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# The Good Oil

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**Men in beards go fast. Seniors' Meeting Mac Park May 2019**

**Dan Gleeson, Phil Baughan and Robin Williams**

Photo courtesy of Jane O'Neill

**Guest Speaker for June Meeting 'Pablo Real'.....Ducati Man**

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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> (8 PM first Tuesday of every month)
<b>Honorary Life Members</b>	Peter WESTERMAN (†Deceased)	1998
	Richard RAKE	1999
	Danny AHERN	2000
	David MANSON	2001
	Len SMITH	2002
	Ken LUCAS	2003
	“Doc” WATSON (†Deceased)	2004
	Trevor HENDERSON	2005
	Phil BAUGHAN	2007
	Len DYSON	2009
	Les Bell	2013
	Joe Ahern	2018

**PRESIDENT SAYS:**

Wow what a superb surprise at the last general meeting when my good friend and club member managed to get to a meeting and then when the opportunity arose put his hand up to say that he would be keen to help the club out by having a go at being The Good Oil editor. A big thank you to Kim Anderson!

For those that don't know, Kim became our Competition Secretary many years ago in a similar way, his input with his good wife Michelle was most appreciated. I'd spend time with Kim and Michelle in the first years then when Kim needed space it became me with Michelle stepping up to help me with the logging info and getting the program into a form we could send to the printers. The last few years I have had my right hand gal Kate Clarke take on the role that Michelle had helped so willingly with at a time of year that everyone seems to be oh so busy.

In my eyes Kim and Michelle have been and are core club members who share the passion with us all and to that I thank you both.

I must share with one and all that I said to Kim that I was most happy to help out at any time and should Michelle see the need to drag him around the world or indeed just the country, Kim's response was 'can't see that happening real soon!' WRONG Kim made a

good start with the Good Oil before telling me that they fly out on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June and return 21<sup>st</sup> June, so yeah I'm finishing off Kim's first edition, I trust all will be up to scratch and Kim will attempt to do July edition almost solo!

Big thanks Kim

Davo Johnson what a week, for those that haven't heard Davo got 10<sup>th</sup> in Supersport 600 class at IOM TT then went on to get his first podium at IOM in the Superstock event, beating one Michael Dunlop by .208 second after 2 laps of the mountain course. Dave rode the wheels off his Honda in the final sectors doing all he possibly could to give himself the big chance. Good on you Davo and congrats from the club!

**Danny Ahern, President**

**NATIONAL TITLES**

**2019 Aust Historic Road Race Championships, Western Australia**

With very little take up, in fact two bikes only at best, the club has decided that we will endeavour to get any help offered in a fiscal way from the WA Club and that will be divided up between club members taking their bikes over to race at the titles, Chris Hayward will manage this and report back through the committee.

**FROM THE COMPETITION SECRETARY:**

For those that have not heard the local Motorsport Festival held for last 5 years run by The Sporting Car Club has been cancelled this year as the State Govt have pulled all funding. Sad from our perspective as I had at least got the nod from Kevin Grant to bring the Britten over subject to funding from SCC, anyway fingers crossed they can get some realistic sponsorship for 2020, watch this space!

This month's meeting we have a guest speaker, Pablo Real who raced in his home country before heading to USA to further his career. Pablo has been pivotal in getting my TT2 onto the track along with others, I endeavor having my TT2 in attendance too

**Competition Secretary, Danny Ahern #27**

**MINUTES OF HMCRRSA GENERAL MEETING 16th MAY 2019**

The meeting was held at MSA Hall and opened at 8:01pm. Sixteen members were present and apologies were received from Nathaniel Wilson, Claire Harmon, Neil Watson, Bob Balestrin, Kate Clarke, Dan Gleeson and Andy Pitman.

New Membership applications came from Peter Davidson (rejoining) and Graham Lock (bored at home).

Minutes of the previous meeting were moved by Kim Anderson, seconded by Chris Hayward, and carried.

Business Arising: Discussion of Virtual Licences following Ridernet meeting that four of us attended.

The President reported that next Monday is Concussion Forum at Athelstone Football Club, and that Dan Gleeson is our only member at the Winton 2+4 (in its 40<sup>th</sup> year) this weekend.

