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# The Good Oil

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## OUR LATEST AUSSIE CHAMP

**Brendan Roberts (pictured here at Mallala in 2015) showed class and courage to take out the Period 3 500cc national championship last weekend. He survived a weekend of drama to win two races and accumulate his title-winning points on Greg Kennedy's Matchless G80 special. Darren Trotter was just three points behind.....** Page 4

*Pic Damir Ivka*



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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With our State Titles rapidly approaching, it would be easy to overlook other facets of Club life. I must thank Danny for organising the revamped 10-Year Membership Certificate, featuring the late, great Les Diener on the original "Eldee" Velocette 250. I admit to being remiss with the issue of certificates to members and in this I apologise to Greg Kennedy, who, as Treasurer, started the ball rolling. I inherited from Greg blank certificates and a "floppy" disc which contained the data needed to print more.

Thanks to Ian Corlett I managed to have more printed, but next time found that the disc wasn't floppy any more.

Those with an original certificate have the photo of Giacomo Agostini winning the 1976

Dutch 350cc TT, the last win in that class for a four-stroke after two years of Yamaha two-stroke domination.

Back to the present, I shall start issuing certificates to members that I know have done the yards and not previously been awarded, and contacting others of whom I'm not sure. I'd appreciate contact from members.

The State Championships at Mac Park on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December are your chance to achieve fame before the New Year dawns. Alternatively, we would appreciate your assistance in running the event, cutting down on the number of outside hands that we need to employ. This meeting provides the best opportunity to enjoy Mount Gambier without being rained upon!

**Trevor Henderson, President**

## THE COMP SEC: GET READY FOR ACTION

Just a quick note to let all those that have registered their interest and willingness to be part of the club's involvement at the Motorsport Festival 9th and 10th December, I will be in touch when I have all the final instructions and ticketing from the sporting car club.

Like previous years we will look to have BBQ lunches and some cooked breakfast on the Sunday morning. It should again be a heap of fun all round.

I am also pleased to announce that entries are now open for the SA Historic Road Race Championships.

We encourage you all to enter on line if you can and pay by EFT, just use your name on payment please.

Go to

<https://historicmotorcycleracing.org/forms-register/>

More info is to be found on the website [historicmotorcycleracing.org](http://historicmotorcycleracing.org)

We look forward to receiving your entry. Remember first in gets first dibs at carports!

Finally, we have the interclub ride with Ducati Owners at Mac Park this weekend.

**Danny Ahern**

**Vice President, Comp Secretary**



Trish Channell is a hard working club official.

She got a prime role at the MotoGP last month when asked to drive around a rider in the display lap lead-up to the big race. What a moment.

## THE COMP SEC: TASTE OF THE NATIONALS



**Davo Johnson on the all-new Imola Replica Ducati at Wakefield Park. This bike is the result of a collaboration between long-time BEARS racer Shane Zakelj and Damian Birch, well-known for his Bevel Rubber precision moulding business. They have developed two versions of the Ducati engine. One is based on the design that took Paul Smart to victory in the 1972 Imola 200. It is eligible for Period 4 racing. The other option is based on the NCR engine that Mike Hailwood rode to his famous 1978 Formula One win. This version is eligible for Period 5, which makes it an option for the Phillip Island International Challenge races. Both engines feature stronger crankcases, plain bearings and nikasil bores. The P4 engine is available up to 1063cc but the big news is that the P5 engine can be taken up to 1300cc in a big-bore/short-stroke configuration.**

**Pic Colin Rosewarne/McNews.com.au**

I have to admit, I have never spent so much time on Computime than this weekend. As I write I have the live timing on my other screen and the 500 Classic is about to start. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> leg and Brendan Roberts just has to ride steadily and stay out of trouble, which there has been heaps of over the weekend, and he will seal the 2017 Championship on Greg Kennedy's G80 McIntyre Matchless. Go Brendan.

We have a bucket load of club members over at Wakefield Park for the titles. I am hoping some of them can write a review of their weekend when they get home.

Chris Hayward is going great gun on both his TZ and SR Yamahas, Davo Johnson had mixed luck riding Zakkie's trick Duke, they had to withdraw come Saturday night with some mechanical woes. Simon Cook was keeping the front runners honest until his first race on Sunday when he was forced off track and tumbled, he is a bit sore and bike is knocked about so wouldn't think he will be contesting the last leg, but never say never! Geoff Grant has done his 4 legs and is a sound 4<sup>th</sup>

placegetter, well done Geoff. Paul Walker is enjoying himself on the Velo albeit at back of field, the bike just not competitive in these fields.

The P3 500 and Unlimited has seen some carnage indeed and it will be a case of finishing all 4 legs to be in the hunt. Brendan Roberts came in from leg two with a broken handlebar, so as he says, luck has to be on your side as well.

Garth Williams threw a leg out of bed on his Honda, Rob has been circulating strongly all weekend. John Inkster has been running a solid 5<sup>th</sup> all weekend on his Aermacchi, not so good on his TR Suzuki Replica which went for a tumble on first lap of his first race! Dan Gleeson has two bikes circulating and has been enjoying the racing, his 750 gave him some clutch grief which saw him dnf a race. Otto Muller has been circulating on both his TZ and his Adler and from what I hear without any dramas, so good on you Otto. Peter 'CZ' Heles has had his CZ doing battle and is hovering around 5<sup>th</sup> place with a leg remaining. Nathaniel Wilson is also running strongly in two P5 classes.

