



HISTORIC TORQUE

The Official Journal of the Historic Racing Car Club (Queensland) Inc.

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No Frills

HISTORIC WARWICK

replaces

Historic Queensland

October 2nd to 4th, 2020

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HRCC

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HRCC welcomes these new members Members



Colin Robinson Torana Nc
Shaun Goodwin
Kai Jones
Peter Thompson Mk1 Cortina Nb
Kevin Bartlett

Membership

Full, Senior, Social, Honorary, Life 391
Associates 100

HRCC Total Membership 491

(As at 15/8/2020)

Editorial

Firstly a big thank you to all HRCC members for being understanding for my not getting a July issue of Historic Torque to you. Not only did I have virtually no content to share with you but the changing Covid landscape meant that news about the proposed Historic Queensland race meeting was also changing often. As you will see in the pages here, the race meeting is now planned as a "No Frills" event, aimed at giving an opportunity for HRCC members to finally get to race in 2020. Keep an eye out for when entry opens.

Coming in November will be the clubs Annual General Meeting. This is the time where all members get to voice their opinion about how the club is tracking and vote on candidates for club management roles. While the current committee gives their time freely to ensure members needs are accommodated, the outcomes may not align totally with what some members feel is the right direction. Well, here is an opportunity to nominate yourself for a management or committee role and then if elected, have a voice in making changes. Making a commitment to work on the committee will be welcomed. Contact a current committee member if you would like more information. And even if you can't or don't want to volunteer for a role, please come along to the AGM and support those who freely give their time to make the club viable.

Talking about elections, the state government elections are around the corner. It is a good time to contact your local candidates and ask for their position or policy on Recreational Motor Activities, particularly activities for amateur participation. Huge sums of money are thrown at the temporary Supercar events but there is very little trickle down to support the level at which this club holds its events. I am sure most politicians would be not aware of the huge financial contribution that recreational car related activities make in the community, let alone the jobs created by it.

Stay safe and healthy **Ian Welsh**



Rockhampton Racetrack Proposal

Rockhampton Regional Council has released concept plans for a proposed motorsport facility, with public consultation now underway. The plan includes a 3.1km car racing circuit with provision for rallycross, drifting and one-eighth mile drag strip; a driver training area including kick plate; a 1.3km kart circuit; a gymkhana area; speedways, mudsports facilities; and BMX tracks.

Referred to currently as the 'Motorsport Precinct', it would be located on the Burnett Highway in Bouldercombe, around 15km south of the town of Rockhampton itself, in Central Queensland. Plans are open for public consultation until August 24, while technical investigations of the site, referred to as the 'JRT Quarry', are ongoing.



The Historic Racing Car Club (Qld) Inc. Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held on Wed, 25th November 2020. It will take place in the Memorial Hall at the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds

All financial members are asked to consider nominating themselves or others for election to a management or Committee position. All positions become vacant at the AGM so there is an opportunity for members to have a say in the clubs future direction.

Please mark the date in your diary to attend the meeting and take part in this important event.

More information will be made available at the date approaches.



Expression of Interest Coffee & Cars

Covid has put paid to the HRCC social meetings but with some sensibility it would be possible for members to get together for a chat over a coffee at a suitable place.

I am interested to see how many members would be keen to venture out on a Saturday morning for a coffee and some car/racing talk amongst friends.

Depending on how many are keen to turn up I can set up a date and venue that works for all interested.

Give me a call or a text to let me know if you would like to be involved. Once I get a handle on the interest, I can set it all up and text you back with the details.

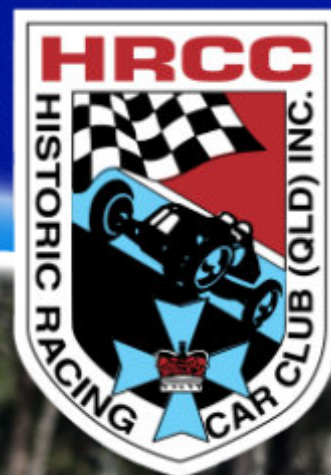
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HISTORIC WARWICK

