

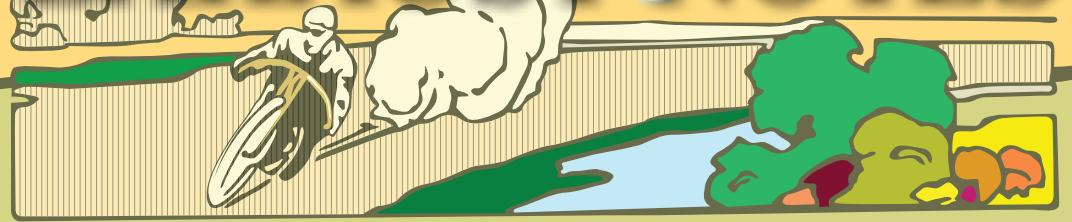
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## 50TH MARYBOROUGH RALLY

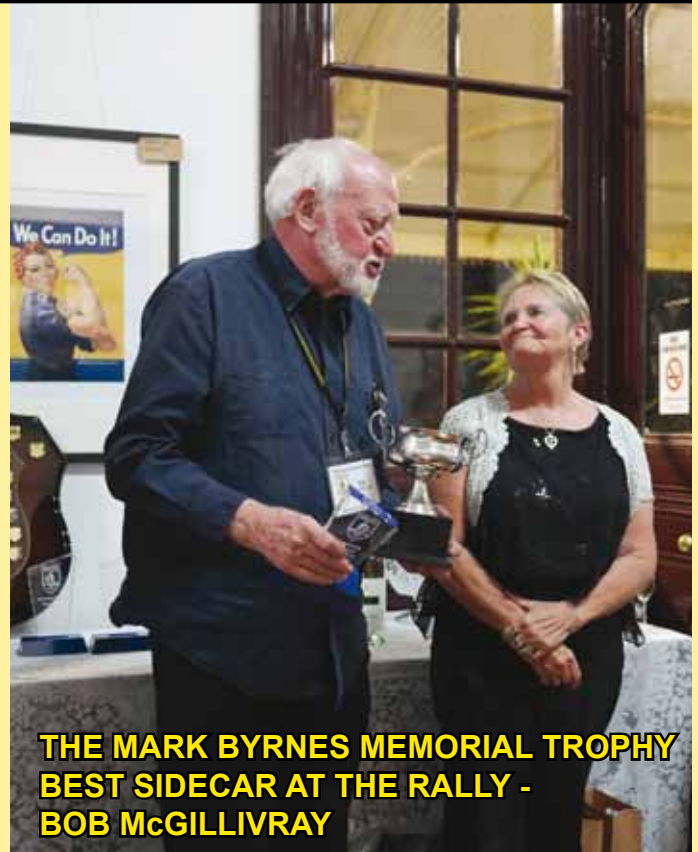




# MARYBOROUGH RALLY AWARDS



**PHIL IRVING MEMORIAL TROPHY -  
RIDERS' CHOICE - ALAN GREENWAY  
PRESENTED BY EDITH IRVING**



**THE MARK BYRNES MEMORIAL TROPHY  
BEST SIDECAR AT THE RALLY -  
BOB MCGILLIVRAY**



**PRESIDENT'S AWARD -  
TRISH AND DARYL STAYCHES**



**BEST VINTAGE BIKE AT RALLY -  
MALCOLM COX**



**THE SIMON STREET MEMORIAL TROPHY  
BEST VETERAN AT THE RALLY -  
GRAHAME HUNTER**



**BEST POST VINTAGE BIKE AT THE RALLY  
- MATTHEW GELLERT**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After the euphoria of a great Maryborough Rally, I have to do my report. I'm sure you will all agree with me that there is a new sense of pride in the Club and with all the popular events happening, it is very enjoyable and an exciting time to be a member of The Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria.

On a sad note, Wes Vickers, Terry Ryan and Pauline Carter, the wife of Clive Carter passed away recently. Committee Members, Members and I attended their funerals. Our condolences go out to their families and friends, they will be sadly missed.

Our membership is growing, we are conducting more events and we are being sought out by organisations to show our magnificent bikes. There is an awakening in the community of the beauty and desirability of owning a Vintage and, or a Veteran motorcycle. We are now considered privileged and lucky to be able to ride such historic machines.

The Club is supporting such events as the Clunes Truck Show, the recent Melbourne Museum Event, the National Trust Rippon-Lea event, Beaumaris Concourse Display Day, Bayles Combined Run, Bayswater Display Day (a resounding success thanks to John Fletcher), Kalorama Display Day, Classic Winton and now we have been invited by the VSCC, Rob Roy Hill Climb organiser to exhibit our bikes at Rob Roy at their event in August. There, our bikes will be in pride of place amongst Bugatti's, Bentley's, MG's, and Alfa Romeo's. There is also a chance we may be able to ride up the track and if we can find at least five members with a CAMS Licence, a timed event will be organised.

In the coming months we have a full program of events. Scoresby Swap on 8th of April, Brian Tyler's Diamond Creek PSM Run on the 22nd April, Jim Swanton's Alexandra Rally on 5th - 6th May and Rippon Lea on 13th May.

The other exciting news is that by the time you receive this newsletter, our new Web Site will be up and running. It has been a long time desire of mine to update the Web Site and to make it accessible and useable by Club Members and the general public.

Stay Safe and Stay Upright

*Denis Reed-Smith*

## EDITORIAL



Thank you to Jonathan Hill for his book report; Chris Seufert, Denis Reed-Smith, Mark Gustke, Cooper Brownlee and Mick Guilfoyle for articles and or photos.

Heather and I enjoyed a cruise around New Zealand's South Island in February and caught up

with Bruce Rickard who is restoring a 1915 Rover similar to ours. He is in the same Christchurch Club as Bevars Binnie.

On 5th March, Denis Reed-Smith, Brian Tyler, Mick Guilfoyle, Ray Babb and myself attended training for our new Club Web-Site.

