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# The Good Oil

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## COMMITMENT

**Les Bell is our new Life Member. Over the years he has been one of the register's most active members. Here he prepares to go out at Phillip Island in the rain on his self-built Norton twin at the National Championships in 2010.** Photo: Hamish Cooper

**Your chance to ride: Mallala Sept 27. Entry form on back page**



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<b>General Meeting Venue</b> (third Thursday of each month)	MSA Office 251 The Parade BEULAH PARK	<b>Committee Meeting</b> (first Tuesday of every month)
<b>Honorary Life Members</b>	Peter WESTERMAN (†Deceased) Richard RAKE Danny AHERN David MANSON Len SMITH Ken LUCAS “Doc” WATSON (†Deceased) Trevor HENDERSON Phil BAUGHAN Len DYSON Les Bell	1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2007 2009 2013

### President’s Report

Here we are, the first General Meeting of the new (post AGM) club year. Welcome to new committee member Bob Balestrin and new The Good Oil editor, Hamish Cooper.

Coming up fast is the Ride Day with the Ducati Owners Club on Friday, September 27, so put your name down NOW!!

Disappointing is the proposal from the MA directors’ meeting on June 12 to remove the necessity of club membership for holding a race licence. How they could suggest it could “ultimately enhance club membership” is beyond me. As a result of objections, it has been put on hold for 12 months. We shall certainly be making a noise about this issue.

Email your views to [rules@ma.org.au](mailto:rules@ma.org.au). The public feedback period will close on 30 September 2013.

Phil Baughan, his son Eric and I were this club’s “team” at the Atujara Ride Weekend at Mac Park on September 7 and 8. A heavy shower just before Saturday’s start was all the rain we got, so there was plenty of good riding. EMT Ambulance were present but not needed, and riders were split into Novice, Non-Expert and Expert, with about 20 solos & Morvan Green’s ESE outfit.

I’m sure that number will be exceeded at Mallala on September 27.

**Trevor Henderson, President.**

## TREV'S TITBITS – “OF BIKES AND BOOKS”

We now have, courtesy of a lovely lady named Eileen, a copy of “The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Motorcycles”, that “Bible” compiled by Erwin Tragatsch.

Eileen had wanted it to go to a good home, so rang MSA, who put her on to me. Eileen had been fascinated by the Wilkinson, with its long wheelbase, steering wheel and lounge-chair seat.

This manufacturer was later at the “cutting edge” of swords and then razor blades.

Eileen, who in her advanced years is doing her PhD at uni, also has the desire to go for a short ride on the back of a Harley. If anyone out there owns one of Milwaukee’s finest, perhaps they could oblige her. Let’s hope so!

**Thumbs Up and Change Right**

**Trevor Henderson #55**

## FROM THE COMPETITION SECRETARY

Hi to all, just thought it would be timely with the new distribution methods about to be happening with The Good Oil to send out a bit of a reminder to one and all.

Firstly the ride day on Friday 27 September is getting close. All are encouraged to get an ‘entry’ in and pay the prescribed fees by Thursday 19 September. See back page for form and inside back page for details of how it works.

Those doing this will be helping in that the volunteers on the day will have less paperwork and less monies to be dealing with. As an incentive those who are prepaid will end up getting some form of further subsidisation for their ride day.

Anyone leaving it until after the cutoff is welcome to participate, but will not be eligible for the above mentioned subsidy.

We are also on the lookout for a few helpers on the day, spotters, announcing and pit gate duties, so if you can’t ride or don’t want to ride all day, get involved with helping. Last time out

Paul Walker gave up his day to announce, Hamish Cooper gave up half the day helping and others also gave up part of the day. It is after all good club spirit to get involved.

On another subject, I found out a bit by mistake that the Master of Mac Park have in fact got Period 3 bikes on their entry form as well as Period 4 & 5 bikes. I, like a few I know, never even got an entry to this event so I figured it would be worthwhile to let all know it is on and it can become a good shakedown for the start of racing season as we know it.

