

THE BLOWER

The Official magazine of the Car Club of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Inc.

SETTING UP FOR THE MOTORKHANA



STEPHEN RAYMOND HAVING A GO AT THE DERRICK 2019



Next Club Night:

March 3rd (Tuesday)

General Club Nights are held at 8pm irregularly due to lack of attendance at:

The Notting Hill Hotel (On the map below) 262 Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill



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Presidents Rumblings

Another Christmas/New year come and gone, and back for another year of Motorsport. Lots of stuff on the go and in the planning for the club and members.. The first thing is our annual awards presentation night. We will be handing out the trophies for the George Derrick Rally 2019, and the club awards. I know this sounds like a very dry and boring night, but the official part is over pretty quickly, and then we will be having Ross Runnals chat to us about the future of forest management in Victoria, and what it means to us (rally heads).

Come along for some dinner from 6.30 onward, and then we'll saunter in for the presentations and a good night.

Plans are underway for another come'n'try motorkhana in the near future. Hopefully in April or May. We will be in touch as soon as the date is confirmed.

There is a bit going on with the organisation and planning of this years Eureka Rally, with a possible move to our favourite rally region.. Heyfield. There is still a lot of dealing to happen to decide whether it goes ahead, but we will see.

Some sad news, with the death of Alan Mackay. A stalwart of rallying in Victoria, who was one of the best event organisers this state has ever seen. Much documentation and the standards that we adhere to today were instigated by him, and happily handed out so that we could all lift our game. Alan was also a good friend and a damn good navigator. I will miss him.

Also have a look at the info about the interclub challenge at Rob Roy, if a few members are keen, let us know and we will investigate further

Also of note, our membership renewals are now completely online. We will post out your card sometime after you renew, but at least you will have an email to prove to the event secretary that you are current.

David Lambie All-Round Club Champion

	George Woods	Mitta Mountain Rally VRC-1	Ada River VRC-2	Ada River VCBS-1	Marysville VRC-3	Marysville VCBS-2	VCAS Rnd 3	Nissan Nightmoves VCBS-3	Rally of the Bay VRC-4	VCAS Rnd 5	Tunbridge Trial VCBS-5	PI 6hr Relay	VCAS Rnd 6	Eureka Rush VRC-5	Yarra Valley Stages VRC-6	Yarra Valley Stages VCBS-4	Atademos VRC-7	George Derrick VRC-6	SxS Round 2	SxS Round 3	SxS Round 4	TOTAL	
Jason Lake		18						19		19			20	18	19		19					113	
Don Lake									20				19	18	19								113
Rick Thorpe			18		19	20				19	18				17								111
Warren Lee		20	20	20											20	20		1					101
David Lethlean		20	20	20											20	20		1					101
Matthew Dillon			20		1	20				20					20			18					99
David Gates			19	20	19						18					18							94
Gareth Nicholls			19	20	19						18					18							94
Andrew Thorpe	20		18	19						19					17								93
Ewan McClue																			20	20	20		60
Stephen Raymond		19	19											1				19					58
Brett Williams		16	1											19				17					53
Colin Sichlau			1			18									19								38
Matt Raymond		16	1											19									36
Barry Sheridan				19										1									20
David Thorpe	20																						20
Graham Redcliffe															1			19					20
Matt Lee																	20						20
Ryan Humphreys																		20					20
Alan Wilson												20											20
John Wilson												20											20
Jay Wilson												20											20
Peter Bean												20											20
Jacob Homutowsky												19											19
James Weinert												19											19
Wayne Roffey												19											19
Rod McEwen												19											19
Daniel Lake			18																				18
Luke Simpson	1										17												18
Philip Dobson									18														18
Adam Homutowsky												18											18
Craig Weinert												18											18
Craig Westwood												18											18
Viv Dilkes-Frayne		17																					17
Terry Trewern																		17					17
Cindy Vainer						17																	17
Steve Allen																1							1
Peter Simpson															1								1

Noel Kelly Novice Award

	Ada River	Marysville	Nissan Nightmoves	Yarra Stages	Tunbridge Trial	George Derrick	TOTAL
Rick Thorpe	20	20	20		20		80
Andrew Thorpe	20	20	20		20		80
Brett Williams						20	20

