



# Flatchat

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# Behind the Bars

## The Presidents Report

G'day to all and I hope, as usual, that this issue of FLATCHAT finds everyone well.

The 90<sup>th</sup> running of the Mt Tarrengower Historic Hill Climb was run over the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October and as usual it was well attended and a great weekend was had by all – see Marg's report in this issue.

For those who may not be aware, Vic O'Driscoll, our MV/MA official, was recently involved in a serious accident which has left him with a severely damaged foot. Also Michelle Loone is out of action due to a "botched" operation on her foot. We wish both Vic and Michelle a speedy recovery.

On a brighter note, one of our youngest Club members, Paddy Clancy, has done it again – not only breaking lap records at Wakefield and Mac Park, but he has just taken out the youngest Australian to win an Aussie Title in a restricted age limit! This was previously held by Barry Thompson some 40 years ago when he was just 22 years old. Paddy has only just turned 18 – well done to Paddy whom the HMRV is proud to have as a Club member!

Please remember to contact either Marg or myself for confirmation of your attendance of the annual HMRV Presentation Dinner which is at the Manhattan Hotel Ringwood on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December – it is **essential to book** for catering purposes – do not just arrive on the night!

### Front Cover:

*Ken Mundy on the beautifully presented and fast Triumph Trident, Fastest Red Plate at Mt Tarrengower.*

*Special thanks once again to Russ Murray @ Foot in Bowl Photography.*

*Russ always has plenty of great photos on his Facebook page so make sure you have a look, like, share and enjoy his work.*

That's it for this issue – hope to see you at the end of year presentation dinner for a fun evening!

See you in the winner's circle!

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Brian March



I've recently undertaken a very unscientific study on the effect of ownership that certain brands of motorcycles have on their owners and whether the ownership of said brands effects the owners. As part of this important study I also evaluated if certain personality traits made certain individuals more susceptible to purchasing certain machines.

I've noticed how closely some of our club members personalities matches the bikes they own and ride. And the more I've got to know them the more the links and similarities seem to be. But does the ownership of a particular brand or type of bike evolve the longer the union?

Some of the case-studies are particularly startling and unlike most scientific studies undertaken by professionals I'm naming names because no innocence needs to be protected.

## **Subject 1. Secretary Marchy –**

Even though there's been a recent diluting of the pure bloodlines by an American marque, Norton's have always been the Brian's choice. He bought his road Commando when it was near new but it's been through so many rebuilds there's only about 3 original parts on it. It's Old School, needs a little attention now and then and is prone to moments of crankiness. It is undoubtedly a classic and many consider the lines beautiful – this is obviously the exception that makes the rule!

## **Subject 2. Vice Pres Doghouse –**

Big, colourful and loud the same attributes that are often associated with his machine of choice Harley Davidsons. Never one to shy away from attention and very happy being the centre of attention. He is definitely the human embodiment of HD. Rumour has it that he once owned a Ducati, when he was young and svelte, but this machine proved too high maintenance, although some have mentioned this attribute is still evident at times. Maybe some traits remain after ownership has ceased?

## **Subject 3: Me –**

At last count I've owned 3 Harleys, 4 x Triumphs, 2 x Moto Guzzis 2 x BMWs, 1 x Norton 2 x Suzukis, 2 x Honda, 1 x Ducati, 1 x Kawasaki, and probably a few more I've forgotten about. After considering the raw data I've come up with a number of theories on my ownership model:

1 – I'm a motorcycling schizophrenic with multiple personalities, which one will turn up is a mystery to all, including me.

2 – a renaissance man ahead of my time. Most of the bikes I buy are leftovers from a bygone era that technology and fashion have left behind, but not old enough yet to be realised as classics.

3 – a Casanova who has passionate short-term relationships but just can't find the right one to settle down with. It's not you, it's me.

A complex case study that clearly needs a few more counselling sessions.

One thing is certain from my study, this needs much more investigation and research, I think my next step is to approach the Government and try and get some kind of arts grant to further the study.

In the meantime, I'm just going to have a quick look and Bikesales and maybe eBay and Gumtree, just to see if there's anything interesting listed.



