

The Magazine Of the Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria (inc)

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Flatchat



Behind the Bars

The Presidents Report

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G'day and welcome to the first issue of FLATCHAT for 2022, I hope you are all keeping well. Unlike 2020/21 2022 is looking really busy for Classic racing with so many events here and interstate.

The events we have booked in are:

- Eddington Sprint - 26/3 (Closed to club),
- Victorian Historic Road Race Championships - 9th and 10th of April (Open Road Race)
- Historic Winton - 28th and 29th of May (Open Road Race)
- Mt Tarrengower Hill climb - 15th and 16th of October (Closed to club)

This year's Southern Classic (November 5th and 6th) clash's with the Australian Historic Championships at Morgan Park Qld. HMRV applied for these date back in October last year and was given the green light Morgan Park were given separate dates but had them moved to our weekend.

Important notice about Winton there was some confusion over whether the meeting would be run due to MA not licensing the track due to safety concerns. MA has met with Winton management and has come up with a plan to rectify the issues at hand. These works should be completed by the end of April. Sup regs for Eddington and Vic Titles are now on

our web site and Winton to follow shortly.

All our meetings are COVID-Safe events and all Victorian Government protocols under COVID regulations and under COVID guidelines of MA will be in place and must be adhered to by all.

At our first General meeting on the 10th of Jan we had a guest who spoke about historic racing and not wanting to include later periods, (P6 and P7) cut off at P5. (This is actually what HMRV currently does). He wanted support from HMRV in putting a submission to the Historic Management Commission to not include anything after Period 5. Discussion took place. It was explained that although HMRV does not run P6 & 7, other historic clubs do. The committee felt that it was not HMRV's job to restrict classes that other club's want to run. HMRV committee does not support this proposal.

Over the Christmas break Dave Philpot, Marg and I were give a tour of Aladdin's cave of motorcycles, sports cars and some very interesting motors some real mind blowing stuff all too much to take in.

See you in the winner's circle Toddy!



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Cover Image:



Well it looks like the two year coma is coming to an end and Historic Motorcycle Racing is back on the agenda. You'll see the dates we have confirmed in this issue of Flatchat so start getting your household jobs up to date and your leave passes stamped.

With the buzz starting to build around the up coming season I started to ponder - What makes a motorcycle racer?

Our club is made of a very diverse group of people. Women are becoming a much bigger part of an arguably male dominated past time.

We have people from every part of the financial spectrum, from self made trades people to executives to people whose bike is their biggest financial asset.

The young and not so young compete equally too. The fitness levels also span the super fit to those who consider exercise a dirty word.

The only commonality is a love of motorcycle racing. But even then we have racers who invest lots of money in their machines and who measure their performance in tenths of seconds and then there are those who are more than happy just rolling around the back of the pack.

So what makes this hugely diverse group of people want to race motorcycles?

For me, my introduction to motorcycles was with my mate Andrew. As children of the 70's things were a lot looser than they are now. As primary school kids we would ride our pushbikes to his place after school and head straight to his shed which was basically a couple of corrugated iron sheets leant up at the back of his dad's shed.

We would get his bike out which was a Honda SL70 with a Hodaka 100 motor in it. We would push it up the drive way and out onto his street, we had to be quite at this stage.

Then we would turn the fuel on and start kicking it until it fired, He always had the first run up and down the street, if there was a muffler of any sort it didn't really do anything. So pretty soon everyone in the street knew what was going on.

He would come back to the starting point and we'd swap then I'd take off. Now if we were lucky I'd get back to his place and we'd do another rider change, if we weren't his mum would come out and start yelling at us to "put that bloody things away!"

At which point we'd turn the bike off and roll it back away with huge grins on our faces.

Now with no helmets, only our school uniforms on, riding an unregistered bike, being unlicensed and being on public roads his mum probably had a fair point but her only concern seemed to be the noise we were making!

It was fast, noisy, fun and a bit wrong. Basically everything that makes an experience memorable.

Now getting back to the original point, I have a theory that only a certain type of person has these types of experiences, and from those only a select few reject conformity and continue chasing them. Regardless of how your adult life turns out I think we are all part of an inner circle of shared experience and that 's what makes a motorcycle racer.

SA Historic Titles

Article Brian March, Photos Russ

SA HISTORIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, MOUNT GAMBIER, 1ST AND 2ND OF JANUARY 2022

There were plenty of HMRAV clubbies in attendance, all enjoying warm weather and a challenging track. A walk through the pits saw plenty of familiar faces, all happy being back doing what we love.

