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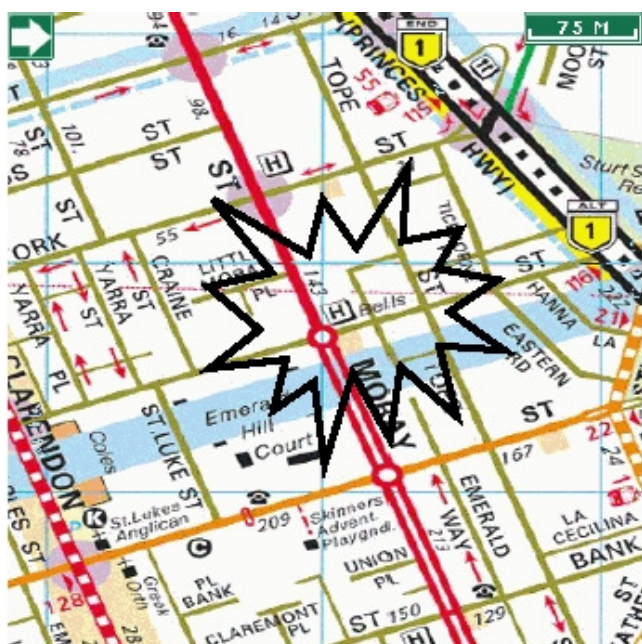
**This month's cover:** Now that's what I call a BLOWN light globe – or in this case two. The reason Andrew Roseman's lights went out at EGS... Photo: Mark H-J

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## Quick Note from the Editor

Wow! After all the hype and celebration of last month (anniversary edition)... What a let down!!... Not a single contribution for the Blower this month. So thin is content this month, that you won't see a Blower in your snailmailbox as it would be a waste of time and money folding and mailing.

I realize that most of the major contributors have more pressing matters at this time with George Derrick D-Day bearing down, but the question has to be asked, why is it when the 'regular faces' are unable to represent that they are not backed up by their fellow club members? (and I'm not just talking about Blower content)

Enough cr@p from me... Read on...

### MARK HOWARD-JONES

Disheartened Editor - The Blower  
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CCRMIT's showcase event, the George Derrick Memorial Rally, is a little over a month away. The event is again being run out of Avoca this year and the event organization is progressing well. As it has been in the past this event is a round of both the VRC and VCRS and so the pool of officials is stretched thin.

If you are able to help out as an official on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, please let us know now. It saves a lot of chasing around. We need people to fill roles big and small,

but all critical to making the event run smoothly and safely.

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To be a part of this great event, please contact our officials co-ordinator Jimbo asap.

[www.georgederrick.com](http://www.georgederrick.com)

## Around the Tracks

CCRMIT and VCAS

**NEXT EVENT - ROUND 5 - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

hosted by PAC at the Maffra Hillclimb complex.

More info and Supp regs can also be down loaded from the VCAS website

<http://www.vicclubautocrossseries.com>

# June Club Night

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010 @ 8pm

## Bells Hotel

Crn Coventry & Moray Streets, South Melbourne. (Melways Ref: Map 2K 1E)

**Arrive early and grab some pub-grub before hand**

### THIS MONTH:

## ***Special Guest Speaker***

This month's guest will be Scott Spedding, ARC and VCRS event director and Clerk of Course. Scott is also a regular VRC co-driver, has driven in VCRS and VCAS events and has an enormous amount of rally experience. Newly appointed as Chair of the VRC management group, we are sure he will be an engaging speaker. So come on down to Bells Hotel to hear from Scott and share a drink and a yarn with your fellow blue-shirts - who knows? You might just walk away with a mystery prize at the end of the night!

Plus...

East Gippsland Stages reports

More VCRS grumblings

2010 George Derrick update

Also....

General Rally Discussions - Extended Bar Breaks - Regular meeting stuff.



## CCRMIT and the VCRS

As discussed in the previous Blower, the VCRS committee is considering a change to the series rules, to allow for series registration. This is supposed to provide a guaranteed place in the field at any VCRS event for a competitor that didn't get their entry in early.

A VCRS committee discussion paper can be found at the end of this edition of The Blower. If this issue affects you I strongly recommend you read this article and pass on your thoughts to the CCRMIT Committee so we can represent your views at the next VCRS meeting.

