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## **CONGRATULATIONS JOE AHERN NEW CLUB LIFE MEMBER**

**Joe on his Snort'n Norton doing what he does best!**



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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 (†Deceased) Les Bell Joe Ahern	1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2007 2009 2013 2017

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A piece of Mac Park has died with the passing of Laurie Fox OAM, serving motorcycling to the very end. A group of us, along with a large gathering from around the Mount Gambier area, attended his funeral service at the Carinya Chapel on a typically unpleasant wintry day. Most of us would have been unaware of the family side of Laurie’s life, with several speaking emotionally of a much-loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. A gentleman spoke of his commitment to the Junior Motocross Club, and the young members in their distinctive jackets were testament to this. Colin Thompson, local motorcyclist and historian, filled in, with words and on-screen images, Laurie’s life as we knew it, and was also responsible for the “slide show” at the gathering afterwards at the Golf Club.

Just a few years ago, Claire and I were privileged to be Laurie’s support team when he was nominated in the Volunteers section of the SA Sport Awards. With none from the Mount Gambier Club present, I felt very proud that the HMCRRSA Committee decided that we should fill the void, and sent Claire and me. More up-market than we are used to, we enjoyed the evening, at a table of other worthy nominees and their supporters, within the recently-refurbished Adelaide Oval Complex. Laurie didn’t win, but to be accoladed for your efforts at such an occasion is a real achievement.

The message from the well-lived life of Laurie Walter Fox OAM, is to keep doing what you love doing for as long as you can. RIP Laurie!

## TREV'S TITBITS: "ORDER IN THE PROGRAM PLEASE"

Motorcycle competitors who competed in more than one class used to favour combinations of 350 and 500cc or 125 and 250cc, with oddities like sidecar crews who also rode solo. A Competition Secretary, or General Committee, has the job of shuffling entries to balance the program and minimise riders having back to back races. I recall my friend Jim and I putting together a scramble program, and testing our efforts by becoming "A-Grader on 500", "B-Grader on 250" or "C-Grader on 125" etc. We were well satisfied with our efforts until, on the day, Vince Emili, well-known competitor and Adelaide's Montesa dealer, told us that as a B-Grader on an over-250, his first event wasn't until well after lunch. In the days of Short Circuit, Dirt, Grass and Long Track, many top riders such as the recently departed Ray Owen competed in every solo class, each machine having one final, with heats if necessary. The 125cc class

was normally a final without heats, so the smaller bikes were only raced once at the meeting. Romsey Grass Track's program went 125, 250, 350, 500 solo, speedway solo, Unlimited solo, then Junior and Senior Sidecar. When Yamaha two-stroke twins invaded this class of racing, and a notable local had one that he could swap barrels between 250 and 350cc, Romsey, being parochially pro-Victorian, shuffled the program to run the 250's first, and the 350's after the other solo events.

Historic Road Racing, with a mix of periods as well as capacity classes, throws up a further quandary, that to his credit our Competition Secretary handles well. Our apologies to those few who do get "back to back" events.

**Thumbs Up and change right**

**(Barry Sheene did!)**

**Trevor Henderson #55.**

## FROM THE COMP SEC: ITS ALL HOTTING UP

Had a phone call a few weeks back re the 2+4 at Wakefield Park. I got told numbers were way down, 50% in fact! Both the bikes and cars down big time. The event is run by the track owners, so whilst they will lose out a bit at least, unlike us, they are not paying out for track hire. My guess is their attempt to resurrect the 2+4 format in NSW will probably fall on its face. My contact then went on to suggest there is talk that the Historic Winton 2+4 may end up being for cars and 3 wheelers, mmm interesting concept, but not surprising with some regards.

I have sent off my entry for the Southern Classic and by the time you read this the online format should be up, which definitely makes things far easier for one and all. Entries on HMRAV website. Get your entry in pronto. I have just heard that within 48 hours of online entries open sheds were taken up, gee hope we get that response at our titles later this year!

I am currently having our State title entry form sorted ready for electronic version. I hope to have them available late Oct/ Nov.

The response for the Hart to Hart at the Port on 7<sup>th</sup> October has been, let me say mild at best, but those few of us participating will have a top day and expose our club to others.

Those heading to Wakefield Park for the Nationals should be entered by now and hopefully well on their way to having their tackle ready. I'm pleased the club is going to be able to help out a bit with the garaging situation over there. Chris Hayward and I have that mainly in order.

