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2007 Club Champions

1 Ray Challis 2 Rob Braune 3 Bill Cutler



**DON'T MISS THE NEXT
GENERAL MEETING!**

8pm sharp Wednesday January 30

Bells Hotel, Moray Street South Melbourne

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2008 TORQUE SETTINGS!

Track	Dates	Type	Date Confirmed
Calder	2-3 February	State Race	Yes
Sandown	1-2 March	State Race	Yes
Phillip Island	7-9 March	VHRR Phillip Island Classic - Golden Oldie	Yes
Calder	April 5	VHRR Day/Night event	Yes
Phillip Island	17-18 May	State Race	Yes
Winton	24-25 May	Austin 7 - Winton Historics - Golden Oldie	Yes
Sandown	26-27 July	State Race	Yes
Winton	23-24 August	State Race	Yes
Phillip Island	18-19 October	State Race	Yes
Sandown	8-9 November	VHRR Historic Sandown - Golden Oldie	Not yet
Phillip Island	22-23 November	Island Magic	Not yet



Club Man??
More like Porn Man

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TREASURER'S REPORT

As at 31-Dec-07	\$
ANZ Chq A/c 3074 - 69225	5,668.08
ANZ Term Deposit 9826 - 45309, 7.00% [Due 13/04/2008]	17,022.53
ANZ V2S Account 907696270 , 5.45%	12,796.21
Esanda Debenture 100125166 , 5.35% [Due 27/02/2008]	1,123.45
TOTAL FUNDS	36,610.27

Notes:

- Cheque account balance includes \$5,440 that we need to pay out to Waverley Party Hire for P/Island marquees in mid March. We shall need to drawer down on the V2 account for that.
- In December 2007 we added \$8,000 to the term deposit as there was an ANZ offer of 7% on term deposits.
- Detailed MYOB accounts to 31/12/07 will be tabled at the next c'tee meeting.
- No bill for annual trophies yet. Assume around \$3,500.

Contributors

Mat Jager
Graham Slater
Darren Knight
Anyone else we've missed



JUST QUICKLY

Club Champion 2007	Ray Challis
Runner-up 2007	Rob Braune
2nd Runner-up 2007	Bill Cutler
Ken Raper Memorial 2007	Helen Lindner
Norm Beechey Trophy 2007.....	Paul Cruse
Ian Jones Memorial 2007	Rob Braune
Rookie of the Year 2007	Michael Hibbert
Clubman of the year 2007	Mat Jager
Team Award 2007	Team Hollywood
Hard Luck Award 2007.....	Johnny Luxmoore

Hi all, and Happy New Year. This "mini" newsletter is mainly to let you know what the 2008 Calendar is that our first general meeting of the year is **Wednesday Jan 30 at Bells Hotel**.

The editor and other regular contributors have been, or still are, on holidays so we've cobbled this together for you.

I'd like to congratulate all those who ran last year. We set many records for entries, including maximum grid sizes, number of members who entered events and the average number of events entered per member was the highest ever. Thanks to everyone who ran, helped others to run or lent a hand helping organise events and/or volunteered. Let's hope we can keep up the momentum.

By all accounts the Presentation night was a great success, albeit in "shitters ditch west". Congratulations to Ray Challis for a superb Club Championship win this year; bagging the inaugural John Mann Trophy. Ray also won the CAMS state series from Tony Hubbard and myself as well as picking up class and historic wins - well done. And it was lucky Rob Braune travelled all the way from Portland for the presentation night as he won LOTS including the coveted Ian Jones Memorial, awarded to the person who best personifies Group Nc.

There are so many more names to mention, which I'll try to next month. But one I must mention however, is Team Hollywood and it's driver - Andy Clempson. He ran every round on our calendar last year and managed to lunch almost the same number of engines. But being the Club player he is, kept coming back for more - well done mate!

Phillip Island Classic

3 weeks until entries close. Just quickly - under 3lt over subscriber by huge numbers. Over 3lt still some!