At this stage the CCRMIT committee will not support the proposal without more information - for example there is little/no information on how events will have to interact with the VCRS committee, or how events go about being reimbursed by the committee within a timely fashion.

The CCRMIT inc. Committee calls for any comments or submissions on the attached proposal/discussion paper from the VCRS Committee.

If you could kindly address your input to Brett Williams - [jugglenaut1@bigpond.com](mailto:jugglenaut1@bigpond.com) ASAP or seek out Brett (or any other Club Committee member) at the next club night.

Based on feedback from club members the CCRMIT committee will decide on a position that reflects the Clubs views which Brett will present to the VCRS committee at their next meeting.

# CCRMIT Inc. Club calendar 2010

## June

10 <sup>th</sup>	CCRMIT	Club Night	Bells Hotel, South Melbourne
12 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Comp	VCAS Practice Event	Swan Hill
13 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VRC-2 Bega Valley Rally	NSW
19 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VCAS-5 PAC	Maffra
26 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VCRS-2 Nissan Nightmoves	Heathcote
28 <sup>th</sup>	CCRMIT	Committee Night	TBA

## July

8 <sup>th</sup>	CCRMIT	Club Night	Bells Hotel, South Melbourne
10 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	Hellyer Rally	NW Tasmania
17 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VRC-3, VCRS-3 George Derrick Memorial Rally	Avoca
24 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VCAS-6 MADCC	Maffra
26 <sup>th</sup>	CCRMIT	Committee Night	TBA

## August

7/8 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	Phillip Island 6 Hour Relay	Phillip Island
12 <sup>th</sup>	CCRMIT	Club Night - Bells Hotel, South Melbourne	Bells Hotel, South Melbourne
21 <sup>st</sup>	Comp	VCRS-4 Cooper Memorial Rally Sprint	Avoca
28 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VCAS-7 CCC	Melton
30 <sup>th</sup>	CCRMIT	Committee Night	TBA

## September

9th	CCRMIT	Club Night - Bells Hotel, South Melbourne	Bells Hotel, South Melbourne
12/13 <sup>th</sup>	Social	Winter Wonderland weekend	Kongoola Ski Club, Mt Hotham
18 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VCRS-5 Spring 200 Rally	Toolangi
26 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VCAS-8 KCC	Kyneton
27 <sup>th</sup>	CCRMIT	Committee Night	TBA

## October

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Comp	Mountain Stages Rally	NE Tasmania
14 <sup>th</sup>	CCRMIT	CCRMIT AGM	Bells Hotel, South Melbourne
17 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VRC-4 Akademos	Blue Range
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Comp	VCRS-6 Gil Davis Memorial	Powelltown
24 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VCAS-9 SPARE	TBA
25 <sup>th</sup>	CCRMIT	Committee Night	TBA

## November

4 <sup>th</sup>	Social	Go Karts #2	Le Mans Karts Dandenong
7 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VCAS-10 BCC	Bagshot (Flat Hillclimb)
11 <sup>th</sup>	CCRMIT	Club Night (may be dinner out at the ARC)	Bells Hotel, Sth Melb (TBC)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	ARC-6, VRC-5 Cerberus Stages	Noojee
27 <sup>th</sup>	Social	CCRMIT Xmas Break up - Billy-Kart & Family Day	(TBC)
29 <sup>th</sup>	CCRMIT	Committee Night	TBA

## December

5 <sup>th</sup>	Comp	VCAS-11 NCCA / SDCC	Shepparton
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Please note that all the events and dates listed (particularly social outings) here are completely correct. As there is currently only one item in this calendar it would be pretty lame and quite irresponsible of me as an editor to not have it being correct. Please regularly check the latest calendar in the Blower, on the CCRMIT or series websites, or come along to club nights for all the updated information. Please email any additions or corrections to [blower@ccrmit.com](mailto:blower@ccrmit.com)

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Orders can be delivered via Australia post (postage extra) or collected at one of our club nights or other activities... just speak to Brett & he'll do you a deal.