The Secretary spoke to officials at the Mac Park Seniors Meeting regarding assisting at our State Titles, and gave a report on the meeting. He reminded members about the Mill to Mill Ride on October 19<sup>th</sup> and the Vintage Hillclimb on October 6<sup>th</sup>, for which a combined Car and Bike poster has been produced. Correspondence tabled included the MSA Newsletter, Historic Commission minutes and Mid-Week Race Meeting at Morgan Park (Qld).

The Treasurer gave a financial report and has sent out emails regarding merchandise.

The Competition Secretary highlighted the National Titles in W.A., noted that a container may not be viable and that Chris will coordinate our effort. The Motorcycle Festival Week in October 2021 may include a Track Day (with DOCSA) at The Bend. Danny is yet to hear from the Sporting Car Club regarding the Victoria Park event, on again in December, and this time it could include Kevin Grant's Britten.

Don't forget our Mid-Week Ride Day in September!

Recently deceased were Sam Smith (NZ) who rode Peter Lodge's ES2, and ex-PM Bob Hawke.

General Business:



- (1) Paul asked about Wakefield Park event for bikes and cars.
  - (2) Kim Anderson apologised for years of absence from the club, blaming it on a vineyard purchase. He then offered to edit the Good Oil. A bloodbath ensued with nearly everyone at the meeting demanding to be considered for the position of Newsletter Editor. The President defused the situation with a strategic Captain's Call and appointed Kim.
  - (3) Neil Collins asked for help to check two-stroke crankcase sealing. It was advised that Dean Pitman has performed this operation.
  - (4) Phil spoke of vision problems at Mac Park, due to rain and mist. This was confirmed by Rob Williams who also suggested that the meeting had lost its X-Factor due to age races being too hard for the older bikes. Andy recounted the crash by an XV1000 at Pine Tree. This prompted a discussion on people who haven't ridden for years but had obtained one-event licences. It was noted that Wally Ryan crashed his KTM, and that Caretakers Don and Maureen were absent.
  - (5) Davo Johnson can be seen at North-West 200 via Smartphone, along with John McGuinness on a Norton. Paul noted that "McPint" did a 115mph Lap of Honour of the TT Course with a broken leg, but topped that with one of his own stories. William Dunlop can be seen on Youtube.
- Meeting Closed 9:10pm.

## MINUTES OF HMCRRSA COMMITTEE MEETING 4th JUNE 2019

The meeting was held at MSA Hall and opened at 7:31pm.

Present were: Danny Ahern, Bob Balestrin, Neil Watson, Andy McDonnell, Chris Hayward, Paul Walker and Trevor Henderson, with apologies from Dean Watson and Nathaniel Wilson.

It was noted that there was no meeting last month.

The Secretary tabled correspondence: the MSA Newsletter, and a notice for MSA affiliation fees. Due to Dean's absence there was no Treasurer's Report.

All agreed that we accept the Membership Applications of Graham Lock, Peter Davidson, Geoff Kelly and Neil Gross.

The Competition Secretary reported that Pablo Real, who built Danny's Ducati TT2 engine, will be Guest Speaker at this month's General Meeting.

General Business:-

- (1) Chris will invite Peter Hoey, who wants to promote events leading up to a Swap Meet and Display at Lockleys Oval on 13<sup>th</sup> October, to our next Committee Meeting.
  - (2) Dan suggested a Club Day at Collingrove without timing, and a BBQ. Our members' only cost would be a licence, if required. Camping could be available the night before and sidecars would be welcomed.
  - (3) Chris will contact the WA Club regarding details of the Nationals. There was discussion on the costs of driving/fuel vs. airfare/hire car/accommodation.
  - (4) Trevor has another meeting next Tuesday at the Sporting Car Club regarding the Hillclimb on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - (5) The Victoria Park Motorsport Festival is not on this year, sadly, as Dan had already obtained the OK for the Britten to participate.
  - (6) All agreed that we pay the four Pickup Crew \$100 each per day at this year's State Titles.
- Meeting Closed at 10:05pm.