Steve Poore Trials Champion

	Ada River	Marysville	Nissan Nightmoves	Yarra Stages	Tunbridge Trial	George Derrick	TOTAL
Matthew Dillon	20		20	20	20	18	98
David Gates	19	20	19	18	18		94
Gareth Nicholls	19	20	19	18	18		94
Rick Thorpe	18	19		17	19		73
Andrew Thorpe	18	19		17	19		73
Colin Sichlau			18	19			37
Steve Allen				16			16
Luke Simpson					17		17
Ryan Humphreys						20	20
Stephen Raymond						19	19
Graham Redcliffe						19	19
Brett Williams						18	18
Terry Trewern						18	18

CCRMIT Xmas Motorkhana & AGM – Dec 8th

A successful day was had by the 20 plus drivers attending including 7 new members using the come and try licence option.

We worked with up to 4 trials running at once so there was no shortage of driving for all attending. Who can forget the Holden Statesman Taxi in a power slide!

This will be our last motorkhana at this Pakenham venue but they are moving to a new area just down the road so we hope to be back later this year.

Below is the finance summary for last year as presented at the AGM/Motorkhana come and try day. In summary the club is in a healthy financial position.

During the lunch break we held the AGM and the following were elected to committee:

President	Bernard Miron
Vice President	Mike Twycross
Secretary	Brett Williams
Treasurer	Rick Thorpe
Club Scorer	Andrew Roseman
Membership Secretary	Andrew Thorpe
General Committee	Wayne Roffey

And some random links to enjoy!

<https://www.news.com.au/technology/environment/flood-warnings-in-nsw-as-rain-buckets-down/news-story/19d56bfdb84bc43166f3cc743549a7ab#.4d6gr>

<http://a.msn.com/01/en-au/BBZLhsg?ocid=se2>

<https://www.news.com.au/sport/motorsport/dubai-24-hour-race-horrific-moment-mechanic-pushed-into-car/news-story/ee1557b938bef543c926c8af4cfc2759#.bqdp>

<https://au.motorsport.com/dakar/news/kolomy-crash-shakedown-prokop-ford/4619205/>

<https://www.facebook.com/7NEWSBrisbane/videos/758024514608030/?t=11>

CCRMIT Inc. Financial Statement Inc. A0049540G

17/2018 to 30/6/2019

	Opening Balance 1/07/2018	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance 30/06/2019
Competition Account				
Opening balance	\$ 3,536			
Income		\$ 43,808		
Expenditure			\$ 44,194	
Closing Balance				\$ 3,150
Club Account				
Opening balance	\$ 947			
Income		\$ 2,660		
Expenditure			\$ 1,299	
Closing Balance				\$ 2,308
High Interest Account				
Opening balance	\$ 34,649			
Income (interest)		\$ 179		
Net transfers in and out		-\$ 1,000	\$ -	
Closing Balance				\$ 33,828
Totals	\$ 39,132	\$ 45,647	\$ 45,493	\$ 39,286

Major events in 2018/19

Phillip Island 6 hour	Cost neutral
Motorkhana April 2018	Small loss \$120
George Derrick 2018	Surplus \$2,516

Notes

- 1 These accounts are prepared for members use and represent the financial health of the club using cash flow accounting rather than accrued accounting practices
- 2 In accordance with Consumer Affairs Vic. rules this Association is not required to have its financial books audited as total revenue is less than \$250,000
- 3 The Eureka ARC Rally was supported by the club, i.e. manpower and equipment but the club had **no financial commitment** as it was organised Vroom Events Inc.
- 4 I believe these accounts for the financial year 2018/19 show that the club is in a strong financial position.

Rick Thorpe
Honorary Treasurer

The Calendars

Autocross is a great way to get into motorsport. Standard cars can be used, no special equipment apart from a helmet, only a level 2S licence.



2020

(Updated 1/11/19)

(Bold is Confirmed,).

