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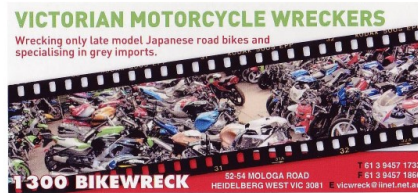
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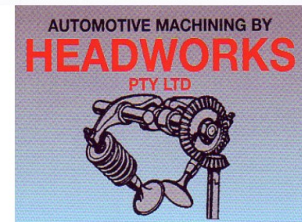
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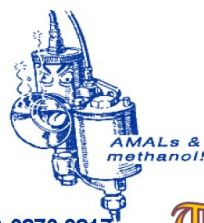
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## **Presidents Report**

2014 is drawing to a close and it's the end of another great year.....a great year for the club on track and off. A great year for the committee with lots of new faces and some people putting their hands up to take on more responsibility. A great year of racing with mates and travelling round the country. A great year of bike building with some brilliant new machines making their debut.

For us I'd have to say the highlight was travelling up to Lakeside for the Nats. It was amazing to see just how big our sport has become. The range and quality of bikes on display was incredible and to be in the middle of a field of 17 P3 outfits as they roared off the line was a sound we'll remember for a long time.

We had a great time sharing the pits with our friends and especially our daughter's partner who was making his racing debut. His excitement and sheer joy at being involved in our sport was infectious.

On a sad note we were also pitted quite near the spot where a competitor was involved in a tragic crash. It was a sobering reminder of the perils of our sport and terrible finish to a meeting that had so many positives.

Prior to the Nats, a number of us had also made the now almost semi-religious pilgrimage to the Townsville TT. I know I bang on about this meeting but it really does live up to its name as the "best little meeting in Australia". We've also been to Broadford, Winton, Eastern Creek, Eddington, Maryborough, Tarrengower and Barbagallo and we'll see out the festive season down at Mac Park.

The message here is that there are so many great race meetings available to the competitor now. Clubs are doing their best to co-ordinate calendars and trying their hardest to entice you to their events. In 2015 you'll find the variety of meetings and tracks on offer is greater than ever and you really can have a holiday whilst crossing off those racetracks from your bucket list.

So where do you fit into to all of this? Well.....how about you have a think about travelling to at least one new meeting this year. Pick one that suits your style and make a commitment to support that club and send in an entry. Then you can have all the fun of planning your big trip, checking out a few sites on the way, maybe catching up with a mate or two as you clock up the miles. Oh....and you can also get to race at a new track....bonus!

Do you remember that film "On any Sunday"? Remember Mert Lawill and his buddy driving from one side of the country to the other and racing his Harley flat tracker. I do.....

Cheers and Merry Christmas to everyone.  
Marchy.



**HMRV Club meetings are conducted at the**  
Mitcham Angling Club - 11 Brunswick Road, Mitcham  
Meetings are (usually) held every 2nd Monday of the month from 7pm SHARP:



**Come along and join us!**



## **From the editor**

Well what a great meet this years Southern Classic was. A record number of bikes entered for a great weekend's racing. We raced in honour of Ray Kelly, Toddy has put together a moving tribute to Ray in the Southern Classic results. Our sport continues to grow and be enjoyed by many riders from both here in Victoria and interstate.

I was very happy that my newly installed engine held together and got me round the track all weekend. A good buddy (thanks Tim and Pete) happened to have a Kawasaki Z motor that had been sitting in the shed for years. I was lucky enough to manage a second place in class, was a little chuffed as I had not previously placed at Broadford on the solo before.

One of the best parts of our sport is how there is always someone who knows someone with a part or an engine to help keep our old bikes running. In my case all that was required was to clean the carbs, check the timing and replace oil, plugs etc. A bit of messing with jets got the Z running nicely and ready for the track.

One of the best aspects of our sport is the variety of machinery that can be seen at each and every meet. There are bikes from all ends of the scale, those that are finely tuned race machines worth a year's salary to the old hacks that get people on the track for not a lot of money. Whilst many of us like to wander the pits on race days and admire the finest Manx Norton, it is also great to look at the creative thinking that goes on to get racing on a shoestring budget.

The club website has info on some of the requirements for getting a log book for racing along with the required application forms. So on that front, here's as good as any New Year's resolution: if there is an old machine quietly rusting away in the shed why not dust it off and get in ready for the track. You will be glad you did!