*Marchy's Commando, Doghouse's Wideglide and my Daytona, each bike as different as their owner, what could be better?*



# Mt Tarrengower

Report Marg Todd - Pictures Russ Murray

## 90th ANNIVSARY ~ Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb ~ 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

No.	Competitor	Machine	Best Time	Award
9	Ken Maher	1962 Norton <i>Miss Jane</i> 920cc	49.4	3rd Classic Unlimited
12	Phillip Watson	1941 Indian 750cc	73.1	
13	Chris Panayi	1972 Honda 350cc	49.5	1st P/Classic 350cc
16	Mike Panayi	1961 Norton Manxman <i>Elly May</i> 750cc	44.9	<b>KING OF THE MOUNTAIN</b>
17	Wayne Donehue	1971 RED PLATE Norton Commando 750cc	49.1	2nd RED PLATE
22	Dave Philpots	1972 RED PLATE Harley XLCH 1000cc	59.6	
29	David Reidie	1929 Harley Davidson FDH 1200cc	66.9	3rd Vintage Unlimited
35	Ian Cook	1972 Yamaha R5 350cc	59.5	3rd P/Classic 350cc
39	Clint Chegwiddden	1939 Indian Sports Scout 750cc	58.2	1st Vintage Unlimited
40	Dave Gittus	1939 AJS 500cc	63.3	2nd Vintage 500cc
54	Trevor Spiers	1956 BSA B33 500cc	53.6	1st Classic 500cc
55	Ken Mundy	1971 RED PLATE Triumph Trident 750cc	48.1	1st RED PLATE
59	Butch Stevens	1972 Honda CB 350cc	63.1	
62	Des Heaney	1972 Suzuki 500cc	54.1	2nd Classic 500cc
71	Dan Boeti	1971 Suzuki T350 315cc	55.6	2nd P/Classic 350cc
78	John Rosser	1972 Honda 350cc	59.7	
86	Robert Liddicoat	1956 BSA Goldstar 500cc	54.3	3rd Classic 500cc
88	Scott Green	1972 Triumph T120 650cc	50.3	2nd P/Classic Unlimited
92	Ben James	1970 Suzuki 250cc	55.4	1st P/Classic 250cc
100	Mike Chegwiddden	1939 Indian 750cc	69.1	
111	Peter Birthisel	1940 Indian Sport Scout 750cc	60.8	2nd Vintage Unlimited
155	Damien Kingsbury	1972 Yamaha 750cc	55.3	3rd P/Classic Unlimited
162	Stacey Heaney	1971 Honda Four 750cc	46.6	1st P/Classic Unlimited
171	Paul Leys	1971 RED PLATE Triumph T100c	56.4	3rd RED PLATE
178	Peter Large	1962 Norton Atlas 750cc	45.5	2nd Classic Unlimited
546	Martin Gratton	1961 Cotton Cobra 500cc	67.2	
555	Graham McDonald	1932 Rudge 500cc	58.6	1st Vintage 500cc
717	Neil Simonsen	1970 Honda 500cc	60.6	1st P/Classic 500cc



King of the Mountain Mike Panayi



Brian & Leanne March - fastest sidecar

# Mt Tarrengower

No.	Rider & Passenger	Machine	Best Time	Trophy Award
3	Don Cooke & John Daley	1957 Harley Davidson 1000cc	62.0	2nd Classic Sidecar
7	Jason Skewes & Julie Skewes	1961 Triumph 650cc	61.0	1st Classic Sidecar
20	Tony Peters & Matt Morgan	1972 Martin Honda 836cc	60.9	2nd P/Classic Sidecar
422	Brian March & Leanne March	1972 Norton 750cc	58.9	1st P/Classic Sidecar

## SPECIAL AWARDS

FASTEST SOLO KING OF THE MOUNTAIN	Mike Panayi
FASTEST SIDECAR	Brian & Leanne March
ELDER/BROWN AWARD presented by Paul Leys	Clint Chegwiddden
BEST PRESENTED BIKE	Ken Maher
PRESIDENT'S CHOICE	Graham McDonald

The Mt Tarrengower Historic Hill Climb celebrated its 90th anniversary this year and provided excellent riding by all competitors by both car drivers and motorbike riders. The hot contention over the weekend was not only with Stacey Heaney and Mick Panayi but also included Peter Large this year for the honour of claiming King of the Mountain - only 1 second between the three of them! Ultimately Mick Panayi retained the King of the Mountain title by 0.6 of a second in front of Pete. Stacey received the trophy for fastest in the Post Classic Unlimited class. Ken Mundy, Wayne Donehue, Chris Panayi and Scott Green also provided REALLY close times with just 2 seconds difference in their runs.

