
The Good Oil

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Our Secretary enjoying the State Titles on his Bully.

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	Danny AHERN	2000
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	Trevor HENDERSON	2005
	Phil BAUGHAN	2007
	Len DYSON(†Deceased)	2009
	Les Bell	2013
	Joe Ahern	2018

The Prez Sez

Being the weekend after Xmas means that our 2020 state titles at Mac Park had a practice session on New Year's Day, followed by racing on the 2nd and 3rd of January 2021.

Practice and Saturday saw high 20's for temperature and warm enough it was. Sunday saw very light drizzle that soon cleared up.

We had eleven withdrawals before we got down there, mainly NSW Covid-related, then health matters claimed a couple of others, and bike woes on Friday took a couple more. Refunds approaching \$4000 had to be returned to those that could not participate.

Practice day went smoothly enough - the track was busy without being over-crowded. Mount Gambier club ran the practice and chose to have sessions in line with our race meeting format and this worked quite well for all involved.

Rumours ran riot on Friday - nothing new there! - the big topic being Covid issues which the Mount Gambier Club Covid Marshal explained to one and all at the rider's brief. Speaking of which, come the end of the brief, there was not one question back from the riders. Nice work Chris Peak.

The first practice was held up for a few minutes with some communication issues with the medics, but once underway it was a well-oiled machine. with bikes on and off the track in a timely manner and the eighteen sessions being completed just after 12.30. Lunch was had and racing started around 1.30, and as published in the program, the racing went through to race 13.

Fields were strong and racing was good. The pick-up crew earned their money with most races appearing to have a breakdown incident to deal with. The guys doing this were just ace and nothing was too much trouble - unlike some!

The entry numbers were just fantastic and this is the first time we had all the garaging taken up prior to the start of the event. Despite the normal attrition rate, we still had good fields come Sunday. The new entry road to the track was in use and worked a treat. Good spectator numbers were experienced which was fantastic. I had managed to get two lots of script into the district newspaper, *The Border Watch*, as well as a follow-up after the event. Its sports editor, Trevor Jackson, was extremely supportive of our efforts and came out to the track on Sunday to take in the feature races. We were also able to get copy into *The SE Voice*, both before the event and after. We had good help from locals getting posters out and about around the Mount as well as other places.

The feature races were just ding dongs. I was involved at the pointy end in the Bob Jolly Memorial and was told that until the last lap I had the fastest lap of the race, only to be 'done' by 0.006 of a second! You could chuck a sheet over the front four ... it was just buckets of fun. For the first year since its inception, we decided Period 5 should be part of the Ken Blake Memorial and as such keep the memory alive. We were not to be disappointed with a new winner being Robbie Ruwoldt on his Kawasaki period 5 bike. Cookie was second on his period 4 Unlimited CB Honda and Chris 'Wayward' Hayward showed lots of younger TZ riders the way in gaining 3rd position. The field was big and will become the spectacle it used to be once again. As is often the case, Rob Lewis provided the placegetters with a bottle of wine adorned with a label prepared by him to honour his great mate Ken Blake.

Unfortunately, there were a couple of ugly red flag incidents. Sunday saw our club member Geoff Kelly make a blue and pay heavily. Fortunately, I can report Geoff is home and making good improvement having been belted into a sand trap head first rather hard. The last race of



Andy Mac doing one of his chores on the start/finish line

the meeting had Roly Orr from NSW suffer a nasty off around the right hander leading onto the back straight. He was knocked out rather badly and there was great concern for his well-being, and with ambulance attendance followed by police attendance, gossip was rife! Anyway, Roly has a pinned wrist and a sore shoulder and no doubt will feel the effects of concussion in the coming weeks. As with Geoff, he was well-cared-for at the Mount Gambier Hospital and managed to be home a week after his mishap. Fortunately, both incidents were single bike whoopsies - otherwise it would have been a lot worse.

