

# THE BLOWER

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# Next Club Night:

## Thursday 3/8/2023

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

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**Team Thorpe at an event somewhere – stolen from facebook**

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## Presidents Waffle

**And we are back!!!!**

**Hope this finds you well, our first club night for a loooooonnnnnngggg time was a success, and we are back trying to get things rolling. The more of you come along to club nights, the more interesting and social they can be, so I encourage anyone to come along and catch up. The venue seems to work well, and we are hoping to make it a regular occurrence. The HRA meet in another room at the same location on the same night, so you can go over to their meeting if you want to catch up with some old friends or foes. The venue is Oakleigh RSL, which supplies reasonable meals at a reasonable cost, and a great private room.**

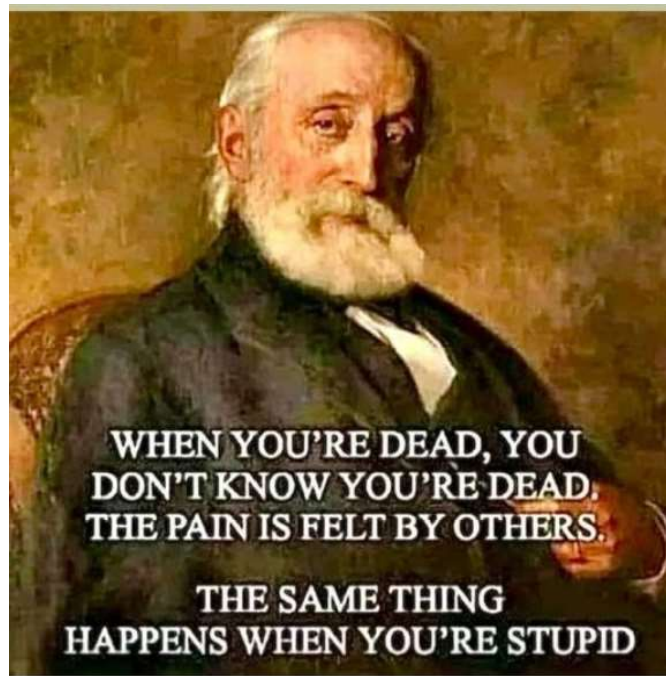
**If you are competing or just cruising around, send me some photos, anything is good for content in the mag. Building a car, rebuilding a car, show and shine, whatever, I really don't care, but it is nice to have some member photos to fill gaps in the mag.**

**On the Rally front, the 2023 Gippsland Rally is coming around fast, with only about 8 weeks till the event. If you want to be an official, or just want to stay in touch with what is going on, please see the web page, [gippslandrally.com.au](http://gippslandrally.com.au), or find it on facebook. We are desperately short on recovery vehicles, so if you have a mate with a 4wd (pref with a winch) who knows how to use it and wants to come along and check out a rally, get them involved!**

**The 2023 Christmas event is now calendared for the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, and we are going to Pakenham for a Khanacross. This is halfway between an autocross, and a motorkhana. Pretty much a Motorkhana with longer tests and a bit of a chance to stretch your cars legs. We will also run a couple of Motorkhana tests for the real beginners. More details to come as we get closer, but as usual it will be fully catered, and a great fun day!**

**Yet again, we have bugger all content this month provided by club members, please get on board and write something yourself and send it in to me.**

**Bernard**



[More content below ↓](#)

## VALE GRAHAM HORSFIELD

Sadly, Graham passed away at the end of May after a short illness.

Older Club members will remember Graham, he was a rather unforgettable character.

He was a Club stalwart being extremely active in the late sixties, seventies and early eighties. He was an event Director, Course Checker and general dogsbody in the running of Club events. A prolific contributor of Blower articles, these tended to show his rather wacky sense of humour. He was always most ready to lend a hand to whoever needed help or a favour.

Early days, he drove competitively in a K70 Corolla, later in a Datsun 240Z. He is remembered mainly however for his antics in a Capri V6. In the days of Dazdas and BDA Escorts the "Crappy" as it was known, lent its' unique exhaust note to the sounds in the forest – it was unmistakable. Memory tells me that he had a top ten finish in an Alpine Rally. The left hand seat was occupied by either Geoff O'Donnell (GOD) or Bruce Norton and once by Your Hmb1 Svnt. Finish first, last or mid field did not matter to Graham, he just enjoyed his rallying.

Graham's dad Vernon – or Curl as he was known, ran a small panel shop and did have quite a few damaged rally cars pass through.

Graham was for years a member of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and over those years worked up to hold a superior position in the chain of command. When he retired he eventually settled in Moliagul and there he was a volunteer with the Country Fire Authority. He is highly respected in both organisations.

He was a good and loyal friend to many people. I have the privilege of being one of those.  
leave behind fond memories.

