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# Flatchat



# Behind the Bars

## The Presidents Report

G'day and welcome to another issue of FLATCHAT.

Since the last issue there have been some ripper meetings, being Eddington Sprints and the Vic Titles. Eddington this year was down on entries, seeing that there were other meetings being held interstate but a great time was had by all involved (see Marg's report this issue).

Due some key officials not attending the Vic Titles I was again delegated as Clerk of Course at the last minute. With the assistance of Vic O'Driscoll (Steward) and Brendan Ferrari (Race Sec) the meeting went off with no major dramas and finished at 2:00pm Sunday, giving people a good head start to be on their way home. There was only one major incident at turn 9 when a rider went down and was taken to hospital for observation (3 days). Another which went unnoticed was a rider down and continued racing out the weekend and picking up a trophy for his efforts only to find out after he arrived home he had broken ribs and a punched lung. Both riders are now doing ok.

In saying that I was delegated at the last minute, I did it for our club and urge others to take up the challenge and become an accredited official so that we don't have to rely on others. If I can do it, it's not that hard, we desperately need more helpers to run our meetings. To those volunteers that give their time to help out it's much appreciated.

Just a reminder that it has been noticed that some riders are not attending riders briefing. It is compulsory and a requirement by MA and MV that all riders **must attend** and by not doing so can be excluded from the meeting.

The inaugural Dave Large P3 handicap



event at the titles was a great success, but unfortunately Dave was indisposed and missed the race.

As most of you know by now we have a new club van and it has been wrapped by TRADIE WRAPS in Kilsyth and looks fanbloodytastic. See pictures this issue.



The club has also purchased two defibrillators that will be available at our race meetings in case of an emergency.

Winton is just around the corner and maybe by the time this goes to print will have already been run. There are healthy fields in all classes and will be another great meeting put on by the HMRV.

As mentioned last issue the inaugural Garth Rhodes and Doug Hicks scratch races will feature this weekend in honour of their commitment to the club.

Unfortunately I can't attend as I have a misfiring magneto that needs attention. I wish all those involved a great weekend and good racing.

Until next issue see you in the winner's circle.

Toddy!



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From the front cover: A new van, man!

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Phil Watson

# Eddington Sprint

Story & Pics: Marg Todd

Bike #	Competitors	Machine	Best Time	
122	Dave Philpots	P4 RED PLATE HD Sportster 1000cc	16.9	
1	Peter Large	P4 RED PLATE Triumph Thunderbird 650cc	16.3	
12	Brian March	P2 Indian Scout 750cc	19.9	
13	Rob Matheson	P4 Honda CB 350cc	15.7	Fastest P4 up to 350cc
17	Wayne Donehue	P4 RED PLATE Norton Commando 750cc	15.5	Fastest RED PLATE
26	Geoff Maddaford	P4 RED PLATE Honda CB750cc	15.7	
37	Chris Panayi	P3 Triumph Daytona 500cc	15.7	
54	Trevor Spiers	P3 BSA B33 <i>Edith</i> 500cc	16.1	
62	Des Heaney	P3 Triumph 500cc	19.3	
71	Julie Skewes	P2 RED PLATE Harley WLA <i>Wally</i> 750cc	23.8	President's Award
78	John Rosser	P4 Honda CB 350cc	17.3	
88	Scott Green	P4 Triumph Bonneville T120 650cc	15.0	Fastest P4 Unlimited
100	Mike Chegwidan	P3 Vincent 1000cc	16.0	
121	Russell Craddock	P3 Triel <i>Miss Penelope</i> 649cc	13.4	Fastest P3 & Fastest Meeting Time
315	Peter Garfield	P4 Suzuki GT250 315cc	17.4	Encouragement Award
22	Dave Philpots	P2 Harley Davidson WLA 750cc	19.6	Fastest P2
7	Jason Skewes & Levi Skewes	P3 Triumph <i>Lucy</i> 650cc	18.2	Fastest P3 Sidecar
20	Tony Peters & Matt Morgan	P4 Martin Honda 836cc	15.6	Fastest P4 Sidecar
87	Pete Large & Tony Marjoram	P3 Triumph Thunderbird 650cc	18.8	

Perfect weather was the order of the day for the Eddington Sprints this year! Entries were down from previous years, but those who ventured to the sprints were (mainly) happy to be back racing - Neil Prowse was the exception with bike problems and was forced to retire before the meeting started! Pete Large and Tony Marjoram had a disastrous gear box episode with Pete's sidecar and was forced to retire early after the first run.

