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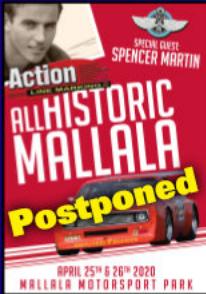
# Motorsport on hold

Coronavirus forces cancellation or postponement of race events all across Australia.

In Queensland, Morgan Park Raceway has shut down its operations until 30<sup>th</sup> June which forced cancellation of the HRCC Autumn Historic Warwick 2020 event.

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### HRCC Total Membership

(As at 6/4/2020)

**467**

## Editorial

Not so many months ago I wrote here about the resilience of Australians following the devastating bushfires. Little did we know there would be an even bigger challenge around the corner. Not fires across our land but a deadly virus spreading rapidly around the world. Much has changed in the way we are now going about daily life. It is surreal to be thinking of and planning for motor racing events under the current regulations. Or even guessing what new regulations emerge as the fight with the virus evolves. The reality is to keep ourselves and our families as safe and healthy as is possible. Please take all the precautions to minimise the risk. When the time comes for motorsport to be enjoyed again we want to see all of the same people around as we did before the virus. Take care and stay safe.

Ian Welsh

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# AUTUMN HISTORIC WARWICK 2020

## Race Meeting

# CANCELLED

### Morgan Park Raceway

closed until 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

The HRCC committee advise that the Autumn Historic Warwick race meeting scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 has been cancelled.

Additionally, the Historic Queensland race meeting scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12 July, 2020 will be effected. The HRCC committee is working on what racing activities may be possible to run, if and when public health restrictions are wound back.

The most important thing right now is for everyone to follow the government guidelines and public health directives to prevent the spread of this disease.



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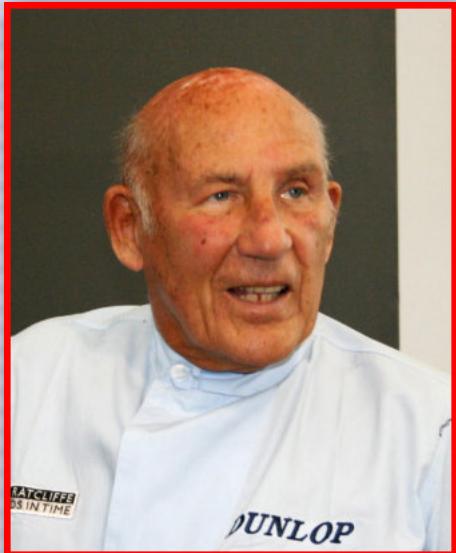
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## RIP: Sir Stirling Craufurd Moss, OBE

17 September 1929 – 12 April 2020

For those of us with some age behind us, the name Stirling Moss was heard as often in Australian life as our own Jack Brabhams when news of motor racing came on the wireless or in newspapers and magazines.

Moss raced from 1948 to 1962, winning 212 of the 529 races he entered, including 16 Formula One Grands Prix. He competed in as many as 62 races in a single year and drove 84 different makes of car over the course of his racing career. He preferred to race British cars, stating, "Better to lose honourably in a British car than win in a foreign one".

At Vanwall, he was instrumental in breaking the German/Italian stranglehold on F1 racing (as was Jack Brabham at Cooper). He remained the English driver with the most Formula One victories until 1991 when Nigel Mansell overtook him after competing in more races.

He was an inductee into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame and has been described as "the greatest driver to never win the world championship". In a seven-year span between 1955 and 1961 Moss finished as championship runner-up four times and in third place the other three times.

Motorsport history shows that he raced here in Australia on many occasions including his drive in the 1956 Australian Grand Prix at Albert Park, Melbourne, which he won in a Maserati 250F. His last drive in Australia was in the 1976 Bathurst 1000 where he co-drove with Jack Brabham in a Holden Torana.

Moss died in London on 12 April 2020 at the age of 90 following a long illness.

Photo: Michael Meyer



## Homologation withdrawn for 3 helmets

The FIA Motorsport Safety Department has advised the cancellation of three different helmets previously approved under the 8859-2015 Standard due to safety reasons.

The three helmets to be withdrawn with immediate effect are the NINGBO HD POWERSPORTS SAFETY PRODUCTS HD128.F and HD315.F models, as well as the OMP GP8, a rebranded version of the HD128.F model.