A warm welcome was extended to Mt Tarrengower newcomers John Cully and John Rodda, both who unfortunately had to withdraw due to bike problems - hopefully we will see them next year! Well done to Trevor Spiers who took out the Classic 500cc trophy. Ben James had the fastest time in the Post Classic 250cc class and Neil Simonsen won the Post Classic 500ccc trophy. Chris Panayi did well to take the Post Classic 350cc class trophy from Dan Boeti and Ian Cook. Contention for the fastest RED PLATE trophy produced close times, taken by Ken Mundy from Wayne Donehue, Paul Leys and Dave Philpots.

The Elder/Brown award was presented by last year's

winner, Paul Leys, to Clint Chegwiddden, who also won the Vintage Unlimited trophy (and who also cooks up a **delicious** paella!). Graham McDonald was the recipient of the President's Choice Award and Kenny Maher was awarded the Best Presented Bike.

Jason and Julie Skewes ran the fastest time for the Classic Sidecar class, just 1 second in front of Don Cooke and John Daley. Brian and Leanne March were awarded the fastest sidecar time of just 58.9 seconds, with Tony Peters and HMRV newcomer Matt Morgan close behind in the Post Classic class. This was a sentimental run for Tony who unfortunately lost his brother Rob 'Buck' Peters to cancer recently - as Matt reminded us all, he had big passenger's shoes to fill for the weekend, which he did well!

Thanks to Vic O'Driscoll as Steward of the meeting, Toddy as Clerk of Course, Marg as Race Secretary, Mike Cheg and Ben James for scrutineering, and Leanne March for helping out with the trophy presentation.

This was such a great social event to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the popular Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb!



Tony Peters & Matt Morgan



Mike Cheg scrutineering



Paul Leys doing that final adjustment



# Mt Tarrengower



Ken Maher - more adjustments!



Pete Large



Foot in Bowl Photography

Ben James



Foot in Bowl Photography

Butch Stevens



Doghouse Dave Philpots



Trevor Spiers



Dan Boeti



Jason & Julie Skewes



Des Heaney



Stacey Heaney



Clint Cheg



Graham McDonald  
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Chris Panayi



Foot in Bowl Photography

David Reidie



# Hepburn Springs Hill Climb?

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**The H.M.R.A.V. was recently contacted regarding any information we might have about a Hill Climb that ran at Hepburn Springs in the 1950's - 60's**

Stefan Nechwatal takes up the story.

I am currently writing up a Motoring Tourism brochure celebrating the Top Ten Destinations for Motoring Enthusiasts in the twin towns, Hepburn Springs and Daylesford. The two page document will also include a 27kms Scenic Drive and the current Tourism tear off map from the Visitor Information Centre will be revamped to include the above.

I had a vague idea that Hepburn Springs used to host a regular hill climb and have been successful in researching information which tells me that it ran 1950 to 1960. I am going to plot out the old circuit for enthusiasts to visit and am in talks with a sponsoring business to create permanent signage for Tourists. I have found some great photos and include one of Norm Beechey. I am still keen to explore whether there were bike hill climbs possibly here at an earlier part of the Century.

Would you care to mention this in your Flat Chat newsletter, as it might bring forth some hidden information to help me.

I also attach a terrific image of a group of



Triumph bikers posing with their machines outside Villa Parma, ( which still exists as a guest house).

All the best,  
Stefan  
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03 5348 6600

**So who out there has some information on this Hill Climb? Please contact Stefan and let us know too.**



# Shannons policy information



## Important Information – Shannons Motor Insurance

Shannons is a supporter of motoring clubs, events and associations committed to sharing the passion of the Motoring Enthusiast Community we so proudly serve.