We had a few people out and about taking some smashing photographs and they have given us licence to reproduce their work in our newsletter and website; thank you Paul Hutchins, Tony Lees, Simon Trnovsky and Denise Barratt. Hopefully Kim can post up a few of the said pics into The Good Oil - which if nothing else, adds some colour!

Well, get your bikes ready and support Mac Park and their Master of Classic Mac Park at the end of February. Entries are up on Ridernet.

The Sellicks Beach race meeting has a few more bikes this year and late entries have so far been told "no", as pits are limited in space!

The rebadged Barry Sheene / Festival of Speed etc is, as I write, not far off; hopefully entries will be out soon. I am trying to get a shed for SA riders so we can minimise germ swapping with NS Welshman! If you are thinking of going, let me know and I will see what we can do. 'Til next month, catcha!

Danny Ahern #327

Oi You ... Yeah, YOU!

Just thought I'd share a few thoughts and hope it doesn't just fall on deaf ears! The Register has flourished in recent years and is poles apart from what it was when I decided to give historic racing a go and join this club.

The State titles that we decided to go ahead with, not without some risk, showed how alive the Historic scene is. However, as it would seem in most walks of life, everything seems to be harder these days and expectations from many are more demanding ... and many see that taking is easier than giving.

Those members in our club who did not come down to Mount Gambier missed out on a great event. I must ask though, those that never came down to race or help, why are you in our club? Just a thought. We run one main event a year, so methinks, who would not want to play a part. We had a reasonable amount of people who came down to Mac park to help and that was their choice, and to those I say a huge thank you without listing you. There were also a number of those racing who still found time to make a big contribution to things that had to be done; a good example being the 80% of the scrutineering team that were happy to wander the pits for something like 3 hours, making the other riders extremely happy with the service afforded by our club. The new innovation was well received, but I know that being one of that knowledgeable team, it was a fairly hard slog. On that note, one of the guys in that little team was one of our oldest club members and he was to race two bikes over the weekend!

This brings me to the punch line. Normally with so much intense work leading into our race event, we often choose not to have a committee meeting in January. This year I chose to have one so that all the things that went on would be fresh in our minds. The three-hour committee meeting stayed on topic and was hugely constructive.

There was no doubt that the State Titles event was a huge success as seen by many. Notwithstanding this, we were able to identify what we think we did well, and where we need to do better. There was no doubt that there were more hurdles than usual in the running of this event. We had a stand-in COC who then, days out from the event, told me that due to some family issues, we may have to explore alternatives. Fortunately, this did not occur. Of course, the Covid requirements added to the load as well.

The bulk of people involved with the event, "on both sides of the fence", are just great people and appreciate all that is done by the core of volunteers that make things happen.

I just can't believe, however, some of the pettiness that is brought up over a weekend's racing. Volunteers that get battered with such pettiness soon say, "I have had enough!" To that end, how about complainers act on their grievance in a manner that doesn't involve those that do not have to be involved?!

So, just as a reminder, the current committee has dedicated people of various ages, and not one is particularly young! 64, 60, 66, 70,77, 53, 66, 64. We have a couple of major shakers and movers who are in the mid-sixties and late 70's, and a treasurer that has served for a decade. Yeah you got it, club members need to stand up to keep this club alive and vibrant or it will slowly fold up.

Just saying ... give it some thought!

Danny Ahern #32

Minutes of HMCRRSA General Meeting 17th December 2020

President Danny opened the meeting at 8:00pm at MSA Hall with apologies received from Andy McDonnell, Paul Walker, Dean Pitman, Les Bell and Kim Anderson. There were 16 members present, no visitors, and it was good to see Milky Bob and Waldo again. There were no minutes to approve as there was no meeting last month. Proceedings began with an “around the table” with the progress of many projects and the disposal of surplus bikes and bits. Personal stuff included retirement, home maintenance, a hip replacement and paving. Kate has been madly working on our program, Chris and Dan Gleeson need new tyres, Dan boots also. Con has gained a couple of tasty early Nortons, whilst Phil and Andrew Bannerman are preparing their bikes for Mac Park. Danny, down to do Mac Park this weekend, passed around a black and white program copy, the cover photo from Phillip Island in 1997 featuring 5 HMCRRSA Presidents.