The combined P6 250GP bikes are in with the P3 500 Classics, which I like many think is a dumb mix. Currently their final leg has been red flagged and will be restarted after the lunch break. Like all national titles and big events the attrition is quite high and it would appear the same this weekend.

The mix the promoters opted for were in some cases, as touched on already, very ordinary at best, but is a predicament of the sport.

Running national titles is huge and the red tape etc causes all some grief. I know as of a couple of weeks back the 2018 titles have not been allocated and those approached have said 'No thanks'. The latest goss is that Preston Club in Victoria may take up the offer and run it at Broadford next November.

Well done all club members that competed and flew the flag, we would all love to hear your slant on the event. Results can be viewed at [computime.com.au](http://computime.com.au)

**Danny Ahern**  
Competition Secretary



**I love the smell of two-stroke in the morning. Geoff Grant warms up his Kawasaki-powered Windle-frame outfit at Wakefield Park.**  
Pic Colin Rosewarne/McNews.com.au

## **Draft Minutes of the General Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held at the MSA clubrooms on Thursday, Oct 19.**

**The meeting opened at 8pm with 14 members present.**

**Apologies:** Dan Ahern, Otto Muller, Neil Watson, Claire Harmon.

**Visitors:**

**New Members:** Raymond Oosterwegel. (not present)

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Proposed Phil Baughan, seconded Dean Watson. Unanimously accepted.

**Business arising:** None

### **President's Report:**

- Trevor announced new member, Raymond Oosterwegel.
- Review of the club's participation in the 'Harts Mill' event. Universally agreed that this was a successful activity for members as well as for HMCRRSA.
- A 1986 'Australasian Post' article on the Sellicks Beach race events discussed.
- Trevor asked members to consider helping at the upcoming state titles at Mac Park in December.
- Andy McDonnell volunteered for 'bike pick up' duties.
- Trevor to attend the next MSA meeting scheduled for 26 October.
- Posters for state titles handed out to members who agreed to distribute to business outlets.
- Design for 10-year membership certificates shown to members. There was overall support for the design concept.

### **Secretary's Report:**

- Garages booked for national titles at Wakefield Park. There have been a couple of withdrawals by members and so there will be some spare garage space for any member who hasn't yet confirmed their attendance.

### **Treasurers Report:**

- Bulk of moneys reinvested into a term deposit account following its maturity.
- Dean provided details of the September balance sheet.

**Competition Secretary:** In the absence of the Comp Sec, no report submitted.

**RR Committee Delegate:** There has been no Road Race Panel meeting this month.

**MSA delegate:** No meeting to report. Next meeting 26 October.

### **General Business:**

- Island Classic (Phillip Island) pit garages have been booked for members who have confirmed their attendance.
- The 'new look' Good Oil for October discussed.
- The meeting discussed at some length the engineering and riding skills of Les Diener. It was revealed that some important 'factory' Norton parts were made here in South Australia commissioned by Les without the factory's knowledge.

**Meeting closed at 9.25**

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held on Nov 7 at the MSA clubrooms**

**The meeting opened at 7.45pm**

**Attendees:** Trevor Henderson, Stuart Penn, Paul Walker, Danny Ahern, Dean Watson, Bob Balestrin and Neil Watson.

**Apologies:** Chris Haywood, Nathaniel Wilson,

**Visitors:** None

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

- Acceptance proposed Dan, seconded Bob. Carried unanimously.

**Business Arising:**

- Dan spoke on on-line entries, noting multiple emails and Pay Pal still in Test mode.
- Our website is still a mess, out of date data, with someone needing to take control.
- Paul is not getting all emails, some going to his old address.
- Following Geoff's emails to Trevor and Dan as well as discussions had at Broadford last weekend between Dan and Geoff, lengthy discussion was had re all things. Committee then decided to stick with its original decision and as such there will not be Period 5 sidecars at our upcoming State Titles.
- Allocation of sheds for members at this year's Nationals was clarified.

**President's Report:** Referred to general discussion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dean stated monies are coming in with entries now open.

**Secretary's Report:** None, with Chris away racing.

**General Business:**

- State Titles. Trevor will contact Mt. Gambier Club re use of a trailer for pick-ups, follow up with Trish as a possible starter, and find out if Greg Peck would be available. The flaggies are good to go, and we need to lock in people for Official Positions.
- Trevor will start on issuing new 10-Year Membership Certificates.
- Bottles of wine will again be the Participants' mementos.
- Discussion on the Club purchasing an Easy-Up with a banner to suit.
- Program alternatives, with relation to paper and use of colour were debated.
- Trevor gave an update on program sponsors.
- Many thanks to Neil for taking the minutes.

**Meeting closed 8.30pm**

## DEAN WATSON: CLASSICS AT HART, OCTOBER 7



Several register members took their race machinery down to Port Adelaide to put on display at the Classic at Hart event organised by the Classic Owners Club. There was a good selection of veteran & vintage bikes in the static display along with our bikes in the flour shed and outside at the end of Mundy St by the wharf, as well as a swelling number of starters for the ride to Birdwood Mill. Channel 7 captured the start of the ride to Birdwood. The riders returned a couple of hours later. Proceeds of the event went to SAHMRI medical science centre. It was a good opportunity to promote our club and hand out flyers for the State Titles.



**2017 Dates**

Date	Event	Venue
Nov 18	Interclub Ride Day with DOCSA	Mac Park
Dec 9-10	Motorsport Festival	Victoria Park, Adelaide
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. Triumph 750 piston +20 \$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