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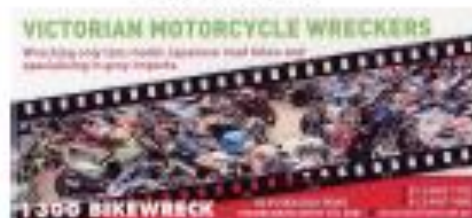
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Presidents Report

Welcome to the March-April edition of Flatchat. As always at this time of the year we're all busyorganising, racing and the inevitable.... rebuilding! But we wouldn't have it any other way.

So far we've had Eddington and the Vic Titles, and what great events they were. Eddington is a firm favourite in our household and it really is special. Its super laid back but as the last runs of the day proved....highly competitive. Marg has a write up and photos included later on in the mag.

The Vics were a mixed bag. Perfect conditions for Friday's practice and day one's events but a massive storm blew in late Saturday which cut us short. It rained most of the night and Sunday turned into one very wild and wet day. Full credit to all our officials, volunteers and competitors who battled on and from the comments I received at presentation, everyone was amazed at the fact that we were able to complete the event.

Well... you should all give yourselves a pat on the back. The spirit showed by competitors, the hardiness of our volunteers out in the elements all day and the resilience of our officials in coping with all that the day could throw at them, was amazing. A heartfelt thank-you from myself and all on the committee.

Historic Winton is our next major event and you should all have your entries in by now. Winton is a unique meeting and as always with anything "HMRV"....very social. With a reduced number of races compared to a normal open event, you get the time to wander the pits and catch up with mates. I'm not a car guy but there's some great four wheelers to check out too.

Finally, I'd like to mention the passing of two people that were very much a part of the fabric of our club. Firstly, we lost Life member Shirley Luke. Shirley was a much loved member of the club and a long time Race Secretary.

Secondly, Allan Fitzpatrick passed away. Al was a mate, a fellow Norton racer and a Team Africa member. Both Shirley and Al will be sadly missed and our thoughts and condolences go out to their respective families.

Cheers, Marchy
(see you at Winton!)

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From the editor

As we approach ANZAC Day many of us of course will pause and reflect on the sacrifice and service of thousands of Australians over many years that have allowed us to enjoy the freedom and peace we are so lucky to have in Australia. Of course in war transport is vital and motorcycles have been used in many campaigns for their advantages of size and speed over larger vehicles. Here are some examples of motorcycles used by our Forces.

Images and information courtesy of the Australian War Memorial.

Pictured is the Norton 'Big 4' Motorcycle with Sidecar. This motorcycle was part of the first batch delivered from the United Kingdom to the Australian Army in 1939. This type of general purpose motorcycle with sidecar was used by the Australian Army. It was suitable for off road terrain because it was fitted with a drive shaft to the sidecar wheel. The sidecar was fitted in various configurations including the provision of a 3 inch mortar—thankfully this kind of equipment is not allowed on the racetrack!



To the right is an Indian model 741B Solo Motorcycle fitted with pannier bags and rear vision mirror. This type of motorcycle was used by the Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force during the Second World War. Is it possible any of the hand shift battle bikes have previously been used by the military?



The Mark 2 Welbike was a collapsible motorcycle powered by a Villiers 98cc 2 stroke engine designed for use by paratroops. Originally designed by the British Special Operations Executive (SOE) for use in covert operations, the Welbike was used by British Airborne and Parachute Regiments. The bikes folded down into a parachute container and were dropped with the airborne units for rapid deployment on landing. Not sure if we will see these in the P3 125 class.



Lest we forget.

Reg #71

LAKE GAIRDNER SPEEDWEEK 2017

A trip to Lake Gairdner has been on a lot of bucket lists for years and this year a group of us finally made it. We were strictly spectators as none of us thought we had a suitable machine. We possibly could have competed as there seems to be a class to suit everyone.

We took two days to make the trip from Melbourne. It is an easy drive, the final 130 odd K's being over good dirt roads. Any vehicle could make it if care is taken. The country was in good condition after recent rain, although a fire ban messed up our camp oven roast plans.