**Danny Ahern**

**Minutes of the Aug HMCRRSA General Meeting (incorporating the 2017 AGM) held on 17 August 2017 at the MSA clubrooms Beulah Park**

Meeting commenced at 8.00pm

Attendees: - 18 members attended.

Apologies: - Neil Watson.

Visitors: - None.

New Members: - None.

Minutes of previous meeting: - Proposed Phil Baughan, seconded Bob Balestrin.

Unanimously accepted.

Business arising: - None

President's Report: -

- Trevor acknowledged the sad passing of club member Paul Gloede and a minute's silence was held in remembrance.
- The AGM is to be held following the wrap up of the Aug meeting.

Secretary's Report: -

- Garages have been booked for members who have confirmed their intention to race at the upcoming National titles to be held at Wakefield Pk NSW during November.
- Ten club members have committed to attend this event.
- A motorcycle swap meet organised by the Veteran and Vintage MCC of SA is scheduled for Sunday 2 October at Balhannah. Club members are invited to attend.
- Secretary thanked Nick Clarke for providing photos from ride days at Mac Park and Mallala (sporting car club event). These will be published on club's website very soon.

Treasurers Report: -

- Dean reserved his report for the AGM

Competition Secretary

- Peregrine Corp is looking to host a presentation to provide update on progress re the Bend Motor Sport Park development.
- Members who are interested in attending are to contact Dan.
- Supplementary Regs for the National titles have now been posted on club's website – Thank you to Luke
- Final numbers confirmed for the Club's participation in the Adelaide Motor Sports Festival.

MSA & RR Committee Delegate

- No Report (No meetings held).

General Business

- There was a general discussion re Mallala vs Mac Park ride day venues.
- Potential ride days at 'The Bend' for 2018 discussed.
- Phil informed members that Graham Rowley had been admitted to RAH.
- John Inkster spoke about the Coast Yamaha road ride day.
- There was a broad discussion about historic bikes participation in 'modern' road race meetings. It was generally agreed that the necessity to amalgamate both capacity and periods (due to relatively low numbers) discourages participation.

- At this point in the meeting it was announced that the nomination of Joe Ahern for an honorary life membership had been received by the Secretary and that the Committee has endorsed this nomination. At this point (as Joe was absent from the meeting whilst working in regional SA) the President telephoned Joe to notify him of his honorary life membership. The meeting responded with a round of applause.

**At this point in the proceedings the President suspended the August meeting and convened the 2017 AGM.**

**Presidents Report**

- Trevor thanked the current committee members for their support during the year and recounted highlights of the past 12 months including the highly successful joint DOCA/HMCRRSA ride days and the club's participation in the Adelaide Motor Sport Festival.

**Treasurers report for 2016/17**

- Dean informed the meeting that increased costs associated with the running of the 2016 state titles had an adverse impact on income for the year.
- There had been increased financial support for riders including subsidised ride days and group pit garage hire for riders attending the Island Classic.
- A significant amount was spent supporting these events although some returns from one event license fees etc. moderated this expenditure.
- A healthy income received via membership fees.
- 2016 State titles resulted in only a modest gain in revenue compared to previous years.
- A full and detailed run down of the balance sheet for the past year was made available to members on request. At this point in the proceedings, the President announced that all current committee positions be vacated and called on Phil Baughan to chair the meeting and undertake the role of returning officer for all new committee positions. Voting was via show of hands.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominations</b>	<b>Proposed/seconded</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Club Patron	Mal Pitman	Trevor Henderson/Dean Watson	carried
President	Trevor Henderson	Dan Ahern/Dean Watson	carried
Vice President	Dan Ahern	Trevor Henderson/Bob Balestrin	carried
Treasurer	Dean Watson	Bob Balestrin/Otto Muller	carried
Secretary	Chris Hayward	Dan Ahern/Trevor Henderson	carried
Competition Sec	Dan Ahern	Dean Watson/Bob Balestrin	carried
Publicity Officer	Dan Ahern	Trevor Henderson/Dean Watson	carried
Editor	Hamish Cooper <i>(nomination accepted in absence)</i>	Dan Ahern/Bob Balestrin	carried
MSA delegate	Trevor Henderson	Otto Muller/Dan Ahern	carried
Road race delegate	Chris Hayward	Dan Ahern/Trevor Henderson	carried
Committee members	Bob Balestrin	Dan Ahern/Otto Muller	carried
	Neil Watson <i>(accepted in absence)</i>	Dan Ahern/Otto Muller	carried
	Nathaniel Wilson	Dan Ahern/Otto Muller	carried
	Paul Walker <i>(accepted in absence)</i>	Dan Ahern/Otto Muller	carried
	Stuart Penn <i>(accepted in absence)</i>	Dan Ahern/Otto Muller	carried

The AGM wrapped up following the endorsement of the new committee and the meeting was closed At 9.20pm.