Rest in peace mate, you

### **Noel Kelly**



**75 George Derrick**



**76 George Derrick**

# CCRMIT Come-n-try Xmas Khanacross

**Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>**

Packenham Car Club new improved ground.

McGregor Rd, Packenham

Perfect place to come and try your skills at car control!

Children 12 years and over welcome as well as young and old adults.

No MA licence needed; we will have day licence available.

We will be running our usual format of 2 test courses simultaneously.

CCRMIT has booked the new improved PCC ground for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Entry costs:**

**Junior Come & Try For junior drivers (12-17) without a MA licence.**

\$30 per driver

**Come & Try For drivers over 18 without a MA licence.**

Includes 1-year complementary CCRMIT membership if not a CCRMIT member.

\$50 per driver

**Existing MA licence holder**

For CCRMIT members or members of other clubs who hold a Non Speed or higher.

Includes 1-year complementary CCRMIT membership if not a CCRMIT member.

\$30 per driver

Put it in your diary now **LOCK IT IN EDDIE** – hope to see you there.



# CCRMIT Phillip Island 6 Hour relay 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> July - Update

We have entered 4 teams and preparations are proceeding well.

- Shake-n-Bake
- Doghouse
- Wreckens
- Captain Risky



Entries have closed now, so you have missed your chance!

Ange and Mark Egan will again be supplying food for all team members and pit wall helpers.

Its free to spectate so if you're just a little interested come for a drive and drop into our pit area, again free access.

Interested in helping? We can definitely use a few more helpers for Lap Timing and Pit wall signal board work. Free food!

Any questions please ask - Rick Thorpe, CCRMIT 6 hr coordinator, [treasurer@ccrmit.com](mailto:treasurer@ccrmit.com) or 0413 458729



Below is a list of the entered teams and their team number.

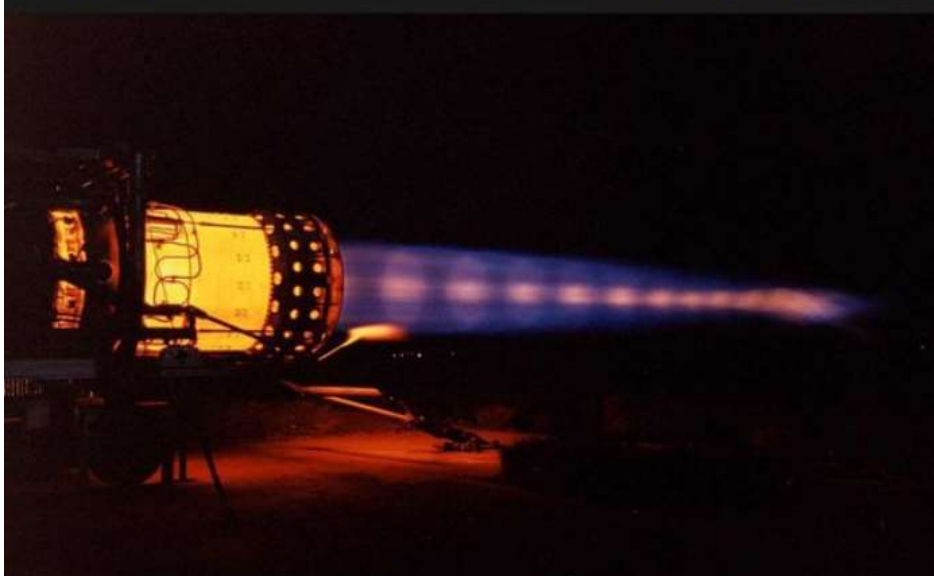
However most interesting to me is that there are only 28 teams this year, down again on last year ...the days of fighting to get a team entered in the 50 allowed spots seem to have gone...

- Good news - is that there will be a lot less traffic on the circuit.
- Bad news - they must be losing money this year... could be the last 6hr??

Team #	Team Name
1	Just Regular Guys
2	Panorama Mountain Men
3	RACES 2
4	RACES 1
5	TSOA Triumph Racing
6	Ford Power
7	Shake n Bake
8	Captain Risky
9	Wreckens
10	Doghouse
11	Charlie's Angels
12	MUCC Drivers
13	Intrepid Racing Team Holloway
14	Mini Works Team
15	Money Sponge Motorsport
16	Revcrew
17	Bumper Huggers
18	Autobarn Warragul
19	Reefton Rollers
20	Austin 7 Club SA
21	Southern Motorsport
22	Rising Sons
23	Grumpy Racing 1
24	Grumpy Racing 2
25	Bubbleblue Motorsport
26	Oh What a Feeling
27	Camshafters
28	Twin Camshafters



The J58 engine used in the SR-71 had more horsepower than the Queen Mary ocean liner, producing around 160,000 shaft horsepower. Its afterburner produced a 50-foot flame that could reach up to 3200°F, or 1760°C.





# Random Shit sent to me by Barry..

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