Entries close on 19<sup>th</sup> September, so with The Good Oil going out a few days earlier if you read this and want to participate, get on to me and I can help with getting an entry to you.

**Competition Secretary**

**Danny Ahern #27**

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held at MSA on 3 September 2013

### The meeting opened at 7.30pm

**Present:** Trevor Henderson Danny Ahern, Chris Hayward, Dean Watson, Neil Watson, Stuart Penn, Tony Tildesley, Paul Walker, Bob Balestrin.

**Apologies:** Geoff Grant

### Minutes of previous meeting

These were read and moved for acceptance by Dan, seconded by Dean. Accepted unanimously via show of hands

### Business arising

Potential joint club ride day with DOCSA at Mac Park in 2014 discussed.

Dan expressed concern over the likely cost to run this.

Additionally, the likely dates were discussed with the general feeling that it was unlikely that a suitable date could be found that didn't conflict with race meetings or DOCSA scheduled events.

Conclusion was that it was therefore unlikely that this proposed event would go ahead at this stage.

### Treasurer's Report

Dean reported that there were no statements available at this stage.

Constitution has been amended re banking rules and the updated copy of the constitution should now be published on the HMCRRSA website.

### Secretary's Report

MSA correspondence received concerning proposal to remove requirement for club membership to hold a race licence. MA will now defer introduction of this change for 12 months pending consultation with clubs and other interested parties.

Trevor agreed to draft a response on behalf of the club.

### General Business

Dan raised the issue of future distribution of The Good Oil.

It is proposed that Hamish will coordinate the editing of the publication with the majority of copy being emailed to members, rather than continuing with the current hard copy printing and distribution.

Deadline to send material to Hamish should be 7 -10 days before the next scheduled monthly meeting and members will receive electronic copy by the weekend before the following monthly general meeting.

Whilst we have most member email addresses, we will for the time being continue to send out hard copy publications of The Good Oil to those existing members who do not have access to email. The need to undertake an audit of our website was discussed.

Committee members were encouraged to check current content for inaccuracies and make suggestions for things that require urgent attention. Proposed changes should firstly be discussed and agreed at Committee level, then be forwarded through to whoever takes on the Webmaster position.

Undated photographs taken of members at race meetings, results and details of upcoming events will be a priority.

It was agreed that a poster promoting our next state titles in December will be published in Old Bike magazine.

Dan informed the meeting that he had nearly finalised the drafting of the supplementary regs for our state titles.

Inclusion of Period 6 bikes into the state titles program was discussed. It was agreed that we will include this category into the meeting as an open capacity (no capacity classes) and subject to numbers will likely be incorporated into an existing suitable category, where grid numbers allow.

Final make-up will be decided following entry cut off, scheduled for Nov 22.

Committee to chase up sponsors for titles meeting.

Dan informed the meeting that he had not heard anything further from MA re his earlier letter nominating our interest in running the 2015 National Titles.

### Meeting closed at 9.30

## Minutes of the General Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held at the MSA clubrooms on Thursday 15 August 2013.

The meeting opened at 8.05pm.

<b>Apologies:</b>	Lorraine and Richard Rake, Mike Wooster, Len Dyson, Ronna Fisher, Artie Summer
<b>Visitors:</b>	N/A
<b>New members:</b>	N/A.
<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b>	Proposed Danny Ahern, seconded Phil Baughan, Carried.
<b>Business arising:</b>	None.
<b>Reports:</b>	

### President's report

- Trevor welcomed members and reminded them that the AGM was to follow the August 2013 General Meeting.

### Secretary's report

- Members were reminded to provide their email addresses to Neil Watson to facilitate future exchange of correspondence and distribution of The Good Oil.
- Correspondence included paperwork re affiliation renewal from MSA.