To be or not Nb

There's a letter in this newsletter from Bill Trengrove. He's questioning the future of Na/Nb. These cars seem to be making up less and less of the grids these days. On the other hand Nc Toranas made up approx 27% of our grids last year!!!

Bill would like to have some discussion in the club about this trend. The membership appears to be going through a generational change. The Christmas party had several tables on younger members, which was great to see. But maybe the older Na/Nb cars aren't as appealing to younger members as a Torana or Charger?? Should we continue with over and under?? Or should we for the sake of saving our heritage go back to Nb and Nc grids? Does

it really make that much difference? Will it encourage Nb cars back? The under 3 litre race at Phillip Island Classic is generally regarded as one of the best races of the year. But is that because the BMW, Datsun and Mazda are so evenly matched? They are all Nc anyway. And further back in that race are the Minis and Cortinas fighting it out amongst themselves. And they're all Nb.

I think it's a worthy topic to talk about!

Pointscore

The final pointscore for 2007, which will be printed in full in next months magazine, was one of the closest I can remember. With the little "tweak" we agreed to make for this year, we should see it even closer. Hold onto ye hats, there could be some big surprises!

Calendar

The 2008 Calendar is printed opposite. There is one extra event that we didn't know about until quite late last year - The VHRR day/night run at Calder. The track, we've been told will be modified by then. The entry fee will be inexpensive and there's not much travel involved. Let's see a good support for it.

Renewals

You would have noticed in December last year you received your Club renewal with a stamped, self addressed envelope. This was a trial and has been very successful with almost 50% of memberships already renewed. You can see that reflected in the financials on the opposite page. For those who haven't renewed yet, please don't leave it until the week before your first event.

Social fun

The Club will again, this year, try to organise something outside of the race track where we and are families and friend can get together and have some fun. Let's hope you, the members, actually support it this year!

See you Wednesday 30. *Jervis*



Presidento Parrot has goaded me into writing a January snippet - it was to have ben bigger but the parrot on a hot tin roof was fast with the format,leaving a bit for me to fill in. Speaking of parrots on hot tin roofs (Or is it rooves? A bit like poofs or pooves I guess...) it'll be 41 degrees down here at Lorne tomorrow they reckon and then the cackling, squawking feathered fools will have to go sit somewhere else and bite somebody else's house for a change. Pooves.

Gosh I seem to have a touch of the CarMa Reports about me at the moment, must have something to do with being teddibly relaxed old chap, and just blithering away to make up the column inches so I can get back to painting the a repaired roof I where the ants had eaten the bits that the cockies left.

Person-holy, I'm looking forward to having a ball this year, after the Fahrtensturmer has been re-done, panel beaten and screwed back together. This year marks my 25th in the Club and I have to say how proud I am to have been there at almost the beginning, and to see the Club now, stronger than ever but still with same sense of camaraderie and fun. Seeing pics of the wheel-lifting Southouse ex-Zinner Humpty at Historic Sandown (below) sent me scurrying to the files for pics of Cortina version 1.1 which for a time had a fine display of wavy wheel and found this one. **The challenge is on - anybody got something higher?** (No kerb assist, sorry Ray - opposite!) I also came across a copy of the artwork for T-shirts made to celebrate the perverse persistance in staying a Benalla bloodhouse called the Farmer's Arms, which was a hoot and the font of many a fine story. Anyway, the Farmers Arms Racing Team was duly coined and T-Shirts made, some of which were presented to the pub itself, much to their boozy delight, with several sold to Appendix J persons to cover the costs. It helped when we rang the pub looking for accommodation which they didn't always allow to strangers, but when I said "It's the Farmers Arms Racing Team here" and was rejoined by "Is youse The Farts? Yeah, no wuckers..." Them's were the days, lads.



The mag will hopefully continue at full strength from this month, please send your bits and pieces in, by the middle of every month if you can. I wish you a great year's fun motorsport. *Ralphie*