President/Competition Secretary; For Mac Park, helpers are reasonable and entries great, with maximum grid numbers now 35. All sheds have been taken, and Ridernet has been OK with few errors and MSA people have been helpful. Broadford practice days now run by Champions not MAV.

Secretary stated that books laid out are available for a small donation which goes to a worthy cause.

Treasurer reported that November receipts were from entries and sponsorship, payments for T-shirts, Alice’s fee and postage, and we are still in a strong position.

New Members Fred van Loenen, Paul Herft, Chris Harding and Michael Lipczyk were welcomed.

General Business; Sellicks competitors can use Homes for Every Lifestyle’s entrant’s licence to gain another ticket. Otto asked about eligibility there, where Kate is Assistant Clerk of Course. Kym Bolto is the new MSA Road Race Manager, and they are planning more face to face meetings. The Bend, on February 14th, are catering for British bikes and cars, in lieu of the usual Echunga event. This would be a good opportunity for Levis Club to promote Sellicks. We shall send roving scrutineers in the afternoon of the Friday practice day at Mac Park, with late comers needing to visit the Scrutineering Shed on Saturday morning. Otto can assist on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Mount Gambier have a Covid sign-on, Neil is our Covid Marshal and everyone only has to sign-on once. Danny will check out the situation this weekend. There was discussion on Internet coverage at Mac Park and dates for 2021 Nationals with regards to clashes of major events.

Pizza arrived, prompting closure of the meeting at 9:05 pm.



John Inkster leading the smelly and loud 2-stroke brigade.

Coming to Terms with Ridernet

Unless you compete at race meetings or you're an official, this may not mean very much to you. However, "Ridernet" is Motorcycle Australia's online licencing and events system and a one-stop shop for all aspects of motorcycling sport.

Did you know that each and every HMCRRSA club member has a Ridernet profile?

Many of you would be aware that having club membership is a mandatory requirement before you can receive or renew a competition licence (whether a "full annual" or a "one event" licence) and to enter a race event.

Currently all HMCRRSA club membership payments are made directly to the club (via cash or EFT) and we do endeavour to update memberships into Ridernet as quickly as possible following payment of all membership fees. This is particularly important at this time of the year for those club members who are looking to either renew race licences and/or enter race meetings using Ridernet.

The committee is, however, currently looking into the feasibility of accepting membership applications and renewals via Ridernet (in addition to the current payment options) which would have the added bonus of automatically updating a membership status without our manual input. We will of course keep you updated on any progress.

We realise that a small number of riders may have previously had difficulty using Ridernet as a result of a few hiccups with the data base and sometime because of delays updating a rider's membership status.

For members who regularly compete at race meetings it is particularly important to periodically check and, if necessary, update their Ridernet profile along with details of all race bikes. In particular, omissions of emergency contact details, medical and other background information not only makes it difficult for us to update your membership status but may have an impact on your safety and wellbeing.

If any club member is having difficulty accessing their Ridernet profile, updating their license or entering an event, contact MSA or Chris Hayward for assistance.



Dave Barrett got some laps in on Friday before gear selection plagued him

Indefatigable

I love that word, which the dictionary defines as “untiring”. Years ago, there was a “Music Hall” TV show, “The Good Old Days”, at the start of which the announcer would acknowledge “Bernard Hermann and his Indefatigable Orchestra”. In Army Reserve days, we had attached to our unit a self-contained “Bath Unit” which included a water tank, pump, heater, hoses and enough poles and canvas to set up a temporary shower block. Carried on the back of a truck, the crew would be given a set of navigational coordinates and head to some remote location to

shower the troops so they could bear to be near each other. Upon their return from one of these tasks, a Warrant Officer dubbed them “The Indefatigable Bath Detachment”.