Victorian Club Autocross Series

VCAS Rd1

February 15th PAC Pakenham -

(2019 Presentation during lunchtime)

VCAS Rd2	March 14 th	DSCC	Deniliquin <i>(Sat Day/Night Road Tyres ONLY Event)</i>
VCAS Rd3	April 5 th	BCC	Bagshot
VCAS Rd4	May 17 th	MMSC	Parwan <i>(Road Tyres ONLY Event)</i>
VCAS Rd5	June 6 th /7 th	SHSCC	Swan Hill <i>(2 Day event)</i>
VCAS Rd6	July 18 th	MADCC	Boisdale <i>(Sat Day/Night)</i>
VCAS Rd7	August 16 th	KCC	Kyneton
VCAS Rd8	September 13 th	SDCC	Shepparton <i>(Road Tyres ONLY Event)</i>
Spare	October 18 th		
<i>Alternate VCAS Rd8</i>		<i>Nov 15th</i>	<i>GMSC / WDCC Avalon (Road Tyres ONLY Event)</i>

2020 VICTORIAN RALLY CALENDAR

Date	Name of Event	Promotor / Club	Event Email	Name	Email	Forest Area	Rally HQ
February							
8 February	Victorian Rallying Presentation Night & Season Launch	Victorian Rally Panel	vicrallypres@gmail.com	Annie Dougherty			Berth, Docklands
22 February	George Woods Intro Rally (Stand Alone)	Historic Rally Association	gwnrally@gmail.com	Glad Fish	gladfish@netspace.net.au	Yarra State Forest	Powelltown Rec Reserve
29 February	Rally Retro Festival	Historic Rally Association					Metec Driver Training, Kilsyth
March							
21 March	Mitta Mountain Rally (VRC 1)	North East Car Club and Albury Wodonga and Districts Car Club	colin.elliott@spire.com.au	Colin Elliott	colin.elliott@spire.com.au	Upper Murray	Mitta Mitta Multi Purpose Centre
28 March	Wellsford Wander (Stand Alone)	Historic Rally Association	goornong@tpg.com.au	Philip Nicholas	goornong@tpg.com.au	Wellsford, Axe Creek, Knowsley	
April							
18 April	Ada River Rally (VRC 2/VCRS 1)	Western Districts Car Club	wdcrrally@gmail.com	Brett Ross	info@rosspropertydevelopment.com.au	Yarra State Forest	Neerim Rec Reserve, Neerim
May							
2 May	Victoria Cross Rally (VCRS 2)	Historic Rally Association	david@jandmck.com	David McKenzie	david@jandmck.com	Murrindindi	Broadford Masonic Hall
23 May	Marysville Stages (VRC 3/VCRS 3)	Ford Four Car Club	classicrallysportau@gmail.com	John Downs	classicrallysportau@gmail.com	Murrindindi	Gallipoli Park, Marysville
June							
20 June	Nissan Nightmoves (VCRS 4)	Nissan Car Club of Australia	kinwoods@tpg.com.au	Kimberley O'Hallaran	kinwoods@tpg.com.au	Heathcote / Redcastle - Graytown	Heathcote Rec Reserve
July							
4 July	Rich River Revival (Stand Alone)	Historic Rally Association	richriverrally@gmail.com	Michael Foreshew	mforeshe@bigpond.net.au	Koondrook	Cohuna
August							
22-23 August	Eureka Rush (ARC/VRC 4)	Vrroom Pty Ltd	andrew@eurekarush.com.au	Andrew Roseman			Ballarat / Beaufort
September							
9-12 September	Sunraysia Safari Rally (Stand Alone)	RMA Inc	tb@tbms.net	Troy Bennett	-	Mildura	Mildura
20 September	Valley Stages Rally (VRC 5/VCRS 5)	Nissan Car Club	craig@trulinecommercial.com.au	Craig Jarvie	craig@trulinecommercial.com.au	Toolangi	Yarra Glen
26 September	Tour of Gippsland (Stand Alone)	Historic Rally Association	TBN	Nick Wright	nwright@netspace.net.au	Latrobe	Powelltown Rec Reserve
October							
3 October	Daryl Tunbridge Trial (VCRS 6)	Ballarat Light Car Club	tunbridge@blcc.net.au	TBA	tunbridge@blcc.net.au	Grampians (Midland F. District)	Beaufort
18 October	Akados Rally (VRC 6)	Melbourne University Car Club Inc	akados@mucc.net.au	Natasha Swan	akados@mucc.net.au	Hume	Alexandra Race Course
24 October	Bagshot Proposed Date (Stand Alone)						
November							
7 November	Snowy Mountains Forest Rally (VCRS 7)	Albury Wodonga and Districts Car Club	snowymountainsrally@gmail.com	Jay Quirk	jayquirk83@gmail.com	Bondo State Forest (NSW)	Bondo State Forest Airstrip
21 November	North Eastern Rally (VCRS 8)	North Eastern Car Club	garygoulay2@bigpond.com	Gary Gourlay	garygoulay2@bigpond.com	Ovens	Bright Sportsground (Pioneer Park)