NO FRILLS HISTORIC RACING

2nd to 4th October 2020

Morgan Park Raceway
Warwick



FULL RACE PROGRAMME

Open to all
5th Category Cars

- Formula Racing Cars
- Sports Racing Cars
- Production Sports
- Regularity Trials
- Sports Sedans
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Practice - Fri 2nd Oct

Qualifying/Racing - Sat 3rd & 4th Oct

NO SPECTATORS

Entry opens end August



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HISTORIC WARWICK - 3rd to 4th Oct, 2020 - Morgan Park Raceway, Warwick

Following recent outbreaks of Covid in NSW and Victoria, it became obvious to the race committee that holding a national Historic Queensland race meeting would no longer be possible. Instead, the meeting has been renamed as Historic Warwick and will run under a NO FRILLS format. The intention of the meeting is to provide club members with an opportunity to race. Practice is scheduled for Friday 2nd Oct, Qualifying and Racing on Saturday 3rd Oct and Racing on Sunday 4th Oct. The event is open to all 5th Category cars and will feature a full race programme.

The race committee has worked towards keeping the entry fee as low as possible. Paperwork to obtain a meeting licence has been submitted to Motorsport Australia and entry for the event is expected to open at the end of August.

To run the meeting under state government requirements for a Covid Safe event, it will require a plan to be formulated to keep people safe from Covid. At the event, adherence to the requirements of the plan is vital. Part of this will be that we require minimal people onsite at the Morgan Park Track. Spectators are not to be admitted over the weekend and race competitors are asked to keep their support crews to the absolute minimum. A need to be there attitude will be the theme.

To make for a good weekend of racing while complying with health requirements will require extra work. Group Leaders will have Covid Safe tasks and will need assistance from volunteers to ensure social distancing practices are being adhered to in the pit area. Those camping on site will also need to observe covid requirements. The requirements will be made known to competitors, their crews and officials prior to the event.

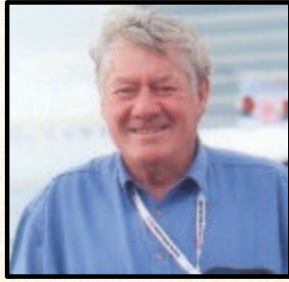
By all competitors, officials and volunteers working together we can still have a great race meeting with minimal public health risk.

HRCC looks forward to getting entries and support from it's competition members and volunteers.



Kevin Bartlett announced as HRCC Club Patron

The Historic Racing Car Club (Qld) Inc (HRCC) is both honoured and excited to announce retired race driver Kevin Bartlett will join the club as its patron. Kevin (KB) has participated in



Australian and international motorsport since the late 1950's that has seen him race cars of all varieties and makes. However, it is open wheeled racecars that is his passion. An iconic Australian racer that has demonstrated his skills at all levels and at circuits across the world. Rated highly on the alltime list of Australian drivers, he has been awarded an Australian Sports Medal, and was inducted into the Australian Motorsport Hall of Fame in 2017.

Starting out racing his mother's Morris Minor he soon gained a reputation for being able to cut fast laps. This led to him becoming a works driver with the Alec Mildren Racing Team and access to competitive open wheeler cars. This was a time when the Tasman Series of races was in full swing and KB would race against the best of the F1 drivers of the day. In 1967 KB was the first driver to lap the Bathurst circuit at an average speed of over 100mph in a 1964 Brabham BT11A Climax. In 1969 he won the Macau Grand Prix in a Mildren - Alfa Romeo.

Never short of offers for his driving talent, KB became a driver for hire across a wide range of cars till the end of his driving career. It would be a very long list of makes and models that he has competed in during his time.

Never one to hold back on speaking his mind when required, KB has influenced many and assisted others to achieve better outcomes in their cars or driving techniques. He has a keen eye for future stars and is up to speed on development of modern racing.

It is with great pleasure that HRCC president Alan Steel welcomes Kevin into the club and looks forward to a long and fruitful interaction. Kevin will act as the Driving Standards Officer at HRCC race events as well as participate in other club social activities.



In 1968 and 1969 he won the Australian Drivers Championship and in 1974 was a winner of the Bathurst 1000. During the 70's he was heavily involved in Formula 5000 racing in the Tasman series as well as in the USA. He was a strong competitor in the F5000 category. He

also ran at Indianapolis in 1970.