From time to time Shannons attends and supports events at race tracks and racing circuits (Race Events). As part of our ongoing commitment to our customers and the broader Motoring Community, an opportunity has been identified for Shannons to better assist customers attending Race Events (including your car club members) to be aware of and better understand exclusions under Shannons Motor Insurance (SMI) that apply when their vehicle is on a race track.

We want to ensure our attendance at Race Events does not create an impression that SMI automatically covers customers out on the race track or the course. Accordingly, from 1 October 2019, we will display the attached notice at Race Events.

We value our relationship with your club and its members and wanted to provide you with this information in case your members see this notice at future Race Events and ask you about the notice.

If you require any further information about this notice, you can reach out to us by contacting your local Business Development Manager. Additionally, we can arrange for a member of our underwriting team to attend one of your future car club meetings to talk to your members.

Thank you for considering this important notice and your ongoing support.

We look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Team Shannons

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You are not covered under Shannons Motor Insurance for loss, damage, or liability caused by, arising from or involving your vehicle:

1. being driven or used in any form of motor sport
2. being present at or upon a race track or testing ground, or land immediately adjacent to it, unless your vehicle is there solely for a purpose other than driving or riding or use in a motor sport event to be conducted at the race track or testing ground

However, you may have limited cover if the racing cover option applies to your policy. This option applies

for vehicles over 60 years old or when recorded on your Certificate

## RACING COVER OPTION – WHAT IS COVERED

We pay for loss or damage to your vehicle if at the time of loss or damage you are driving or using your vehicle for a motor sport event, but only if the event is either:

- an event sanctioned by a motor sport governing body, and your participation in that event requires a license of any kind issued by a motor sport governing body and you are the holder of such a license, or
- an event which has been approved by us in writing or by way of endorsement to your policy.

## RACING COVER OPTION – LIMITS AND WHAT IS NOT COVERED

We only pay up to the lesser of the cost to repair / replace your vehicle, the agreed value of your vehicle, or \$20,000. We do not cover any legal liability connected with the use of your vehicle for any motor sport event.

## WHAT IS A MOTOR SPORT?

**Motor sport** means participating in, preparing, practicing or familiarisation for any form of motor vehicle or motorcycle racing or sport, whether formally or informally arranged or impromptu, including, but not limited to: racing, circuit racing, rallying, karting, demonstration, pacemaking, hill climbing, drifting, drag racing, speedway racing, reliability or regularity trial, speed time test, motorkhana, khanacross, touring assemblies, observed section trials, power cruises and off road events such as rock crawling or mud racing.

## WHAT IS A RACE TRACK OR TESTING GROUND?

**Race track or testing ground means:**

- a road or other surface which is used as a race track or testing ground, or
- a public road (whether made or unmade) that, for the purpose of a motor sport event, has temporarily been closed for use by the public generally.

**Refer to the Shannons Motor Insurance PDS for further information.**

**If you have any questions, please speak to one of our Motor Enthusiast Underwriters at the Shannons stand or call us on 13 46 46**



# Meeting Minutes

## October 2019 GENERAL MEETING

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Brian & Leanne March, Toddy, Marg, Chrissie, John, Aneta Philpots, Sue, Mick Cheg, Keith Campbell, Bob Rosenthal, Tony Greenwood, Dave Philpots

Apologies: Glen Dane, Pete Large, Mick Large, Doug Hicks

The meeting opened at: 7p.m.

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

Last meeting's minutes read and accepted. Brian outlined details of discussions with Winton Management re track availability. More expensive and only winter months available. Credit card – Pete Large to explain details at next meeting. Alternative could be using a debit card – to be discussed further. Race dates for next year confirmed by MV. No further issues arising.

Moved: John Seconded: Dave

### ITEM 2: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Danny Ahearn requested Vic Titles prior to Easter so no clash with one of their meetings. Confirmed that Vic Titles are prior to Easter.

Discussed cost issues for medical. Costs are the same as last year, despite charge increase which has now been reduced.

