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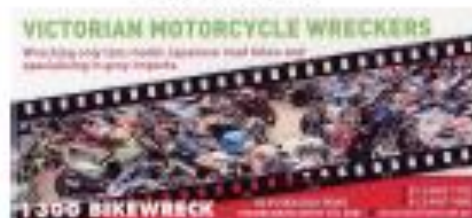
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## **Presidents Report**

Welcome everyone to 2018 I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year! I couldn't wait anymore for presents from you so I went and bought one myself. Please say hello to 'Ricky' Rickman the latest to the Todd's stable.



I hope that everyone is just as excited as I am for what 2018 holds for us all, speaking of 2018 here are the dates for this year:

Eddington Sprints Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March - closed to club and only 20 bikes can be entered  
Vic Historic National Titles 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Winton 2+4 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May  
Come and Try Day 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October -  
closed to club and only 20 bikes can be entered  
Southern Classic 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Come and Try Day 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Please remember that Eddington Sprints and Mt Tarrengower meetings are closed to Club and only 20 bikes can enter.**

We are in need of a Race Secretary to run our meetings and it would be great if someone could fill that position. You will not be alone as there are many helpers to assist you with the job.

Speaking of jobs I would like to thank Reg Boeti for his outstanding job of compiling FLATCHAT over the past few years. Reg and his wife Carolyn are off to China working for the next 3 years and we wish them well with their new venture.

Taking up the roll of editor of FLATCHAT has gone full circle and is now back in the capable hands of Glen Dane, thanks Glen for taking up the job again. Glen took over FLATCHAT from Marg back in 2009. I would like to welcome our new HMRAV members to our Club and hope they have a long and enjoyable time with us. I would also like to thank our sponsors and volunteers for their valued support over the coming year it's much appreciated. Also thanks to the committee who put so much of their time and effort into making the race meetings the success they are.

See you in the winner's circle  
Toddy!



### **HMRAV Club meetings are conducted at the**

Mitcham Angling Club - 11 Brunswick Road, Mitcham  
Meetings are (usually) held every 2nd Monday of the month from 7pm SHARP:

**Come along and join us!**

## **From the editor**

Welcome to the first edition of Flatchat for 2018 and my last edition as editor! As I write this column after Australia day what could be more Australian than a boomerang? Or a bigger comeback then Barry Sheene? So after taking on the editor's role from Glen Dane in 2014 its time to go full circle and handover Flatchat back to Glen!

I do hope that you have enjoyed my ramblings about working on bikes etc and surely by now you all realise that Moto Guzzis are clearly the best bikes! (of course closely followed by smoky Suzuki 2 strokes!)

It has been a great privilege to be Flatchat editor and an easy job as we really do have a great club in HMRV and this is proven by how many racers comment after each meeting on what a great event it was.

As Toddy mentioned I'm off to China for a few years, I'm not sure of there is much of a classic bike scene there or if there is any classic racing but I will be sure to let you all know if there is!

So as I start to think about the next big adventure I need to think about how to store the various bikes in the shed, so here are some tips on if you want to store your bike(s) for a while:

- Disconnect and remove the battery, ensure it is at full charge
- Ensure engine oil is fresh and topped up
- If storing for a shorter time ensure the tank is full of (ethanol free) fuel
- If storing for a longer time drain the carbs and the tank
- Put the bike on centre stand or better still on front and rear axle stands
- Again for longer storage pull the plugs and put a small amount of engine oil in the chamber and rotate the engine, not everyone agrees with this but I can't see how it could harm your bike

Overall the best option is for the bike to be periodically moved and started to ensure it is in optimal condition. Either way I will try to prep mine to ensure they are in top condition when I return! Of course dry storage and covered will protect the paint and bodywork from deteriorating.

It has been my absolute pleasure to have been Flatchat editor since 2014 and I'm sure that Glen will do a fantastic job. To all of the HMRV members that over the years have dropped me a call or email to make a suggestion or provide comments or an article thanks very much, it's not always easy to know what members want to see or read but it is great to get your feedback.

Please continue to enjoy Flatchat as I'm sure you will and please provide Glen with feedback and suggestions to keep Flatchat both relevant and entertaining for our members.

And finally, sincere congratulations to Marchy on being awarded life membership to HMRV, genuinely well deserved mate.

All the best,  
Reg #71

## HMRAV in New Zealand

A contingent of HMRAV members have headed off to New Zealand with their bikes. These photos are from the Mike Pero Motorsport Park, in Christchurch.







# GUZZI AMBASSADOR SHATTERS 19 INT'L SPEED RECORDS...

## 750cc (Guzzi V-Twin 742cc) Solo production

Distance	New Record	Old Record
10 Km	125.95 mph	120.78 mph
100 Km	132.35 mph	126.88 mph
1 Hour	133.26 mph	126.75 mph
1000 Km	125.79 mph	110.53 mph
6 Hours	126.19 mph	110.00 mph

## 750cc (Guzzi V-Twin 742cc) Sidecar production

Distance	New Record	Old Record
10 Km	113.89 mph	95.60 mph
100 Km	119.46 mph	101.04 mph
1 Hour	120.08 mph	97.05 mph

## 1000cc (Guzzi V-Twin 757cc) Solo production

Distance	New Record	Old Record
10 Km	129.45 mph	118.63 mph
100 Km	135.73 mph	124.64 mph
1 Hour	134.86 mph	130.48 mph
1000 Km	127.95 mph	100.67 mph
6 Hours	110.67 mph	100.57 mph
12 Hours	111.56 mph	Not established

## 1000cc (Guzzi V-Twin 757cc) Sidecar production

Distance	New Record	Old Record
10 Km	114.89 mph	106.01 mph
100 Km	115.73 mph	89.64 mph
1 Hour	115.62 mph	89.40 mph
1000 Km	89.52 mph	Not established
6 Hours	86.99 mph	71.24 mph

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Sorry folks, one last Moto Guzzi plug!

