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# Flatchat



# START





# Behind the Bars

## The Presidents Report

The best weekend and the slow death of historic racing.

Hello all you racers out there. If you weren't at the Mount Tarrengower Hill climb then you really need to get out there and have a look at this event. My only regret is it doesn't go long enough. That and the fact my ever reliable bike died on the start line of the first practice run. But a fresh set of spark plugs and all was right in the world of two strokes again. Held over a weekend it is one of the most social and enjoyable events on the Historic racing calendar.

Congratulations to all that competed on the weekend and the officials that kept us on track and on time. Special mention must go to Stacy Heeny for winning the Queen of the mountain and Clint Chegwiggen for the best Doughnut on the start line, very rock and roll.

On a serious note and posing the question "What are racers going to do when there is know one to officiate at a meeting? The last few years have been tough for all sorts of sporting clubs and the historic racing scene is not exempt. While we have

managed to keep the number of people entering our race meets at good levels, we are faced with a serious lack of volunteers and officials to help run the events. To put it bluntly we are facing a real crisis, if we don't get people to step up and help out then we wont be able to run our events. So think about helping out if you aren't able to race, or even getting your official accreditation through MV. You can become a level one official online. So instead of drunkenly buying bike parts on ebay on a Friday night, why not try to pass the level one officials test instead and take that first step to helping out the sport you love.

Well that's my rant for now. I hope to see you all up at Broadford for the Southern classic on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November. Don't forget to pack your boots and leathers. Bing the tent and camp, bring all your mates and see if we can fill the whole camp ground. Come ready to race and dont forget the band on the Saturday night- Collards greens and gravy, there great mate.

See you on the track  
Phill



Cover: Rob "Tank" Matherson Honda 350 at Mt Tarrengower start line, and above the Prez has an open camp chair policy - Pic Russ Murray

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# Mt Tarrengower

Story and pics : Marg Todd

No.	Competitor	Solo Machine	Best Time	Award
11	Mason Birthisel	1942 Indian Scout 750cc	DNF	
13	Rob (Tank) Matheson	1972 Honda CB Twin 350cc	55.9	Fastest P4 up to 350cc
17	Wayne Donehue	1971 RED PLATE Norton Commando 750cc	50.8	
22	Dave Philpots	1962 Triumph 500cc	71.8	
29	Winston Wyatt	1949 CLASS C AJS 350cc	69.7	
38	Brian Gray	1938 BSA Silver Star Sybil 500cc	57.4	Fastest P2 up to 500cc
39	Clint Chegwiddden	1939 Indian Sports Scout 750cc	58.2	Fastest P2 Unlimited Elder-Brown Award
46	John Rodda	1970 Suzuki 500cc	51.0	
48	Phillip Watson	1972 Suzuki T250cc	57.6	
55	Ken Mundy	1971 RED PLATE Triumph Trident 750cc	47.6	Fastest RED PLATE
62	Des Heaney	1957 Triumph 650cc	62.9	Fastest P3
67	Peter Birthisel	1942 Indian 741 Scout 750cc	66.5	
78	John Rosser	1972 Honda 350cc	58.9	
86	Robert Liddicoat	1956 BSA Goldstar 500cc	60.6	President's Choice Award
88	Scott Green	1972 Triumph T120 650cc	51.4	
91	Ian McDonald	1936 Indian Sports Scout 750cc	DNF	
94	Dan Boeti	1970 Suzuki T250cc	60.8	
100	Mike Chegwiddden	1939 Indian 750cc	69.1	
111	Peter Birthisel	1940 Indian Sport Scout 750cc	60.8	
129	David Reidie	1929 Harley Davidson FDH 1200cc	66.8	
162	Stacey Heaney	1971 Honda Four 750cc	47.4	Fastest P4 500cc & Unlimited QUEEN OF THE MOUNTAIN
315	Peter Garfield	1972 Suzuki GT250 315cc	56.7	
475	Mike Chegwiddden	1941 Indian 750cc	62.1	
546	Martin Gratton	1950 Cotton 650cc	67.1	

