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Patron: Kevin Bartlett





WELCOME

On behalf of the Officers of Historic Racing Car Club (Qld) Inc, it is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new and returning members to our club.

Returning members: 430

New members:

Total membership as at 17/10/2023: 430

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Hi All,

It is with some trepidation and sadness that I write this final column as President of the club.

It has been a fun 2 years, and I would like to thank all of you for the support you have given me over this period. The club is in good shape financially and will continue to run good race meetings.

I would like to thank my committee who have given me great support in my term. A special thanks must go out to John Tupicoff and his lovely wife Monica. John is standing down from the committee after a number of years as Treasurer and running the race meetings. They will be sorely missed, but I know they will still be around to lend a helping hand if needed.

The trophy presentation lunch is coming up on 2 December 2023. There are some amazing prizes being given out as well as the Club Champion trophies.

A big thanks to Ian Mewett and Adam Duce for their generous donations to the club for the prizes. It will be held at Cloudland again and it proves to be another great day.

Unfortunately due to some business commitments I am unable to attend the AGM, so I have also included my Presidents Report for the year below in this newsletter, hopefully I haven't missed anybody.

I would like to finish by wishing Brian Henderson and the new committee all the best, even though I know they will do a great job.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party and having a celebratory drink.

Graeme Wakefield President HRCC

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PRESIDENTS SPEECH

by Graeme Wakefield

Firstly, let me apologies for my non-attendance tonight, but unfortunately business must prevail over hobbies, I will be dealing with bureaucrats and politicians while you are enjoying a beer at the AGM.

Anyway, welcome everybody to the 2023 AGM and thanking those of you that supported our club over the past 12 months.

2023 was a year where things got more back to normal. We started the year with traditional TTT and Sprints. Even then it was apparent as other meetings around the Country had shown, it was going to be a year where we were going to struggle with entries.

The Autumn meeting at Morgan Park was well attended and went off very well thanks to support from our NSW competitors, we returned a good profit.

After a number of years, we finally returned to Queensland Raceway for a race meeting following the purchase of the track by Tony Quinn. Queensland Raceway were very generous and gave us enormous support to make this meeting a success and although numbers were down, it was still a great race meeting and hopefully with the new facilities our members will come and support this meeting in 2024.

At the request of a lot of members we scheduled a meeting for October at QR. This was subsequently cancelled due to lack of support from our members which to me was very disappointing considering that we did this due to the lobbying from a number of members.

Even with these setbacks, financially our club remains in a strong position thanks to the hard work by our Treasurer Mr. John Tupicoff looking after our accounts and Mr. Mike Gehde for looking after our investments. John and Mike, we appreciate everything you do. Thank You.

My sincere thanks goes to all our club sponsors, the Management and Race Committees, our event officials, volunteers, and all those behind the scenes, without their continuing support, our events would not be possible.

My thanks also go to all the other club officials and volunteers, group leaders, merchandise and photographers. And a very special thanks to all the wives and partners who generously donate their time to our great club.

As you have seen we have again used the online voting system, to allow all eligible members an opportunity to cast a vote. This system continues to work well. Thanks to Milton Brennan for again organising this for us and running the AGM, your efforts are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Thanks again to Lisa Catchpole. Lisa's role as the Club Administrator looking after our club's newsletter and assisting the Club Secretary and Management Committee and now webmaster. Lisa's experience in motorsport administration has again helped greatly this year, thanks Lisa.

As you have seen the dates for 2024 are already set and it is great that we can bring variety to our calendar with three events at Morgan Park and one at QR. We also have some mid-week slots at QR (dates to be confirmed) where you can test your car, have a general drive, happy laps or passenger rides, we will confirm when this is in place.

Our trophy presentation night is coming up on 2 December 2023. Thanks to generous donations from Ian Mewett and Adam Duce there will be some amazing prizes worth nearly \$4,000, including a special raffle with 2 prizes worth over \$700 for one lucky guy and one lucky lady, so make sure you get your tickets and come and join us on what will be another great day.

I strongly believe the club must ensure we look at bringing in new classes to the 5th category and I think this year has proved that we need to be looking at this urgently as our current members lack of support at race meetings and the aging of the membership will be a major issue in the not too distant future if we don't act now.

We have been in discussions with the Mini Challenge group who want to be part of all our meetings in 2024 and I for one believe that they should form part of our meetings going forward.

