

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

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Flatchat



Behind the Bars

The Presidents Report

G'day all and welcome to 2023 – a year full of racing!

Many of you would already know that we (HMRV) have unfortunately had to increase our racing fees due to the rapid rising costs which we are continually facing. Medical, officials and helpers, trophies, and program costs and also there is also some talk of an increase in track hire. MA have already increased the race licence fee from January 2023 – see MA correspondence in this issue.

The Club took some financial hits during 2022, namely a huge loss from the Southern Classic and the end of year presentation dinner. The Club van had to be replaced after it was written off (by a fallen tree!) and it was paid out, thanks to our major sponsor Shannons, and a newer van has been purchased to replace it, which is a bit on the flash side for HMRV!

The Historic Management Commission held their annual meeting and a rule change was implemented after this meeting, of which there was no mention in the minutes. This rule change was concerning oil containment. I received many calls from concerned riders and representatives from both Victoria and from interstate. I responded to the HMC on behalf the both the HMRV and the Historic Management Committee of Victoria briefing our concerns. This letter (see this issue) was presented at the delegates board meeting by Vic O'Driscoll and tabled in their minutes. This rule has now been removed for the time being, but will no doubt be addressed again at their next meeting, with consultation/ advice from ALL the HMC state wide.

HMRV's next race meeting is closed to Club



Eddington Sprints on 25th March. Entries are still open until 10th March – first 30 entries only will be accepted.

The Victorian Titles entries are well and truly in full swing and filling steadily, but there are no available pit sheds left. This year an extra event has been included in the Vic Titles race schedule – The Dave Large P3 Sidecar Handicap, in honour of his dedication to HMRV, as a founding member, and to motor sport in general.

There have been rumours regarding racing at Winton Raceway, which has now been granted another 12 month licence, so the Historic 2 + 4 Supp Regs will be available soon! It has been a unanimous decision by the HMRV Committee that from 2023 the Historic Winton 2 + 4 the Bill Luke and Ken Lucas scratch races will be renamed to the Garth Rhodes and Doug Hicks scratch races. This move has been made in recognition for, and appreciation of, their commitment to HMRV over many years.

See you in the winners' circle Toddy!



From the front cover:
Rissolle and Penny at SA New Years meeting (Pic - Russ Murray)

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Mick Large, John Daley
Garth Rhodes, Dave Large
Graham Harder, Doug Hicks
Shirley Luke, Robert Todd
Marg Todd, Mick Chegwiddden
Brian March, Dave Philpots,
Phil Watson

SA Historic Titles

Story Brian March, Pics: Russ Murray

We had another fantastic weekend of socialising and racing over at the SA Historic Titles at Mac Park during New Year.

It's always a top meeting with great camping and a friendly atmosphere, which just keeps us coming back for more.

With plenty of HMRAV'ers entered and lots of SA friends, the meeting almost feels like one of our own. Add to this the Mac Park track with its twists and turns and super grippy surface and you've got the perfect combination for a great weekend.

Mac Park is becoming a second home for many of us and we encourage everyone to make the trip over to Mt Gambier to take advantage of one of the best tracks, (and best facilities) in Australia.

You won't be disappointed!

Cheers,
Marchy.



Above: Leanne, Brian, Doghouse, Archie and Lisa taking it easy.

Vic Handshifters were well represented at the meeting



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Presentation Night (Words and Pics Marg Todd)

Solo Club Championship Points:

- 1st 268 Stan Mucha P3 Unlimited - 1982 Norton Nordin Special
- 2nd 243 Stacey Heaney P4 Unlimited - 1971 Yamaha XS750
243 Winston Wyatt Class C - 1949 AJS 16M
- 3rd 233 Ben James P4 500cc - 1972 Suzuki Andersen

Sidecar Championship Points:

- 1st 231 Luke Rockliffe & Julie Skewes P3 Unlimited - 1962 Norton Atlas
- 2nd 216 Jason Skewes & Hudson Skewes P3 650cc - 1954 Triumph Thunderbird
- 3rd 200 Pete Large & Pete Heywood P3 650cc - 1955 Triumph Thunderbird



Solo Club Championship winner Stan Mucha, pictured with his wife



Sidecar Championship winners Luke Rockliffe & Julie Skewes



President's Award was received by Tim Large



Aneta Philpots was happy to be presented with the Dave Large Encouragement Award



President Toddy welcoming new Life Member Phillip Watson



HMRAV Life Members

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Presentation Night



President Toddy being "told" by Garth Rhodes with Doug Hicks looking amused!
(after the announcement)