The camping facilities are basic but the showers were well received in the hot weather. It must be a real challenge for the organizers to supply facilities in such an isolated location. Well done. The food and drinks were also pretty good. You need to be self sufficient in food and water unless you are happy to eat at the canteen and you need to take all of your rubbish out with you.

Photos don't do the lake justice and at first sight I almost thought that I was looking at a snow field. Before driving onto the lake you must attend an induction session where all of the rules are explained. The lake has to be left in pristine condition, a big ask given the number of competition and spectator vehicles. Every vehicle has to be parked over a tarp to catch any oil or other crap.

LAKE GAIRDNER SPEEDWEEK 2017

The strip itself is 6 miles long with speeds recorded at various points over a three mile stretch. There is a lot of run off but two vehicles still managed to take out the timing gear.

The run off was needed when a blind rider went for a record! I kid you not. He had Kevin Magee riding behind him giving direction over radio. He abandoned the run I watched when he veered off the strip but he got his 125 MPH licence, which is a fair effort.



I won't attempt to describe all of the vehicles competing or give results. All of that is on the Dry Lake Racing Association website, along with vision. There are some amazing machines.



We left after two days to avoid the predicted 49 degrees later in the week but the event is well worth the effort. If you plan to go you need to plan well and keep an eye on the website.

Mick Large.

Eddington Sprints 2017

By Marg Todd

Eddington Sprints is fast becoming a very popular event in the HMRAV calendar with great weather, camping and racing! Mike Panayi is almost unbeatable, winning the fastest solo trophy but with Ben Mundy, Kenny Maher, Geoff Maddaford and Wayne Donehue all battling close behind him! New member Mark Hartley ran good times on his Triumph Daytona and was also initiated into being passenger for Toddy on his Triumph sidecar. It was close times for many sidecars - Michelle Loone with her father Peter Barclay as passenger battled with Tiny & Greg and equalled their fastest times. No one could beat the fastest sidecar in Nina Eikenberg & Craig Longhurst, although Toddy & Mark Hartley and Butch Davies & his passenger Wayne certainly came close in the last leg! Congratulations to all competitors!

Bike #	Name	Machine	Best Time	Award
949	Trevor Spiers	P3 RED PLATE Triumph ThunderBird 650cc	18.4	
7	Mark Hartley	P4 Triumph Daytona 500cc	18.3	Encouragement Award
9	Ken Maher	P3 Nortlas Atlas 750cc	14.9	
16	Mike Panayi	P3 Nortlas Manxman 920cc	13.0	Fastest Solo
17	Wayne Donehue	P4 RED PLATE Norton Commando 750cc	15.5	
26	Geoff Maddaford	P4 RED PLATE Honda CB 736cc	15.1	
55	Benjamin Mundy	P4 RED PLATE Triumph Trident 750cc	14.4	Fastest Red Plate
65	Doug Gorrie	P3 RED PLATE BSA A65 650cc	18.1	
78	John Rosser	P4 Honda 350cc	19.0	
105	Stuart Gorrie	P4 Honda SL 125cc	20.1	
106	Scott Green	P4 RED PLATE Triumph Bonneville 650cc	16.3	
54	Trevor Spiers	P3 BSA B33 500cc	17.9	
2	Tony Marjoram	P4 Ducati 250cc	20.3	
SIDECARS				
422	Tim Loone & Leanne March	P4 Norton 750cc	18.1	
99	Butch Davies & Wayne Donehue	P3 Triton 750cc	16.8	
88	Dave Large & Lyn Jones	P4 Mini Cyclecar 998cc	21.0	
43	Dave Wain & Greg Ditchfield	P3 Triariel 650cc	17.6	
42	Michelle Loone & Peter Barclay	P3 Norton 750cc	17.6	
37	Nina Eikenberg & Craig Longhurst	P4 Tranzac Honda 836cc	15.8	Fastest Sidecar
24	Neil Prowse & Colin Magnay	P3 ESO 650cc	19.9	President's Award
10	Stuart Gorrie & Alaina McCarthy	P3 BSA B33 600cc	18.6	
4	Robert Todd & Mark Hartley	P3 Triumph T6 Thunderbird 650cc	16.4	



Mike Panayi
Fastest Solo

Craig Longhurst and
Nina Eikenberg
Fastest Sidecar



Ben Mundy
Fastest Red Plate



Eddington Sprints 2017



Photos courtesy of Paul Stevenson Photography

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In remembrance



Shirley Joy Luke

10 September 1936 - 29 March 2017

Shirley Luke was involved in motor cycle racing as an official for many years partly through her husband Bills racing a Gold Star. She presented the Bill Luke Memorial trophy at Winton following his death.