In closing, I can assure you your committee has worked very hard throughout the year to meet the needs of the members and our club continues to be in good shape. I would like to give a special thanks to John and Monica Tupicoff, who have decided to step down from their duties in the club. John and Monica have done and enormous amount of work for the club and I am forever grateful for what they have done for the club over a number of years. I look forward to seeing John on the track next year not having to worry about organising the meeting. John and Monica thankyou very much.

I have enjoyed my second and final year as President. Robyn and I are heading off to Italy next year for 6 months so makes it impossible for me to continue in this role but am very happy that Brian Henderson has decided to step up to the role. I believe Brian will continue the good work and I wish him and the new committee well in the coming year.

Graeme Wakefield HRCCQ President

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Management Committee Meeting Summary

Summary of the Management Committee Meeting held at Presidents Private Residence on 2 November 2023

Treasurer Report:

Operating costs are within expectation.

Membership Report:

280 Full (including family), 40 Senior, 23 Social, 3 Honorary, 1 Life, Sub Total 347 + 83 Associates – total voice 430.

New Members: Nil

2024 Membership Fees:

Resolved the the membership fees be increased. Renewal Notice included in this newsletter.

2023 AGM:

Noted that preparations are on track.

2023 Christmas Party & Awards Presentation:

Noted that ticket purchases are low. All other preparations are on track.

Member Survey:

Secretary to sent out survey to members. Results to be provided at the next general meeting.

Family Fun Day with Mini Challenge Group:

Noted that there is a Family Fun Day being held on 1 December at Lakeside. Details to come shortly.

F5000 NZ

Noted that F5000 group from NZ are interested in attending HRCC events in 2024.

Club House Funding:

Alan Steel provided a summary on work in progress on funding options.

Classic Car Club House:

Guy Gibbons has offered his venue to host club events/meetings.

A club social event is scheduled to be held on 7 December 2023 for members to attend and inspect the venue.

Next Meeting: 11 December 2023

Committee Meeting minutes are available for members to view on request. Please contact the club secretary.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

General Meeting and 2023 Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that a General and an Annual General Meeting will be held as follows:

Monday 27th November 2023

Commencing at 7.30 pm

VCCA Club Rooms 1376 Old Cleveland Road Carindale, Qld

General Meeting Agenda

Receive the Minutes from the previous General Meeting. Ratify the Club's business during the period ended 30th September 2023.

Annual General Meeting agenda

Receive the Minutes from the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Receive the Management Committee Report for the period ended 30th September 2023.

Receive the Income and Expenditure Statement and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the period ended 30th September 2023.

Receive the Auditor's Report on the books of account.

Present the Financial Statements and Audit Report to the Meeting for adoption.

Appoint an Auditor for the coming year.

Elect Members to the 2024 Management Committee. - Refer to 'Attachment A'

Note:

Category A, B and E Members are entitled to vote, to receive notice of, and to attend and debate at, general meetings.

Notice issued on the 05/10/2023 by Brian Henderson, HRCCQ Inc Secretary



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ATTACHMENT A

At the close of nominations, candidates for election to the 2024 Management Committee are as follows:

Candidate	Position	1st Nominator	2nd Nominator
Peter Finnigan	Committee Member	Alan Steel	Brian Henderson
Christopher Fung	Vice President	Brian Henderson	Graeme Wakefield
Jim Goulden	Committee Member	Claude Ciccotelli	Graeme Wakefield
Brian Henderson	President	Graeme Wakefield	Claude Ciccotelli
Morne Lombard	Treasurer	Graeme Wakefield	Brian Henderson
Bradley Manz	Secretary	Brian Henderson	Jim Goulden
David Paterson	Committee Member	Brian Henderson	Jim Goulden
Alan Steel	Committee Member	Peter Finnigan	Brian Henderson

Candidates are listed in last name alphabetical order - Ref. HRCCQ Constitution Rule 17(4)

For each position the candidate with the highest number of votes who has achieved the required majority, i.e., 50% rounded up plus one (1), will be declared elected.

Notes regarding voting:

Category A, B and E Members are entitled to vote

In the event that a member is unable to attend the AGM in person the HRCCQ Inc Constitution provides for direct voting for resolutions; direct voting (often referred to as 'Postal Voting') provides an opportunity and a facility for an absent member to cast a vote.

Members who DO NOT have an email address.