Russell Craddock ran with an impressive low time of 13.4 sec to win his class P3 trophy and the fastest overall time of the day. It was good to see Wayne Donehue return to Eddington to take out the fastest Red Plate trophy, riding his Norton Commando to the meeting, competing on it and returning home on it – 360kms each way! Dave *Doghouse* Philpots won the fastest P2, Rob Matheson took out the fastest P4 up to 350cc and Scott Green won the fastest P4 Unlimited. Julie Skewes did a sterling task of being the only female competitor at this year's meeting and was awarded the coveted President's award. Pete Garfield ran his Suzuki with consistent times and was awarded the Encouragement award.

Good times were attained across all the classes with close competition during the day - well done to all of our competitors. Great racing for spectators as well!

Thank you to Vic O'Driscoll as Steward of the meeting, Toddy as Clerk of Course, Marg as Race Secretary, Jason and Levi for scrutineering and Chrissie Clancy for sorting out the bikes for their runs.



Russell, Mike Cheg & Scott Green



Chrissie Clancy organizing bikes at the start line

# Eddington Sprint



Vic directing Pete Large



Rob Matheson with starter Danny Morling



Julie Skewes & Toddy



Chris Panayi



Line-up for the sprint start



Tony Peters & Matt Morgan



Russell Craddock



Pete Garfield & Carter with Toddy



Jason & Levi Skewes

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# Victorian Historic Titles



	1st	2nd	3rd
VINTAGE up to 500cc	Bryce DAVIES	Neil DAVIS	Neil PROWSE
CLASS C	Peter HEHIR	Winston WYATT	Martin GRATTON
HARLEY v INDIAN HANDSHIFT	Jack PETITH	Peter BIRTHISEL	Adam MOXEY
125cc CLASSIC	Ken REDWOOD	Des HEANEY	
250cc CLASSIC	Lincoln WILSON	Peter LARGE	Darrell BAILEY
350cc CLASSIC	Geoff MADDAFORD	Doug CHURCHER	Dave DICKSON
500cc CLASSIC	Bob ROSENTHAL	Murray BOUND	Jonathan HOUSTON
UNLIMITED CLASSIC	Keith CAMPBELL	Murray BOUND	Peter BIRTHISEL
125cc POST-CLASSIC	Steve ELFORD		
250cc POST-CLASSIC	Terry MORRIS	Roly ORR	Darrell BAILEY
350cc POST-CLASSIC	Peter SCOTT	Christopher PANAYI	Davey KEENAN
500cc POST-CLASSIC	Haydn JONES	Darren CHILMAN	Barry KNIGHT
UNLIMITED POST-CLASSIC	Craig HARMS	Lincoln WILSON	Clive HUGHES
125cc FORGOTTEN ERA	Lindsay RUSSELL	Brendan DARCY	
250cc FORGOTTEN ERA	Ben SHAW	Neale WEDDALL	Tony SARA
350cc FORGOTTEN ERA	Tim LARGE	Lachlan HILL	Ben SHAW
500cc FORGOTTEN ERA	Anthony STEPHENS	Jamie BANKS	Tim LARGE
750cc FORGOTTEN ERA	Mark LITHGOW	Ben JAMES	
UNLIMITED FORGOTTEN ERA	Mick MOLONEY	Mark LITHGOW	Daniel SANDLER
CLASSIC SIDECARS - 650cc	P. LARGE / P. HEYWOOD	J. SKEWES / H. SKEWES	M. LARGE / T. LARGE
CLASSIC SIDECARS - UNLIMITED	L. ROCKCLIFFE / J. SKEWES	R. ANSHAW / G. ROLF	D. BETTERIDGE / R. BETTERIDGE
POST-CLASSIC SIDECARS - 836cc	S. REYNOLDS / W. FREEMAN	J. PETITH / S. POUCHER	G. GRANT / A. LEWIS
SIDECARS - FORGOTTEN ERA	T.GAY / C.GAY	E. POUCHER / B. POUCHER	A. SMITH / R. D'ANIELLO
	1st	2nd	3rd
David Large Classic Sidecar Handicap	Greg FREMAN / Kayla DODDS	Peter LARGE / Peter HEYWOOD	William HARGRAVE / Annette TREGGER



