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2018**

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**Winners of the 2018 George
Derrick**



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Presidents Rumblings

Howdy All,

I am happy (well sorta) to announce that I will be your president for the another 12 months. It would appear that you loved my work so much last year, that you all just couldn't resist giving me the job again. The AGM took place at the end of year motorkhana and BBQ. A few roles changed, the biggest being that Murray Price, our membership man for the last many many years retired from the role. Fortunately Andrew Thorpe has stepped up and taken on the role.. He is currently working on streamlining the membership process so that it can all take place online and instantaneously. You will receive a confirmation email immediately, and then the membership card in the mail later.

The Motorkhana was well received by all those who attended, and the weather was perfect. It was good to see a few juniors out there having a go.. some showing their parents how it is done! We are planning to run another Motorkhana in the first half of the year, and will keep you posted as soon as we have a date locked in.

The George Derrick rally has also been run and won in November. It was a hard haul to get it off the ground when at 7 weeks out the forester pulled the access to the forest we were planning to use. A quick relocate, re-write and complete re-hash of everything and away we went.. The weather turned to crap again... for the second year in a row, and the event was a very soggy slippery affair. There were no major issues, and the event was a success overall. Thanks to all the club members who came out to help as officials, and the core team of crazy people who did all the pre and post event work.

We will have the trophy presentations for club champ etc and the presentations for the George Derrick at the next club night, February 19th.

If we can get together (please send to me) some video and photos of all of the action the club members have been in throughout the year, I will put together a video and slide show for the night.. The more embarrassing moments the better, and I don't care if the source is facebook or youtube or whatever, I have the tech to steal it. This may include track days, in car footage, photos, whatever you have.

Bernard





Random stuff from the web you may or may not have seen!

Range Rover flips over and ends up a submerged write-off as beach adventure goes horribly wrong <http://a.msn.com/01/en-au/AAwFzI4?ocid=se>

Police bust driver sitting on stool <http://a.msn.com/01/en-au/AAxsA4i?ocid=se>

Backing a Trailer like a boss <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxr83Vkrh00>

https://www.motorauthority.com/news/1117391_vw-id-r-electric-racer-smashes-pikes-peak-record

Ain't looking good for the petrol car!!!!

<https://www.news.com.au/travel/travel-advice/flights/humiliating-flight-fail-caught-on-camera/news-story/a2eefe196dd7b9a6d047e896b4ac7a54#.98x8p>

Ford Ranger Raptor warranty won't extend to stunt driving <http://a.msn.com/08/en-au/BBL435B?ocid=se>

<https://www.news.com.au/travel/travel-ideas/weird-and-wacky/thomas-cook-paint-gaffe-leaves-plane-displaying-very-rude-message-along-its-side/news-story/1ce34fc2ad3a156186c75f23eafbe37e#.xrw65>

Jaguar has turned the F-Type into a rally car <http://a.msn.com/08/en-au/BBPMhFT?ocid=se>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwFIJyWks1k>

Murphy takes Reynolds and Tander rallying; <https://www.supercars.com/videos/championship/supercars-to-turn-1000-at-albert-park/?cat=default>

Photos from the Motorkhana



Club Awards

Steve Poore Trials Champion

	Ada River	Nissan Nightmoves	Yarra Stages	George Derrick	TOTAL
Colin Sichlau	20	19	19	19	77
Matthew Dillon		20	20	20	60
David Gates	19	16		18	53
Gareth Nicholls	19	16		18	53
Peter Simpson	18	15	18		51
Graham Redcliffe	18	15	18		51
Rick Thorpe	17		17		34
David Thorpe	17	17			34
Andrew Thorpe		17	17		34
James Elliott		18			18
Andrew Roseman		18			18
Ryan Humphreys				1	1

Noel Kelly Novice Award

	Ada River	Nissan Nightmoves	Yarra Stages	George Derrick	TOTAL
Matthew Dillon		20	20	20	60
Gareth Nicholls	20	17		19	56
Peter Simpson	19	16	19		54
Graham Redcliffe	19	16	19		54
Rick Thorpe	18		18		36
Andrew Thorpe		18	18		36
Andrew Roseman		19			19