## Trev's Titbits

### Mac Park Seniors 2019 or "How Senior Can an Old Fart Get"

We went on our annual pilgrimage to Mac Park for the Seniors' over the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May. Opting for a little luxury, with the bikes comfortably stowed in the I-Load, we hooked up Claire's little Nipper caravan and headed for the Southeast. Mixed weather on the way down on Friday, whilst those already there for the practice day copped a drenching. Setting up camp in almost our regular spot was easier than usual with only an "easy-up" gazebo to erect, giving plenty of time to get bikes and gear checked and have a couple of beers. With Dan Gleeson and Jane, and Phil and Ronna as near-neighbours, it was almost like home.

As the Supp Regs had shown the highest age Cup race as 100+, it was a pleasure to see in the program a 105+ with a Period 5 bike, the youngest, and a 125+ with all Period 3 bikes. The Saturday weather was typical Mac Park; a mix of sun and showers, which made things difficult late in the afternoon when heading away from the pits. A damp visor and low sun made finding the track edge a real challenge. The Saturday Night Dinner, one of the highlights of the weekend, was well up to par, with Dougie handing speech-making to Rex Dell from Queensland who thanked the usual people and put in a plug for their meeting planned for Morgan Park. With competitors from Western Australia and Queensland, something is working, although overall entries seemed to be down, even Moderns, but their numbers would have previously included many now in Pre-Modern and Limited. The weather improved on Sunday, being dry for afternoon races and Presentations, and we got to pack up a dry gazebo. I'd have to say that the spectator numbers would have been the lowest I can recall at Mac Park.

Of our members, Simon Cook, Wally Ryan, Andy McDonnell and John Snoad rode in modern events, the latter doing particularly well. Wally unfortunately crashed on Saturday, injuring his shoulder again, so we wish him a swift return to full fitness. Dan Gleeson was top Period 2 on the Inter, up at the pointy end of our group whilst keeping the much-younger 125's honest before jumping on his 750 and doing well on that. After parking his RD250LC, Robin Williams concentrated on the Honda 500/4, being top Period 4, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 105+ Cup. It was good to see Andrew Bannerman back in action, with Wayward as his pit bitch, and Phil Baughan was delighted to get 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 125+ Cup behind Les Toohey's Goldie, with David Wain 3<sup>rd</sup>. I had a slightly abbreviated meeting, missing my last race on each bike, the Bully going off song and the BSA shedding the nut from the top gearbox bolt. In the races counting for the "Les Diener" series, Atujara MCC scored 7 more points than HMCRRSA.

We had a pleasant trip home, calling in on old friends Jim and Barbara at Wellington, which then gave us a chance to sneak a look at our President's new hacienda - quite impressive!

Thumbs and Change Right,

Trevor Henderson #55.

<b>Dan Gleeson's Mount Gambier Seniors' Meeting, 11 &amp; 12 May 2019</b>
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Headed down on the Thursday with the International Norton (Girdy) and the Dunstall Replica 750 (Tuesday) - didn't turn off the wipers 'till we got there. I had recently fitted new barrels and pistons to Tuesday and done a heap of laps around Mallala to run it in, but thought I would get a few more in at the Mount on the Friday; which I did, and she was all ready to give it shit for the weekend. Don't think the temperature got above 8 degrees Friday. It was going to be a busy weekend; two bikes in three classes and, including the qualifiers, I had 18 sessions on track in the two days.

Girdy has been a bit hard to start lately - the starting battery definitely has lost some of its oomph. At the hill climb I had the starting battery jumped to my van and it was all good there. Come Saturday morning I fired up Girdy and she started straight away without the need for the jumper leads. Warmed her up and got ready for her first race in about half hour. Got the five minute call for the first qualifying session and Girdy did not want to go. By the time I got the jumper leads it was all too late and I missed the first session ... lucky we had another to go. Phil Baughan said to try his petrol-driven rollers and they worked a treat. They got the back wheel spinning that bit quicker and Girdy was happy. Used Phil's rollers to fire her for the rest of the meet. Big Big thanks to Phil or else Girdy would not have been out there.

Weather was pretty dismal Saturday so put on the rain suit. Girdy was in with class c and all 125s - a field of about 8. Excellent racing against David Short; he was better on some sections and I was better on others. We would both come off the track with grins from ear to ear. Dougy Dukes came up afterwards and said me and Shorty made the most entertaining races of the weekend. Second race for the day and the skies opened up, took it very gingerly, virtually steering around corners to bring her home safely. In the cup race I started on pole, which was a first.