Our 50th Anniversary Maryborough Rally was a beauty. Pleasing to see over 70 bikes there and the entrants having such a good time. It was my 11th consecutive rally, but the first time I've seen the inside of the

magnificent railway station and been to the monument on the hill. Angela Chaplin said "that they had never been up there in the early rallies, because if they had, her father Paddy Walsh would probably have thrown the kids off one by one"!

As with all rallies some bikes have a propensity not to proceed - so most of the riders so unfortunate, pitched in and drove or assisted with back up or as roving mechanics.

Déjà vu. On the first Maryborough Rally club founder Dave Dumble took a young Graeme Wilson on the pillion of his Douglas. Fifty years later Graeme took Dave on the pillion of his Moto Guzzi. Graeme had entered his veteran Chater-Lea which developed ignition problems. After a fair amount of pushing in the hot sun, Ivor Awty rigged the bike up into the air using his truck's crane, Suspended 30 cm above the ground Graeme pedalled furiously, and had the bike running - a sight to behold!

Alan Scoble rode the same Indian on the Rally that he'd been on the pillion with his father in an early 1970's Maryborough Rally.

A big thank you to John Ferguson for lending the "Ever Onward" and Peter Fleming for lending the "round tank BSA" that were on the first rally ridden then by Warren Hicks and Joy Pobjoy respectively.

*John Cox*



**MICK GUILFOYLE AT GREAT RACE IN MANSFIELD**



**MARYBOROUGH RALLY**

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Kevin Hammond and Kath Dobson, Robert Griffiths, Craig Hall, John and Shirley Hartnett, Glenn Hopkins, Graeme Jeffery, John Lofts, Michael Munday and Brian Williams.

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## GENERAL MEETING 1st FEBRUARY 2018

Meeting opened 8.10 pm

Mr. Chris Seufert of MODD gave an excellent presentation on the development of the Club's new web site. He will convene a training meeting for office bearers and/or those that will have responsibility for its operation.

Apologies: R. Franklin, T. Ryan, C. Carter, B. Dawson, P. Walsh, K. Barnard, P. Zwolinski, M. Kilpatrick.

Minutes: Accepted as read in current Exhaust Notes.

Moved J. Cox, Seconded B. Curley - Carried

Matters Arising: J. Cox spoke on his liaison with VicRoads Principal Practice Advisor on the matter of Scrutineers not being recognised for the purpose of signing renewal applications for Club Permits. Hopefully VicRoads will follow their part of their agreement to allow such signings.

Correspondence In: Various newsletters; Invite to display bikes at Melbourne museum; emails re 50th Maryborough Rally; Invites to Ballarat Begonia Rally and Scoresby Steamfest; two new membership applications.

Moved Don McGillivray, Seconded Bob McGillivray - Carried  
Correspondence Out: Acceptance to display bikes at Melbourne Museum.

Moved N. Hunter, Seconded N. Robert - Carried

Treasurer's Report: as at 31st January 2018

General Account               \$7,739.22

Rally Account                 \$5,942.53

Investment Account       \$54,515.00 reinvest for 12 months.

Moved L. James, Seconded J. Fletcher - Carried

Rally Reports: Club Captain, Mick Guilfoyle reported on the Peter McAliece Memorial Run where five of our members attended; Lindsay James spoke of the "Great Race" held in the Mansfield area; Neville Hunter spoke of the Blackwood Run with the AMCC - possibly a new location for 2019. Mick Guilfoyle outlined upcoming rallies and John Fletcher spoke on Bayswater Display. John Cox said David James would like members to display their bikes at Historic Winton and for them to notify him by 16th May so that tickets can be posted to them. Denis Reed-Smith gave an outline on the upcoming 50th Maryborough Rally. John Mepstead said he will attend the Feb. 10th Federation Meeting.

Russel Catling displayed his barn found 1938 BMW which was sold new from Pratt and Osborne of Geelong.

General Business:

Questions on sidecar rules from Neville Hunter.

Questions on Member's Section in new web site regarding swap and exchange.

Tony Edwards searching for details on a kick starter for a 1914 Douglas 500cc.

Angela Chaplin spoke on the recent Phillip Island Classic where only one pre-war motorcycle was entered.

John Mepstead attended the Goulburn, NSW swap meet saying it was for bike related items only and was well run.

Meeting Closed at 9.38 pm.

## COMMITTEE MEETING 8th FEB. 2018

Meeting opened - 7.55 pm

Present: Denis Reed-Smith, Ken Miller, John Fletcher. Michael Guilfoyle, Phil Horner, John Street.

Apologies: B. Curley, John Cox.

Minutes of previous meeting: As read.

Business arising: Nil

Moved John Street, Seconded John Fletcher - Carried

Correspondence In: Emails - Article in Pyrenees Advocate newspaper on forthcoming Maryborough 50th Anniversary Rally; Certificate of Currency JLT Insurance received; two new

membership applications received - Kevin Hammond and Brian Rice - approved.

Correspondence Out: Letter to Knox Leader Newspaper/Josh Fagan thanking them for their article promoting the Display Day; Email to Pyrenees Advocate/Joanne Westin thanking her for Maryborough Article.

Moved Phil Horner, Seconded Mick Guilfoyle - Carried  
Treasurers Report: as per General Meeting

Moved John Street, Seconded Mick Guilfoyle - Carried  
General Business :

Ken Miller approached Clunes Historic Truck Show organiser Ian Glasson to confirm that the Club will be attending. He thanked us and stated we would have a special area fenced off for us to display the bikes.

Denis Reed-Smith reported that two new trophies would be presented at Maryborough Rally. The Simon Street Memorial Trophy for Best Veteran at Rally and the Mark Byrnes Memorial Trophy for Best Outfit at the rally. Trophies for these and other awards are being prepared.