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sticker [new] \$1

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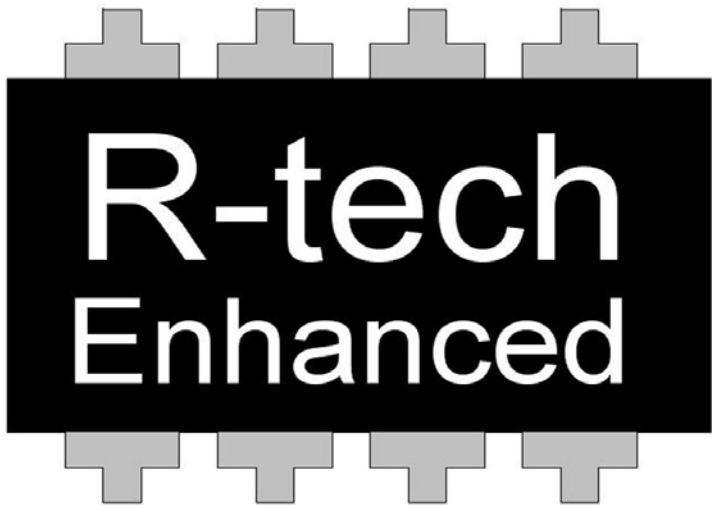
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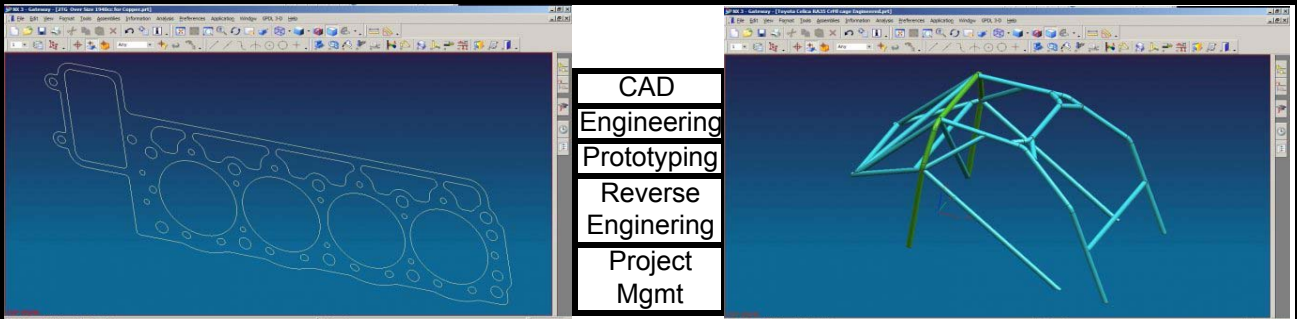
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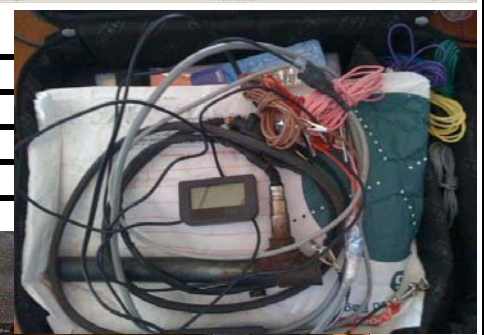
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Yes | No  
 If Yes what Grades ie V4: \_\_\_\_\_  
 As of 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2006 all officials need to be licensed through CAMS. This licence can be obtained from CAMS for free. For further information please call Officials Hotline 1300 657 673 or visit [www.cams.com.au](http://www.cams.com.au)

**Membership Types:**

1 Year	3 Year	
\$15	*	Full time RMIT students
\$20	*	Part time RMIT students
\$20	*	Full time student (other university)
\$30	\$80	Full CCRMIT Member
\$40	\$110	Couple/Family living at one address
\$10	\$30	per additional family member at same address

\* Not available

Please note: a priority issue (within 2 working days) will incur an additional \$10 fee

Membership type requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Victorian Club Rally Series Discussion Paper**

### **Proposal to change the rules for acceptance of entries and to introduce a series registration process**

Issue 1.0  
22 May 2010

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#### ***Disclaimer***

*This paper has been drafted to outline the issues & questions facing the VCRS and to present the arguments behind the various ideas and options.*

*In regard to historical information and rationale, the author relies on having been a VCRS delegate and committee member since 1995 (and an active VCRS and TAUCC competitor for 10 years before that) and on his memory and notes since that time.*

*Current issues and arguments are based on written and verbal feedback that has been received by the VCRS Committee.*

*Reasonable comment regarding the accuracy of information or the correct representation of arguments is welcomed at: VCRS\_Sec@fisherseidler.com*

*Personal abuse will be treated with the contempt it deserves.*

## Executive Summary

The significant over-subscription of Rally Bonnie Doon (previously Strezlecki Stages) over the last 2 or 3 years has led some competitors and organisers to suggest that the present VCRS rules covering acceptance of entries are not meeting the needs of competitors or the series and are difficult to administer.