All the best,

Reg #71



**Time to get on the tools!**

## **Southern Classic Broadford 2014 in memory of Ray Kelly**

Standing in the garage preparing my outfit for the Southern Classic, a strange but good feeling come over me. As I changed the number on my outfit from the usual number 4 to Ray's original racing number 9, it was like he was standing behind me. For those who don't know, my sidecar outfit I race is one which Ray built in 1960 and campaigned with Alan Jamieson, Ray's only passenger.

Saturday morning arrived and all was good; the threat of rain loomed but the spirits of speed (with the help of Ray) kept the rain at bay. For the first time in many years I actually got to watch most races over the two days and the calibre of racing was outstanding! The outfit was on song which made sure I was out of the running for the sidecar handicap in Ray's honour on Sunday. Being the third back marker, I was quickly gobbled up by Peter Large and Wayne Rowe, closely followed by Garth Francis and Brad Gorrie. It was the biggest handicap I have ever seen - the back markers may as well have started in Flowerdale!

Anyway, it's not about the race but more of the man himself, Ray Kelly, a true legend in his own right. It gave me so much pleasure and pride on the parade lap to have Dot (Ray's wife) ride in the sidecar with Lloyd and myself. It was a great parade and a fitting tribute to Ray and all he stood for, and to see his family and all his mates from Alexandra really hit home with that bloody lump in my throat.



Robert and Lloyd Todd proudly escort Mrs Dot Kelly on the parade lap.

## Southern Classic Broadford 2014 results

Over 4 race legs, congratulations to all riders.

<b>Vintage Solos</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	David Morse	Peter Birthisel	Stan Mucha
<b>Class C Solos</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Wayne Fary	Mike Chegvidden	Eddie Preston
<b>Classic Solos 250cc</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Jonathon Houston	Lincoln Wilson Tucker	Darrell Bailey
<b>Classic Solos 350cc</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Keith Campbell	Greg Watkins	David Morse
<b>Classic Solos 500cc</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Jack Wright	Bob Rosenthal	Brendan O'Neill
<b>Classic Solos Unlimited</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Garth Francis	Russell Craddock	Craig Hems-worth
<b>Post Classic Solos 125cc</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Ron Mathews	Aiden Westrip	
<b>Post Classic Solos 250cc</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Terry Morris	John Imrie	Stuart Gorrie
<b>Post Classic Solos 350cc</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Keith Campbell	Mike Engberg	David Campbell
<b>Post Classic Solos 500cc</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Peter O'Neill	Lincoln Wilson Tucker	Chris Pash
<b>Post Classic Solos Unlimited</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Dean Oughtred	Lyell Williamson	Darren Tindale
<b>Forgotten Era Solos 125cc</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Peter Forkes	David Gazley	Darren Tindale
<b>Forgotten Era Solos 250cc</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Grant Boxhill	Tony Sara	Wally Ryan
<b>Forgotten Era Solos 350cc</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Grant Boxhill	Peter Large	Chris Hayward
<b>Forgotten Era Solos 500cc</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Chris Hayward	Mike VanDe Zand	Lindsay Russell
<b>Forgotten Era Solos 600c</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Daniel Sandler	Reg Boeti	Guy Brown
<b>Fgtn Era Solos Unlimited</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Chas Hern	Glenn Carroll	Robert Ruwoldt