Mick Guilfoyle reported Rally Badges under way

Ken Miller reported Tee Shirts under way.

John Fletcher reported he is applying to Knox Council for \$300 Grant for Bayswater Display Day.

Meeting Closed 9.10 pm.

## GENERAL MEETING 1st MARCH 2018

Meeting opened 8.17 pm

Apologies: R. Franklin, P. Walsh, J. Dargie, M. Morse, D. Dumble.

New Member Mike Munday owner of a 1935 Velocette Two-Stroke was welcomed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting; Moved J. Mepstead, Seconded R. McGillivray - Carried

Correspondence In: Various newsletters; Invoice for Maryborough; Request for lowering motorcycle eligibility age for club permit. Six new membership applications.

Correspondence Out: Thank you letters to Knox Leader and J. Harrington of Mad Biker shop re Bayswater.

Moved A. Chaplin, Seconded V. Minogue - Carried

Treasurer's Report: as at 28th February 2018

General Account   \$7,372.32

Rally Account               \$4,737.00

Investment Account   \$54,515.00

Moved N. Babb, Seconded J. Fletcher - Carried

Rally Reports: Club Captain, Mick Guilfoyle reported on Bayswater Display (31 bikes and 60 members there); Cheyenne Social Club ride to Walhalla had some of our members attend; Denis Reed-Smith, Mick Guilfoyle and John Mepstead checking route of Maryborough Rally this week-end; Kalorama, Ariel Rally, Scoresby are all soon. Assistance at Scoresby Swap required on Saturday setup and at the swap. Alexandra Rally routes are set. Rippon Lea Display (14 members said will bring bikes); Paul Aslanides spoke on the recent Drouin Run by the 2-Stroke Club.

Spares: Alwyn Babb arranging to get in spokes.

Apparel: Contact Ken Miller for T-Shirts.

Federation report: John Mepstead said investigation into personalised Club Permit plates and that transfer of a deceased persons club permit can be made to a 'de facto' who provides a statutory declaration.

General Business:

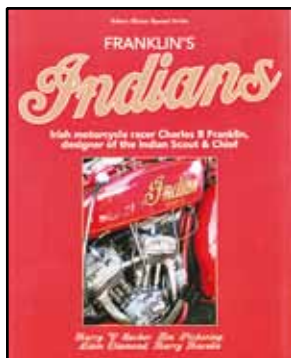
Neville Hunter said VicRoads have a new form for Club Permit applications. These can be downloaded from VicRoads website. Training for our new website is this coming Monday.

Matthew Gellert is seeking an Ariel 4 Square frame.

Meeting Closed at 9.00 pm.

## COMMITTEE MEETING 8th MARCH 2018 NOT HELD





## BOOK REVIEW

by Jonathan Hill  
"Franklin's Indians"

Irish motorcycle racer Charles B. Franklin, designer of the Indian Scout and Chief Authors: Harry V. Sucher, Tim Pickering, Liam Diamond, Harry Havelin.

Charles Franklin, the first Irish motorcycle racing superstar,

was born in Dublin in 1880 where he quickly became involved in motorcycle racing during the pioneer years. He rapidly established himself as both a rider and tuner, particularly of Indian machines. One of the instigators of the Isle of Man TT races, he consistently finished in the top eight and in 1911, riding an Indian, claimed second place, a remarkable achievement in itself. But it was when he moved in 1916 to the Indian concern in Springfield, USA, where he later became the Chief Design Engineer, that his genius really became apparent. His design catapulted Indian back into the forefront of motorcycle design in the 1920s and '30s and his racing engines and motorcycles won much glory for Indian.

The Indian Scout and Chief are two of the best known and best loved of all classic American motorcycles. The man who designed them, Charles Franklin, was responsible for many advanced design concepts including remarkable improvements in side-valve combustion chamber design that pre-dated the work of Ricardo. His 600cc Scout of 1920 was an all-new integrated design. Ground breaking features included its double-loop full cradle frame, unitized semi-unit construction engine with enclosed valves, and geared primary drive. On a "works" Indian Freddy Dixon took second place in the 1923 Senior TT in the Isle of Man.

Intending to stay in America for only six months, Franklin never returned to Ireland, being joined by his wife and daughter in 1920. Tragically, this refined, enigmatic man died of cancer in 1932 at the age of 52. Charles Franklin was in the thick of all the engineering activity at Indian. He was still the man in charge of design engineering. The design work he performed or co-ordinated during the 1930-32 period laid the foundation for the new, modern Indians that would see the company out to the end of its day in 1953. This excellent book not only chronicles Franklin's fascinating family history and life and times in Ireland, but also contains detailed descriptions of early TT races. Much new light is also shed on the history of Indian motorcycles and the often turbulent times of the Indian Motorcycle Company itself. An absolutely essential book for Indian enthusiasts and motorcycle historians alike. This is, in my opinion, one of the best motorcycle history books in recent years.

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## RUSSEL CATLING'S PRESENTATION WITH A PRE-WAR BMW BARN FIND



## THE ONLY PRE-WAR RACER AT PHILLIP ISLAND CLASSIC



## PETER MCALIECE MEMORIAL RIDE WITH THE INDIAN CLUB - 21<sup>ST</sup> JAN.



## NINE OF OUR BIKES AT MUSEUM DISPLAY - 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY



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# The Vintage Motor Cycle Club of Victoria Inc.

Reg. A0006534



Run Co-Ordinator  
Jim Swanton

## ALEXANDRA RALLY 2018

5th and 6th May, 2018



For motorcycles manufactured up to 31st December, 1942  
and military machines up to 1945.

### ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 27th April, 2018

Accommodation is the responsibility of each entrant. Suggested accommodation is listed below:

- Alexandra Tourist Park : 03 5772 1222
- Alexandra Motor Inn : 03 5772 2077

Any further queries contact Jim Swanton on 03 5772 1549

### RUN DETAILS

#### Saturday 5th May:

Run leaves Alexandra information centre at 11.30 am sharp for a short run to Yarck for lunch. Return Run is back to Alexandra via Highlands and Yea. Run is approx. 130 km. Note: as with last year the Saturday Run is in the reverse direction to earlier runs. This is so we can take in the magnificent panoramic vistas that previously were only seen from a rear vision mirror.