A specific concern is that many of the entries in high profile events such as RBD are from crews who do not intend to run the full VCRS. Due to the event being oversubscribed, this displaces crews who would otherwise have run the entire series. This is seen as being detrimental to the VCRS as crews who miss out on the first round and therefore miss the opportunity to score series points, may be less inclined to run in the rest of the series.

The proposal before the Committee is that the present rules regarding acceptance of entries be altered, in particular by the removal of the “k/n” reserved places rule, and replaced by some form of series registration which delivers priority entry.

The two issues before the committee, and therefore for consideration by the clubs, are:

1. Should the existing rules around acceptance of entries, and in particular the k/n “reserved places” rule, be changed (and how) ?

And if so

2. Should the changes incorporate some form of series registration, possibly including a rebated registration fee and priority entry for registered competitors?

## Background

### VCRS and the origin of the k/n rule.

The VCRS was formed in the early 1990’s from the remainders of the TAUCC, Group 5 and Combine 6 rally series, all of which had been suffering from declining events and fields due to a number of factors including the recession of the late 1980’s and (some argue) the end of the Group G rally car rules.

In its original form the 12 club series had dispensation from CAMS to run multiclub events with 12 invited clubs (in excess of the maximum of 6 that was the rule at the time) and in order to ensure equitable distribution of available places between the clubs the “k/n” rule (k = event field size, n = number of VCRS clubs) was introduced to reserve an equal number of places for each club until 2 weeks before the close of entries.

With the abolition of the 6-club rule in the early 2000s it became possible to open VCRS events up to members of other clubs, so the rules were changed to allow this while still giving preference to entries from the VCRS member clubs.

The rationale was that it is the clubs that make the series strong and giving preferential entry to competitors from member clubs provided an incentive for would-be competitors to join the member clubs in order to get access to the reserved places. This led to some competitors using less active VCRS clubs as “flags of convenience” to get access to reserved places.

With the disaffiliation of inactive and defunct clubs (TOCOAN, HSCCV, MSCC), and admission of some of the larger active rallying clubs in the mid to late 2000s (PAC, NECC, HRA,) this “club of convenience” type activity was reduced, if not eliminated altogether.

For the most part the rules around acceptance of entries have not needed to be used, since relatively few events have been oversubscribed. Notable exceptions to this in recent years have been the Nissan Nightmoves on a couple of occasions, and Rally Bonnie Doon.

### **Strezlecki Stages/Rally Bonnie Doon – the exception that tests the rules.**

The first running of the Strezlecki Stages in 2007 was an unqualified success and in subsequent years (when it was renamed Rally Bonnie Doon, aka RBD) it has gone from strength to strength.

In the last two years it has been a “victim of circumstance”. With the first round of the VRC being rescheduled due to bushfire danger, RBD has been the first significant Victorian rally of the season. With a number of VRC crews primed and poised ready for the season and the first VRC round not running until May, RBD has been massively oversubscribed with many entries from competitors whose immediate interest was the VRC as distinct from supporting the full VCRS.

To quantify this, the following table shows, for the previous 3 years, the number of crews who ran and the number of those who entered no other VCRS events that year.

Year	Number of Competitors who ran Rally Bonnie Doon/Strezlecki Stages	Number of RBD/SS Competitors who ran no other VCRS Events during that year
2007	58	13
2008	71	17
2009	58	20

Now some of these “one eventers” would have been for reasons such as destroying engines (or entire cars), changes in personal circumstances etc. Looking at many of the actual crews involved however it is clear that they would not have intended to run the entire VCRS and were using RBD as a shake-down.