Sunday and the weather gods pulled the same trick as Saturday - it was shit. Girdy had been developing a bit of a weave every now and again, so I would keep my weight over the front and she would behave. In one race on Sunday, flat out down the back straight, she decided to pull a massive tank slapper on me. I was out of the seat and thought I was going over the bars - gone for all money. But the Gods of Speed were with me ... I don't know how I saved it. I used to have 15 mm clearance from the bars at full lock to the tank. Now there is a dent in each side of tank! Back in the pits and asking peoples' opinions about tank slappers, the consensus was to keep the weight rearwards - thanks to Andy Bannerman and Chris Haywood. I did this for the rest of the races, plus left a bit of power in reserve, and it did not happen again.

In the P3 unlimited there were eight in the program. Combined with the 500's, this gave a field of 13.

First qualifier in, I made 3<sup>rd</sup> place and by the second I was in first place. In the first race I came 1<sup>st</sup> in class but in the second race the clutch was slipping but came home 3<sup>rd</sup> in class. It was the only time I put a spanner on the bike to adjust the clutch all weekend.

The Limited class was different for me - to race with guys that I don't usually race against; Andrew Bannerman and Andrew Macdonald to name a couple. It was good to see both of them on

track .

In the 105 cup race Simon Cook was on pole, Trotter 2nd and I was 3<sup>rd</sup> - pretty rapt to be on the front row again. In those two races I ended up 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, with only big Jappas in front of me, 1200 Kwaka, Suzy 1000 etc. I was pretty happy about that. Simon Cook, Phil Baughan, Robin Williams and I all collected trophies for our efforts. Even though the weather had been crap it is pretty hard to put a dampener on Mac Park. Now for Winton next weekend.

<b>Dan Gleeson's Winton Meeting, 17 – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>
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Just took the one bike, Tuesday, the 750 - that way I didn't need to take the trailer. Left on the Wednesday morning to get there comfortably early Thursday; the sheds had been booked out very quickly and I wanted to set up my gazebo in a good spot. Unfortunately the place was packed out with cars practicing and I couldn't set anything up till 4.30. I got chatting to a bloke who told me his yearly budget was \$200 thousand for his son! (who I reckon was about 12 or 13 years old) to race formula Fords. Eric Salmon rocked up at about lunchtime and told me he would have room for me in his shed, along with Dan Sandler, Ben James and Scott Webster. By 5.30 Thursday night we were all set up.

I thought about having a practice session on Friday, but the \$180 to do it, changed my mind. For that you get 4 sessions. Even \$110 for 2 sessions put me off. Just spent the day hanging round the pits and catching up with people.

Saturday morning and the weather was going to be 20 and sunny; fantastic after being down to 2 overnight. I was 3rd event on the program for our only practice – a qualifier. Went out just finding my way around. The track is fairly challenging at a couple of corners; it's really important to go round one with the next in mind or else you will be on the wrong line. Didn't take long to suss out. My field was P3 up to unlimited, and P4 and P5 up to 350 - a field of 32; it was quite a gaggle. My starting possie was 22nd on the grid. First race and was wondering why there was such a big gap to riders in front of me on the grid; it turned out that I and the 10 bikes behind were going by the cars grid numbers on track - lost a bit of time there! With so many bikes on track I was just going around fairly cautiously. Second race was pretty much the same as race 1, except for turn 1 where I was a lot closer to the pack. It was a bit hairy but I did get past a few other bikes.

By Sunday's first race I had my eye in and felt pretty good. Knocked 3 seconds off yesterday's time. It was a blast beating a 920 cc Norton! That got me very excited. Surprisingly it was not that much quicker on the straight than Tuesday's 750 cc's. Peter Large was the star of the P3 unlimited class on an ex -Joe Ahern Norton. I could not get near him, or Stan on his 1000cc Nordian, or Bob Sayer on his Atlas. Best I finished was 5th in class.

Another great weekend racing - giving the Norton all she's got!