When Hartwell dropped Historic Winton from their calendar Shirley, as the North East centre of the A C U representative took over the running of the event. She was assisted by Norm Rounds and a few members of HMRAV. Shirley was very well known for her work running scrambles and speedway. It is fair to say we would not have Historic Winton without Shirley's input.

Shirley was an honorary member, later on being a life member of HMRAV. As our only accredited member Shirley was race secretary last time we ran the Australian championship in 2001. Shirley lived in a Myrtleford nursing home since leaving the family home due to failing health.

Rest in Peace.



HMRAV'S 2017 DATES

Historic Winton- 27/5 & 28/5
Come and Try Day - 30/7
Mt Tarrengower Historic Hillclimb
14/10 & 15/10
HMRAV Southern Classic - 4/11 - 5/11
Come and Try Day - 3/12

Attention all Red Plate members of HMRAV

The club has hundreds of members with Red Plate (or Historic Plate) registration 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 financial member of HMRAV. 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, our fantastic Red Plate coordinator, Mick, is only too happy to give out advice. Please call Mick on 0401 819 609 if you need some assistance with Red Plate issues.

The red plate scheme is one of the great things about belonging to a club like HMRAV, so please let's all ensure we are supporting the club by getting our renewal processes right the first time.

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GENERAL MEETING

Date: 3rd of April 2017

Time: _7pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Brian March, Leanne March, Dave Philpots, Doug Hicks, Tony Greenwood, Chrissie Clancy, Keith Campbell, Phil Watson, Uncle Mick Large, Mick Chegidden, Andrew Pobjoy, Andrew Haddad, Paul Stevenson, Colin Rosewarne, Marg Todd, Reg Boeti, Craig Longhurst.

Apologies: Robert Todd, Aneta Philpots,

The meeting opened at: 7:10 p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Minutes circulated for all to read.

Moved: Dave Philpots

Seconded: Doug Hicks

ITEM 2: Presidents report

Need to lock in a Race Secretary for Winton.

We will be first on track at Winton so Friday afternoon scrutineering is vital. Try and get the Morgans there. Maybe Mick Cheg and other committee members can help. Brian, Doghouse, Keith and Tony to do scrutineering course - speak with Vic. Shadow the Morgans.

Moved: Chrissie Clancy

Seconded: Tony Greenwood

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Accommodation booked for Winton for officials.

Ridernet - several people have tried it and it is difficult to use. Support not very helpful.

Southern Classic and Tarrengower permits to be submitted - within the next week or two.

Last come and try permit to also be arranged.

Moved: Keith Campbell

Seconded: Craig Longhurst

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

Nothing to report.

AGM 12 April 2017.

Moved: Phil Watson

Seconded: Reg Boeti

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ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

Everything arranged. Sign in sheets and scrutineering sheets done.
Photographers signed in already.
Pit sheds all done.
Number of people pulled out due to floods interstate.
Chrissie to follow up with Computime.
Can we get a quote for live timing.
We need a new race secretary

Vics:	Chrissie (pre) Francis Conroy
Winton:	Marg (pre) Francis Conroy?
Tarrengower:	Chrissie/Marg
Southern Classic:	Chrissie (pre).....?

SUPP REGS : Eddington and Vics on the Website

Moved: Paul Stevenson

Seconded: Colin Rosewarne

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

Brian read out Pete's report - Refer attached for details of money.
Doug has arranged the Scouts.
All floats arranged.
Chrissie has EFTPOS machine.
Direct debit as a payment option - Phil has arranged.
Shannon's still to repay sponsorship.
Dave to follow up.
Girl Rider; Pablo's; Chop Enfields in the Valley.
If anyone has any cheques give to Brian.
5 books of 1 event licence books purchased - each licence is \$75, up from \$55.