## Minutes of the HMCRRSA Committee meeting held on 5 September 2017 at the MSA clubrooms Beulah Park

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Attendees: - Trevor Henderson, Dan Ahern, Chris Hayward, Neil Watson, Dean Watson, Bob Balestrin.

Apologies: - Nathaniel Wilson, Stuart Penn

Visitors: - None

Minutes of previous meeting: -

- Under 'Business arising' second dot point; Dan asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that Levi Day wouldn't be available to host any rider coaching due to his overseas riding commitments.
- Under attendees – delete Neil Watson as an attendee of the meeting. (listed as an apology)

With these changes, the minutes were accepted by Dan, seconded by Trevor and carried unanimously.

Business arising: -

- Group booking of pit sheds re Wakefield Park (Chris) finalised

Presidents report: -

- Trevor welcomed committee members following last month's AGM.

Treasurers Report: -

- Dean reported that the term deposit was about to mature and suggested that the bulk of this be reinvested for a further term and that the interest be carried across into the everyday account.
- This will leave sufficient funds available for upcoming expenditure including ride day expenses and payment for pit sheds re Island Classic.
- Once state titles entry fees start to feed in the balance will improve significantly.
- Dean to check that the Pay Pal payment option is still operational.

Secretary's Report: -

- Inclusion of photos from Mac Park ride day and Mallala (sporting car club) parade event is still awaiting publication on HMCRRSA website. Secretary will check with Luke at next monthly meeting.

Comp Sec report: -

- Dan provided feedback on the funeral for Laurie Fox held during the previous day at Mt Gambier. Several HMCRRSA members attended.
- A replacement handicapper will have to be found for the sidecars (State Titles).
- Trevor agreed to approach Nick Clarke re his availability.
- The AGM discussed. Some minor scheduling/administrative issues discussed and it was agreed that the running sheet will be reviewed prior to the 2018 AGM.
- 'Mock ups' of the 10 Year club membership certificates were circulated. It was agreed that 'portrait' orientation is preferred.
- Aspects of the HMCRRSA constitution discussed.
- It was agreed that minor amendments are necessary to better clarify and define issues relating 'family memberships', honorary life member, rules of the Committee etc.
- Dan to draft recommended changes and circulate to committee. (note: - for eventual consideration of members and voting at the next AGM IN 2018)

- Dan spoke re the 'Classics at Hart' motorcycle event to be held at the Port Docks on 7 October 2017. The Classic Owner Club of SA have invited HMCRRSA to participate via a display of race machinery. The meeting agreed that this would present a great promotional opportunity for our upcoming state titles.
- Dan to email members inviting them to register for their inclusion in this event.
- Posters and flyers for state titles are to be produced in time for this event.
- Atujara has approached HMCRRSA to enquire about potentially joining together for future ride days (along with DOCSA). Following discussion, it was agreed that we will hold off making any commitments for now, until costing models for the Bend circuit is known. Trevor to draft a response to Atujara.
- Event sponsorships for the state titles discussed. Committee members agreed to follow up with previous sponsors and effort will be made to chase up potential new sponsors. Packages will be \$100, \$200 and \$500 which will incorporate small, ½ page and full-page advertisements in the event program.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

### 2017 Dates

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Sept 23-24	All Historic 2+4	Wakefield Park, NSW
Nov 4,5	Southern Classic	Broadford Vic
Nov 9-12	Aus Historic Titles	Wakefield Park, NSW
Nov 18	Interclub Ride Day with DOCSA	Mac Park
Dec 30-31	SA Historic Titles	Mac Park
Last Saturday of each month	Mac Park Ride Days	Mount Gambier

### **For Sale/Wanted**

<b>Wanted</b>	Single downtube frame to take 150cc Bultaco engine which is 375mm long	Trevor 83845284
	JAP 350 ohv inner timing cover and a 350 ohv cylinder head from the mid-1930s.	Bob Glynn 8263 9133
<b>For Sale</b>	Triumph 650 bare High Comp. +20 piston (may suit BSA B31) \$40.	Trevor 8384 5284
	Club Shirts \$35, Caps \$15, Hats \$18, Mugs \$4.50, Cloth Badges \$10 and Stickers \$2.50.	Buy at next club meeting

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