#### Sunday 6th May:

Run commences at 10.00 am sharp from Alexandra Tourist Park (the caravan park) for a run of approx. 90 km to Marysville for BYO brunch and return to Alexandra at approximately 2.00 pm.



### REGISTRATION FORM

#### ALEXANDRA RALLY, 2018

Please complete both sides of this form and forward with cheque or money order  
(made payable to "The Vintage Motor Cycle Club of Victoria Inc.") to:

**Barry Curley**

**36 Prior Avenue**

**Gladstone Park Vic 3043**

Please enclose a stamp addressed envelope if receipt is required.

|                       | <b>Adult<br/>Cost</b> | <b>No.<br/>Attending</b> | <b>Child<br/>Cost</b> | <b>No.<br/>Attending</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Saturday Lunch        | \$12.00               | *                        | Nil                   | *                        | \$           |
| Saturday Tea at Hotel | BYO                   | **                       |                       | **                       |              |
| Sunday Brunch         | BYO                   |                          |                       |                          |              |
| Rally Entry Fee       | \$15.00               |                          |                       |                          | \$15.00      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          |                       |                          |                       |                          | \$           |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

\* If you are paying for Saturday Lunch - please include all additional names of persons having Saturday Lunch.

\*\* Please indicate the number/s attending Saturday Night Tea at the hotel so that Jim can let the manager get an idea of numbers to expect.



## BRIAN TYLER'S PSM DIAMOND CREEK RUN



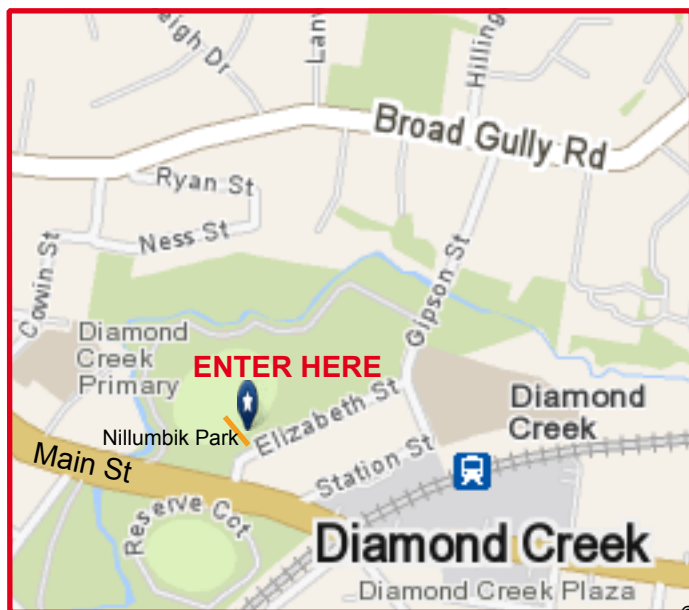
**Sunday 22nd April 2018**

7.30 am for 8.00 am start

Melway Map **12 – A5**, Nillumbik Park,  
Diamond Creek enter from Elizabeth St.

A ride in the picturesque Diamond Valley - and it's close to Melbourne! We'll finish around lunch time.

**Contact:** Brian Tyler Mob. 0411 55 6755



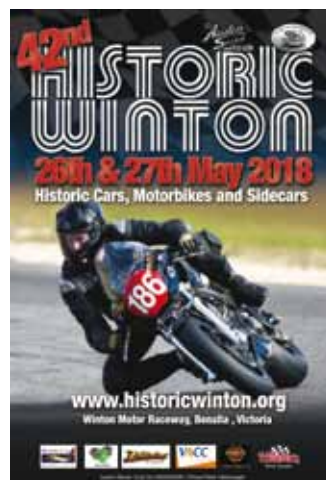
## HISTORIC WINTON 26th - 27th MAY

Last year we had a record number of club members bring their bike/bikes for display. Let's make it another great week-end as we fly the flag for our club.

Club eligible bikes will be placed in our usual area where we have our Marquees set up.

If you are planning to bring a bikes/bikes to this fantastic week-end, either the Saturday or Sunday or both days, please let me know no later than Wednesday, May 16th. This will enable me to send you your tickets in plenty of time. Remember Australia Post is slow these days.

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### EVERY PERSON ENTERING A MOTORCYCLE MUST COMPLETE THIS DECLARATION

All bike details must be completed in full

#### Declaration

Please accept my entry and cheque ☐ money order ☐ enclosed; or **bank deposit\*** ☐ for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover my entry fee and meals. I hereby acknowledge that the owner of the motorcycle entered and rider thereof and passengers while participating in this rally will do so on the condition that they have no claim against the VMCC of Vic or its agents for any damages or injuries incurred to the machinery or person participating, or any damages or injuries involving said entrant or their machinery or passengers with any other property or persons whatsoever, whether or not the same be caused or contributed to by any act or omission or negligence on the part of the VMCC of Vic. or its agents.

I also declare that I am the holder of a current motorcycle licence and the motorcycle I will be riding is either fully registered or on a club permit and is in a roadworthy condition. I freely acknowledge that I am bound by the foregoing special conditions and that all information supplied on this form is true and correct.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Next of Kin \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Machine Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Reg/Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Solo/Outfit \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(If more than one bike and/or more additional names please attach separate sheet of details)

\* Rally fees can be paid directly to: Westpac **BSB 033-135 Acc. 930732 VMCC Rally Account.** Please ensure your name or membership number is clearly included on the transaction. Also tick bank deposit 'box' above.