Greg FREMAN / Kayla DODDS on their way to winning the David Large Classic Sidecar Handicap

# Vic Titles Sidecar Spotlight

Pics: Russ Murray—Foot in Bowl



#75 Ray & Kasey Smith

#64 Dave Sargent & Steven Clare

#38 John & Chrissie Clancey

#3 Don Cooke & Marc Greaves

#422 Brian March & Will Rockliffe



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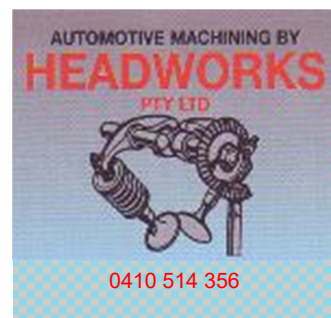


#74 Mick and Tim Large

#79 The two Peters, Large and Heywood

#942 Dave & Bec Betteridge

#43 Ditchy and Tiny



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# Meeting Minutes

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## **February GENERAL MEETING**

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Zoom meeting

Present: Brian March, Dave and Aneta Philpots, Eric Saunders, Glen Dane, Toddy and Marg, Pete Large, Mick Cheg, Peter Garfield, Chrissie Clancy, Ken Redwood.

Apologies: Leanne March, David Hoy.

The meeting opened at: \_7:02 p.m.

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

Toddy: Tower race numbers – No reply from MV.  
Competition Licence books – Confirmation from MV that we can still use them.

Spoken with Brenda Lucas – all good.

Club dinner is booked for 1/12/23

Moved: Mick      Seconded: Eric

### **ITEM 2: PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Document presented to MV Delegates re: Oil containment. Spoke to Pip Harrison from MA – He wants more input from other disciplines.  
David White – now a MV board member. He wants to take on more MV responsibility. Stated that the road race circuit earns the least – wants to up the hire fees.

Toddy wants a defibrillator at the Race Secretaries office or medical room. He believes there should be one there by law. Plans to push MV for one.

Our medical providers have stated that they are there for our competitors and officials...not spectators.  
Toddy has spoken with Craig White about Scouts First Aid.

Club needs Level 2 first aiders. Chrissie to organise a course.

Moved: Glen      Seconded: Pete

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

RIDERNET: Copy of Membership list being transferred to Ridernet.

Brian and Chrissie both using Admin access to fix any issues.

All memberships to take place via club's website.

All entries for our events to take place via our website.

Link to online membership sent to Ridernet.

Competitors to click on link and be forwarded to our website.

Life Member list now in Ridernet.

Caroline Garlick MV advised in writing that we can use our Club Event Licence books for Eddington and Mt T.

Have spoken with Kathy Foulkes. Locked in for the Vics and SC. I will provide numbers closer to the events. Also looked at the possibility of providing assistance at Winton.

Club Affiliation completed.

Marg to send through the Eddington Trophy list.

Toddy to contact MA regarding Winton permit.

Moved: Eric      Seconded: Glen

### **ITEM 4: TREASURERS REPORT**

Refer to attachments from Treasurer.

Quiet month except for the purchase of the new club van.

Moved: Chrissie      Seconded: Marg

### **ITEM 5: MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Ridernet – few issues – Brian and Chrissie are club admins – both see different screens!

Chrissie to contact Caroline Garlick (MV) to try and sort it out.

Ken Redwood - contacted Caroline Garlick about renewing his Level 3 Officials licence.... Chrissie to follow up.

Moved: Aneta      Seconded: Dave

**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

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## ITEM 6: DELEGATES REPORT

N/A

Moved:                Seconded:

## ITEM 7: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT

### Eddington:

15 entries so far....11 solos, 4 sidecars.

