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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day and welcome to another great issue of FLATCHAT! I hope you are all well and getting ready for the cold weather ahead.

The Vic Titles have been run and what great meeting it was! There were a few offs over the weekend, the biggest being with Bernie Leen and Justin Mellerick who clashed together coming on to the front straight. They both suffered serious injuries and were transported to hospital. I have spoken to their respective partners and they have informed me that they are fine but having a long road to recovery. We wish them both a speedy full recovery, and hope to see them both back out there soon.

On a lighter note, young Patrick Clancy broke the lap record at the Wakefield meeting for F2 sidecars, and two weeks before that he took out the lap record for P4 sidecars at Mt Gambier. Well done young Paddy!

With more and more competitors riding multiple machines it is very difficult not to have some races back to back (as we have in the

past and in particular at the recent Vic Titles) without some frustration occurring. Unfortunately, it is very hard to please everyone but we certainly do our best to accommodate!

All those to be competing at the upcoming 43rd Historic Winton 2+4 on 18th and 19th May – I wish you all best and keep the shiny side up!

See you in the winners' circle!

Toddy



Front Cover:

Craig Hemsworth on the mighty Fat City Racing 1300cc 1961 Harley Davidson XLR

Thanks to Sid Evans at SCE PICS for the great photo

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In the Chair

From the Editor

How lucky are we as Victorians to have the best Historic Road Racing events in the country? Very lucky, and it's a sentiment that's increasing every year as more and more interstate racers make their way to HMRAV meetings to be a part of something that's been building steadily for a number of years. Putting on the best Historic Road Races is a goal the committee has been working hard to achieve and something that needs constant work to continue.

The number of interstate competitors continues to grow and without exception they all have the same things to say. Our meetings are the best organised and run events with the best fields and above all have a friendly inclusiveness that just doesn't happen at other meetings. These are racers who have to take leave from work and other commitments, spend days driving to and from the event, pay for accommodation and other expenses, it's a big undertaking and one that more racers are willing to do. And they are spreading the word.

It great to hear the positive comments around the camp fire on Saturday night and during the trophy presentation Sunday arvo from competitors who have invested a great deal of time and money to be a part of our events.

Unfortunately one area we seem to be struggling in is the ability to attract spectators and get them through the gate. As a committee, we are at a loss as to why people just don't seem to be coming to watch the best historic racing in the country. We've run a couple of meeting now with no admission charge and this hasn't had an effect. We've tried different types of advertising too with little change. If you've got any ideas we'd love to hear them.

As you'll see in the minutes the committee has made the decision to increase entry fees. The cost of track hire, medical and other costs involved in running our meetings continue to rise each year so the club has had no option but to increase entry fees to cover these costs. We have limited the increase to \$10. The committee will continue to source the best value for money providers for services. Recently we negotiating a new contract for medical

services to ensure we keep costs as affordable as possible. We all understand the costs involved in keeping Historic race bikes running and are very mindful that only necessary costs are passed on to competitors.

RED PLATE RIDERS: Please note there is a change of address for red plate renewals, the new address is **46-48 Powlett St, Dalyston 3992** and please also ensure you have included a stamped self-addressed envelope.

SPONSORSHIP: We'd like to welcome **BEC Yarrowonga** as a naming rights sponsor for the Indian vs Harley handshift races. Peter Birthisel and son Mason are regularly competitors in the class (and race very closely). Together with wife Toni they are big supports of the class and part of the bigger handshift family. It's great to see a class further expanding due to the hard work and commitment of its riders and the families that support them.



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Eddington Sprint



David Hoy and Scott Green



HMRAV newcomer John Cully



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Left: Dave Betteridge and Andy Boardman

Right: Paddy Clancy and passenger Tim Andrews



Left: Geoff Maddaford (#26), John Cully (#45), Butch Stevens (#59), Wayne Donehue (#17), Chris Panayi (#13), Peter Donoghue (#222)

Right: Dave & Aneta trying out Tim Loone's sidecar



Toddy giving Brian & Leanne a helping



Right: Dan Boeti (#171), David Hoy, Scott Green, Rob Liddicoat (#86), John Rosser (withdrawn), Neil Simonsen (#71), Des Heaney (#62)



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Dave Large with grandson James as passenger, James Large proudly showing his trophies!



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Eddington Sprint

Eddington Sprint 30th March 2019 Story and photos, Marg Todd

Mild weather was forecast for Eddington Sprints on Saturday, 30th March, with only a slight drizzle which didn't slow down bike times!

