

THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA
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Members

A general update for you:

Night Rally 18th June. A great success with 10 cars and 24 heads at the dining table after the rally including three teenagers!. Somehow the rain stayed away and the moon even came out as we travelled some of the back roads around Wisemans Ferry and along the Hawkesbury. Many thanks to Jeremy and Todd. It will be on again next year.

Woolwich Dock Display 19th June. Disappointingly this was cancelled due to very wet weather. Nevertheless thanks to Phil Kinsella for all the work that went into it anyway.

Royal Automobile Club invitation Wednesday 6th July. Six of our cars attended this event at the RAC in Macquarie Street last Wednesday night and gave a short presentation on each to the RAC members. Present were: Tim Shellshear 1932 MG F Magna, Richard Walton 1923 Vauxhall 30-98 Velox, Dave Stuart 1923 Vauxhall 23-60 Kington, Don Harrington 1924 Hotchkiss AM, Rees Mackay 1933 Riley 9/14 sports and Steven Figgis 1937 Riley 15/6 Sedanca dhc. So we put on a very good pre-war representation of our club cars. Driving through the city worked out OK, much to our relief, and the heavy showers of rain gave us a break to get home in. Thanks to those who attended.

Powerhouse Museum Castle Hill 17th July. The Powerhouse Museum advises that a visit will not be possible on this date due to upgrades and changes in the Powerhouse format. We will have to postpone this visit until 2017.

Kings School All British Display Day 28th August. Do not be deterred by last year's appalling traffic jam, we understand significant improvement in traffic management will be in place. Tickets have risen to \$10 and are available from Secretary Rees Mackay on the phone number below. We only have 20 this year so as always first in first served.

Cootamundra Sprints 3rd September. Entries are steadily rolling in and I have repeated the sup regs and invitation as attachments above. Accommodation in Cootamundra is always tight at this time of year so don't delay.

40th Anniversary of Historic Racing 17-18th September. This event known as **The 40th Anniversary of the Vintage Sports Car Club's First All Historic Race Meeting** is being organised and promoted by the Wakefield Park Organisation with the secretarial and organising assistance from a trio of enthusiasts being Rob Rowe, John Medley and John Lackey. This is a good arrangement for our Club and the least we can do is give it as much support as possible. I particularly want to appeal to pre 1961 cars to come and run in the regularity events. The fields for these will be based on lap times so you will be sharing the track with cars of similar times either pre-war or post-war. It's all in the sup regs which are attached above. Wakefield is a very safe track with plenty of open space either side of the track so a good safe weekend is virtually assured. The management have announced an entry fee that is remarkably economical in today's terms. An entry fee of \$220 for the weekend which includes the hire of a Dorian timer is exceptional value. Carport hire at \$55 or a lock up garage for \$110 is recommended, but if that's too much cars can be parked in open areas as well. For regularity drivers please note roll bars and seat belts are not required and the only real modification needed is to catch that excess oil in some kind of catch tank like a wired on milk bottle on the end of the crankcase breather. Also for regularity drivers Wakefield will issue a one off weekend AASA club licence for the all up cost of \$25 available at the track. So in the long tradition of the VSCCA and our 10 years of organising historic meetings, from the first in 1976 until 1986 when other clubs took over, please give this event your fullest support. If you have not participated in the very enjoyable regularity event format now is the time to start. I attach two pages from the 1976 programme to illustrate the kind of cars, both vintage cars and sports cars, that ran in regularity then.

Jazz and Tiger-moths on the Hawkesbury Saturday 5th November. Dave Stuart is organising what sounds like a marvellous picnic day on the Hawkesbury on Saturday 5th November. Info for the event is attached above.

Vale. Members will be saddened to know that **Ernie Baxter** passed away on the 22nd June. Ernie made the grand age of 96 and never lost his interest in our kind of cars, particularly MGs. In recent years he drove less, but managed to get to many club meetings with lifts from our northern members.

Last week **Charles Jardine** passed away all too young in his mid 70's. Charles was not a club member, but made a considerable contribution to historic racing. Charles ran in the first All Historic Amaroo driving Rees Mackay's Riley in regularities, and later was Clerk of Course for several of the VSCC meetings at Amaroo, then the MGCC and HSRCA, and was instrumental in establishing Festival of Sports Cars to cater for amateur motor sport, which culminated in the first club race meetings at Bathurst for over 35 years. His contribution to amateur motor sport, as distinct from motor racing, and historic racing in particular, was immense. Charles commenced organising our own 40th Anniversary meeting last year for us, and before his illness had given the event considerable shape. Charles's brother Rob is of course one of our club members and we offer him our condolences.

At the General Meeting on 12th June. Car of the Month will be Steven Figgis's 1937 Riley sedanca drop head. This beautiful one off coach built Riley on a 15/6 Kestrel chassis has just come back from a four year restoration and is absolutely fabulous. DO NOT MISS THIS CAR!. Two photos above taken at the RAC

Happy vintage motoring.

Tim Shellshear
President

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