Could this also describe we who committed to our State Titles, whether racing or working at the meeting? Having back-to-back races for most of the weekend, which meant doing 4 laps on the Bully then leaping off that and on to the BSA, I was thankful for the bit of extra time when there was a pick-up happening. As Saturday was rather warm, the chance to remove my helmet and re-hydrate couldn't come quickly enough. Fortunately, Sunday was a little cooler, though a “sea mist” and a bit of drizzle meant the first race presented some of us with a visibility problem. But soldier on we did, and the reward was in having done our best, and enjoyed ourselves.

Now, when can we do it all again? There's the Classic Master of Mac Park at the end of February, and I've already committed to the Sellicks Beach races a fortnight later. The Old Bike Australasia Classic Challenge (Festival of Speed) is on at Sydney Motor Sport Park (Eastern Creek) on the 19th to 21st March, and the Atujara Club should be running their Collingrove Hillclimb around then. We are due to be part of the Sporting Car Club's Historic Mallala weekend in April, so there's no reason to let the machines go rusty!

Are we INDEFATIGABLE?

Thumbs Up and change right,
Trevor Henderson #55.



Andy Mac working the start line as Cookie takes the flag

Secretary's Report January 2021

We did it! The 2020 South Australian Historic Road Racing Championships have been run and won, and for those who chose not to go, you missed a good one! Despite the threat of Covid-19 and the withdrawal of several NSW competitors, we went ahead and ran a great event for our race-starved enthusiasts. The worst injuries were to Roly Orr and our own Geoff Kelly, and we wish a speedy recovery to both. There were some excellent performances by our Club Members, notably Simon Cook as top P4 Unlimited who had the measure of Rob Ruwoldt's P5 machine in the scratch events but had to yield to him in the Ken Blake Memorial, which was opened to P5 for the first time. There was a healthy turnout of P3, P4 and P5 for it, so it would seem the Committee made a good decision. Third in the "Blake" was Chris Hayward who was also prominent on his TZ350 and SR500 in Period 5, 350cc and 500cc categories. Nathaniel Wilson, Andy and Louis Pitman and Gavin Thus raced hard in P5, whilst John Inkster on his 350 Aermacchi and 500 Suzuki placed and won in Period 4. Drop a few cc's and Peter Heles on his CZ deprived the Yamahas of a Period 4 250cc win. "Bob Jolly" spoils went to Peter O'Neill on a Ducati with Danny Ahern in 3rd, whilst Brett Metcalf took out the "LC Cup" again followed by Nathaniel and the Pitman boys, Louis and Andy.

Hats off to those who volunteered for weekend work (without penalty rates!) Kate Clarke did a stupendous job as Race Secretary, ably supported by Mandy Walker with Paul on pit exit; Dean, Neil and Bob on the gate (aided and abetted by Kim Anderson), Andy and Trish as starters, plus Chief Scrutineer Phil and his "apprentices". Then there was Chris Peake (Clerk of Course), Verlaine Bell (Steward), Shannon doing the timing, the flaggies, Event Medical Plus and the pickup crew. To all of you, THANKS!!

Next month will be our Annual Presentation Night, and many performances from the State Titles will determine the winners of some of the Period Awards, the Clubman of the Year and the Les Diener Memorial Trophy.

Trevor Henderson, Secretary.

Minutes of HMCRRSA Committee Meeting 5th January 2021

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm at MSA Hall with Danny Ahern, Kate Clarke, Andy McDonnell, John Inkster, Paul Walker, Chris Hayward, Neil Watson, Bob Balestrin and Trevor Henderson present, and an apology from Dean Watson. This was to be an opportunity for a postmortem on the State Titles whilst it was fresh in our minds. Turning 64, Chris found that "we will still need him and we will still feed him", with a cheesecake provided for the occasion. Danny spoke of accidents to Geoff Kelly and Roly Orr, and of Phil Baughan's examination of Roly's bike. We each had a turn to give our thoughts and opinions regarding the State Titles. Kate spoke of the problems with liaison between HMCRRSA and MGMCC, and issues with Race Control communications, printer connections, the lack of a photocopier, extended licences for Victorians and the absence of wine at sign-on, (Race Packs used to be sent out). Ridernet is getting better and nearly everyone said thanks for a family-friendly event. Mandy was great in support, Event Medical Plus were very good and the pick-up guys very efficient. Neil and Bob noted problems in getting ambulances through locked gates - better signage is needed. It was a tough job on the gate with no break, no lunch and no view of the races.