Competition for the fastest Red Plate Solo has been heating up over the last couple of years with times really close, Pete Donoghue taking out the trophy this year. Close times were also recorded for the fastest P3 solo between Robert Liddicoat and Trevor Spiers, only .3 of a second difference. New member John Cully ran good consistent times on his BSA A10 - well done John!

It was great to see Dave Large with his grandson James as passenger on the Vincent sidecar winning a trophy, as well as

James receiving the Encouragement Award. No sidecar could challenge young Paddy Clancy with (new HMRV member) Tim Andrews as passenger - 14.2 seconds, smashing the previous sidecar fastest time of 15.8 seconds which was set in 2017 by Nina Eikenberg & Craig Longhurst. Dave Betteridge and his (also new HMRV member) passenger Andy Boardman recorded a fast time of 17.6 seconds on his P3 Norton, equalling Dave and Aneta's time on Tim Loone's P4 Honda Urquhart.

Keep an eye on the HMRV Facebook page for more photos which were taken at Eddington by Bonnie Large, our new young photographer in the making!

Thank you to Vic O'Driscoll, Toddy, & Marg and John Clancy as officials, and to all our competitors for a safe and enjoyable weekend. We look forward to another great meeting in 2020!

Bike Award	Competitor(s)	Machine	Best Time
222	Peter Donoghue	P4 RED PLATE Kawasaki 900cc	13.4
			Fastest Red Plate
13	Chris Panayi	P4 Honda CB 150cc	20.0
17	Wayne Donehue	P4 RED PLATE Norton Commando 750cc	15.9
22	Dave Philpots	P4 RED PLATE Harley Sports 1000cc	16.4
26	Geoff Maddaford	P4 RED PLATE Honda CB 736cc	15.6
40	David Gittus	P3 AJS 500cc	18.5
			Fastest P2 Solo
45	John Cully	P3 BSA A10 650cc	19.0
54	Trevor Spiers	P3 BSA B33 500cc	16.5
59	Butch Stevens	P4 Honda CB 350cc	17.4
62	Des Heaney	P3 Triumph 500cc	18.8
71	Neil Simonsen	P4 Honda CB 500cc	16.2
			President's Choice Award
86	Robert Liddicoat	P3 BSA Goldstar	16.2
			Fastest P3 Solo
88	Scott Green	P4 Triumph Bonneville 650cc	15.6
			Fastest P4 Solo
154	David Hoy	P2 CLASS C Harley Davidson 750cc	29.5
171	Dan Boeti	P4 Suzuki T350 315cc	16.5

SIDECARS

1	Dave & James Large	P2 RED PLATE Vincent	19.4
			Fastest P2 Sidecar & James - Encouragement Award
7	Jason & Julie Skewes	P3 Triumph 650cc	19.2
28	Dave & Aneta Philpots	P4 Honda Urquhart 836cc	17.6
38	Patrick Clancy & Tim Andrews	P4 De With Urquhart 915cc	14.2
			Fastest P4 Sidecar
381	Chris & Patsy Beaumont	P2 Indian Chief 1200cc	24.2
43	Dave Wain & Greg Ditchfield	P3 Triariel 650cc	18.5
422	Brian & Leanne March	P4 Norton 750cc	19.7
942	Dave Betteridge & Andy Boardman	P3 Norton 750cc	17.6
			Fastest P3 Sidecar

Victorian Historic Titles



Post Classic sidecars: above Anthony Newland and Lisa Rauhina Uruhart Honda and right: Edward Poucher and Vikki Haggerty Urquhart Triumph



Classic 500, #41 Bob Rosenthal Norton ES2 and #3 Keith Campbell Honda CB77



Forgotten Era 250 #162 Stacey Heaney #105 Stuart Gorrie both on Yamaha RDLCs



Left: Forgotten Era 500, #24 Bruce Marchetti, #15 John Taylor & #19 Bruce Lacey

Below: Ross Bolding squeezing everything out of the Harley



Victorian Historic Titles

The Victorian Historic Road Race titles was held on the 13th & 14th April at the State Motorcycle complex Broadford. Great weather and close racing was on the cards but it wasn't long before things started getting interesting.

Classic Sidecar front runners Garth Francis and Paul Kenny had engine trouble first race out and had to go home to get their spare bike throwing the class wide open.