Race numbers for tower have been organised by Jenny Knox at MV.

Michelle Loone has been abused over the phone by a member about his membership. Does not wish to complete the paperwork required for membership as he cannot access his computer. Forms must be completed in order to become a member of the club. Toddy to follow up, via a home visit, and advise him that membership form needs to be completed.

Moved: Mick Seconded: John

### ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Dates for next year confirmed with MV

28 March - Eddington  
Vic Titles – 4 and 5 April  
Winton – 30 and 31 May  
Southern – 31 October – 1 November  
Winton – last weekend in May  
Mt. Tarrengower yet to be confirmed.

Details of MV Affiliation read out to the group.

Discuss option of providing Free Chain Lube to the fastest qualifier in each class. To be handed out

Moved: Keith Seconded: Marg

### ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

Keith provided details and paperwork from meeting. Discussed details of proposed extension to track. Circuit to be re-surfaced in December, with carpark being sealed as well. Requested correspondence from local/s agreeing to works to confirm local support. Discussion ensued – refer to attached documentation from meeting.

Moved: John Seconded: Mick

### ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

Southern Classic: Over 200 bikes entered, Scrutineer: Chrissie to contact Eric.

Brian confirmed that handshift racers cannot enter Period C as well.

Moved: Aneta Seconded: Marg

### ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

Refer attached.

Moved: Toddy Seconded: Dave

### ITEM 7: PROMOTIONS OFFICER REPORT

Marg conducted a ring around – lost 4 sponsors. SD Pics wishes to attend the Southern Classic. Question raised as to whether they have paid the last invoice. If he wishes to attend then he can pre-pay. Marg to confirm whether last invoice was paid.

Moved: John Seconded: Brian



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## Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Nothing to report.  
Everything ordered for the Southern Classic.  
HMRV backpacks now available.

Moved: Mick Seconded: Tony

## ITEM 9: MT TARRENGOWER

34 bikes.  
6 on the wait list.  
List has been sent to the timing people.  
90<sup>th</sup> running – so badges to be provided.

Scrutineering: Brian and Mick.

Moved: Aneta Seconded: Toddy

## Item 10: GENERAL BUSINESS

Keith queried order of races for the Southern Classic.  
Tabled that his changes made for the Vic Titles be kept as an ongoing option so Keith does not have back to back races. Discussed difficulty, but Marg was able to confirm that he has no back to back races.

Rob Urquart's signs? Still waiting.

Tony has a few volunteers – Recovery

crew details to be provided to Marg to be included in the list of

Using Kathy's crew – Purple Dragons.

Brian collecting the Gift Voucher from MCA for Sid Evans.

Dave sent mock up of Southern Classic provided by Sid Evans to MV who have put on facebook to publicise.

Dave to create a Facebook add that will be sent to motorcycle enthusiasts - \$100 – cost – set for a certain number of days to go Australia wide.

Moved: Leanne Seconded: Brian

Next meeting: 11 November 2019  
Meeting closed: 8.25 pm.

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

Mitcham on 11 November 2019.



### HMRV 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

**Come along and join us!**

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# Club Permits

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 Chegwidon 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:

**Club Permits HMRAV**  
**46-48 Powlett St,**  
**Dalyston, 3992**

Any questions please call Mick or a committee member!

**Put these dates in your calendar now!**

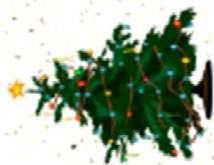
**2nd & 3rd November - Southern Classic**

**6th December - Presentation Night**



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# HMRV Presentation Dinner

The Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria  
members with their families and our valued sponsors are invited to  
attend the HMRV annual presentation dinner at

*The Manhattan Hotel,*

corner of Canterbury & Heatherdale Roads,  
Ringwood 3134



*Friday, 6th December, 2019*

6pm for 6:30pm dinner followed by Club presentations

non-members are welcome at own cost  
alcohol served at bar prices

NOTE: accommodation is available -  
for room bookings telephone 9874 7777

**RSVP IS ESSENTIAL**

Today mobile: 0400 596 724

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*Merry Christmas greetings to all*