**"He who is without oil,
shall throw the first
rod" Compressions
8.7:1**

David Lambie All-Round Club Champion

	VCAS Rnd 1	Eureka Rally VRC-1	George Woods	VCAS Rnd 2	SxS Rnd 1	Super Sprint Rnd 2	Ada River VRC-2	Ada River VCRS-1	Mitta Mountain Rally VRC-3	SxS Rnd 2	VCAS Rnd 3	VCAS Rnd 5	Missan Nightmoves VCRS-2	SxS Rnd 3	Pl 6hr Relay	SxS Rnd 4	Rally of the Bay VRC-4	VCAS Rnd 6	Yarra Valley Stages VRC-5	Yarra Valley Stages VCRS-3	SxS Rnd 5	SxS Rnd 6	Akademios VRC-6	George Derrick VRC-7	George Derrick VCRS-4	TOTAL
Ewan McClue					20				18					18		20					20	20				116
Tadamitsu Niihori					18				17					20		19					18	18				110
Stephen Gregory					19				19					19		18					17	17				109
Tim Liston					17				20					17		17					19	19				109
Matt Lee		20					1		20										19				20	19		99
Rick Thorpe							17			20					20			17		17						91
Cathy Elliott							1		20										19				20	19		79
Colin Sichlau								20					19						19						18	76
Brett Williams			20				19		1										17				18			75
Don Lake	19									15	20						19									73
Philip Dobson							17			16	18						19									70
Matthew Dillon													20							20					20	60
Jason Lake	20						17											20								57
Stephen Raymond							18												18				19			55
Daniel Lake										17	19							19								55
David Gates								19					16												19	54
Gareth Nicholls								19					16												19	54
David Thorpe								17					17		20											54
Andrew Thorpe															17	20				17						54
Peter Simpson								18					15							18						51
Graham Redcliffe								18					15							18						51
Terry Trewern			20																					20		40
Zane Panagos				20							19															39
Nicholas Jacob											18				20											38
Craig Westwood						20									18											38
Matt Raymond																				17				18		35
Warren Lee							20		1											1				1		23
David Lethlean							20		1											1				1		23
Viv Dilkes-Frayne																	20			1				1	1	23
Barry Sheridan								1	1											20						22
Donna Trewern																								20		20
Glen Raymond		19																								19
Luca Giacomini							19																			19
Alan Wilson															19											19
Peter Beam															19											19
John Wilson															19											19
Garry Berrie															19											19
Kevin Wilson															19											19
Adam Hamutowsky						19																				19
Ryan Humphreys							1																		17	18
James Elliott													18													18
Andrew Roseman													18													18
Craig Weainert															18											18
Brenton Simpson															18											18
Chris Homutowsky															18											18
Michael Newman		18																								18
Lucinda Vainer																			18							18
Daniel Dalrymple						18																				18
Rodney Dalrymple						17																				17
Andrew Ormesher									1																	1

So the winners are:

David Lambie All-Round Club Champion – Ewan McClue

Steve Poore Trials Champion – Colin Sichlau

Noel Kelly Novice Award (Champion) – Matthew Dillon

Club Member of the Year – TBA (be there to find out if it is you!)

Official of the Year – TBA (be there to find out if it is you!)

George Derrick Rally Awards

VRC

OUTRIGHT and P5

Ben Hayes/Cathy Hayes

Ivan Register/Paul Humm

Wayne Stewart/Lucas Zinsstag

P3

P.Lahiff*/J.Lockley*

P4

R.Stapleton/P.Ellis

P6

B.Till/M.Garrad

Fiesta

Nick Seymour*/Ognjen Jovanovic*

2WD

G.Walker/S.Richards also 1st Classic

B.Newton/R.Price also 1st P2

J.Bohm/A.Staltari also 2nd P2, 1st Novice, 1st Excel

VCRS

OUTRIGHT/2wd

Cody Richards/Matthew Dillon 1st Class C also

Aiden Peart/Stuart Armstrong 1st Class D and 1st Senior Cup also

Joel Wald/Chris Ellis 2nd Class D also

Class A

Adrian Stratford/Kain Manning 1st Novice also. Adrian Stratford also 1st junior cup Driver

Class B

Mark Watson/John Marson 2nd Novice also

Class C

C.Richards/M.Dillon

D.Gates/G.Nicholls

Class E

C.Sichlau/G.Hilton 2nd Senior Cup also





This year CCRMIT is taking the reins of the Victorian ARC round – with a new event format and branding. Combining the success of the Pyrenees Rush and Eureka Rally – the Eureka Rush has been born.