At our camp, we had three Life Members....myself, Doghouse and Mick Cheg. All racing our handshifters and having an absolute blast doing it.
I've raced two and three wheels at Mac Park, featherbeds through to rigids. I've yet to race anything there that wasn't great fun on the circuit's twists and turns.

Racing at Mac Park is a "must do". The track has a bit of everything, the facilities are good and the atmosphere is the best you'll find.
Can't recommend it highly enough!

Cheers,
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Meeting Minutes

January 2022 Minutes

Date: 17th of January 2022
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Doghouse, Toddy, Brian and Leanne March, Mick Cheg and Sue Bull, Eric Saunders, Bob Rosenthal, Doug Hicks, David White, David Hoy

Apologies: Glen Dane, Aneta Philpots, Phil Watson, Pete Large, Ken Redwood

The meeting opened at: 7.00 p.m.

Guest - John Davis – spoke about historic racing and not wanting to include later periods, (P6 and P7) cut off at P5. (This is actually what HMRV currently does) John wanted support from HMRV in putting a submission to the Historic Management Commission to not include anything after Period 5.

Discussion took place. It was explained that although HMRV does not run P6 & 7, other historic clubs do. The committee felt that it was not HMRV's job to restrict classes that other club's want to run. HMRV committee does not support this proposal.

Bob Rosenthal recommended P3 and P4 500 combined to be called 500 classic. Creates more time on the program. Discussion on rationale for this class and on suggestion generally.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

No matters arising.

Moved: Dave Philpots Seconded: Doug Hicks

ITEM 2: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Moved: Brian March Seconded: Mick Chegidden

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Are we ready to move forward with Vic Titles? Yes. Need to arrange permit, officials, Computime, Scrutineer. Toddy contacted Emergency response and Purple Dragon. Dave Philpots contacted Shannons. Marg will do Supp. Regs, which need to be out by at least 11th of February.

Winton - need to know where we stand.

Announcements need to be made as the rumour mill is in full swing.

Moved: Doug Hicks Seconded: Mick Chegidden

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

Dave queried whether there were rules about how many clubs you can be a member of and on the Committee. HMRV have an issue with a member on 2 committees.

Moved: Leanne March Seconded: Bob Rosenthal

ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

Race Secretary not present.

Moved: Seconded:

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

Refer to attachment provided by Treasurer.

Moved: Toddy Seconded: Brian March

ITEM 7: PROMOTIONS OFFICER REPORT

Ken Redwood sent Flyers – discussed. Spectator Entry cost – free admission – families welcome.

Discussion:

F2 Sidecars – proposal to combine P4 and P5 sidecars and remove F2 sidecars. Rationale: F2's were invited years ago as it helped both the F2 competitors and HMRV events. However, we are struggling with too many races in the schedule and need to create space. F2's aren't historic...by removing F2's and combining P4 & 5 sidecars we go from three sidecar races to two. This is a saving of 2 prac/quals and 4 races. Creates time on the program that will not be filled to provide some breathing space.

Decision: F2 sidecars will no longer be invited to HMRV events.

Moved: David Hoy Seconded: Doug Hicks

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

David made recommendation for updating the flyer for the Vic Titles. His recommendations were agreed and David to make changes and liaise with Ken Redwood and Sid Evans.

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Same logo to be used for the T Shirt as the one that was not used due to Covid.

Moved: Mick Cheg Seconded: Dave Philpots

ITEM 9: Eddington 26 March 2022.

Permit for Eddington submitted. Limited to 30 bikes.
When are Supp Regs out? Supp Regs can go up on Website. Toddy to speak to Phil.
David Hoy to be provided with dates of all HMRAV events for this year so he can forward these on to Gail for heads up for the trophies.
Steward-Vic
CoC-Toddy
Race Sec-Marg
Trophies-David Hoy.... David Hoy needs trophy list from Marg/Can re-badge old trophies.
Scrutineers-Brian and Mick

Moved: Brian March Seconded: Doug Hicks

ITEM 10: General Business

Dave – query about committee memberships – raised previously and addressed.

Bob – Constitution not compliant with model rules. Bob to follow up and update the constitution as he has previously done for the BMW club.

Doug – working on ideas for 40th anniversary of club.

Eric Saunders: Last road race meeting for the year Rob Mestrom was doing sound testing. Advised that the Council has rules on sound testing that he is not providing the Scrutineer so he can address. Scrutineer also does sound testing and is qualified and accredited to do so. Advised he will continue to sound test as he has always has.

Scrutineer has requested assistance with scrutineering.

Toddy raised issues currently with Winton. Toddy with try and get hold of Peter Doyle.