### Vic Titles:

65 entries - @100 bikes

All going well

Pits are sold out

Need more P4/P5 Sidecars

Moved: Ken        Seconded: Chrissie

## ITEM 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Working on a T-shirt for the Vics

Toddy has ordered badges

Moved: Mick Cheg        Seconded: Brian

## Item: 9: GENERAL BUSINESS

Aneta – Pete...need float and eftpos for the Vics

Pete – Defibs – there's grants from Bendigo Bank for defibs

Peter Garfield – putting in an entry for Eddington

Glen – Newsletter

-Stories

-Presentation night

-New van

Dave – Booking a band for the Vics. Need to see about a wrap for the new van. PA has been checked and supposedly is all good.

Chrissie – First aid course...nominations: Eric, Brian, Aneta, Laura Clancy, Chrissie, Ken Redwood, Peter Garfield is already a L2.  
Club First Aiders listed in the Race Secretaries office.

Ken – Promotion in Old Bike. No advert for Vics, Brian to be listed as Club contact, need A7 contact for Winton.

Toddy – Do we still make a donation to the Bendigo Car Club at Eddington and Mt T? Vote taken – Yes.

Moved: Glen        Seconded: Marg

Next meeting: 13/3/23

Meeting closed: \_\_8:15pm.

## March GENERAL MEETING

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Zoom meeting

Present: Brian March, Dave and Aneta Philpots, Peter Garfield, Eric Saunders, Chrissie, Ken Redwood, Toddy and Marg, Pete Large, Phil Watson, Ben James

Apologies: Leanne, Glen

The meeting opened at: \_\_7:05 p.m.

## ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

None.

Moved: Aneta        Seconded: Pete Large

## ITEM 2: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Phil Watson can you bring the club rollers to Eddington

Moved: Doghouse        Seconded: Chrissie

## ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Winton Permit applied for on 10/3/23

Moved: Eric        Seconded: Aneta

## ITEM 4: TREASURERS REPORT

Refer to attachments from Treasurer.

Received an Invoice from MV for the Vic Titles.

Moved: Phil        Seconded: Brian

## ITEM 5: MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Still working with Ridernet and memberships  
Toddy asked for an update on some individual members financial status.

**Moved:** Pete Garfield        Seconded: Doghouse

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## ITEM 6: DELEGATES REPORT

N/A

Moved: Brian

Seconded: Marg

Marg – Sponsors are all back in

Moved: Brian

Seconded: Phil

Next meeting: 17/4/23

Meeting closed: \_8:00pm.

## ITEM 7: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT

**Eddington:** 20 solos and 4 sidecars

### **Vic Titles:**

Too late to book a band

Mick Cheg has sourced scrutineering stickers

120ish entries so far

Doug Dukes and Roger Laurence will be there

Water/Beer/Lollies – Toddy and Phil

Purple Dragons/Helpers – no lunches as they will receive payment

Lunches for Vic, Tony, Brendan and Eric only

First Aiders: Name and location for Brendan, Defib to

be placed in Race Sec's office, Brian will do a list.

Phil will be volunteer co-ordinator

Toddy to look after radios – sign in/sign out and charge them up

Phil has booked accommodation for officials

Moved: Phil

Seconded: Aneta

## ITEM 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

T-shirts are on order, plus more stubby holders

Need a float and the Eftpos machine for the Vics

Moved: Ken

Seconded: Marg

## Item: 9: GENERAL BUSINESS

Ken: Good response to Vic Titles advertising

Ken is listed as the contact in Old Bike Mag – not Brian

Toddy – The Vic Titles is the 40<sup>th</sup> running of the event

Phil – Will book accom for Winton and SC

Dave – Still looking for ideas for the 40<sup>th</sup> SC

2022 SC lost about 7k

Shannon's truck/Grandstand – can we get it for the

SC...will check with Shannons

### **PROPOSED EVENTS SUBJECT TO NOTICE**

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 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.

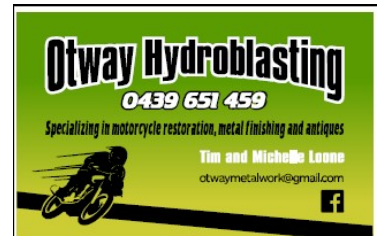
The Club Permit scheme is one of the great things about belonging to a club like HMRAV, so please ensure you are supporting the club by getting your renewal processes right the first time.

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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