The event will be a single day of forest competition (Sunday) with Recce (Saturday). After recce Saturday night crews will enjoy a 3.0km super special stage around Victoria Park.

Beaufort will host the Sunday forest competition



The organising committee is seeking expressions of interested from club members who would like be involved in the organisation of this exciting event.

Directing Team so far:

Andrew Roseman	Clerk of Course
James Elliott	Operations Manager
Ross Runnalls	Road Director

The course has been selected with 120km of competitive and 134km of liaison

Please call either Andrew 0413 307 766 or James 0437 140 888

Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) are now mandatory for VCRS

As of 1st January it is now mandatory to wear a Frontal Head Restraints for any multi-club event, so VCRS and up. Frontal head restraints will also become compulsory at club level events from 1 January, 2020.

Frontal head restraints are designed to reduce injury by limiting forward head movement during periods of rapid deceleration.

With FHR device (left), without FHR device (right)



What are the benefits of a FHR?

A FHR is of most benefit in a frontal or rearward impact incident, however there is no type of incident in which the use of a FHR will be disadvantageous. A FHR system is designed to reduce injury by limiting forward head movement during periods of rapid deceleration. In doing so, the risk of serious spinal cord injury at the level of the neck, which can result in quadriplegia or death, is greatly reduced.

Is my helmet compatible with a FHR?

The helmet must be equipped by the helmet manufacturer or agent with FIA homologated FHR fixation points and the helmet must be manufactured in accordance with one of the required standards. Providing the helmet meets these requirements, tether points for the FHR are able to be retro fitted.

We advise that you also refer to Schedule I in the CAMS Manual to ensure your harnesses comply with the requirements as listed in Type A, which will also be required from January 1, 2019, as a part of the overall implementation of FHRs.

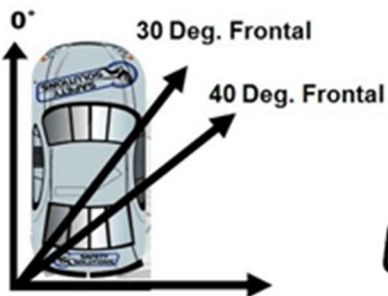
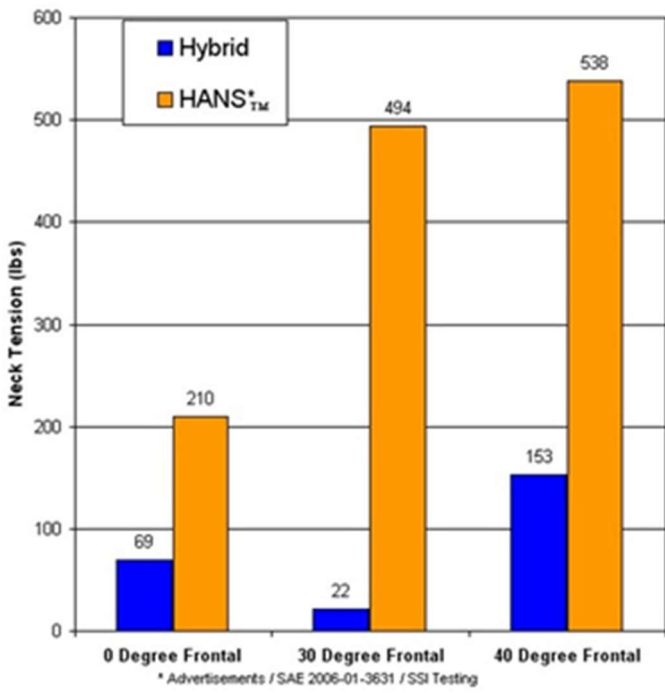
What are my options for a FHR?

There are two options for a FHR - the original HANS device or the Simpson Hybrid. Some of the research suggests the Simpson Hybrid provides some more protection in sideways movement over the HANS which is focused on forward movement only, people also find the Simpson Hybrids easier for getting in and out of cars as there isn't the raised rear collar that the HANS has, which is easy to catch on roll cage or the door frame. This would seem to indicate that for Rallying, where we tend to hit things sideways a lot, the Simpson may be the better option.

Simpson



Hans



Hybrid

My new scooter...



The Calendar

Welcome to 2019! The motorsport calendar below is a compilation of Rallies, VCAS, Super Sprints and some standalone events that will constitute the events for the David Lambie All-Round-Club-Champion.