KB took an opportunity in 1979 to develop a Camaro Touring Car that had backing from Channel 9 and took pole at the 1980 Bathurst 1000. In 1982 he was back at the mountain with the Camaro, only this time to end the race with it on it's roof.



Vale: Ron Tauranac

Famed racing car designer Ron Tauranac has passed away at the age of 95.

Tauranac is best known for the design and construction of Brabham racecars starting in the early 1960s, in which cars Jack Brabham won the 1966 Formula 1 championship and Kiwi Denny Hulme won the 1967 Formula 1 championship.

Born in England in 1925 and emigrating to Australia soon after, he left school at age 14 to join the Royal Australian Airforce where he trained as a fighter pilot. In the early 1950's, Ron and his brother Austin developed an interest in motorsport by way of hillclimbs where Ron met Jack Brabham.

Brabham moved to the UK to advance his racing career and Tauranac followed him in 1960 and established Motor Racing Developments (MRD) in partnership with Brabham. That partnership led to the design and construction of a range of open wheeler classes with the ultimate success of 2 Formula 1 titles with Drivers Jack Brabham and Denny Hulme.

Brabham retired in 1970 with Tauranac taking control of MRD and the Brabham F1 race team. In 1972 he sold MRD and the race team to Bernie Ecclestone. He then went to work for car constructor Trojan where he designed the T103 chassis.

His next project in 1974 was the manufacture of Ralt racing cars. Over the years he produced many configurations and designs of open wheelers that were highly successful. In 1988 Tauranac sold Ralt to March and began working on a string of projects with the likes of Honda and the Arrows Formula 1 team.

He then returned to Australia and in 2002 was awarded the Order of Australia for "service to motor racing, particularly through the engineering design, construction and production of Formula 1 racing cars, providing young drivers with opportunities to compete at top levels, and sharing knowledge with others for the advancement of the sport".

Induction into the Australian Motorsport Hall of Fame came in 2017.

RIP Ron





growing the sport and working with government and our affiliated clubs to increase participation at all levels.

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit many sporting bodies hard and motorsport is not immune. Unfortunately, as a result of these necessary changes, a small number of positions will be made redundant. These

decisions have been extremely difficult, however those individuals, whose roles are unfortunately redundant, will be well supported and also provided with professional assistance as they transition to new employment.

Another Taskforce recommendation being adopted and implemented is a restructure and streamlining of our Commissions from 2021. These changes are aimed at reducing the administrative requirements of the Commissions whilst continuing to represent all disciplines of our sport in a more efficient manner. This streamlined, more effective structure will reduce the number of Commissions but will continue to promote ongoing consultation with the experts in their respective fields. More details about this new structure will be shared with you shortly.

Motorsport Australia continues to work hard behind the scenes to do everything possible to allow racing to resume. Where restrictions do not allow this, we are working closely with our members and clubs to ensure that when the time comes, they can return to action without delay. The highly publicised and successful Return To Race strategy will continue to be utilised and remain in place to allow the sport every chance to run safely and efficiently during this ongoing pandemic.

Please keep an eye on our website and look out for further email communications from us in the coming weeks and months. We will keep you regularly updated to ensure you receive any information about these planned changes and their impact on you.

On behalf of everyone at Motorsport Australia, thank you for your ongoing and loyal support. We look forward to sharing our next chapter with you, as we transition to more streamlined administration processes that will benefit everyone in our sport.

Regards,

Eugene Arocca

Motorsport Australia CEO

To our dedicated motorsport community,

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to share some initial plans intended to streamline Motorsport Australia's operations. This includes the acceleration of our planned IT improvements, as well as simplifying our licence and permit structures for officials, competitors and event organisers.