Motorsport Australia members must note that as these helmets no longer comply with the FIA 8859-2015 standard, they can no longer be used at any Motorsport Australia event and members should look into seeking a replacement helmet immediately

[Click here to view an up-to-date list of premium helmets homologated according to the FIA 8859-2015 standard.](#)

[To check the validity of any FIA approved Safety Product - refer to the FIA Technical Lists](#)

Photo	Homologation Number	Manufacturer	Model	Sizes	Homologation validity <sup>1</sup>	
					Starting	Ending
	PH.064.17-O	Ningbo HD Powersports Safety Products (NHDPS)	HD315.F <sup>2</sup>	XS (54-55) S (56-57) M (58-59) L (60-61) XL (62-63) XXL(64-65)	16.06.2017	30.06.2022
	PH.065.17-C	OMP	GP8 <sup>2</sup>	XS (54-55) S (56-57) M (58-59) L (60-61) XL (62-63) XXL(64-65)	30.06.2017	31.03.2022
	PH.060.17-C	Ningbo HD Powersports Safety Products (NHDPS)	HD128.F <sup>2</sup>	XS (54-55) S (56-57) M (58-59) L (60-61) XL (62-63) XXL(64-65)	10.03.2017	31.03.2022

<sup>1</sup>The homologation end date represents the final date on which the helmet may be manufactured  
<sup>2</sup>For safety reasons, please note that the homologation of the following competition seats, whatever the validity deadline, is withdrawn with immediate effect. As these helmets can no longer be considered as complying with the standard FIA 8859-2015, their use is prohibited in all cases in which compliance with the above-mentioned standards is mandatory.



## HRCC Management Committee Objectives Survey



Recently, the majority of HRCC members were emailed a document which detailed a list of objectives that the management committee has identified as being important items to work on in the future. Additionally, members were asked to review this list and complete a survey form by ranking the items as high or low priority and make comments about them.

The committee seeks to engage members and find out what it is that you see as important items for the club in the future.

Thank you, to those who have already taken the time to complete the survey. Your input is valued. For those who have not taken part in the survey, here is your opportunity to have a say in the future direction of the club. Have a dig around in your email inbox and find the survey request.

The survey will remain open for a couple more weeks.

## 1971 BMW 2002 1990cc Group Nc

Competing at the Phillip Island Classic starts with entry documentation paperwork to be completed on the Thursday afternoon. Come Friday and it was qualifying with 55 Historic Touring Cars on the grid. With a qualifying time of 2.23.9, I started 53<sup>rd</sup> on the grid for Race 1 which was a 4 lap sprint. Did not get lapped to



finish 47<sup>th</sup>. Race winner Paul Stubber in a 1969 Chev Camaro broke the lap record which had stood for 5 years with a time of 1.45.5

Saturday and Race 2 was 4 laps where there was a lot of overdriving resulting in spin offs and double yellow flags being waved. Some drivers did not slow for them but apparently no car numbers were taken by officials so no penalties issued. There were 48 cars that started and I came in 43<sup>rd</sup>. A note about driving standards was put on most car windscreens before the next race.

Saturday's last race of the day was Historic Touring Cars and there were 45 of us on the grid for a 7 lap race. Again, there was a lot of action requiring a safety car. Seven cars did not finish and I took 38<sup>th</sup> place.

Only one race for Historic Touring Cars on Sunday and it was a 9 lapper. Before race start, there was a drivers briefing for all Group N drivers and we were given a lecture by the Clerk of Course and Kevin Bartlett on driving standards for the final race. I started the race out of position 42. Once again there were 2 safety car periods and I finished in 28<sup>th</sup> place. This resulted in me winning my class in a Steven Bradbury gold medal performance by beating the 3 others in my class. The reason for so many cars on the grid was that the organisers decided to drop the under 3lt class but allowed us to run with the more powerful cars. Paul Stubber was the winner in his Chev Camaro SS 5857cc. He had competed in 100 nights of racing in the USA in a sprint car as a warm up for the Phillip Island Classic. He passed me just as I got around turn 12, the final corner, and he was sideways coming onto the main straight with Craig Allan 3 seconds behind.

The Victorians were great to me, Les Walmsley and his team. I was lucky enough to win 2 Hoosier tyres in a raffle. I had some good conversations with Ted Brewster (83 years). He is quite a character, having driven Martin Clunes (Doc Martin) around Phillip Island for a number of laps in his Morris Cooper S for Martin's "Islands of Australia".

There were 10 historic touring car competitors from Queensland at the Classic and Craig Allan was our "star" who came second to Stubber in the last race.