February

03	Autocross	PAC	Pakenham	VCAS-2
09	VRC/VCRS Launch Party		Harbour Kitchen, Melbourne	
10	Phillip Island Super Sprint	PIARC	Phillip Island	VSS-1
19	<i>2018 George Derrick & Club Award Presentations – Notting Hill Hotel 8pm</i>			
23	George Woods Novice Rally	HRA	Powelltown	

March

02	Mitta Mitta Mountain Rally	NECC	Upper Murray	VRC-1
31	Ada River Rally	WDCC	Neerim	VRC-2/VCRS-1
31	Sandown Super Sprint	MCC	Sandown	VSS-2

April				
05-07	MSH Forest Rally		Western Australia	ARC-1
07	Autocross	BCC	Bendigo	VCAS-2
May				
04	Marysville Stages	FFCC	Marysville	VRC-3/VCRS-2
05	Winton Super Sprint	MSCA	Winton	VSS-3
11	Netier National Capital Rally		Canberra	ARC-2
18	Ballarat Autocross	BLCC	Ballarat Airport	VCAS-3
18	Moonlight Meander	MSCC	Wombat	
June				
01-02	Swan Hill Twin Track	SWSCC	Swan Hill	VCAS-4
15	Nissan Nightmoves	NCCA	Heathcote, Rushworth	VCRS-3
21-23	Subaru Rally Tasmania		Tasmania	ARC-3
23	Phillip Island Super Sprint	PIARC	Phillip Island	VSS-4
29	Rally of the Bay		Batemans Bay	VRC-4
July				
27	Boisdale Hillclimb Track	MADCC	Maffra	VCAS-5
27	Daryl Tunbridge Trial	BLCC	Elmhurst	VCRS-4
27-28	Philip Island 6hr Relay	PIARC	Philip Island Circuit	
August				
18	Autocross	KCC	Kyneton	VCAS-6
24-25	Eureka Rush	CCRMIT	Ballarat	ARC-4/VRC-5

September

11	Sunraysia Safari Rally		Mildura	
14	Starlight Saunter	MSCC	Wombat	
15	Autocross	SDCC	Shepparton	VCAS-7
20-22	Bott Adelaide Hills Rally		South Australia	ARC-5
22	Yarra Valley Stages	NCCA	Toolangi	VRC-6/VCRS-6
28	Bethanga Stampede Rallysprint	AWDCC	Upper Murray	
28	Sandown Super Sprint	SAUV	Sandown	VSS-5

October

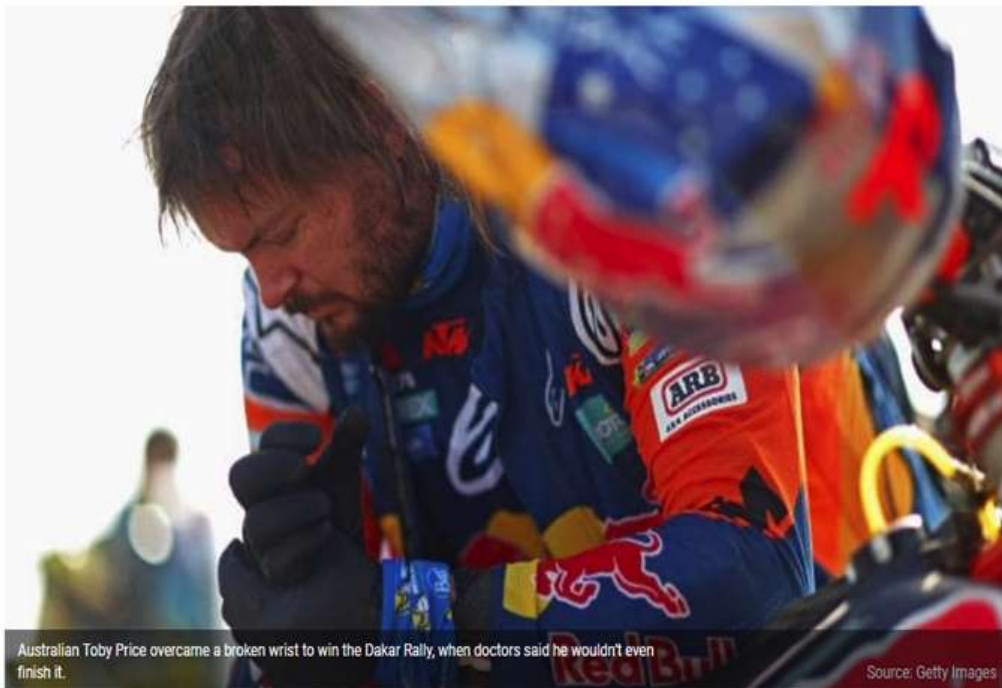
05	Bill Orders Memorial	PAC	Powelltown	
20	MRF Tyres Akademos	MUCC	Blue Range, Rubicon	VRC-7
27	Autocross	SEAC	Mt Gambier	VCAS-8

