

This year has been especially difficult pulling this together, due to the enormous uncertainty of travel due to Covid, but both Ian Tate of the VHRR and Michael Smith of Motorsport Australia have been very supportive of gaining the required Covid "sports" visas. Chris Davison

CLASSIFIEDS

BWA SOLD!!!

New owner Paul Cooke - welcome Paul!

For Sale 1969 MGB Overdrive

Without a RWC. An MG enthusiast valued the car at between \$20-25,000. Jenny's husband Russell recently passed away and the MG was his labour-of-love. She would now like to sell the car but preferably to someone who is an enthusiast. Jenny ~ 0439 614 009



Sigma Lens: 150 – 600mm, with a Nikon mount. It is the high speed 'S' for Sport option. 4 years old and in perfect condition \$1800.00 Peter Booth (Printer for the VHRR Race Programmes) 0413 740 699

1951 2.5 Litre Lea Francis roadster

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

are in good order. The rear axle has not been disassembled but appears to be sound. The body has been partly assembled to the chassis and prepared for painting to the undercoat stage. Front guards need to be fitted and lined up. Some re-wiring has been done. Non original bucket seats have been fitted. The original dash-board and instruments are fitted. In general, excepting the seats, the car is complete and original. Age and mediocre health have beaten the completion of the car. These cars are very rare and this is a good opportunity. Much work has been done, and it is a disappointment to not be able to complete it. Asking price \$25,000 Car can be inspected by appointment telephone David on 0411 751 811

Robbins special for sale.

Ex John Coffin car c/w enclosed trailer, Complete history, CAMS logbook, also Racing suit, Helmet, Gloves etc. \$25,000.00 - all offers considered.
janinec23@gmail.com
Also partly restored 1926 14/40 Vauxhall 4 door \$15,000.00 ono

For Sale 1960 Cooper Climax F1 2.5

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INTERCLUB CHALLENGE

2022

Instigated in 1996 to promote friendly rivalry, at a club level, between the local sporting car clubs. Over the years, many clubs have supported this event, with several including the series as rounds of their own club championship. Classes cater for all types of vehicles from road registered to hill climb specials.

DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CHECK ROBROYHILLCLIMB.COM.AU

ROUND 1 20 MARCH
ROUND 2 22 MAY
ROUND 3 31 OCTOBER

PLACINGS - 1st 10 points • 2nd 8 points • 3rd 6 points • 4th 5 points
ATTENDANCE - 1 point per competitor

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Entry Forms robroyhillclimb.com.au
Event Enquiries Wayne Rushon 0412 339 934
Entry Enquiries John Kelso 0417 398 606

ADMISSION: SINGLE ENTRY \$10 OR \$20 PER CAR
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