Announcement: It was a unanimous decision by the HMRV Committee that from 2023 Historic Winton 2 + 4, the Bill Luke and Ken Lucas scratch races will be renamed to the Garth Rhodes and Doug Hicks scratch races. This move has been made in recognition for, and appreciation of, their commitment to HMRV over many years



Keith & George Campbell -
Club stalwarts



Kevin, Lyn & Bob



Mick, & Tim with his girlfriend



Mick & Chris with new Club members
Dave Rumble & wife



Eric - our reliable scrutineer



Douggie having a quiet one with
photographer Gerry Murphy



Monica and Tiny



Brian and Wayne with Glen, our
amazing FLATCHAT Editor



Brad with
Angus Parish



Dee & Ross
Bolding

Feb 2023 VHRRC Report to MV Delegates Meeting

This report contains a summary of our observations concerning the recent changes to Historic Road Racing rules included in the 2023 MOMs Ch. 7.20 concerning oil catchment fittings, etc. to be required for P3/P4 sidecars.

These first came to the attention of the Committee only following the mid January release of this year's MOM's.

Immediately thereafter both HMRAV and this State's Committee were contacted by multiple racing entrants and other state historic committee representatives including from WA, QLD and SA.

They were all concerned about the total lack of prior advice or consultation regarding the implications of the proposed changes by the National Historic Commission (MA) and/or our SCB's.

Rob Fry President of HCMC WA and also a member of the National Historic Commission advised the item was not on the agenda or discussed at the last meeting of the Commission. It would appear to have been added to the current MA on-line record at some time after the meeting and in any case does not include the wording now included in 2023 MOM's.

A brief summary of major concerns with the wording is that P3 and P4 sidecars and solos are all air-cooled and dry sumped meaning that virtually no oil is present/retained in the crankcases as it is scavenged and held in tanks above the engine. Additionally, as the crankcases form an integral part of the overall cooling system. This would be significantly impaired by the engine guarding design proposed increasing the risk of major engine failures and also prevent machines meeting the minimum 65mm ground clearance requirement, specified in MOMs. Similarly, breather pipes are not required for P3 and P4 sidecars as tank breathers are provided in the petrol tank cap.

Also, this design is also technically not able to be fitted to any machines where the engine cases themselves form part of the frame, eg. Vincents.

P4 and later machines are however, are more commonly wet sumped and the committee

recommends these classes should be dealt with as separate issues and that all future changes proposed affecting historic road racing should be the subject of detailed prior consultation and technical discussion with the relevant state historic committees.

A summary of these concerns was forwarded to Pip Harrison at MA who was on holiday at the time and the HRR Committee would like to express our thanks to him for urgently/immediately taking up the matter while on leave.

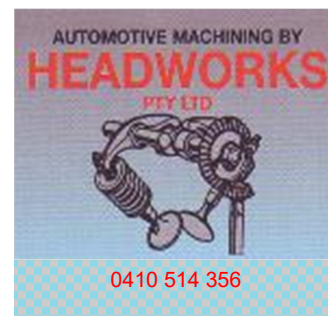
As a result MA issued a Bulletin within a week suspending Ch. 7.20 for consultation and review at the next Historic Commission meeting.

As it stood, its necessary application by scrutineers at several impending historic race meetings in various states in March /April would have put them in jeopardy or made them financially unviable.

Many regular competitors in these classes would have effectively been excluded due to the design integrity, engineering and cost implications of meeting the new rules.

These classes are a popular and important feature of historic road racing and their exclusion would be detrimental to the future of the sport.

Victorian Historic Road Racing Committee
7/2/2023



HMRAV AND RIDERNET

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HMRAV has now provided details of our membership to MA/MV for Ridernet. We were required to do this as part of the affiliation process.

We are now also listing our events on Ridernet.

This will make it easier for all competitors, (HMRAV and other club members) to apply through MA for One Event Licences for our meetings.

****Membership applications and renewals will remain via the HMRAV website. You cannot renew or apply to join HMRAV via Ridernet.**

****Entries/Supp Regs will remain via the HMRAV website.**

Our meetings will be listed in Ridernet under "Events" but there will be a link to click on that takes you directly back to the HMRAV website.

You cannot enter a HMRAV race meeting via Ridernet.