No.	Rider & Passenger	Sidecar Machine	Best Time	Award
3	Don Cooke & Marc Greaves	1972 Honda 836cc	53.7	Fastest P4 Sidecar
7	Bill Hargrave & Annie Tregger	1954 Triumph Thunderbird 650cc	65.4	
20	Tony Peters & Matt Morgan	1972 Martin Honda 836cc	59.4	
75	Ray Smith & Mandy Smith	1972 Yamaha 750cc	DNF	
87	Pete Large & Ben James	1955 Triumph Thunderbird 650cc	59.5	Fastest P3 Sidecar

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# Mt Tarrengower

At last, after three long years, the Mt Tarrengower Historic Hill Climb was again alive with the roar of historic cars and bikes on the mountain! Thanks to the Bendigo Car Club, as always, for their invitation for HMRV members to be included to participate in this meeting. Both car and motorbike competitors provided excellent entertainment over the weekend, although the weather certainly put on a wet finish on Sunday. Until late Sunday the weather was fine - the decision to have only 2 bike runs instead of the usual 3 was a wise one!

There was close contention in times between Stacey Heaney and Ken Mundy in the honour of claiming King of the Mountain - only .2 seconds between these two, and with Wayne Donehue so close behind them! This honour ultimately was awarded to Stacey, Queen of the Mountain. Ken took out the fastest Red Plate trophy from Wayne in the final timing run.

A warm welcome was extended to Mt Tarrengower newcomers Winston Wyatt, Brian Gray, Ian McDonald, Tim Marshall, David Bunnett and sidecar passenger Marc Greaves, also two sidecar teams Bill Hargrave with Annie Tregger (from WA) and Ray Smith with Mandy Smith. Unfortunately there were quite a few withdrawals due to bike problems - David Bunnett did not even manage a practice; Ian McDonald, Tim Marshall, Mason Birthisel and Ray & Mandy Smith managed Saturday practice but no runs on Sunday; and Brian March had bike problems from the very start of the meeting as did Trevor Spiers - hopefully things will be sorted for next year's hill climb! Well done to Brian Gray who took home the P2 Up To 500cc trophy. Des Heaney had only one run for the P3 trophy but had the fastest time over Dave Philpots and Martin Gratton. Rob Matheson had the fastest time in the P4 Up To 350cc class, followed closely by Pete Garfield.

Pete Large and Ben James were awarded the fastest P3 sidecar time, with Bill and Annie not far behind them. Don Cooke & Marc Greaves ran the fastest time for the P4 sidecar class in front of Tony Peters and Matt Morgan.

The Elder-Brown award was presented to Clint Chegvidden, who also won the P2 750cc and Unlimited trophy. Rob Liddicoat was the recipient of the President's Choice Award. A huge congratulations goes out to all our competitors!

Sincere thanks to Vic O'Driscoll as Steward of the meeting, Toddy as Clerk of Course, Marg as Race Secretary, Eric Saunders and Mike Cheg for scrutineering, and also a big thank you to our new HMRV President Phill Watson for presenting the trophies.

This popular Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb event is always an enjoyable social meeting for our Club!



Bill & Annie



Brian Gray



Don Cooke & Marc Greaves



Ian McDonald



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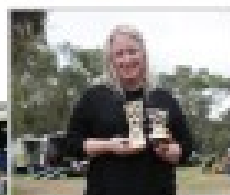


Ray & Mandy Smith



Dan Boeti

# Mt Tarrengower



Stacey -  
QUEEN of the Mountain



Ian McDonald



Toddy getting some  
tips from Dave  
Doghouse Philpotts???



Pete Garfield



Mason and his Dad Pete



Pete Lange & Ben James



Trevor Spiers helping  
out in the pit area



Rob Tank Matheson



Rob Liddicoat  
congratulated by  
Phill Watson



John Taffy Rosser



Clint Chegidden



Clint, Toddy & Vic



# Collingrove Hillclimb

Story Brian March

COLLINGROVE HILLCLIMB  
ANGASTON SA 17/9/23

Doghouse and I love hill climbs! Mt Tarrengower is one of our favourite events and we're always on the lookout for more. We've known about the Collingrove Hill climb for years but it's always clashed with things like the annual Townsville race trip and major gigs for Doghouse. This year with a few unexpected changes of plans the hill climb on the 17/9 suddenly became a reality.