Moved: Marg Todd

Seconded: Mick Large

ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

Everything in order, except for outstanding payments.
Dave has bought the new PA, plenty of power; will have it for the Vics. Microphone's available. Instructions written on how to set up.

Timing at Winton : phone call from Graham Logan. Will send someone to distribute the transponders. Need to know the numbers. Need to speak with timing re results. They can give whatever we want with 2-3 weeks' notice.

Bikes first up on Saturday - can't be changed. Load up after completion - a line of witch's hats or some form of bunting to be put down wide enough for pedestrian access and vehicle access on apron out the front of the pits. Sup Regs to be sent to Wayne at Winton Raceway as soon as possible. Deadline for competitors list is 7th May 2017. Send information to Noel.

Moved: Leanne March

Seconded: Dave Philpots

GM Minutes Continued

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Van and trailer to be stored at Todds. Bruce Flack to drive to Broadford.
Merchandise all organised.

Moved: Doug Hicks

Seconded: Chrissie Clancy

Item 9: WEBSITE

Moving along slowly.

Moved: Tony Greenwood

Seconded: Keith Campbell

Item 10: Vic Titles

Permit:	Yes
Officials:	Ross and Vic
Race Secretary:	Francis and Chrissie
Program:	Marg
Medical:	Race Solutions
Marshalls:	Combination of Jody's crew and Race Solutions
	Chainsaw to do start/finish line.

Flyers/Tickets: Available

Scrutineer's: Doug to speak to the Morgans - locked in

Gate/Scouts: Doug to organise

Trophies: Brian to organise

Tony to start getting together the volunteers. Advised all good.

Tess booked. Tess collecting money for camping.

Moved: Craig Longhurst

Seconded: Phil Watson

Item 11: Winton

Permit:	Done.
Supp Regs:	On the website
Officials:	Ross and Vic
Race Secretary:	Marg and ?
Scrutineer's:	Doug to speak to the Morgans
HMRV pits:	Brian to organise - 3 pits
Trophies:	Brian to organise
Tony to start getting together the volunteers	

Moved: Reg Boeti

Seconded: Paul Stevenson

GM Minutes Continued

General Business

Photographers accreditation and numbers limited to 7 on track. John Clancy and Colin have prepared document for HMRV events. Colin to organise sign in and \$50 surety for HMRV Photographers vest. Colin to brief photographers and Clerk of Course.

Banners/flags organised for presentation photographs. Banner across the verandah of schoolhouse at a minimum.

Doug to pick up programs this week.

Tony confirmed new member.

Maryborough Wings and Wheels - Saturday 23 September 2017

To be discussed at the May meeting.

Channel 31 for Kenny and Brenda on tv - bumper to bumper - Foxtel 27 April;

Channel 31 - 4 May 2017.

Photos of Kenny going into next edition of Royal Auto.

Colin discussed issue with horrific crash at Broadford yesterday.

Brian emailing Race Solutions to discuss having a Dr at each race meeting.

Doug Haddad advised he is happy to help out.

Reg spoke about putting a notice in Flatchat about Shirley Luke passing.

Mick Large has Lake Gairdner information; Marg has Eddington.

Doug spoke to Barry Morgan - they will not do race tracks in NSW.

Doug to follow up redesign of tickets so they can be clipped.

Doghhouse - checked out Tooradin Airport for sprints - 1,100 metres long. Discussion on possibility for doing sprints at the airport.

Moved: Colin Rosewarne

Seconded: Marg Todd

Representatives from MV and the MV Board - Rob Maestrom and Gavin Cosway attended the meeting. Rob and Gavin participated in a discussion centred around hire fees, the resurfacing fund, track users and the management of MV finances over the last 12 to 18 months. Rob and Gavin were very frank and forthcoming with their explanations and all of the committee commended them on their approach.

Next meeting: _8th_ May 2017

Meeting closed:8.00 pm.

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

MINUTES ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

DATE.....

SignedPRESIDENT