Members who do not have an email address will receive a 'hard copy' ballot paper via Australia Post which is to be used to cast a direct vote.

• Members who **DO HAVE** an email address

Members who do have an email address will receive an email inviting the member to cast a direct vote online**, the online link will be provided in the email invitation.

• Members who attend the AGM in person can vote, however, note the following:

A member who has cast a direct vote (i.e., a direct voter) is entitled to attend the meeting; however, if a member who has cast a direct vote prior to the meeting and then attends the meeting, then that member is not permitted to vote (at the meeting) on the matter being that upon which the direct vote was cast.

End of Notice of Meeting

**The online voting log-in process

HRCCQ is using an online voting service called 'ElectionBuddy'.

Members eligible to vote will receive an email from ElectionBuddy/HRCCQ inviting members to vote for the election of office bearers and the appointment of an auditor. For further information about the voting log-in process refer to the separate document 'Online Voting with ElectionBuddy'.

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MEMBER INSIGHTS

by Brian Ferrabee

What is your most memorable race?

Phillip Island 2007. 1 hour enduro - won my class and in doing so won the National Championship. The car went perfectly.

Ford or Holden?

Vanguard

What is the first event you competed in?

A cross country trial navigating for my mother when I was 4. That was 1951, she was in her Baby Austin 7. We didn't win.

What is the first car you owned?

A 1937 Morris 12. It was in New Zealand. I was 15.

Who is your favourite motorsport hero?

Jim Clark. I actually met him and of course saw him race. I remember exactly where I was and what I was doing when I heard he was killed.

What motivated you to get involved in Motorsport?

I didn't have a choice. My Father raced and was Captain of the Hamilton Car Club, New Zealand.

How would your club members describe you?

A Loud mouth.



What is your favourite quote?

Life is like a sewer - what you get out of it depends on what you put into it.

Invitation

Christmas Party

& Awards Presentation

Come along and take part in celebrating the achievements of the HRCC 2023 Club Champions on



SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER Arrive 11am for 12 noon start

CLOUDLAND 641 Ann St, Fortitude Valley



COST \$60 PER PERSON

Two course meal of main and dessert will be served.

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Complimentary beer, wine & soft drinks until the bar limit is reached, after which a cash bar will be available.

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2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

You are invited to renew your 2024 club membership via the online system on our website at <a href="https://ht

If you have any problems, please contact the Membership Officer Jim Goulden via email jim@jandwgoulden.com or 0400 525 865.

HRCC Membership Fees for 2024 are:

Membership Type	Full	Senior	Social
Membership including Newsletter by email	\$ 65	\$ 35	\$ 30
Membership including The Oily Rag Magazine and Newsletter by email	\$ 110	\$ 80	\$ 75

Family Membership is an extra \$30 and covers all family members with the primary member as a full member.

The primary member also receives the Newsletter by email.

ALAN HEAPHY

Alan Heaphy is a quietly spoken legend in Australian and International Motorsport.

The HRCC is lucky enough to have Alan attend as our guest speaker to this year's HRCC Christmas Party and Awards Presentation who will be delighted to answer questions and entertain us with his adventures from all forms of motorsport at the highest level.

Here is a short list of his achievements and contribution to motorsport:

- Nissan World Rally Program GtiR
- Nismo European Touring Car Championship (Alan Grice / Win Percy)
- Janspeed British Touring Car Championship
- Nissan World Sportscar Program
- Wayne Gardner Racing, Gibson Motorsport, John Briggs Motorsport
- Team Mitsubishi Ralliart Australia, Australian Rally Championship,
- Production Car & Bathurst 12 Hour Programs
- V8 Supercars, TA2 Program, Australian GT Championships
- Historic Motorsport Specialist

Get your entry tickets for what will be a wonderful event at the Christmas Party.



You Can Do It!

by Rob Switzer

It occurs to me that with the Christmas break coming up soon, many members will be wanting to service or repair their hobby or race cars. Fortunately, I am here to give you the benefit of my experience and set you on the right path.

Firstly, I hear you ask, am I an engineer? Definitely not. A trained mechanic? Not that either. A self-taught mechanic that knows enough to get by? Well, we're getting warmer.

I'm just a guy who after meeting and dealing with several mechanics, thought "If these guys can do it how hard can it be?"

Of course, every workman is dependent on his tools and these also give you something to blame when things go wrong.