### Comp Secretary's report

- Sept 27 has been confirmed with the Ducati Owners Club for the next joint club ride day at Mallala. Dan reminded member that pr- commitment will be required in order to ensure any club rebate that might apply.
- An open ride day at Mallala is scheduled for 24 August
- Members were reminded about the National Titles to be held in WA.
- Drafting of Supp regs for State titles will be completed soon.

### MSA Committee

- MSA General Meeting held last Friday night.
- Board approved new admin position to assist with the processing of permits etc.
- Granite Ridge property has been sold.
- Taillem Bend lease expired on 30 June 2013 although MSA has negotiated an interim lease through until 30 Dec 2013.
- Phil reported that Taillem Bend has been paying its way with generally a full booking schedule.
- Phil raised concern re an issue within MA Board minutes that implied that it is no longer mandatory that club membership be required to obtain a race licence. Phil has sought clarification and will keep members informed of progress.
- Phil suggested that HMRRSA Committee write to MSA voicing concern. Trevor undertook to co-ordinate this.

#### Road Race Committee

- Phil informed meeting that it was the Club President and Secretary were on the delegates list to attend MSA meeting when Phil was unable to attend.
- Phil reported that the new noise meter equipment was tested a Mallala last weekend with some interesting results. It seems that the twins were generally louder than the multi cylinder bikes despite general perceptions.
- The July 1 commencement for sound testing is advisory only until people have been trained.
- The 2015 National titles scheduled for Mallala were discussed.

At this point the President closed the General Meeting and opened the 2013 AGM

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held at the MSA clubrooms on Thursday 15 August 2013.**

### **President's report**

- Trevor provided an overview of the year past including the success of the 2012 State Titles, the joint HMCCRSA/Ducati Owners Club ride day and the meeting that incorporated Mal Pitman as guest presenter.
- He spoke about the future planned ride days including the Sept joint ride day at Mallala and the Atujara ride days at Mac Park to be held on 7/8 Sept.
- Trevor thanked the Committee members for their support over the past 12 months.
- He welcomed the new editor of The Good Oil Hamish Cooper and paid thanks to Les Bell for his sterling support as editor over the past few years.

### **Treasurer's report**

- Opening balance was \$13834 although there have been some minor debits and bank deposits with a closing balance of \$13686.
- AET account balance at \$66008
- Dean distributed balance sheets and gave an overview. Profit for the year approx. \$7000

### **General business**

- Trevor awarded life membership to Les Bell and praised him for his long standing support for the club over many years including (but not limited to) his duties as editor of The Good Oil.
- Proposed amendments to the constitution were read out by Trevor.
  - **Rule 15.** Re expenditure point 4. (Payment of accounts). The proposed amendment to read '**Payments of accounts will be made by cheque, requiring the signature of two Committee members or by electronic transfer of funds**'.
  - **Rule 6.** Audited balance sheets shall be submitted to the AGM by the Treasurer. Suggested amendment to delete reference to '*audited*' and to read: - '**Balance sheets shall now be submitted to the Annual General Meeting by the Treasurer**'.

- **Rule 17.** Inspection of Books: Point 2 reads *'the financial records of the club shall be audited once annually by a person or persons appointed by the Committee'*. Suggested amendment replaces 'shall' with the word 'may'. This will read ***'the financial records of the club may be audited once annually by a person or persons appointed by the Committee'***.

There followed a discussion about the proposed amendments followed by Trevor putting the motions above to the meeting with Dan seconding the motion. By a show of hands the motion was passed by a majority of 28 in favour, none against and 5 abstained.

***At this point Trevor suspended the meeting and all Executive positions were vacated pending member votes.***

- Dave Manson Honorary Life Member chaired the meeting for the provision of election of Executive members for 2013/14.
- Following voting via show of hands the following members were elected into the Executive of the HMCRRSA for 2013/14.