**Les Diener Points 2019**

**HMCRRSA**

*Master of  
Mac 2 Mar*

Rider	Riding	Results	Overall
Age	No.	Machine	Bike Age
Rider 1	Dan Gleeson	59 312 Norton 600	71 1st
Rider 2	Phil Baughan	66 83 Tribsa 650	62 6th
Rider 3	Dave Beechey	55 163 Tribsa 650	62 4th

Number	Final	Rider's	Bike's	Total	Accum.
Runs	Position	Age	Age	Points	Points
25	25	59	71	180	
15	15	66	62	158	
17	16	55	62	150	
				488	<b>488</b>

*Collingrove  
24 Mar*

Rider	Riding	Results	Overall
Age	No.	Machine	Bike Age
Rider 1	Keith Wissell	64 11 Harley Sportster	36 4
Rider 2	Chris Hayward	61 34 Yamaha SR500	39 4
Rider 3	Robin Williams	65 53 Honda CB500/4	47 4
Rider 4	Tony Tildesley	77 81 Honda 250	57 4
Rider 5	Dan Gleeson	59 312 Norton Inter.	71 4

Number	Final	Rider's	Bike's	Total	Accum.
Runs	Position	Age	Age	Points	Points
40	20	64	36	160	
40	25	61	39	165	
40	18	65	47	170	
40	20	77	57	194	
40	25	59	71	195	
				884	<b>1372</b>

*Mac Pk  
Seniors  
11-12 May*

Rider	Riding	Results	Results
Age	No.	Machine	Bike Age
Rider 1	Dan Gleeson	59 311 Norton 750	57 1st
Rider 2	Robin Williams	65 53 Honda 500/4	47 1st
Rider 3	Andrew Bannerman	58 99 Yam RD400	42 2nd
Rider 4	Trevor Henderson	75 55 BSA 350	62 5th

Points	Points	Rider's	Bike's	Total	Accum.
Race 1	Race 2	Age	Age	Points	Points
25	20	59	57	161	
25	25	65	47	162	
20	Nil	58	42	120	
16	16	75	62	169	
				612	<b>1984</b>

*Mac Pk  
State Titles*

Rider	Riding	Results	Results
Age	No.	Machine	Bike Age
Rider 1			
Rider 2			
Rider 3			
Rider 4			
Rider 5			
Rider 6			

Points	Points	Rider's	Bike's	Total	Accum.
Race 1	Race 2	Age	Age	Points	Points
				0	
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				0	

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Always good to have new members to the club.

This month we have 4!

Geoff Kelly (no relation to Ned) now living in Adelaide has brought his Norton Manx and BSA Goldie over the ditch and is looking forward to club activities and racing his tackle, turns out we know lots of the same Kiwis!

Graham Lock is back again as is Peter 'Harley' Davidson, not sure that we will see these guys racing much but track days will surely be of interest and hey we always need help on race days.

Neil Gross man of many Yamaha parts makes it 4.

A big warm welcome to you all, I hope you enjoy lots of what the club gets up too.

**Danny Ahern, President**

**2019 Dates**

	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
24 - 26 January	Island Classic	Phillip Island, Vic
16 - 17 February	Sellicks Beach Racing	Sellicks, SA
15 - 17 March	Festival of Speed	Sydney Motorsport Park, NSW
24 March	Collingrove Hillclimb	Collingrove, SA
13 - 14 April	Vic Historics	Broadford, Vic
Easter 19 - 21 April	Broadford Bike Bonanza	Broadford, Vic
10 - 12 May	Seniors Race Meeting	Mac Park, SA
31 August – 1 September	All Historics	Wakefield Park, NSW
11 <sup>TH</sup> September	Historics and DOCSA	The Bend track day
27 - 30 September	Historic Nationals	Collie, WA
2 <sup>nd</sup> &3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Southern Classic	Broadford
28 - 29 December	SA Historic Titles	Mac Park, SA

**For Sale/Wanted**

<b>Wanted</b>	Single downtube frame to take 150cc Bultaco engine which is 375mm long	Trevor Henderson 8384 5284.
<b>Wanted</b>	JAP 350ohv timing cover and cylinder head from mid 1930's	Bob Glynn 8263 9133