## New HMRAV email addresses

Our esteemed Club Secretary, Slim Phil Watson has been busy working away at the website to bring some new features to members. One of the changes will be new standardised email addresses for Committee Members, all ending in the HMRAV domain name.

These will read along the lines of : [president@hmrav.org](mailto:president@hmrav.org)  
[secretary@hmrav.org](mailto:secretary@hmrav.org)

The idea is to make it easier for HMRAV members to communicate with the committee and so that new email addresses are not needed when Committee members change etc. Once this is completed we will provide a full list of email addresses to members. Nice work Phil



## Working with children check

At the January 2018 Committee meeting there was some discussion regarding the need for working with children checks where there were juniors competing in Club events. The working with children check exists to prevent children coming into harm and is often required where an organisation has dealings with children.

The requirements apply whether people working at the event are paid or a working as volunteers. Where HMRAV has events with people under the age of 18 competing, some officials may need a working with children check. Applications can be made online.

Further details can be found at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)



IT TAKES  
**37**  
MUSCLES TO FROWN

**17**  
TO SMILE

**7**  
TO TWIST THE THROTTLE





## Attention all **Red Plate** members of HMRAV

The club has hundreds of members with Red Plate (or Historic Plate) registration which means there are hundreds of renewals to process by members of our volunteer committee. To ensure that your renewal application is processed, you **must** include the following along with your renewal notice from Vic Roads: You **must** send a photocopy of your current membership card to show that you are a financial member of HMRAV. This is essential and a Vic Roads requirement for red plate renewals.

**(In regards to family membership, It is important that each person who is part of that family membership, is known to the club and has been allocated a membership card)**

You **must** send a stamped, self addressed envelope to ensure that your renewal gets back to you in a timely fashion and arrives at the right address.

Failure to adhere to these conditions will mean that we can't process your renewal and will lead to delays and frustration for all concerned. If you have any questions, our fantastic Red Plate coordinator, Mick, is only too happy to give out advice. Please call Mick on 0401 819 609 if you need some assistance with Red Plate issues.

The red plate scheme is one of the great things about belonging to a club like HMRAV, so please let's all ensure we are supporting the club by getting our renewal processes right the first time.

Please remember you need the following items for successful renewal:

1. Renewal notice from Vic Roads;
2. Photocopy of current HMRAV membership card;
3. Stamped self addressed envelope.

Any questions please call Mick or a committee member!



## **GENERAL MEETING**

Date: 15/1/ 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: P. Watson, J Clancy, C. Clancy, N. Longhurst, C Longhurst, D Kingsley, R Urquhart, M Chegwidan, G Dane, I Rickards, T Greenwood, R Todd, R Boeti, K Campbell, D Philpotts, A Philpotts.

Apologies: M Todd, P Large. M Large.

The meeting opened at: 7.05 p.m.

### **ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES**

No items

Moved: Phill

Seconded: Toddy

### **ITEM 2: PRESIDENTS REPORT.**

- Spoke to V. President of MV- rumours of car racing at Broadford are not true.
- The car hire of the track has pulled Broadford out of the black. Barb has left. Marie Brook has taken her place.

Moved: John

Seconded: Phill

### **ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT**

- Licences are going up, Senior national licence up to \$325.

Moved: Dave

Seconded: Anita

### **ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:**

- No M\meeting since the last club meeting.  
For the next meeting can we put pressure on MV to hold some officials training days

Moved: Reg

Seconded: Craig



## Meeting Minutes cont'd

### ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

Scrutineering- Eric Saunders has agreed to do our major events, he will need a hand.

Moved: John

Seconded: Glenn

### ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

- What is happening with the Bendigo account?  
Club is in a sound financial position

Moved: Phill

Seconded: Craig

### ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

- Promotions officer away.  
Dave- Shannons will sponsor the Vic titles and Southern Classic. The whole club sponsorship is on hold as they are now sponsoring the Historic titles.

Moved: Anita

Seconded: Mick

### Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

- New shirts for the Vic titles and Harley v Indians  
Ebay shop will soon be up and running. Need to set up Paypal. Phill to get login.

Moved: John

Seconded: Dave

### Item 9: WEBSITE - Phil.

- Will start work on the online membership form, aprox cost \$400. Or do we want to use ridernet? Go ahead with members form.  
Will set up proper emails for the committee ie, [president@hmrav.org](mailto:president@hmrav.org) will get sent to Robs address.  
Get Vic titles online ready to go.

Moved: Reg

Seconded: Rob

### Item 10: Red Plate

- Going ok.
- Remind members to have all the paper work in order.

Moved: Chrissie

Seconded: Nina

## Minutes Continued

### General Business

- Dave- Look into alternatives to Kew Hotel, Do costings for catering and hire of angling club.
- Reg- will hand over the reins of flatchat to Glenn.
- Phill- do we want to keep the van? Yes for now.

Rob-event dates 20,21<sup>st</sup> October Mt Tarrengower. 24<sup>th</sup> March Eddington.

Next meeting: 12/2/ 2018

Meeting closed: 7.55 pm.

Next meeting will be a general meeting at: 7:00pm at the  
Mitcham Angling Club 19 Brunswick Rd Mitcham

MINUTES ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

DATE.....

Signed .....PRESIDENT





### HMRAV'S 2018 DATES

24 March—Eddington Sprints

7, 8 April—Vic Titles

26, 27 May—Historic Winton

29 July—Come and Try Day

20, 21 October—Mt Tarrengower

3, 4 November—Southern Classic

2 December—Come and Try Day

HMRAV Presentation Dinner TBC

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