## VALE: WESLEY (WES) VICKERS

Wes was born on 3rd January 1932 in Blackburn. When he was aged 2 the family moved to Sandy Bay in Tasmania. At the out break of war in 1939, the family moved back to Victoria to McPhail Street Essendon, where Wes attended Essendon State School, Essendon High School and later Essendon Technical School. At age 18 Wes joined Riverside Miniature Car Club. Members built model cars which they raced at a club circuit. Showing an early aptitude of engineering, Wes's car, the 'Mills Bomb', was featured in a model car magazine in the 1950's.

Wes started working at the University of Melbourne as an apprentice fitter and turner and while he was working at the university he bought his first motorcycle, a 'James'. This was later traded for an 'AJS' motorcycle. After finishing his apprenticeship and further studies in toolmaking, Wes went to work as a draftsman at the Austin Motor Company in South Melbourne until they closed in the early 1950's. Then he went to Ford in Broadmeadows.

Heather and Wes met in Essendon in the late 1950's where they would go to dances in the local area. They married and bought a home in Bulla Road, North Essendon. Wes developed an interest in photography through his father Bert and by setting up his own dark-room in his mother's laundry. It was also at this time that he joined the Leica Camera Club and then later the Essendon Camera Club. In 1962 Wes entered the Yashica-Pix-Qantas 'Holiday to Japan' photo competition. His winning colour slide of a mouse being trapped gained for him and Heather a two-week trip for two to Japan, spending money and a Yashica camera.

Later in 1962, Wes's job was transferred from Ford Broadmeadows to Ford Homebush, Sydney. So the family moved to Eastwood.

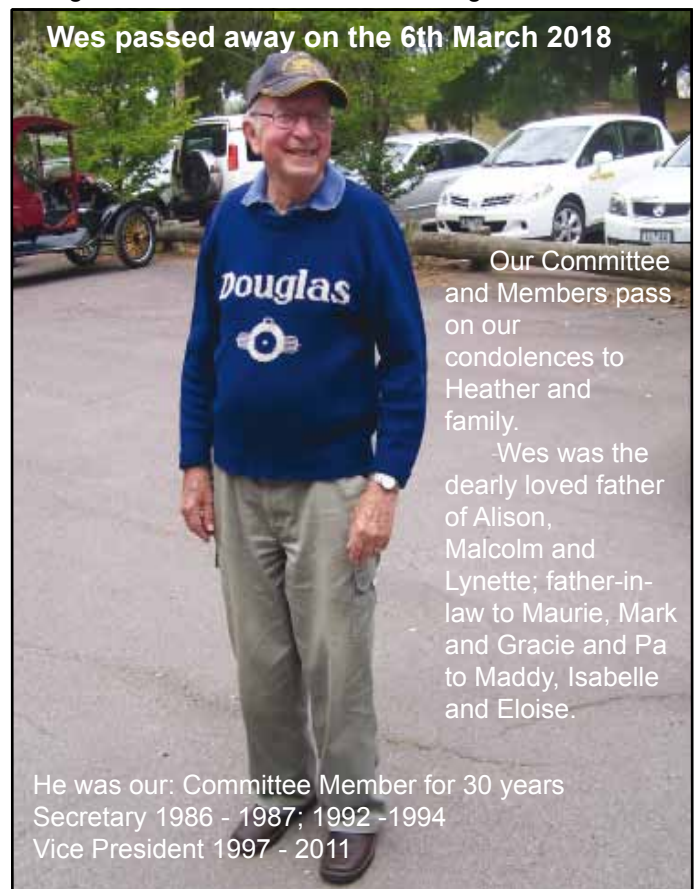
In 1969, Wes had another go at a photographic competition. This time it was for Modern Motor magazine and the prize was the latest model Mercedes Benz. Again a nice simple looking picture actually took Wes months of experimentation and planning. Wes bought a large print pre-war Speed Graphic press camera and remodeled it. He made a replica of a Mercedes 3-pointed star so that his three kids could practice blowing bubbles through it. Then one Saturday morning Wes went wandering through the supermarket inspecting every brand of liquid soap in the shop to find the one just thick enough to make suitable bubbles. Wes then bought six brands of liquid soap and then tried out the soaps on his replica star. After settling on one brand of soap Wes took his three small children down to the local Mercedes Benz dealer to blow bubbles through a three point star on a Mercedes. The photo he took went on to win the magazine's competition.

Wes owned the Mercedes Benz for six weeks. It was sold and the money was used to pay off the house, extend the house, buy a boat, build a double garage and a new sewing machine for Heather. In 1970 with financial security behind him, Wes decided to leave the Ford Motor company and he took up a job with Norton Bear Tape. Wes's job with Bear Tape didn't work out. He missed the motor industry and in 1971 he got a job with Leyland as a Senior Technical Officer. However, when the P76 sent Leyland broke, Wes was out of work. He was quickly offered a job as a Maintenance Control Analyst back in

Ford Broadmeadows, so the family moved back to Melbourne and bought the family home in Grandview Grove, Rosanna.

Once back in Melbourne, Wes found that boating didn't really have the same appeal, so he sold the boat and bought a campervan – the type that sits on the back of a one-tonne Holden Ute. Heather and Wes had the Holden campervan for over forty years.

Heather and Wes, as regular church-goers in Sydney, joined Rosanna Uniting Church in Bellevue Avenue (Where our Club met for many years). Wes loved church music. He also was a member of the Bellevue Avenue choir for many years. Wes also joined Rosanna Camera Club, where he was Club President between 1979 - 80 and was a regular contributor to club photographic competitions. He really enjoyed taking photos, taking movies and videos and recording audio.



In 1983, aged 51 Wes joined the Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria and bought a 1930 Douglas. He later bought a 1939 Triumph and a 1915 Triumph with a wicker sidecar, which was used to transport Lynette and Alison to their weddings. This bike was on display in the church hall after his funeral service.