Below are listed a few of the tools that every man should have in his toolbox. Speaking of toolboxes, it is not necessary to have a huge fancy box on castors ---- no, any old ammo box will do.

Halfway through a job, you may ask yourself where that special spanner is ----- the one you put a 38 degree bend in to reach that elusive nut. Because you are now organised, you'll know just where it is ----- it's in the ammo box.

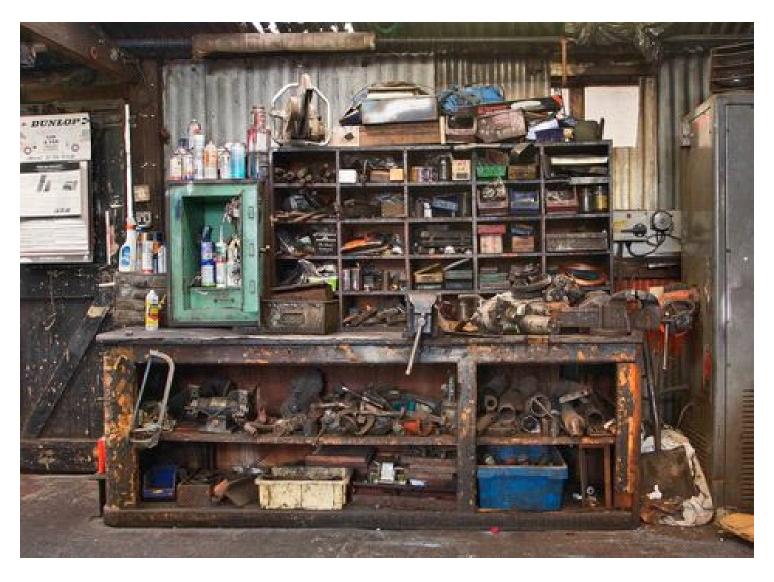
And where's the ammo box? Underneath the front wheel propping the car up! But never mind that, let's move on.

Firstly screwdrivers. Phillips head or flat bladed, both will strip the slots from a rusted in screw in no time at all, but that's not their only use.

Flat bladed can be used as a pry bar for heavy items where they will bend for sure. Don't let this upset you as they can be NEARLY straightened in the vice. Then they will be too good to throw out, but you won't ever want to use them because they are still wobbly. O.K., they go in the reserve tool crate [or old XXXX carton] under the bench and may be used for opening cans of paint etc.

Now spanners. Imperial or metric ---- not interchangeable quite, but maybe near enough if jammed on with the help of a hammer. Their second use is to round off bolt heads, a common outcome for the home mechanic, but not really desirable. Also a mention for whitworth spanners, used mostly for keeping aging pommy cars on the road, mainly by aging pommies.

Now my favorite tool of all, the hammer. They come in all shapes, sizes and weights. Some are better than others, but they are ALL good. Giving an immovable part a hefty smash with a hammer relieves tension and just feels so satisfying, regardless of the outcome. Closely examine and memorize nearby fragile parts as hammers have a tendency to miss your aiming point ------ they just can't be trusted. It's difficult to replace nearby parts if you can't remember what they looked like before the fatal blow.



Be honest! Is your bench just like this?

Well, everything is just where you put it, or where it fell. Can't get an easier system than this!

Another essential tool is the adjustable spanner. In theory, if you have one of these, other spanners aren't needed at all, but it doesn't seem to work that way.

If you wish to impress your partner with the difficult and dangerous job being done in the workshop, then using one of these is an excellent way of skinning your knuckles. This should qualify you for some sympathy and maybe even a cup of coffee ----- just don't drip blood on the carpet.

Well, that is all we have space for. There are a vast number of tools and I have a vast knowledge covering each and every one. The important thing is to have a go and 99 times out of a 100 you'll get there in the end.

Rob Switzer

INVITATION

SUPER MINI CHALLENGE

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Supermini Challenge Committee would like to express it thanks to the HRCC for supporting us to join the HRCC race meetings in 2024. To show our appreciation we would like to invite all HRCC members and their families to join us at the Supermini Christmas Party at Lakeside Raceway.

The day will be held on Friday 1st of December from 9am to 4pm. Will include woodfired pizzas, coffee and soft drinks. There will also be a jumping castle for the kids, and it is aimed to be a very social family oriented day.

The day will be a mixed track day where Lakeside will run rotating groups of the below.