<b>Patron</b>	Les Dyson (unopposed)
<b>President</b>	Trevor Henderson (unopposed)
<b>Vice President</b>	Danny Ahern (unopposed)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dean Watson (unopposed)
<b>Secretary</b>	Chris Hayward (unopposed)
<b>Comp Secretary</b>	Danny Ahern (unopposed)
<b>Publicity Officer</b>	Geoff Grant (unopposed – subject to Geoff's approval on his return)
<b>Newsletter editor</b>	Hamish Cooper (unopposed)
<b>Social Secretary/Librarian</b>	Geoff Grant (unopposed - – subject to Geoff's approval on his return)
<b>Committee Members</b>	Neil Watson (unopposed)
	Paul Walker (unopposed)
	Stuart Penn (unopposed)
	Tony Tildesley (unopposed)
	Bob Balistrain (unopposed)
<b>MSA Delegate</b>	Phil Baughan (unopposed)
<b>Road Race</b>	Phil Baughan (unopposed)

**Meeting closed at 9.45pm.**

FIVE MINUTES WITH NEW LIFE MEMBER LES BELL

**WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE REGISTER?** I moved down from Darwin in 1999. I'd always had an interest in old bikes and decided to get involved in racing.

**HAD YOU RACED BEFORE?** No, except for a bit of enduro as a kid growing up in Bundaberg. At one stage I had an XT500 Yamaha, so I must have been reasonably serious about it. Like a lot of people of the era, I started riding motorcycles when I turned 15.



**TELL US ABOUT YOUR BIKES?**

I started out with a 1958 Velocette Venom I bought off Malcolm Payne. It didn't take long for Doc Watson to get involved with it and he helped me a lot. I then bought a Norton featherbed frame, tank, Dominator twin engine and gearbox in bits off Ian Davidson. It took me five years to build that into a proper race bike. Doc helped me with a steel flywheel to strengthen the bottom end. I did up the head myself using the Dunstall tuning guide. Dave Basham supplied the double-sided front hub and built the wheels for me. It's a 650 bored out to 680cc and took a bit of sorting. I broke my collarbone on it and couldn't work out why it was so slow until we discovered the timing gears were fitted one tooth out.

**YOU'VE BEEN PRETTY ACTIVE IN TRAVELLING AND RACING.** I guess I have. I've travelled to the Perth nationals a few years back and regularly gone to Winton and Phillip Island.

**WHAT'S THE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?** Now I've finally got a new workshop built I can think about getting back out on the track again. I've also got a featherbed rolling chassis kicking around and I'm thinking of putting a 750 engine into it.

**YOU'VE GOT A COUPLE OF ROADBIKES TOO?** Yes, a 1993 Triumph Trident and a 1971 Norton Commando I bought off Rocket Raynor. As I said I've always had an interest in old bikes.

**MANX CLASSIC TT:**

This year's Manx Grand Prix was reinvented with more than 80 racers fronting up for the Manx Classic TT. The field was stacked with top current TT racers in a move organizers hope will bring a new worldwide focus to the late summer races.

Among the big-name riders were John McGuinness, Michael and William Dunlop, Conor Cummins, Australian Cam Donald and Kiwi Bruce Anstey.



Bruce Anstey with Ken McIntosh. It is likely the pair will return next year and may enter the Formula 1 on a McIntosh Suzuki

While the speed of the twin-cylinder Patons was hardly a surprise Donald and Anstey set tongues wagging with practice and qualifying duels that had them circulating at 106mph. Eventually Anstey pulled a 107.9 time out of the bag. The Patons were circulating at around 110mph average.

Donald had a scary moment in qualifying when his Fred Walmsley G50's crank broke at 120mph in fifth gear. Michael Dunlop was behind and said Donald did an unbelievable job of riding the full-lock slide and used the gutter to keep aboard.

Anstey was confident going into the 500cc race on Ken McIntosh's Manx. This had previously completed more than 40 races in New Zealand and the U.S. with riders like Andrew Stroud, Kevin Schwantz, Doug Polan and Cam Donald on board.