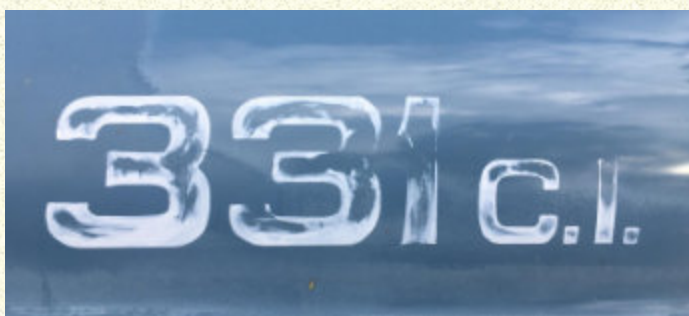
In early March we set up a dedicated Motorsport Australia Recovery Taskforce which included key external members and partners from all levels of the sport, from grassroots to Supercars. Together with Motorsport Australia staff, this Taskforce made a number of recommendations aimed at reducing the barriers to participation and making things easier for everyone to be involved in the sport, especially those looking to get their start in motorsport, which is crucial to the sport's growth and sustainability.

These recommendations, aimed at simplifying our processes for members and growing our sport, were recently endorsed by the Motorsport Australia Board. In the wake of COVID-19, Motorsport Australia, like many sporting organisations, is now operating in what is the 'new normal'. In the coming weeks and months, we will be in close contact to explain how these changes will benefit you, your club and everyone involved in the sport. Put simply, these changes will allow the sport to be easier to administer, utilising the latest technology as we continue to Return To Race. This technology will also allow us to meet ongoing COVID-19 restrictions as we make the most of contactless technology, including a new membership app.

I can also advise you that Motorsport Australia is moving to centralise its administration operations at its Melbourne head office to reduce unnecessary costs and further improve our services to members. As such, our non-Victorian offices will now be permanently closed to the public. However, I can assure you that Motorsport Australia will continue to have a presence in each state and territory, with highly skilled staff dedicated to

Management and Race committee meetings are conducted via online video conference calls.

- ▶ **Membership** - There has been a number of new members recently bringing the total financial members up to 491.
 - ▶ **Treasurer** - Income/expenses tracking according to budgets. Various budget scenarios prepared for the October race meeting. With borders closed, a No Frills meeting decided. Changes to investments advised a voted on.
 - ▶ **Noosa Hillclimb** - Payment of refunds from last November's cancelled event is now near complete.
 - ▶ **Historic Commission & Motorsport Australia State Council** - Nothing to report from May
 - ▶ **Group Leaders** - To be invited to join Motorsport Australia's online meeting about Industrial Manslaughter legal matters.
 - ▶ **Events** - Difficult for the committee to nail down a race event in 2020 because of Covid. With changes to border control, the October race meeting will no longer be classified as a national race meeting. Will be classified as interclub and now known as Historic Warwick. To be a basic No Frills event but have full historic race schedule of events. Meeting with MPR management will take place next week to discuss how the meeting will run under covid requirements.
 - ▶ **HRCC Clubroom/Facility** - Work has continued to find a suitable solution to the needs of the club.
- Recently, two new and positive opportunities have opened up. These involve involve other larger organisations. Discussions have taken place and we await their responses to proposals.
- ▶ **Competition/Regulation changes** - Nothing reported
 - ▶ **HRCC 2020 Objectives** - Management code of conduct and Patron completed. Working now on selection of affiliation with charities.
 - ▶ **Motorsport Australia Event Entry** - Problems with new MA MEE online system - no events so system not recently tested.
 - ▶ **Social Nights** - no further arrangements for these nights due to covid.
 - ▶ **Trophy Night/Christmas** - now to be held at Easts Leagues Club on 5th Dec.
 - ▶ **Annual General Meeting** - constitution changes will require publication and ratification. Notices to be prepared for correct notification periods.
 - ▶ **Club Patron** - Kevin Bartlett has accepted the role
 - ▶ **Committee Meeting minutes are available for members to view on request. Please contact the club secretary.**



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2020 Historic Motorsport Event Calendar

Date	HRCC Events	Other Qld Events	Interstate Events	Venue
Aug 28 -30		Motorsport Aust State Champ. Rd 3		Morgan Park Raceway
Aug 29 - 30			HSRCA Spring Festival	Wakefield Park
Oct 2 - 4	Historic Warwick			Morgan Park Raceway
Nov 28 -29			HSRCA Summer Festival	Sydney Motorsport Park
Nov 20 - 22		Motorsport Aust State Champ. Rd 4		Morgan Park Raceway

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