A tumble in the Forgotten Era 500 race on Saturday between the 2nd and 3rd placed riders shook that class up too.

We had a sheep incursion on Saturday that held up the Post Classic sidecar race. The stray animals were making their way from the pits towards the start line before being herded away!

Another coming together on Sunday in the Forgotten Era

Unlimited class threw that category wide open too, proving that you never know just what's going to happen on race day and everyone's in with a chance of picking up a trophy.

We all wish a speedy recovery to the injured riders and thanks to the medical team, On Site Response, for a job well done.

Congratulation to everyone who competed and to the officials especially Toddy who spent virtually the whole weekend on the phone trying to sort various issues as they cropped up.

Once again another great event, bring on Winton!

Special thanks to Sid Evans for the great event pics. Make sure you check out SCEPHOTO.com.au.

Post Classic 125	Stacey HEANEY	Stuart GORRIE	
Forgotten Era 125	Darren TINDALE	Brendan DARCY	Des HEANEY
Classic 250	Peter FORKES	Darrell BAILEY	Fred SCHAFER
Post Classic 250	Ben JAMES	Kevin YOUNGSON	Darrell BAILEY
Forgotten Era 250	Robbie HEATHER	Ben SHAW	Glen WEDDALL
Classic 350	Mark DAWSON	Doug CHURCHER	Les TOOHEY
Post Classic 350	Keith CAMPBELL	Chris PANAYI	Mark DAWSON
Forgotton Era 350	Robbie HEATHER	Ben SHAW	Bruce MARCHETTI
Classic 500	Bob ROSENTHAL	Keith CAMPBELL	Jack WRIGHT
Post Classic 500	Christian CARLSON	Robin WILLIAMS	Garth WILLIAMS
Forgotten Era 500	Glen WEDDALL	Richard OLBRICH	Andrew POBJOY
Forgotten Era 600	Daniel SANDLER		
Class C	Martin GRATTON		
Hand Shifter	Michael BEAUMONT	Jack PETITH	Eddy GARNER
Unlimited Classic	Keith CAMPBELL	Garth FRANCIS	Russell CRADDOCK
Unlimited Post Classic	Simon COOK	Darren TINDALE	Christian CARLSON
Unlimited Forgotten Era	Mick MOLONEY	Lee ALLEN	Daniel SANDLER
Vintage	Rob URQUHART	Nick STONE	Daniel URQUHART
Classic 650 Sidecar	D. WAIN / G. DITCHFIELD	L. TOOHEY / J. LARGE	N. FERNANDO / P. WATSON
Classic Unlimited Sidecar	S. SCOTT / B. DARCY	L. ROCKLIFFE / J. ROCKLIFFE	M. LOONE / J. SKEWES
Post Classic 836 Sidecar	D. COOKE / C. WISENER	T. HEWITT / K. HEWITT	A. NEWLAND / L. RAUHINA
Post Classic Unlimited Sidecar	P. CLANCY / C. CLANCY		
Forgotten Era Sidecar	M. KNIGHT / D. RUMBLE	A. VAN UTTERT / M. HOLLOWAY	
Formula 2 Sidecar	T. GOLDIE / J. McCABE	S. REYNOLDS / K. WARNE	J. CLANCY / C. CLANCY

Victorian Historic Titles



Above left #85 Ben Shaw on the RDLC with beard and dreadlocks flying in the breeze
Above: #67 Post Classic Honda sidecar Tim & Carla Hewitt coming onto the straight
Left: #53 Classic Norton Sidecar Luke Rockliffe & James Rockliffe



Unlimited Post Classic and Forgotten Era make a start.
Below: Harley Vs Indian Handshifters waiting at the dummy grid



Classic Unlimited: Above #121 Rissolle and Penny racing hard with #93 Craig Hemsworth Harley XLR
Below: Mick Chegwiddden on the recently resurrected 1951 Vincent Rapide



Meeting Minutes

April 2019 GENERAL MEETING

Date: 15th April 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Brian March, Karla Hewitt, Tim Hewitt, Tony Greenwood, Craig Longhurst, Glen Dane, Marg Todd, Robert Todd, Dave Philpots, Aneta Philpots, Mick Chegwiddden, Leanne March

Apologies: Pete Large, Doug Hicks

The meeting opened at: 7.10 p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Last meeting's minutes read and approved.
Key Rings discussed as gifts for members to celebrate 40 years of the Club.
Can sell extras via the merchandise tent. Toddy provided with details of contact who can provide them.