Wes loved vintage motorcycles and cars. He loved solving the endless problems that came with keeping old motorbikes and their engines going. Generous to the core he would also help others in solving their bike problems too. Wes and Heather both went on to become life members of the Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria with Wes being on the committee for over thirty years.

Retirement for Wes and Heather was a mix of granddaughters – Maddy, Isabelle and Eloise, overseas and domestic travel and bike events including rallies, displays and swap meets. In fact they'd found the perfect retirement combination – Heather got to travel and Wes got to play with his bikes.

## VALE: TERRY RYAN

3<sup>rd</sup> February 1944 – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Aged 74 years

Terry and I knew each other from Grade 4. In the early 1960's we rode paddock bikes around everywhere we could and then we joined the Vintage Motor Cycle Club as it was transversing from the Motor Cycle Collectors Club to the Vintage Motor Cycle Club.

Terry was member for quite a number of years and then he became a member of the Astronomical Society. Years later he rejoined the Vintage Motor Cycle Club and became a very active committee member for five years up until August 2017.

He is survived by his wife Bernadette and four children and grandchildren.

*John Dargie*



## VALE: PAULINE CARTER

Our condolences to member Clive Carter, his sons Danny and Terry and their partners and to his grandchildren on the passing of his wife Pauline on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Pauline, very much loved, will be sorely missed by all as she was well known in the motorcycle industry and racing fraternity.

## MARYBOROUGH 50TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY REPORT by Denis Reed-Smith

When the date of the 50<sup>th</sup> continuous Maryborough Rally was rapidly approaching, some members, the Committee and myself decided that this was a milestone event for the Club that had to be celebrated in a Grand Style.

Firstly, we were very fortunate, that thanks to Alan Greenway we had a copy of the original 1969 program which we could replicate as a memento and also re-create the first rally as much as possible.

Secondly, after many years of being taken for granted and largely ignored by the locals after the amount of money we had pumped into their community, approaches were made to the local council, tourist bureau and local

paper to help promote and support this milestone event. The reception we received was terrific!

Thirdly, we needed a suitable venue for our Presentation Dinner, we visited The Maryborough Railway Cafe and Tracks Restaurant. We were most graciously met by the proprietors Kate, Gavin and Mike. The venue more than met our expectations. The attention to detail spoke for itself, the coffee was superb and the price was within our budget. I'm sure you'll all agree with me that we made the right decision. Comments such as "best presentation dinner ever" and "I hope you have booked next year already" were mentioned to me.

John Fletcher, Alan Greenway and I approached the Avoca Scouting Group about conducting a BBQ lunch for our Rally as they had done 50 years ago. Not only did they readily agree, but assistant scout master Joanne worked for Pyrenees Advocate and would promote our event through the paper. After that meeting we journeyed to Remy Martin Distillery which the Rally had visited in 1969. John, Alan and I departed Maryborough in a state of euphoria. On a later visit, Mick Guilfoyle, John Fletcher and I visited the now renamed Vineyard, The Blue Pyrenees to seek permission to visit. Not only were they pleased that we would be visiting, the Manager, Tess very graciously asked how they could be of assistance to the Rally, I mentioned that we would be presenting wine to our honored guests and presenters, and was immediately offered a 50% discount on any wines purchased.

By this time the trophies were in hand, the tee-shirts were organised and I approached Daryl Meek of the RACV who generously offered us fridge magnets and the other goodies that were in our rally packs. The Maryborough tourist bureau supplied the bags and maps of the area, Angela Chaplin and June Jacobson were working on the gifts, Lisa and Chris Seufert were working on the programs, name vouchers, voting slips, meal vouchers and the rally packs.

The routes we were to take, basically decided themselves. We had to go to Avoca and Clunes, the choice of Carrisbrook was an obvious choice as we were going to Talbot the next day.

The last run was the Monday Run to Maldon, in my opinion the best riding for the week-end, disappointingly only a small number of entrants decided to do the Monday Run. This tells me, and as other members have said, that the rally is way to long. Riding our bikes in 33°C temperatures is not enjoyable and not conducive to our old bikes' longevity. I seriously think the Club should move the rally to a shorter week-end and replace it with a rally South of the Great Dividing Range at that time of year.

Thirdly, I must mention and thank all those people who helped put the rally together. The rally organising committee of Angela and Tony Chaplin, John Fletcher, Ken Miller, Mick Guilfoyle and myself. Barry Curley for taking and processing the entries, Lisa and Chris Seufert for preparing the name badges, replica programs, maps and helping to put the rally packs together in the wee hours of Thursday night. John Cox for promoting the event in Exhaust Notes. Angela and Tony Chaplin for amalgamating and handing out the rally packs. June Jacobson who has over the years purchased the presentation gifts. The lead rider Michael Guilfoyle, his team of corner marshals, Trish Stayches, Daryl Stayches, Emma King, Lindsay James and the other corner marshals. The back up team, Darren Reed-Smith, Ivor Awty, John and Lynn Lofts, Don McGillivray, John Knight, Noel Knapptien and the riders of stopped bikes.

Lastly, I would like to thank all those who attended and made this event such a success. *Denis Reed-Smith*



## 50TH MARYBOROUGH ENTRANTS

### VETERAN

|                |      |                          |
|----------------|------|--------------------------|
| Graeme King    | 1910 | Triumph 500              |
| Graeme Wilson* | 1912 | Chater-Lea Precision 500 |
| Andrew Cox     | 1912 | Humber 500               |
| Grahame Hunter | 1915 | Excelsior 100            |
| Frances Hall   | 1915 | Douglas 600              |
| Ken Hall*      | 1917 | B&B 1000                 |
| John Street    | 1917 | JAP 770                  |