In short, the HMRAV website remains your first port of call for membership and race meeting enquiries. Nothing has changed in this regard.

HMRAV has two Ridernet Administrators:

Chrissie Clancy and Brian March

Contact either if you have any problems or questions.



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Motorcycling Australia licence increases for 2023

Motorcycling Australia (MA) is today announcing new licence pricing for 2023 onward.

Unfortunately, there is always upward pressure on membership pricing and this year has been no exception. Despite a year of high inflation and further steep rises in the cost of insurance globally, MA has worked hard to ensure that the full force of these pricing pressures does not fully land upon licence holders.

While any price rise is not ideal, keeping this rise to a minimum has been a specific focus for MA.

Many sporting bodies have seen significant increases of late as they simply attempt to ensure adequate insurance coverage for their sport. We have worked closely with our insurance brokers to ensure the best possible pricing and coverage for licence holders and we have been able to limit the increase to an average of just 4% for 2023.

The new pricing structure will be valid from the 1st of January 2023. Your renewal notice will contain all of the coming changes.

Contact the MA Membership Department on 1800 262 678 for further information.

Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Date: 14th of November 2022

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Zoom meeting

Present: Dave and Aneta Philpots, Brian & Leanne March, Glen Dane, Ken Redwood, David Hoy, Toddy, Peter Garfield, Chrissie, Pete Large.

Apologies: Marg.

The meeting opened at: 7:05 p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

Southern Classic permit should continue to be sent to the permit applicant.

Sidecars at the SCRCV day....any numbers?

Moved: Aneta Seconded: Dave

ITEM 2: Presidents report

Question regarding what club did a particular rider list on their SC entry. Toddy to follow up with Ben.

Email addresses....HMRAV President email not working. Toddy to follow up with Phil.

Supp Regs....Liability for death and Injury to clubs. MV have accepted this is a typo.....?

Moved: Pete Seconded: Leanne

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

RIDERNET

Have spoken with Carolyn Garlick, (MV) and will arrange a zoom meeting to discuss.

Moved: Ken

Seconded: Glen

ITEM 4: TREASURERS REPORT

Refer to attachments from Treasurer.

Moved: Leanne

Seconded: David

ITEM 5: DELEGATES REPORT

There's a MV meeting next Wednesday, 16/11. Vic O'Driscoll will be attending.

Moved: Peter

Seconded: Glen

ITEM 6: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT

No report

Moved: Brian

Seconded: Toddy

ITEM 7: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

\$5200 taken in sales at the SC.

Well done Aneta!

Moved: Chrissie

Seconded: Brian

ITEM 8: SOUTHERN CLASSIC

Review:

Overall the meeting was really good

Good idea having a club membership form as the back page of the program. Lots of enquiries.

An official had a go at Doug Flack and Computime, however apologised on Sunday.

Lunches...."Volunteers" are receiving a donation from the club for their assistance with the meeting.

Lunches are only to be paid for by the club for

**HMRAV Club meetings are conducted via Zoom
usually every 2nd Monday of *the month***

For a link to join please contact one of the committee and we'll send you a link

Come along and join us from your lounge room - it's easy and fun!

Meeting Minutes

Officials.

The PA system worked. However, race number boards have disappeared.

Moved: Glen

Seconded: Peter Garfield

ITEM 9: CLUB DINNER

End of year trophies – Russ Murray is happy to provide photos
Brian to organise trophies and get Raffle prizes.

Moved: Doghouse

Seconded: Leanne

Item: 10: GENERAL BUSINESS

Glen – Remove Mitcham and insert Zoom into Flatchat.

Toddy – Van is a write off. Received a payment of \$7300 from Insurance. Looking at replacement vans...Transits, Hiace & Iloads all good.

Doghouse - The HMRAV PA system may need to be replaced. (Was in the Transit when it was damaged. PA got wet.)

Moved: Brian

Seconded: Aneta

Next meeting: 9th of January 2023

Meeting closed: 8:10 pm.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Date: 9th of January 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Zoom meeting

Present: Brian & Leanne March, Doghouse & Aneta, Pete Large, Tim Hewitt, Eric Saunders, Chrissie Clancy, Toddy and Marg, David Hoy, Peter Garfield, Ken Redwood, Ben James

Apologies: Glen Dane

The meeting opened at: 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

Broadford Race Number boards...discussions taking place with Rob Mestrom – MV.