With Mick Cheg joining in on the fun we loaded up for the big road trip to the Barossa. Three vans, three hand shifters, one Triumph and one KTM...we were packed and good to go.

It's a fair old drive to the Barossa, 750k's from my place. Add an hour for Doghouse and another two for Mick and that's a big day in anyone's language. We made the trek over with no dramas, found our motel in Angaston and hit the pub for a great counter meal.

Next day after a lazy breakfast in town, we headed out to the track to set up. Situated 10 minutes from Angaston, the hill climb is a permanent course with on-site buildings for scrutineering, a canteen and even a bar with decking overlooking the start line. The course also has a return road so you can run multiple bikes. We set up on the grass that was the pits, next to a bitumen road that led to the start line. We were pitted next to Paul Dempsey, a fellow racer from SA, who had entered his beautiful and very well-prepared Norton and Triumph twins.

Scrutineering and sign on were trouble free which gave us plenty of time for an exploratory track walk. Well....let me just say that on first "walk" of the track we were a little concerned. With ups and downs, tight banked corners and a ribbon of bitumen about 8 foot wide, we were wondering what we'd gotten ourselves into! It was going to be a hoot that's for sure.

Sunday was raceday and we got out to the track nice and early. It all started with solo sighting laps, which



Doghouse and I managed to do on both our bikes.

Then we were into it.

With 55 bikes entered for the meeting, we ran in race number order. With our bikes that meant 12,22,72,122 and 475. It's amazing how quickly your number comes up and your back out there. It actually seemed to speed up as the day went on too.

We were loving the track and it's amazing how focussed you get...no thoughts whatsoever of the narrow track and the 1 foot drop off the bitumen in some spots. No, it was head down bum up and twist that throttle! In total,



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with our 5 bikes, we managed 35 runs for the day. Now that's value for money!

Presentation was a laidback affair and everyone received a certificate noting their fastest time. A nice touch. Amazingly after 5 runs each, there was only one second separating our three hand shifters. Incredible considering how tight and twisty the course was, the differences in our bikes and the fact that none of us had seen the track before.

We spent our last night in Angaston having a feed of fish and chips and a few beers. We'd had a great day and all the bikes had run well. In fact, we hadn't put a spanner on any of them. There was also lots of talk about the course, how much fun we'd all had and of course....plans for next year.

The trip home was long but uneventful. One thing that did become quite clear though was next time we'll split the drive in half....no need to rush.

So, after what seems like a decade of trying to get over for the Collingrove Hill climb, we'd finally done it. It was a really well run meeting, great friendly club (Atujara MCC),



awesome course and a perfect event to run a classic bike in. I did take my KTM RC390 over as a spare but to be honest I had more fun racing my Indian. We competed at an "open" event, so it included moderns, motards etc but there was a fair sprinkling of classics and all were welcome.

There was a "classic" hill climb scheduled for a couple of weeks later but we couldn't make it to that one. I didn't feel any pressure being on a classic and there was a really good mixture of bikes, (and sidecars).

Would we do it again....you betcha! Hope some more of you make the effort and join us next year.

Cheers,  
Marchy.

# Meeting Minutes

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## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2023  
Time: 7.00 pm  
Venue: Zoom

Present: Brian & Leanne March, Ken Redwood, Phil Watson, Aneta and Dave Philpots, Eric Saunders, Chrissie Clancy, Pete Garfield, Mick Cheg, Toddy and Marg.

Apologies: Pete Large

The meeting opened at: 07:05 p.m.

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

Nil

Moved: Leanne                      Seconded: Doghouse

### ITEM 2: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bulletin notice from MA regarding noise. No change for Historic Road Racing.  
Basic Training available for officials from MV.  
Discussion regarding Red Plates – agenda item for October meeting.