Moved: Marg Seconded: Tony

ITEM 2: PRESIDENTS REPORT

Discussion on use of Race Marshalls. Agreed to not proceed due to past experience of Race Marshalls withdrawing their service one week from a major race meeting.
Brian to follow up with information on Facebook about funeral for Mike Brudar.
Marg to send a card to his family on behalf of the club.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Dave

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Entries have one week left for Winton. About 80 entries so far.
Sent email to Computime regarding Southern Classic dates.
Discussion on consistent approach for people requesting to enter race meetings after the cut-off date. Further discussion to occur.

Moved: Aneta Seconded: Mick

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

Discussion on Club Delegates – Dave and Brian (not Keith as no longer on the Committee). Brian's position as a delegate was confirmed. AGM 12 June 2019 at Spotswood RSL – 7.00 pm.
Details provided of agenda items. These were examined and discussed.

Request for any items people may wish to be included on the agenda on behalf of the club.
Request itemised account be provided by MV on what is provided for cost of track hire.
Brian to check email tomorrow and submit questions to Dave.

Moved: Craig Seconded: Glen

ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT

No report required.

Moved: Aneta Seconded: Mick

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

Refer to attachments from Treasurer.

Moved: Tony Seconded: Craig

ITEM 7: PROMOTIONS OFFICER REPORT

No Report provided

Moved: Brian Seconded: Mick

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

\$3,400 at Vic Titles
Flags – 3 left
Mick to organise more stickers, in black and silver.
Can they be made to stick on the inside of window, rather than the outside.
Handshifter T Shirts – will resurrect the skeleton hand shifter t shirt and will not include date, so the same shirt can be used each year.
Aneta to do small run of vests and handshifter t shirts to be ready for Winton.

Moved: Craig Seconded: Glen

ITEM 9: WINTON

Toddy will be there Friday but not for the weekend
Eric Saunders can't scrutineer. Have to arrange others. Andrew Lewis said he'd help out.
Craig and Mick offered to assist.

Moved: Marg Seconded: Aneta

Item 10: GENERAL BUSINESS

Volunteers – have a recovery driver for Winton Saturday but not Sunday.
Note to be included on Facebook page requesting volunteer.
Tony flagged difficulty in getting people to volunteer.
Discussed speaking with Kathy Foulkes to request three people for both days. Brian to follow up.

Meeting Minutes continued

Tim Hewitt expressed gratitude for the hospitality shown for he and his friends who have travelled south to race. He advised more people will be coming.

Dave raised issue of cost of entries and cost rising for provision of race meeting. Would be reasonable to increase by \$10 for all entries and \$10 increase in the cost of pit hire. Winton next year to go up by \$10.

Discussed regulations for Eddington and Mt Tarrengower relating to bikes that may be eligible but are considered too powerful.

Discussed issues at Broadford with faulty equipment and potential

recompense. Toddy to send formal advice to MV in the next couple of days.

Moved: Brian Seconded: Dave

Next meeting: 13 May 2019
Meeting closed: 8.50 pm.

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

Mitcham on 13 May 2019.



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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
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What else is happening....



The Veteran Racing Motorcyclists Association will be holding their annual dinner on Friday 3rd May 2019.

The VRMAV was formed some years ago to ensure the friendships made through Motorcycle racing could continue in a social manner through it's annual dinner held on the first Friday in May each year.

The key criteria for membership is you must have held a competition motorcycle or racing officials licence 20 years or more ago, or be a spouse, family member or carer of an eligible member or a

key supporter of the motorcycle racing industry.

Registration forms and any other information can be found by contacting
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Attention all Club Permit members.

The club has hundreds of members with Club Permits (Red Plate) 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 FULL financial member of HMRAV (Racing and Red Plate member only - Social membership does not entitle members to Red Plate privileges). 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 please call our Club Permit coordinator Mick Chegwidan on 0401 819 609 who is only too happy to give you advice.

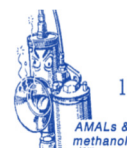
The Club Permit scheme is one of the great things about belonging to a club like HMRAV, so please ensure you are supporting the club by getting your renewal processes right the first time.

Please remember you need the following items for successful renewal:

- Renewal notice from Vic Roads;
- Photocopy of current HMRAV membership card;
- Stamped self-addressed envelope.
- Send all of the above to:

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Any questions please call Mick or a committee member!



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