This is not to say that these crews were doing anything wrong – their inclusion in the event was entirely within the rules - simply that many crews whose intention was to run the entire VCRS (and who did go on to run the remaining rounds) missed out on the opportunity to run and score points in RBD. This distorted the scores for the whole of the VCRS because those crews did not have an equal opportunity to score in every VCRS round.

The administration of entries to RBD in the last few years has been strictly in accordance with the rules and a credit to the organising committee. This process did however highlight that (a) many competitors were slow in getting their entries in, despite being aware that the event was likely to be over subscribed and (b) many competitors do not seem to understand the rules regarding acceptance of entries and eligibility for the reserved places.

## Discussion

The issue around entries for RBD in particular and VCRS events in general has been widely discussed both at VCRS meetings and elsewhere.

The variety of opinion and proposed solutions has been broad but largely fits into four categories:

- The rules have been stable for several years. People should know that the best way to get a run is to get their entry in early. Maintain the status quo.
- The rules are too complicated and don't work. We need a system that ensures that genuine VCRS (series) competitors get preferential treatment.
- As long as there is a VRC calendared before RBD (or any other "popular" VCRS event) it will be OK.
- Drop RBD from the VCRS. It was originally included to make up the number of events in 2007. With new active clubs in the VCRS (HRA, KCC) there should now be enough "traditional" VCRS events to make up the series.

Since the VCRS doesn't control the Rally calendar – or for that matter the weather or the fire danger conditions – any calendar based solution is not workable.

Dropping RBD from the VCRS would provide a short term solution (and no doubt RBD would be popular as a stand alone event) this does not actually address the fundamental issue – if indeed an issue is deemed to exist.

So this leaves two basic positions

1. Leave the rules alone. Competitors should be alert and vigilant and get their entries in quickly if they want to run.
2. The rules don't work and should be changed. We need a solution that provides preferential treatment to VCRS competitors who want to run the whole series, not just selected events.

## Proposals

If you support the latter proposition then the next step is to determine how the rules should be changed and what is the best way to ensure preferential treatment for true "series" competitors?

How do you determine who is a *bona fide* series competitor?

With these questions in mind, one proposal presented to the VCRS committee is as follows:

“Rebated Bond Registration System”

- Scrap the k/n reserved places rule.
- Maintain the classification of Full VCRS, Part VCRS, and Non VCRS crews.
- Institute a series registration process (managed by the VCRS committee) including a substantial (say \$400) up-front bond that must be lodged prior to the first round of the season.
- Registration and bonds would only be accepted from members of VCRS clubs.
- Registration confers guaranteed right of entry to each VCRS event provided an entry is received no later than two weeks before the close of entries.
- Registered competitors will have their entry fee reduced by \$100 (reimbursed to the event organiser from the competitor’s bond) for each of the first 4 events they enter. For their 5<sup>th</sup> and subsequent events they will continue to receive a guaranteed entry (within 2 weeks of the close of entries) at the full entry fee price.
- Other entries will be accepted in order of receipt with preference to Full, Part and Non VCRS crews in that order to fill the remaining places in the field.
- Either or both of Drivers or Navigators can register and lodge the bond, but only one “rebate” per event entry will be recognised
- Requests for the return of any unused bonds after the end of each series will be considered by the VCRS committee on a case-by-case basis.

Obviously there would be further details to be sorted out if this proposal were to be implemented.

**Action Required**

Each VCRS club is requested to discuss the issues canvassed above and brief their club delegate to vote on the following proposal at the June meeting of the VCRS Committee (scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> June)

1. “That the VCRS rules for acceptance of entries be changed to remove the provision of reserved places for clubs (the k/n rule) and replaced by alternative rules for acceptance of entries, incorporating a registration system.”

At this point, assuming that this proposal receives majority support, any alternative proposals that have been received via the club delegates or directly from individual competitors will be tabled for consideration.

Depending on the number of proposals received there may be an immediate vote for acceptance of a proposal or alternatively the various proposals will be referred to the clubs for discussion and will be voted upon at the July VCRS Committee meeting (presently scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> July).

Therefore if you/your club supports the idea of a change in the rules but is not in favour of the “Rebated Bond Registration System” proposed above, you should be sure to present an alternative proposal to the June meeting.

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Please address all correspondence on this issue to: [VCRS\\_Sec@fisherseidler.com](mailto:VCRS_Sec@fisherseidler.com)