It certainly completed another race distance in practice and qualifying but only lasted two laps in the main event when Anstey was holding a strong second place. Maybe a practice engine would have been a better idea. Anstey was just one of several big-name retirees. McGuinness pulled in at the end of the first lap on his Team Winfield Paton; Cummins' Manx conked out at Appledene; Donald's G50 expired at Cruickshanks on lap two while holding third place.

Meanwhile Olie Linsdell powered on to win on the Giovanni Cabassi Paton. He hit 146.84mph down Sulby Straight and set a new lap record of 111.660. William Dunlop was second on a Honda twin and Jamie Coward third on a Manx Norton.

Michael Dunlop was in a class of his own in the inaugural Formula 1 TT, blasting to a one-minute victory at 120.376mph on his Suzuki XR69 over Conor Cummins, also on a XR69.

Words: HAMISH COOPER

**RIDE ON: GRAHAM ROWLEY**

Register member Graham Rowley pictured at the SA Dirt Track Titles at Acusa Park on September 8. He races this Suzuki Titan 500cc on the dirt and a BSA single outfit in historic racing. Register members racing in any event are welcome to send pictures like this in so we can all see what they are up to. Good on you, Graham.

Email photos to [cooper.hamish@gmail.com](mailto:cooper.hamish@gmail.com)



Photos: HAMISH COOPER

**2013 Dates**

Date	Event	Venue
21 – 22 September	Café	Mallala
27 September	Club Ride Day	Mallala
5 – 6 October	Master of Mac Park	Mt Gambier
6 October	Motorcycle Swap Meet	Balhannah Oval
26-27 October	Southern Classic	Broadford Vic
9 – 10 November	Phoenix	Mallala
15 – 17 November	Australian Historic Championships	Wannaroo WA
14 – 15 December	Cafe Club Championship	Mallala
28 – 29 December	State Titles	Mt Gambier
24-26 January, 2014	Phillip Island Int Challenge	Phillip Island Vic
16 March, 2014	Collingrove Hillclimb	Collingrove

**For Sale/Wanted**

<b>Wanted</b>	Kneeler outfit any power unit considered	Joffre Booth 0434104508
	(Buy or borrow) BSA Gold Star inlet cam (65-2442, 65-2446 or other)	Trevor Henderson, 8384 5284
	BSA A65-type rear brake drum (bolt-on sprocket)	Trevor Henderson, 8384 5284
<b>For Sale</b>	Australian made 1hp 3 phase electric motor. Forward and reversing switch. Runs nice. Make an offer.	Ray Stevens 8332 5786
<b>MotoGP house</b>	Juventus MCC has house at Smith's Beach, 15-20min walk to MotoGP Phillip Island track. Booked Thursday to Monday. Cost \$200, spots for 4 or 5. Could also join them on the ride over.	Contact Otto Muller 0408 831 548

**MALLALA RIDE DAY WITH DUCATI OWNERS CLUB OF SA  
FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 10AM – 4PM**

Along the lines of how we did the ride day in May earlier this year. With a roaring success for both clubs it is on again.

The deal is as follows. You will need to pre book and pay no later than September 20  
You can pay by cash, cheque or preferably by Electronic Funds Transfer.

The fee to ride is \$60. This fee includes the air fence levy but not any licence requirements.  
A Recreational Licence for the day is \$25.

Members are allowed to invite a guest to come along and participate. The fee structure is the same, they will be required to sign up for a 'short-term' membership which has no fee attached to it.

The club is looking at subsidising the fees payable further. Subsidies will only be made available to those who have paid up by Sept 20.

Late entry applications will be considered subject to numbers committed by September 20. Any late entries accepted will not be eligible for any subsidy made available.

Paperwork including indemnity will be at the track to be signed off.

Any queries can be addressed to Danny Ahern by phone 0407 826951

Please fill in the form on the back page and submit with entry fees to the Competition Secretary at 27 Riverside Grove Dernancourt SA 5075 or scan and email to [dannyahern@senet.com.au](mailto:dannyahern@senet.com.au)