### VINTAGE

|                       |         |                      |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| John Lofts            | 1923    | Douglas TS 350       |
| Allan Greenway*       | 1924**  | Excelsior 1000 O/F   |
| Royce Fullard         | 1925    | Rudge 350            |
| Chas Lipscombe        | 1926    | New Imperial 680     |
| Darren Reed-Smith     | 1927*** | Norton 500           |
| Denis Reed-Smith      | 1927*** | AJS 350              |
| Paul Fullard          | 1928    | Norton 600           |
| Alwyn Babb            | 1928    | Triumph 500          |
| Dale Stewart          | 1928    | Ariel 500            |
| Neville Babb          | 1929    | Triumph 500          |
| Malcolm Cox           | 1929    | Norton 600           |
| Alan Scoble           | 1929    | Indian 101           |
| Jeb Stewart           | 1929    | Ariel 500*           |
| Tony & Angela Chaplin | 1929    | Royal Enfield O/F    |
| Peter Growse          | 1930    | Rudge 500            |
| Gil & Joan Adams      | 1930    | BSA 1000             |
| Emma King             | 1930    | BSA 250              |
| Dianne McNamara       | 1930    | BSA 500              |
| Neville Hunter        | 1930    | Harley Davidson 1200 |
| Kel Mitchener         | 1930    | Douglas 600          |

### POST VINTAGE

|                        |         |                         |
|------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| John Read              | 1932    | Rudge 500               |
| Marcus Deutscher       | 1932    | Norton                  |
| Simon Fisher***        | 1932**  | Brough Superior SS100   |
| Dione Burt-Douglas     | 1934    | Panther 350             |
| John & Marian Parker   | 1934    | BSA 600                 |
| James Brownlee         | 1935**  | Harley Davidson 1200    |
| Norman Carr            | 1936    | Velocette 350           |
| Graeme Glover          | 1936    | Velocette 500           |
| Alistair Douglas       | 1936    | BSA 1000                |
| Warren Young           | 1937    | Rudge 500               |
| Andrew Jeffrey         | 1937    | AJS 250                 |
| Matthew Gellert        | 1937    | Ariel 500               |
| Gilbert McDougall      | 1937    | Velocette 248           |
| Ian Reid               | 1937    | Brough Superior 1150    |
| Pat Walsh***           | 1937    | Sunbeam 500             |
| Trevor & Lyn Long      | 1938    | Harley Davidson 750 O/F |
| Daryl Stayches         | 1938    | Harley Davidson 1200    |
| Bruce Brunner          | 1938    | Ariel 500               |
| Bob McGillivray        | 1939    | Harley Davidson 1200    |
| Bob Douglas            | 1939    | BSA 500                 |
| Peter Zwolinski        | 1939    | Triumph 500             |
| John Cox               | 1940    | BSA M20 500             |
| Adrian Robinson        | 1940    | BSA 600                 |
| Don & Barb McGillivray | 1941*** | Indian 1200 O/F         |
| Doug Cowey             | 1942    | Indian 741 500          |
| Mick Guilfoyle         | 1942    | Harley Davidson 750     |
| Ken Miller             | 1942    | Harley Davidson 750     |
| Cooper Brownlee        | 1942    | Harley Davidson 750     |
| Manny Vella            | 1942    | Indian Scout 500        |
| John Knight            | 1942    | Harley Davidson 750*    |
| Graeme & Liam Jeffery  | 1942    | Harley Davidson 750     |
| Mark & Mary-Ann King   | 1942    | BSA 500 O/F             |
| Lindsay James          | 1944    | Indian Chief            |

### CLASSIC

|                      |         |                        |
|----------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Rob Bonner* & Laurel | 1947    | Indian Chief           |
| Ivor Awty            | 1947*** | Sunbeam S8 500         |
| Richard Prisgrove    | 1947    | Vincent 1000           |
| Mark Gascoigne       | 1948    | Vincent 1000 B Series  |
| Robert Griffiths     | 1948    | Triumph Speed Twin 500 |
| John Dargie          | 1950    | Triumph 650            |
| Colin Perrin         | 1953    | Velocette 500          |
| Neil Robert          | 1954    | BSA 350                |
| John Fletcher        | 1957    | Puch 250               |

### POST CLASSIC

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| Trischa Stayches | 2002 | Harley Davidson 883 |
| Ray Babb         | 2016 | Honda 500           |

### SPECIAL BIKES FROM THE 1969 RALLY DISPLAYED

|                 |        |                    |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------|
| John Ferguson's | 1924** | Ever-Onward        |
| Peter Fleming's | 1924** | BSA Round Tank 250 |

### BACKUP

Darren Reed-Smith, Denis Reed-Smith, John Knight, Bruce Brunner, Neville Babb, Neil Robert, Ivor Awty, John and Lyn Lofts.

**GUESTS OF HONOUR** Edith Irving, Dave Dumble\*; June Jacobson, Noel Knappstein, Jenny Hannan-Merrett and Connor Merrett, Vin Minogue.

**\*RIDER ON 1969 RALLY**      **\*\* BIKE ON 1969 RALLY**  
**\*\*\* DNS**

### AWARD WINNERS

**Phil Irving Memorial Trophy** - Best Bike at Rally as voted by the entrants - Alan Greenway 1924 Excelsior outfit.  
 Runner Up - Warren Young 1937 Rudge.  
 Award presented by Edith Irving.

**President's Award** - Trish and Daryl Stayches - Presented by Denis Reed-Smith.

**The Simon Street Memorial Trophy** - Best Veteran at the Rally - Grahame Hunter 1915 Excelsior.  
 Presented by Aderle Street and John Street.

**The Mark Byrnes Memorial Trophy** - Best Sidecar at the Rally - Bob McGillivray 1939 Harley Davidson. Presented by Karen Byrnes.