From the Phillip Island Classic, it was on to Melbourne for the Formula 1 AGP race meeting. I had a four day pass including a grandstand seat in the Ricciardo stand. It was section C, Row H and seat 36. If you intend to go next time it is on, book early and go Ricciardo A or B and above row H as you won't get the sun in your eyes. I don't know about the other stands. I arrived on Thursday afternoon to meet with Graeme Wakefield, Norm Singleton and their wives. I did have a good wander around and it was a big spectacle. I found my way to the grandstand seat about the time the F1 race would start on Sunday, so that was the advice I could give you. From the Ricciardo grandstand you see 2 corners where the cars are going slightly slower and there is a TV screen directly across from the stand. I did watch the TCR and Supercars qualifying as well as the Porsche Carrera Cup race. Craig Lowndes hit the wall and spun out.



On Friday I arrived at Gate 2 at 8.00am and waited there till 10.00am before a mate rang to say the event had been cancelled. The people behind the barriers were not told. I have heard that the F1 drivers were at the airport at 6.00am on Friday to fly out. The hotel I was staying at, the Ibis Budget Melbourne, would not give me a refund so I set myself up for a couple of bus tours. I went to the Ballarat gold mining park and then the next day I did the Great Ocean Road Drive tour which was very good.

Then stayed at a friend's place till 12.00 on Wednesday before heading to Lakes Entrance for an overnight stop.

Thursday and on the road again to get to Batemans Bay via the Princess Highway for an overnight there. There was a lot of tree clearing on the sides of the highway but also plenty of regrowth of the trees into Batemans Bay. Friday, and it was on to Goulburn for 2 days of racing at Wakefield Park.



Image by Seth Reinhardt

The HSRCA Autumn Festival at Wakefield was run under the social distancing rules because of the Corona Virus which resulted in only 79 competitors turning up. In Group N there were 12 cars of which I was the only Queenslander. I qualified 11<sup>th</sup> and then we had 5 races over the 2 days and I took 6<sup>th</sup> place in the last race. From qualifying I improved my lap time with each race to be 2.4 seconds better. Most of the other Group N competitors run at Wakefield regularly. David Stone in his 1968 Ford Mustang won all the Group N races.

I talked with the Torana XU1 sprint drivers who said they wanted to drive at the Lakeside track so I tried to give them as much information as possible. Many had already competed at Morgan Park in Warwick. I drove back to Sydney, had an hour and a half with my brother then on to Gosford for the night. Monday morning I headed home to beat the Queensland border closure.

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**Thank you Jim for sharing your racing adventures with us.**



Image by Seth Reinhardt

## 2020 Phillip Island Classic - Queensland Historic Touring Car Competitors Results

Driver	Car	Qualifying	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
Craig Allan	69 Mustang	6	7	8	4	2
Ian Mewett	69 Mustang	9	9	9	8	DNF
Graeme Wakefield	68 Mustang	13	10	11	DNF	19
Russell McDowell	71 Falcon	16	44	37	23	13
Gary Edwards	72 Torana	20	19	DNS	DNF	DNF
Martin White	64 Falcon Sprint	21	15	17	12	10
Grahame Wrobel	67 Mustang	23	25	27	19	16
Brian Wood	71 Falcon	35	18	14	15	DNF
Jim Schilling	69 Volvo	40	36	34	28	DNF
Jim Waugh	71 BMW 2002	47	46	43	38	28

## Other Queenslanders at the Phillip Island Classic 2020



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## HRCC Committee report - Key points from the April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 Management Committee meeting.

### This meeting was conducted via a video conference

- ▶ **Membership** - Six new members in March. Renewal of membership has gone well to bring the total financial members up to 467..
- ▶ **Treasurer** - Income/expenses report for March tabled. Recovery of fees paid to Motorsport Australia for the now cancelled Autumn Historic Warwick to be explored.
- ▶ **Noosa Hillclimb** - HRCC will have no involvement in the winter event, unlikely to proceed anyway. The summer date remains a possibility.
- ▶ **Historic Commission & Motorsport Australia State Council** - Nothing to report
- ▶ **Group Leaders** - Group Leaders Conference postponed due to Covid-19
- ▶ **Events** - Autumn Historic Warwick meeting cancelled. Uncertainty regarding the ability to run Historic Queensland. Decision to run or postpone will need to be made soonly due to lead times involved. Investigating if possible to postpone to a date later in the year. Also consider alternate, even a low key event format.
- ▶ **HRCC Clubroom/Facility** - No activity to report
- ▶ **Competition/Regulation changes** - Homologation of 3 helmets withdrawn immediately. Website and newsletter to advise.
- ▶ **HRCC 2020 Objectives** - Objectives finalised and emailed to HRCC club Members for feedback as a survey. Results will be compiled as received.
- ▶ **Management & Race Committee Joint Meeting** - did not occur this meeting due to using video conference for the first time.
- ▶ **Motorsport Australia Event Entry** - Problems with new MA website - nothing to report
- ▶ **June Social Night** - arrangements for speakers cancelled. While social distancing is in practice, the meeting may be postponed.
- ▶ **Management code of conduct** - draft being finalised for presentation
- ▶ **Competition Licence** - seek clarification from Motorsport Australia if an extension will be granted for time lost due to Covid-19
- ▶ **AHTCA** - have requested HRCC to pay a membership fee. Some discussion but not yet resolved.
- ▶ **Committee Meeting minutes are available for members to view on request. Please contact the club secretary.**