The longer you look,
the worse it gets.....



CLUB COMPETITION EVENTS 2020

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS AS IT COULD BE TO YOUR BENEFIT

Is your Club, like so many others, including ourselves, having difficulties with events and venues not too far from Melbourne for your 2020 Calendar?

Would you like some assistance?

You, or your Club, may or may not be aware that since 1993, the M.G. Car Club, has been conducting events at the historic Rob Roy Hillclimb specifically aimed at Club level enthusiasts as well as those competing at the level of the Victorian Hillclimb Hillclimb Championship.

Originally there were only two clubbie type events , an “*All British Day*” and an “*All Japanese Day*”. These were later renamed as “*Club Challenge Events*” to attract a wider variety of participant and made into a three round series which morphed into the current “ **Interclub Challenge Series**”.

Instigated in 1996 the concept was to provide friendly rivalry, at a Club level, between the local sporting car clubs.

Over the years many clubs have supported these events, with several including the Series as rounds of their own Club calendar.

There are classes for all types of vehicles from road registered to hillclimb specials.

The point score system for competing clubs is:-

Placings: 1st 10 points, 2nd 8 points, 3rd 6 points, 4th 5 points,.

Attendance: For each member attending 1 points is allocated.

Participating clubs compete against each other on the day as with a normal event, *BUT*, also have the opportunity within the event to run their own Intra-club championship over the three rounds, or indeed on only one of these events if so desired.

The good news for Clubs is that apart from entry fees paid by competitors, there are no costs to participating clubs like venue hire or Permit fees..

Rob Roy is the second oldest hillclimb track in the world next to Shelsley Walsh in the UK and is the oldest, purpose built, bitumen surfaced hillclimb venue in Australia, dating back to 1937. It was the venue for the first Victorian and Australian Hillclimb Championships in 1938.

Prior to the track's closure in 1962, eight of the Outright Record holders had also been winners of the Australian Grand Prix, including Jack Brabham, Stan Jones, Lex Davison, Bill Patterson, John Crouch and Peter Whitehead (UK).

In 1992 the MG Car Club, with the help and support of the wider motor sport community, undertook a faithful reconstruction of the original track and has operated it ever since. The property is located in the Christmas Hills (Smiths Gully) about 45 kilometres from the CBD in Clintons Road just off the Eltham – Yarra Glen Road (Melways reference Map 265 A9).

The location also lends itself to being an ideal venue for those members of your Club who are not interested in competition. It is a leisurely scenic drive for them to attend as spectators and support those who do compete.

All facilities, including full catering, are provided on site.

If you require any additional information, I would be delighted to hear from you and can be contacted at most times on the numbers below.

Rob Roy is an iconic piece of Australian motorsport history and deserves support from all Clubs to ensure it continues into the future.

Also refer to www.obroyhillclimb.com.au for event dates and further background information.

Wayne Rushton

Event Director

Rob Roy Hillclimb

M.G.Car Club Victoria

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ROB ROY

Venue of the first Victorian and Australian Hillclimb Championship 1938
Clintons Road, Christmas Hills Melway ref 265 A9



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Entry Forms robroyhillclimb.com.au
Event Enquiries Wayne Rushton 0412 339 934
Entry Enquiries John Kelso 0417 398 606

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