**Paddy Walsh Memorial Trophy** - Oldest Veteran at Rally - Graeme King 1910 Triumph.

**Best Vintage Bike at Rally** - Malcolm Cox - 1929 Norton.

**Best Post Vintage Bike at the Rally** - Matthew Gellert - 1937 Ariel.

**Award to youngest pillion or sidecar passenger**  
 - Natalie McNamara. Second Youngest - Ellie McNamara.

**Club Spirit Award** - Neville Babb.

**Hard Luck Award** - Trevor Long 1938 Harley Davidson

**Longest Distance by any means** - Frances and Ken Hall.

**Longest Distance Ridden by Club Eligible Bike to Rally**  
 - Adrian Robinson 1940 BSA M21.

**The Family Award** - Jeffrey/McNamara Family.

**Beginner's Award** - Emma King 1930 BSA.

## VMCC CLUB EVENTS 2018

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| 8th April                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | SCORESBY SWAP MEET ( <i>See Below</i> )          | Brian Tyler/Neville Babb   |
| 22nd April                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | DIAMOND CREEK RUN ( <i>See P. 8</i> )            | Brian Tyler                |
| 5th - 6th May                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ALEXANDRA RALLY ( <i>See P. 7-8</i> )            | Jim Swanton                |
| 13th May                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | RIPPON LEA DISPLAY                               | John Cox                   |
| Our Club has been invited to display our bikes at the Rippon Lea Historic Mansion at 192 Hotham St, Elsternwick on Sunday 13th May. The event runs from 11.00 am - 3.00 pm, so we would ideally like riders to arrive at 10.00 to 10.30 am. Exhibitor and Guest are offered a free tour of the Mansion and may also be shown areas not normally seen by the general public. There is also a lounge where exhibitor and guest can have access to and a free light luncheon. If you are able to bring your bike along please contact John Cox on 0417 109 897 or Mick Guilfoyle on 03 5966 7424. |                                                  |                            |
| 26th - 27th May                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | HISTORIC WINTON CLUB DISPLAY ( <i>See P. 8</i> ) | David James                |
| 13th - 15th July                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | BRASS MONKEY                                     | Denis Reed-Smith           |
| 30th September                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | KILCUNDA RUN                                     | Brian Tyler                |
| 2nd - 5th November                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | CHILTERN RALLY                                   | Alistair and Dione Douglas |

## OTHER EVENTS 2018

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN EVERY MONTH "Nine until Noon" Run** from Baxter Tavern (Melway 107 B4). Leisurely run of about 120 km. 8.30 am for 9.00 am start. Contact: Mike Munday Mob. 0407 933 225.

**21st - 22nd April** All British Rally (BSA Owners Club)

**28th - 29th April** Warragul Rally. Antique Club Contact: Frank Staig Mob. 0432 693 242

**20th May** Moriac Day Run. Antique Club Contact: Bryce Matthews Ph. 03 5266 1231

**25th - 27th May** Historic Winton, Winton Motor Raceway, near Benalla, Victoria. [www.historicwinton.org](http://www.historicwinton.org)

**12th August** VSCC Rob Roy Hill Climb.

**25th - 26th August** AMCA Australia, Antique Motorcycle Weekend at Bulli Showgrounds, NSW.

Enquiries: Tony Blain Mob. 0419 229 605

**26th August** Tiddlers Day Run from Ballarat. Antique Club. Contact: Colin Sargent Ph. 0408 378 559

**8th - 11th November** Australian Historic Road Racing Championship, Broadford

**9th - 15th November** 55th BSA INTERNATIONAL RALLY Halls Gap, Vic. Rally Web site:

<http://bsa.asn.au/html/events/inter/index.html>

## SWAP MEETS 2018

**Scoresby** Sun 8th April. At the National Steam Centre, 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd., Scoresby (Melway 72 D9)



Gates open 6 am -12 noon - Booking not required. Entry \$5 per person, Swap Sites \$15/ Site.

Contacts: Brian Tyler 0411 556 755 or Neville Babb 03 9398 5250

**Maffra** 22nd April Gippsland Vehicle Collection, 1A Sale-Maffra Rd, Maffra. From 7:00 AM

Car and motorbike parts, collectibles and garage-enalia will be the order of the day and the site fee is \$10.00 driver included. Entry for buyers is \$5.00. Saturday night camping available for buyers

For more information call Mike 0402 084 302

**Swan Hill** 29th April Swan Hill Showgrounds. Sellers 7 am, Buyers 8 am. Enquiries: 0419 574 414

**Geelong** 12th May Geelong Showgrounds Melway 452 E10. 7.00 am start. Enquiries: 0417 546 089

**Shepparton** 9th of September

**Bendigo** 17th - 18th November

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**FOR SALE** Long time member Wal Haylock has a contact in Benalla who has a 1940 Red Panther handbook that he no longer requires. For the book which also covers models back to 1932 - Contact Vaughan Poole, Ph. 03 5762 5198 or email: [veejayp1@bigpond.com](mailto:veejayp1@bigpond.com)

**WANTED (Parts)** 1928-1930 BSA Sloper 550cc side valve barrel and head wanted.  
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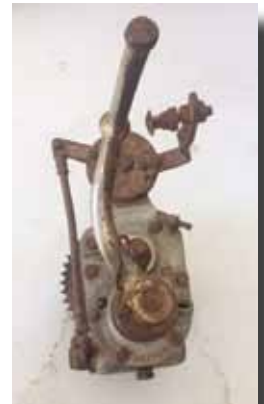
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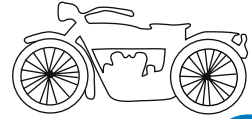
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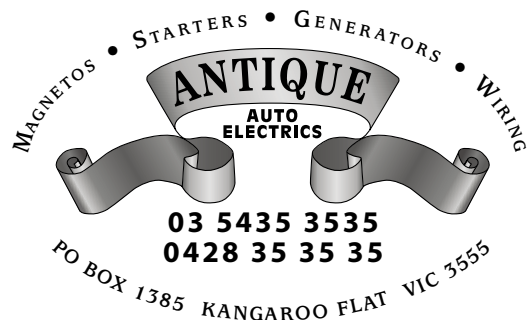
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