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# COVID-19 & HRCC

The Corona Virus pandemic has brought many changes to the normal Australian way of life and the effects of these changes has impacted the activities of this club. Of upmost importance to the HRCC committee is the health and safety of its members.

We ask that all members make themselves aware of, and comply with, the various government regulations and health advice information. The demographics of club members puts a large portion of us in the elevated age risk category. We want and need a strong membership base to enjoy events and meetings when we come out of the restrictions phase.

The HRCC committee is still committed to continue working through various projects on it's agenda. Committee meetings continue now through video conferencing and are proving to be very workable. Recently, the majority of HRCC members were emailed a survey form which detailed projects for the committee to work on. We asked members for their input by ranking the importance of the various projects. If you have not completed the survey please do so soon.

The Autumn Historic Warwick 2020 race meeting event in early May has been cancelled. We were prepared to run the event under the original social distancing requirement of 500 people and sought support of competitors through a survey. However, once borders were closed, Morgan Park Raceway decided to cease activities until 30<sup>th</sup> of June at least.

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Plans and logistics for the Historic Queensland 2020 race meeting scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> are still under review by the committee. It is difficult to plan as it is not known what restrictions may be in place for July. There are many "what if" scenarios being discussed. There is a long lead time in preparing for Historic Queensland so the cut off date for a decision is fast approaching. Unknown also is if Morgan Park Raceway will continue racing activities after 30<sup>th</sup> June. Investigations are also underway on what may be possible to enable racing events in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020.

We ask all members and their families to stay safe and healthy. Keep in touch with each other and maintain your racing and non-racing connections so we come out the other side of this Covid-19 challenge with a stronger desire to go racing.

We look forward to seeing you all at future HRCC events.

**HRCC Committee**



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# 2020 Historic Motorsport Event Calendar

Date	HRCC Events	Other Qld Events	Interstate Events	Venue
Cancelled		Motorsport Aust State Champ. Rd 1		Morgan Park Raceway
Postponed			SCCSA Mallala All Historic	Mallala Raceway
Cancelled	Autumn Historic Warwick			Morgan Park Raceway
Cancelled			Austin 7 CC - Historic Winton	Winton Raceway
Cancelled		Motorsport Aust State Champ. Rd 2		Morgan Park Raceway
June 6 - 7			HSRCA Sydney Classic	Sydney Motorsport Park
June 6 - 7		2 Days of Thunder		Queensland Raceway
July 11 - 12	Historic Queensland			Morgan Park Raceway
Cancelled			VHRR Festival of Speed	Winton Raceway
Aug 22 - 23		Leyburn Sprints		Leyburn, Qld
Aug 28 -30		Motorsport Aust State Champ. Rd 3		Morgan Park Raceway
Aug 29 - 30			HSRCA Spring Festival	Wakefield Park
Sept 5 - 6			Sydney Masterblast	Sydney Motorsport Park
Sept 18 -20			Baskerville Historics	Baskerville Raceway
Oct 31 - Nov 1		Ipswich Classic		Queensland Raceway
Nov 6 - 8	Noosa Hillclimb		VHRR Historic Sandown	Sandown Raceway
Nov 14 - 15				Tewantin, Qld
Nov 28 -29			HSRCA Summer Festival	Sydney Motorsport Park
Nov 20 - 22		Motorsport Aust State Champ. Rd 4		Morgan Park Raceway

## HRCC 2020 Social Nights

Social nights are a good occasion to catch up with fellow HRCC members, friends and guests.

Held at Carina Leagues Club in Carina, Brisbane. A great venue with plenty of parking and a good bistro where you can enjoy a nice meal prior to the meeting which commences at 7.30pm.

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**23<sup>rd</sup> November (AGM)**



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