## Southern Classic Broadford 2014 results continued...

<b>Classic Sidecars up to 650cc</b>	<b>1st Rider/Pass</b>	<b>2nd Rider/Pass</b>	<b>3rd Rider/Pass</b>
Overall Winner	Peter Large / Wayne Rowe	Robert Todd / Lloyd Todd	David Wain / Greg Ditchfield
<b>Classic Sidecars Unlimited</b>	<b>1st Rider/Pass</b>	<b>2nd Rider/Pass</b>	<b>3rd Rider/Pass</b>
Overall Winner	Garth Francis / Brad Gorrie	David & Rebecca Betteridge	Craig Mitchell / Guy Brown
<b>Post Classic Sidecars up to 836cc</b>	<b>1st Rider/Pass</b>	<b>2nd Rider/Pass</b>	<b>3rd Rider/Pass</b>
Overall Winner	Raymond Smith / Ron Gardner	Tim Loone / Michelle Loone	Calvin Merlo / Colin Magney
<b>Post Classic Sidecars Unlimited</b>	<b>1st Rider/Pass</b>	<b>2nd Rider/Pass</b>	<b>3rd Rider/Pass</b>
Overall Winner	John Clancy / Chrissie Clancy	Peter Cheeseman / Sean Cheeseman	
<b>Forgotten Era Sidecars</b>	<b>1st Rider/Pass</b>	<b>2nd Rider/Pass</b>	<b>3rd Rider/Pass</b>
Overall Winner	Bruce Collins / Peter DeAnglis	Richard Hirst / Ryan Munns	Ray Early / Rod Foster
<b>Formula 2 Sidecars</b>	<b>1st Rider/Pass</b>	<b>2nd Rider/Pass</b>	<b>3rd Rider/Pass</b>
Overall Winner	Terry Goldie / Jamie Crass	Chrissie Clancy / Leanne March	David McArthur / Colin Magney
<b>Ray Kelly Classic Sidecar H/cap</b>	<b>1st Rider/Pass</b>	<b>2nd Rider/Pass</b>	<b>3rd Rider/Pass</b>
Overall Winner	Ian Milton / Vicky Butler	Geoff Allport / Toby Frisch	Craig Mitchell / Guy Brown
<b>Lindsay Urqhart Post Classic Sidecar Handicap</b>	<b>1st Rider/Pass</b>	<b>2nd Rider/Pass</b>	<b>3rd Rider/Pass</b>
Overall Winner	Raymond Smith / Ron Gardner	Calvin Merlo / Colin Magney	Tony Peters / Robert Peters
<b>Fastest 30 Classic Trophy</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Overall Winner	Garth Francis	Jack Wright	Keith Campbell



## Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb ~ 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

What a great weekend at Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb! The weather was perfect, company great and lots of personal best records broken, not to mention the crowning of our new QUEEN of the Mountain, Stacey Heaney with a time of 46.9 seconds. Congratulations Stacey! Although bike entries were slightly down from last year, it was good to see new faces testing the mountain: Graham Hehir, Ben James, Butch Stevens, Butch Davies & Wal Dodds, Geoff & Zane Dodds, and passengers Laura Clancy, Aneta Philpots & Rob Steward. Unfortunately Butch Stevens had problems with his solo and had to withdraw, as did Butch Davies & Wal with their sidecar.

Stacey, Guy Brown and Graham Hehir hotly contested the fastest solo title, so the last run up the hill was very exciting for spectators. As for the sidecars, Tim & Michelle Loone's times were chased by Toddy & Bec all weekend, despite the difference in classes. The commentary by John Clancy was very impressive - well done John.

The social aspect of this HMRV meeting is second to none, with everyone enjoying the comradery while sharing food, drinks and of course the odd (tall) tale or two! Paddy Clancy won the best costume (again) - theme being the 1970's era. Particular thanks to Tim & Michelle who provided the meat and the Clancy's for cooking it to perfection (under Tim's supervision of course!).



Long

live the Queen!!





## Sponsors Page

### A trip to Pablos Tyres

I was servicing the Moto Guzzi recently and noticed a nail in the rear tyre, hmmm, then I had a good look at the front and .....double hmmm. With the chances of Santa being able to fit his tyre changer in the sleigh at just below zero I went for the next best option and rang long time HMRAV sponsor and well know tyre supplies Pablo's.

I looked up the website to find the phone number and discovered that the business has been handed over to Rick Johnson a Pablo's veteran with more than 25 years experience. He also races a 1986 GSXR1100 in the Period 6 class and has finished second in the 2012 & 2013 Victorian Road Race Titles.

I rang and spoke to Rick and discussed what he recommended for the Guzzi. He had some Metzlers in stock that he said would suit the bike well. I was also able to book in a time that I could get there (not any easy thing!) so everything was going well.

I headed for Mulgrave Monday morning after dropping the kids at school and Rick went straight to work. He said it was a real pleasure having such a fine motorcycle in the workshop so he's obviously a man of quality and refinement.

Before I knew it the tyres were on and I was ready to go, talk about great service.

Rick gave me his standard "new tyres are slippery so be careful" speech which was just as well because the new tyres felt great straight away. It would have been easy to get a little carried away.

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Story & Pics Glen Dane



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*Editors comment: Great story Glen on a valued sponsor of HMRAV. And what a fine looking Guzzi in the foreground.*

## Concerned of Moonee Ponds...

Dear (newly elected) esteemed editor,  
I would like to use what space I have in these hallowed pages to highlight the efforts this year of one Ms Stacey Heaney.