Next Committee meeting 14 February 2022 – Zoom Meeting

Moved: Toddy Seconded: Dave Philpots

Next meeting: 14 February 2022 – Zoom Meeting
Meeting closed: 9.00 pm.

February 2022 GENERAL MEETING

Date: 14th February
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Zoom

Present: Brian & Leanne March, Toddy & Marg, Dave & Aneta Philpots, Chrissie Clancy, David Hoy, Mick Cheg, Glen Dane, Tony Greenwood.

Apologies: Tim & Shell Loone, Ken Redwood, Pete Large, Phil Watson.

The meeting opened at: 7.00p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Toddy to ring Purple Dragons.

Moved: Brian Seconded: Leanne

ITEM 2: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Toddy spoke to Peter Doyle, (MA CEO) about Winton. Short Track is still licenced. Peter Doyle said the wall will be moved, will become a gravel trap. All works will be finalised by end of April. Peter Doyle stated that we should go ahead with organising Winton.

Toddy wants to speak with Rob Mestrom about Permit fees. Currently it's \$800 for a Championship, (Vics) but \$400 for an Open meeting, (Southern Classic). There appears to be no difference in the meetings or what's provided by MV.

HMRAV Club meetings are conducted at the

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

Check Facebook to confirm dates - subject to change!
Come along and join us

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Toddy wants the new radios labelled/engraved before we use them. Doghouse to engrave them.

Moved: Doghouse Seconded: Glen

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Permits for both Eddington and Vic Titles applied for. No response yet from MV

Received both permits by end of February*

Moved: Toddy Seconded: Marg

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

No meetings

Moved: Aneta Seconded: Leanne

ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

Eddington:

Entries Received: 24 solos, 6 Sidecars

A new QR code applied for.

Camping area near church is now fenced off and unavailable. New area for bikes is between the hall and the canteen, across the road from usual camping spot.

Moved: Tony Seconded: David

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

Refer to attachment provided by Treasurer.

Moved: Chrissie Seconded: Brian

ITEM 7: PROMOTIONS OFFICER REPORT

Ken is arranging the Flyer for the Vics. He's using the one designed by David Hoy.

Discussion ensued about whether we keep printing flyers or not. General consensus was no, go more to Electronic media.

Chrissie is trying to get some air time on local radio. David Hoy suggested "A message and a hook"...ie: maybe a prize. Something to catch people's attention. Ken to liaise further with David Hoy regarding promotion.

Moved: Toddy Seconded: Doghouse

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Amended design submitted for Vic Titles.

Agreed to do some event specific merch for Historic Winton.

Moved: Mick Seconded: Tony

ITEM 9: Eddington

Trophies: David Hoy

Moved: Leanne Seconded: Aneta

ITEM 10: Vic Titles

Programs to be organised through Seagull Press

Doghouse is organising a band.

Brian still trying to book a CoC.

Moved: Chrissie Seconded: Brian

ITEM 11: Winton

We need to discuss timing....Glen? Much discussion took place. Glen accepted Timing Liaison role.

Saturday's schedule to remain as Sundays. No more changes to classes/races/grids.

P5 Unlimiteds to remain? Discussion took place. Brian will talk to Ben.

Trophy races...to be discussed.

Toddy is coming to Winton this year.

Possible changes to Race Schedule.....(Refer to attachment forwarded today)

MV Permit: Brian to apply

Moved: Marg Seconded: Mick

Item 12: GENERAL BUSINESS

March meeting needs to be a Zoom meeting – date: 14/3/22

No further business

Moved: Brian Seconded: Doghouse

Next meeting (Zoom): 14th March 2022

Meeting closed: 8:30 pm.

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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 HMRV (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 Chegidden 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 HMRV, 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:

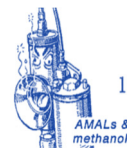
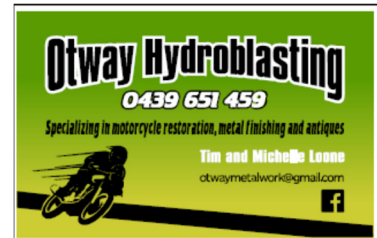
- Renewal notice from Vic Roads;
- Photocopy of current HMRV membership card;
- Stamped self-addressed envelope.
- Send all of the above to:

Club Permits HMRV
46-48 Powlett St,
Dalyston, 3992

Any questions please call Mick or a committee member!

PROPOSED EVENTS SUBJECT TO NOTICE

Eddington Sprint - 26th March
Victorian Historic Titles - 9th and 10th April
Historic Winton - 28th and 29th of May
Mt Tarrengower Hill climb - 15th and 16th of October
Southern Classic 5th and 6th November



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