Moved: Brian                      Seconded: Chrissie

### ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Currently have the Mt T permit. Still waiting for SC. 2024 dates forwarded to MV.

Moved: Eric                      Seconded: Doghouse

### ITEM 4: TREASURERS REPORT

Refer to attachments from Treasurer

Moved: Pete Garfield      Seconded: Chrissie

### ITEM 5: DELEGATES REPORT

Ken – Ben and Ken are now listed as the HMRAV Delegates with MV.

Moved: Phil                      Seconded: Brian

### ITEM 6: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT

Next month....

Moved:                      Seconded:

### ITEM 7: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Everything is ordered for SC.  
We've gone to a different supplier for shirts and mugs. Good quality and a digital print.  
Looking at possibly opening a "Shopify" account at Suppliers website.  
Will investigate further after the Southern.

Moved: Leanne                      Seconded: Mick Cheg

### ITEM 8: MOUNT TARRENGOWER

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

Officials:  
Steward: Vic O'Driscoll  
CoC: Toddy  
Race Secretary: Marg

At this point – 21 solos and 3 s'cars. We can do a bit of a rev-up on Facebook for more entries.  
Entries are open until 22/9.

Moved: Marg                      Seconded: Chrissie

### ITEM 9: SOUTHERN CLASSIC

Steward: Vic O'Driscoll  
CoC: Tony Bolin  
Race Secretary: Brendan Ferrari

Purple Dragons need to be booked.  
Toddy: Doug Dukes is coming, Toddy will call Roger Lawrence.  
Phil: Booked accommodation for officials.

**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

Doghouse: Posters are done.

Mailchimp mailout: Attach links to SC Entries and call for volunteers.

Moved: Phil

Seconded: Eric

## Item:10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Pete Garfield: Thanks for taking on the Presidency Phil. The Southern posters look great.

Toddy: Thanks for the kind words in Flatchat. Will forward all contacts to the Executive. SCRCV Dinner....50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Dorset Gardens.

Chrissie: Memberships....emails are bouncing back because details provided are incorrect. Medical quote...agenda item for next month.

Doghouse: Promo stuff for the SC band is available....for Ken (Promotions) and Marg (Program). Top of trailer can be repaired in time for the SC. Toddy and Dave to liaise.

Phil: Roadcase needed for club PA – Dave to source one.

Mick: Membership cards are in the email....needs to be noted on the website.

Moved: Brian

Seconded: Mick

Next meeting: 09/10/23 (Zoom)

Meeting closed: 8:20pm.



REMINDER: Memberships for the HMRAV are for the financial year (July to June), please ensure you are financial as it impacts the club activities and your legal obligations if you have a Club Permit vehicle. Please also check your email address is correct . Any questions please contact Chrissie Clancy membership@hmrav.org



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

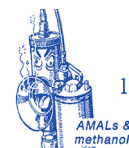
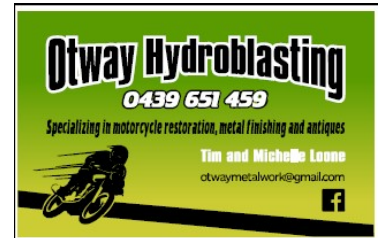
The Club Permit scheme is one of the great things about belonging to a club like HMRAV, so please ensure you are supporting the club by getting your renewal processes right the first time.

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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# MARG Presentation Dinner



The Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria invite members and their families, our valued volunteers and fabulous sponsors to attend our annual presentation dinner and Christmas celebrations at

Manhattan Hotel in The Liberty Room  
Corner Canterbury & Heatherdale Roads, Ringwood

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023  
from 6pm for 6:30pm dinner, followed by Club presentations  
\* non-members welcome at own cost - alcohol served at bar prices \*

RSVP ESSENTIAL BEFORE 22 NOVEMBER to either

Toddy mobile: 0400 596 724 or Marg mobile: 0417 310 938

① Accommodation is available at the Manhattan Hotel - for bookings please telephone 9874 7777



*Season's Greetings*