Ridernet – Brian in discussions with Caroline Garlick - MV

Moved: Leanne

Seconded: Doghouse

ITEM 2: Presidents report

Ridernet – One Event Licences – HMRAV Have some pre-paid books left over – can we still use the?

Membership/Online entries....Brian to follow up
Medical Costs have gone up from 6k to 7k a day.

Costs are rising for everything...medical, track hire, merch, program

Dinner is booked for 1/12/23

Toddy to call Brenda Lucas re: Winton special races

Moved: Pete

Seconded: Chrissie

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

RIDERNET

Have spoken with Carolyn Garlick, (MV) and will arrange a zoom meeting to discuss.

Officials for 2023 are booked

Brian to contact Kathy Foulkes re: Purple Dragons Marshals

Moved: Ken

Seconded: Peter Garfield

ITEM 4: TREASURERS REPORT

Refer to attachments from Treasurer.

Loss incurred from Southern Classic – Should entry fees go up?

Discussion ensued....All agreed on increases.
Eddington and Mt T – now \$120 solo, \$140 S'car
Vic Titles and S'Classic - \$330 solo, \$350 S'Car
\$50 for any extra machines.

This is in line with other clubs running Historic events

HMRAV's radio licence has now been renewed

Meeting Minutes

Moved: Brian

Seconded: Chrissie

ITEM 5: MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Going well...Chrissie has spent a few hours on Ridernet!
DOB and MA licence # needs to be included on the Membership form....Chrissie to contact Phil.

Committee voted and agreed that the Membership card will now be sent out via an email.

Moved: Doghouse

Seconded: Leanne

ITEM 6: DELEGATES REPORT

N/A

Moved:

Seconded:

ITEM 7: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT

Vic Titles – Entries will be via HMRAV website, not Ridernet
Ben will be away for the last two weeks before Winton.

Moved: Aneta

Seconded: David

ITEM 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

No Report

Moved:

Seconded:

Item: 9: GENERAL BUSINESS

Doghouse – Received an email from VicGov re: expenditure at the Vics Re: Grant. All good.

Aneta – SC 40th...T-shirt, Coffee Cup...ideas?
Possible redesign of badge. T-shirt company can do any new artwork.

Ken – Vic Titles poster...good response....ready to run.
New Club contact in Old Bike? Brian happy to be it.
40th SC....Trials displays, Fly overs....ideas?
Apologies for not attending the club dinner.

David Hoy...can't do trophies as yet....work pressures.

Toddy....Oil Catch Trays....Tim Hewitt has sent a letter to MA. Toddy has spoken to the other states regarding the proposed changes. All P3 and most P4 sidecars are dry sump and air cooled.
WA Pres stated that he was at the Commission meeting and the Oil Catch Trays were not discussed.
Historic Management Committee's around Australia have not been consulted.

Tim Hewitt stated: he was on the Commission for years and feedback was always sought in the past.
"Rules and Technical Committee" who made the ruling are very MX orientated.
Suggests a "Gripe Letter" be forwarded to Peter Doyle – MA.
This rule change was not in the MoMS of late '22.

Toddy will contact MA as a Commission Member as well as HMRAV President.

Toddy asked committee for submissions.

Moved: Aneta

Seconded: Ben

Next meeting: 13/2/23

Meeting closed: 8:55pm.

PROPOSED EVENTS SUBJECT TO NOTICE

Eddington Sprint - 25th March. (Closed to club) Playfair Street Eddington.
Victorian Historic Road Race Championships - 1st and 2nd of April. (Open Road Race) Broadford.
Historic Winton - 27th and 28th of May. (Open Road Race) Winton.
Mt Tarrengower Hill climb - 14th and 15th of October. (Closed to club) Maldon.
Southern Classic November 4th and 5th of November. (Open Road Race) Broadford.

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 Chegwidon on 0401 819 609 who is only too happy to give you advice.

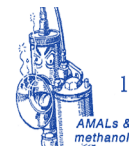
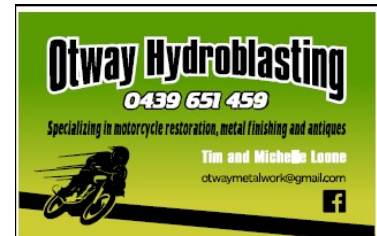
The Club Permit scheme is one of the great things about belonging to a club like HMRV, so please ensure you are supporting the club by getting your renewal processes right the first time.

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,
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Any questions please call Mick or a committee member!



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