Ms Heaney is both a breath of fresh air in the pits and a hardened competitor on track. How delightful it is to see the glamorous Ms Heaney standing out like a beacon amongst a sea of grey beards, unwashed dungarees and dirt encrusted finger nails. (On that matter I have written to the previous editor on a number of occasions about raising the standard of dress amongst the HMRAV faithful!) Ms Heaney also appears to be a highly skilled and enigmatic competitor as well. I myself have seen her compete on all manner of two wheelers and even witnessed her "swinging" on a sidecar....gadzooks the woman is a marvel!

I believe however that the highlight of all her amazing results this year has been her efforts at that ultimate test of ones intestinal fortitude, the Mount Tarrengower Hillclimb. After a decade of domination by the master, Mr Michael Panayi, Ms Heaney managed to change the course of history and convert the King of the Mountain title to that of Queen of the Mountain....bravo!

To witness the determined manner in which Ms Heaney took on the mountain and to hear the roar of the crowd when the winning time was posted, was a truly special moment in the history of the event. I believe the future of this wonderful club is in safe hands when young people such as Ms Heaney step up to the grid and take on the challenge.

As this is the Christmas / New Year issue, my good lady wife and I would like to wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

I leave you with this quote:  
"It is never too late to be what you might've been"  
As always,  
Concerned of Moonee Ponds.

*Ed's comment: Dear Concerned, couldn't agree more about the changing of the guard on the mountain, but I will correct your Italian grammar; it should be 'brava' - Long live the Queen!*



## GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

Date : 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2014  
Time : \_7.00\_ pm  
Venue : Mitcham Angling Club

Present : Brian March, Leanne March, Dave Philpots, Mick Chegwiddden, Keith Campbell, Peter Large, John Daly, Dave Betteridge, Doug Hicks, Rebecca Betteridge, Lisa Higginbotham, Jamie Higginbotham, John Clancy, Chrissie Clancy, Rebecca Betteridge, Anita Philpots.

Apologies : Margaret Todd, Robert Todd, Kelly Spargo, Phil Watson

The meeting opened at: \_\_7.15\_p.m.

### **ITEM 1: VISIT FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUSTIN 7 CLUB RE: HISTORIC WINTON 2015.**

Noel from Austin 7 came to address the club on Historic Winton.  
Circuit is booked; uncertain whether resurfacing will be finalised in time for Historic Winton.

Hope to keep the groupings as is.

Would like 20 riders circulating in each race at a minimum - numbers are important.

Classic riders believe it is a special event - no trouble attracting.

Difficulty getting P5 racers to attend due to condition of the track and concerns with safety.

90 participants racing over the weekend.

Program of events will be kept as is - same as last year.

Featuring big 3 bikes next year - Triumph, Harley Davidson and Indian.

2016 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Winton - all makes of bikes invited to display in the motorbike gathering area - gaining huge momentum for next year. Would like a bit of assistance in sponsorship and advertising. Have capped entry fees so would like some program advertising from sponsors - full page \$300 - all rates will be sent by Noel to Dave Philpots for follow up. Race sponsorship also available.

Can Austin 7 access Club data base. Also speak with Harley, Indian and Triumph dealerships to send information and tickets so they can be handed out to customers.

To keep edge on attractions - display vehicles - hand out freebies, e.g., driver in vehicle in for free and others pay.

Spectator numbers at Historic Winton - approximately 10 thousand.

Good support from Council to bring spectators in.

Queried whether meeting can be 3 days, rather than 2.

Track fees have gone up approximately 400 per cent in 10 years.



## **GENERAL MEETING—Minutes**

### **ITEM 2: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:**

Apologies that minutes not sent out previously. All had a quick look.

Other promotional activities - using different forms of advertising, i.e., article in local Kilmore newspaper, facebook, Mitchell Shire.

Moved: Dave Philpots

Seconded: Mick Chegwiddden

### **ITEM 3: PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**Refer Attached**

Need a sub-committee for hill climb sprint series - Maryborough, Eddington, Mt Tarren-gower and Broadford. Chrissie nominated for race secretary role, supported by Marg Todd. Anita also nominated to assist. Race Solutions can provide medical and timing - may be easier to use them. Broadford Hill Climb will need to be more formal than Tarrengow-er.

Moved: Keith Campbell

Seconded: Pete Large

### **ITEM 4: SECRETARIES REPORT**

In Phil's absence, Dave Philpots presented : has permits (been requested) for come and try day; Marshalls have been booked; will ring Tess tomorrow re catering; MV have offi-cials course, Level 2, on 29 November 2014. Brian to call Phil tomorrow .