- Open track for race cars
- Passenger rides in race cars
- Happy laps in road registered cars
- Driver training where non race licensed people can drive a race car.

Cost is \$250 per Race car/Track car and \$40 per extra person attending that is over the age of 16.

Bring your Road, Track or Grandmas daily driver toys out of the shed and Let's Play its SUPERmini Fun

Requirements from Lakeside

Happy Laps - no more to pay.

- All drivers must have a current driver's license, and be 18yrs or older (no learners permits)
- All vehicles must not exceed 95DB.
- Enclosed footwear is required.
- NO STATIC or FOOT-ON BURNOUTS ALLOWED.
- A 10km per hour pit lane speed limit must be observed.
- Zero Blood Alcohol for driver and passengers.
- We have a 100% no drug or alcohol policy.
- Seat belts must be worn by each person.
- Drivers to attend the briefing session.
- No getting out of the car whilst on track.
- No vehicles over the 3 tonne track weight limit.

Passenger Rides (hot Laps)- no more to pay.

Passenger Rides - Driver training

- It is recommended that all participants wear full skin coverage made of a non-flammable material.
- Enclosed footwear is required.
- AUS/NZ safety standards helmet.

These below will require a \$30 Clubman Single Event Licence which they can purchase when they sign-on if you don't have a racer license.

- -Race car Sprint/test (no timing just race cars on track)
- Driver training

14 years is the minimum age, their parents must be with them when they sign-on and they must be onsite for the whole event.

To confirm your attendance please e mail Lucy at <u>admin@supermini.au</u> with your name and any guest names. Please make payment as per below invitation.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Best Regards

Trent Spencer Supermini President



2023 HISTORIC MOTORSPORT EVENTS

Event	Dates	Venue
MGCC(Newcastle) - Australian Hillclimb Championships	26-29 October	Ringwood Park Motor Complex
HSCC - Baskerville Historics	2-5 November	Baskerville
VHRR - Historic Sandown	10-12 November	Sandown Raceway
Motorsport Australia Qld State Championship Race Meeting Rd 5	17-19 November	Morgan Park Raceway
HSRCA - Summer Festival	24-26 November	Sydney Motorsport Park

2024 HRCC RACE CALENDAR

Event	Dates	Venue
HRCC - TTT Day & Super Sprints	17-18 February	Morgan Park Raceway
HRCC - Autumn Historic Warwick	27-28 April	Morgan Park Raceway
HRCC - Historic Queensland	13-14 July	Queensland Raceway
HRCC - Spring Historic	19-20 October	Morgan Park Raceway

Disclaimer: These dates are tentative and may change without notice. The Covid-19 pandemic or other matters may create a situation where events could be brought forward, postponed or cancelled.



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Photocopies of its original bill of sale and other documents issued by Marcos Heritage of England

Original FIA logbook issued in England in 2000. Original CAMS logbook issued in Australia in 2004.

Photos of its restoration and several magazine articles featuring the car.

The car is situated in Sydney, and happy to schedule inspections almost any day, or video calls for anybody outside Sydney.

Contact Darren Freeman 0414 857 777



1968 Morris Mini Cooper S, Group U Log Booked Historic Sports Sedan

History:

Competition history from 1977, mainly raced Amaroo & Oran Parks

Restoration:

Completed to 1983 spec for COD purposes. Livery: Rapid Transport

Mechanicals:

1380cc (new build by Ken Nelson) Russell Head, CAM. All the best components I could afford for reliability & performance. Diff: MED LSD ratio 3.9:1 Gearbox: Straight cut Remote Shift

Paint:

2 pack fresh total respray (2020 - GC Restorations)

Wheels:

Original set Mawer 13x8.5", 10x8", 13x8". Custom made Mawer 13x9", 10x8"

Tyres:

Hoosier Radial Slicks front and rear, 2nd set Avon radial front

Brakes:

Morris Marina Callipers (front), Morris Mini drums (rear), Master Cyl Triumph Stag

Way more than asking spent on the car as built to race not reluctantly sell.

Happy to answer any questions as the car has been a passion over 3 years of the research and build process.

Contact Mark 0414 047 490 mark@4orceracing.com.au

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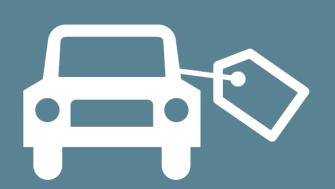


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Medium size Suitable for formula cars and some sports cars.

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