John wondered if there was a better way to ensure numbers for the next race were displayed and commented on the “pickup in progress” sign when races were delayed and speeding in the pits.

Paul felt Kate needed more people to handle the workload, and the office was filthy initially, and the fridge was turned off. Can we tag the radios, as it is difficult to retrieve the last one?

Trevor believed we needed more manpower overall, though those we had were good.

Chris said not everyone had their Scrutineering Sheets when we came to check their bikes, but it ran smoothly from a rider’s viewpoint and everyone gave the meeting the “thumbs up”.

Andy stated that the grid numbers needed painting, there is too much chatter over the radios, and interstaters think that MGMCC ran the meeting. He was advised that the Covid plan worked well.

Danny then re-iterated that a 5 minute then 2 minute warning before each race was necessary, and it was great that we all came tonight. The Club needs a succession order for replacing aging Office Bearers, and we should have a postmortem meeting with Mount Gambier President Alex and their Committee.

Meeting closed at 10:30pm.



Greg Kennedy circulated well all weekend

MEETING # 2/2020

CLUB POINTS AFTER "MASTER OF MACPARK"; 3RD & 4TH OCTOBER

NO.	NAME	PERIOD	CAPACITY	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	FEATURE RACE 4	MEETING TOTAL	PREVIOUS POINTS	TOTAL
34	CHRIS HAYWARD	5	350	1st/25	DNF/0	DNS/0	DNS/0	25	0	25
45	NATHANIEL WILSON	5	250	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	43	} 169	
45a	NATHANIEL WILSON	5	350	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	56		
45a	NATHANIEL WILSON	5	500	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	70		
53	ROBIN WILLIAMS	5	250	3rd/18	3rd/18	3rd/18	4th/17	71	0	71
55	TREVOR HENDERSON	3	125	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	64	} 88	
55	TREVOR HENDERSON	3	350	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	24		
74	GAVIN LEWIS	5	250	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	0	} 0	
74	GAVIN LEWIS	5	350	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	0		
82	ANDY PITMAN	5	350	2nd/20	1st/25	1st/25	2nd/20	90	0	90
106	CHRIS PEAKE	5	U/L	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	66		66
134	GAVIN THUS	5	250	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	87		87
310	GEOFF KELLY	3	500	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	58	} 106	
310a	GEOFF KELLY	3	U/L	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	48		
311	DAN GLEESON	3	700	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	55		55
327	DANNY AHERN	3	500	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	55	} 95	
327	DANNY AHERN	5	500	DID	NOT	COMPETE	0	40		

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Joe Ahern and Noel Heenan in their Jack Findlay regalia

2020 Dates

Date	Event	Venue
27 th 28 th February 2021	Classic Master of Mac Park	Mac Park
13 th 14 th March 2021	Sellicks Beach Races	Sellicks Beach
19 th – 21 st March 2021	Festival of Speed	Sydney Motorsport Park
17 th 18 th April 2021	All Historic Cars and Bikes, by invitation	Mallala
11 th 12 th September 2021	Hartwell Seniors	Broadford

For Sale/Wanted

Wanted	Single downtube frame to take 150cc Bultaco engine which is 375mm long	Trevor Henderson 8384 5284.
For sale	BSA ZM21 cases and crank, fair offer will secure	Danny Ahern 0407 826 951
For sale	BSA BM21 cases and crank, fair offer will secure	Danny Ahern 0407 826 951
For sale	Fibreglass Handlebar Fairing with Screen for \$100:00	Otto Muller 8263 5533



Danny Ahern proving that he can overtake



Geoff Kelly before his weekend went pear-shaped

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