Moved: John Daly

Seconded: Dave Betteridge

### **ITEM 5: DELEGATES REPORT**

Arranging a meeting for future.

Selling Office block next to current MV office. MV moving to Broadmeadows

Moved: Doug Hicks

Seconded: Brian March

### **ITEM 6: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:**

No report provided.

Moved: Leanne March

Seconded: Dave Philpots

## **GENERAL MEETING—Minutes**

### **ITEM 7: TREASURERS REPORT**

Savings: \$14,384.30  
Q Saver: \$9,896.33  
Term Deposit : \$64,759.74  
NAB Eftpos : \$35,406.56  
\$125,046 at present.

Southern Classic :  
Gate -  
Saturday - \$2108  
Sunday - \$4070  
Merchandise : \$4007  
\$750 worth of programs sold at the gate.

Scouts working gate at \$20 per hour - to pay an extra \$2 per hour from now on.  
All committee happy to pay additional money.  
Keep liaising with Broadford management to ensure that  
Moved: Mick Chegwiddden Seconded: Keith Campbell

### **ITEM 8: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT**

\$250 Draggin Jeans Voucher - Raffle for Christmas Dinner  
Organised cookware from Scullery Maid  
Couple of photo books from one of the photographers  
Nick Casemore doing DVD's  
Royal Moroccan Hair care products to be provided by Anita  
Prize for the best Hawaiian shirt  
Marg invoicing stuff for the Southern Classic.  
Moved: Pete Large Seconded: John Daly

### **Item 9: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT**

Congratulations to Anita and Di for manning the merchandise tent. Took a record amount of money - \$4,007. Saturday - mainly competitors buying Ray Kelly merchandise.  
Sunday - mainly spectators buying merchandise. Volunteers lined up via Lisa who did not show up. What happening with stickers - will be available next week.  
Need to arrange a "With Compliments" type slip with club member details in a notepad format. Bec to arrange via Vista Printing. Doug to find out why EFTPOS was not working properly. Brad Gorrie stickers sold well, with \$27 coming back to HMRAV.  
Anita to speak with Bec about how to move some old stock.  
Moved: Dave Betteridge Seconded: Doug Hicks

## **GENERAL MEETING—Minutes**

### **Item 10: SOUTHERN CLASSIC**

#### **COMMENTS:**

Very good event.

Sighting lap - move around quickly and grid up in a timely manner - officials need to be made aware, not necessarily a club issue.

Moved : Brian March

Seconded : Leanne March

### **Item 11: COME AND TRY DAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER**

OFFICIALS: Broadford crew - Phil has arranged

SCRUTINEERS: John Clancy

VOLUNTEERS: Phil/Lisa?

PERMIT: Phil - Has arranged.

LICENCE BOOKS: Phil -

COACHING: John Clancy... Anthony Bann offered as well - to come as a mentor.

MERCHANDISE: Bec?

Sign on to be done by Leanne, Chrissie and Phil.

Moved: Dave Philpots

Seconded: Mick Chegwidden

## GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

### Item 12: GENERAL BUSINESS

Volunteers at the Southern Classic get a free Come and Try Day voucher. Reggie to follow up.

End of year dinner: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 - Hotel Kew - Hawaiian shirts.

Brian to speak to photographers about photos and videos.

Anybody had any contact with "Phillip Harris - Lennox Productions" about the filming of the S'Classic? Will be shown on Fox 5. Dave to let people know details.

Doug - requires an Assistant Treasurer.

John to chase up Annandale/Leichardt procedures book so can be redone for HMRAV.

Bec and Dave or Dave Philpots can pick up programs - 10 boxes - to give relieve Doug.

Keith queried if club owns a set of rollers to be kept at dummy grid exit. Keith to follow up with price.

Mick Chegwiddden - red plates - guys to send Mick a copy of their membership cards as well and roadworthy

Bec - All van stuff is left at the end of the day and Bec and Dave are left to clean up and pack away. Briefing for volunteers to let them know what they are responsible for, i.e., assisting with packing up at the end of the day. Can be done as part of the write up of functions.

Next meeting \_\_\_\_\_12\_\_\_\_\_January 2015

Meeting closed : 9.15\_\_pm.

Next meeting will be a general meeting at: 7:00pm\_\_12\_\_\_\_\_of January 2015  
Mitcham Angling Club 19 Brunswick Rd Mitcham

MINUTES ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

DATE.....

Signed .....PRESIDENT