November

09	George Derrick Memorial	CCRMIT	Heyfield	VCRS-6
17	Autocross	WDCC		VCAS-9
15-17	Kennards Rally Australia		Coffs Coast	ARC-6
29	Alpine Rally	HRA	East Gippsland	

Toby Price wins Dakar Rally with these injuries, and gets just about zero media coverage in Australia, and we wonder why we struggle

Dakar Rally 2019: How Toby Price defied doctors and years of broken bones to dominate the desert



January 21, 2019 1:55pm | by JACK AUSTIN | Source: FOX SPORTS

In 2003, at the age of 15, Toby Price broke both of his wrists in a training accident before going on to win both of the two top divisions at the Australian Junior Motocross Championship.

In 2019, with a broken wrist echoing his injuries of 13 years before, he became a two-time Dakar champion, in the dunes of Peru.

Add in two broken femurs, countless broken ribs, a broken ankle, a broken foot, a fractured thumb and three broken bones in his neck in the years in between these two triumphs and Price's body is more akin to the character from the board game Operation than professional athlete.

Put simply, Toby Price is certainly no stranger to pain.



"To sit there and think I've broken both of my femurs before, I've broken my neck, I've broken this bone and that one. Thinking of those on the tougher days kind of made this one a little easier," he exclusively told FoxSports.com.au, less than 24 hours after arriving back in Australia.

"It's still pretty tender. Since I've had a few days off of the bike again it's definitely starting to free up and relax again now but the pain in the wrist is still there. I'll go and get a scan and X-rays in the next couple of days. I'm sure there will be some more little surgeries just to fix it up but the pain has been worth it."

The doctor who performed the surgery has done the same thing for many a MotoGP rider and got them back on grid for the following week. However, the stress on the body while dominating the Dakar is very different to gliding around a flat circuit.

The Dakar Rally is widely considered the toughest race on the planet as cars, buggies, trucks and bikes look to conquer 5000km of rigid sand dunes and rocky desert through the variable Peruvian landscape. Price managed to win it despite that broken scaphoid in his right wrist.



Toby Price was the first Australian to win the Dakar in 2016.

Source: Getty Images

"I knew I was going to make the start line – I was going to start the race no matter what. When I was on the plane flying over, I was dreaming of the finish line a little bit but I didn't quite think that was going to come.

"[The doctors] didn't recommend me not competing. He said to me 'you should be all good to start the race but I don't know how long you'll last and how long you'll be able to go through the event.'"

Following hours and hours on the bike through the Peruvian desert in 40 degree heat, Price then had to undergo hours of rehabilitation just to make it to the next day. While his rivals were resting, he was icing and compressing it just to keep the swelling down enough to get his gloves on.

"I definitely had a day around stage three [where I wanted to stop]," Price admitted. "We had a fuel stop and I'd had a bit of a rough morning, made a navigational error and lost my way a bit. I felt like I'd lost so much time on the guys at the front.

"I was going into the fuel stop thinking 'that'll be enough for me [this year].' But once I got to the fuel stop, unfortunately for the others, they'd had the same day as me pretty much and I was still in the race.




"It happened between stages seven and eight as well, but by then we were over the halfway mark and past the point of no return then."

Price only took the lead during the penultimate stage of the race and his only stage victory was the final one, when he rode past his friend and nearest rival Pablo Quintanilla in a heap on the ground after crashing, confirming his win as he rode back into Lima.

That was his second Dakar title – his first, in his own words, coming "out of the blue" in 2016 – but his mind is already on winning a third.

Perhaps the challenges is now to do it with two broken wrists in 2020? He's already come third on the back of a broken femur in 2018 and first with the broken wrist, after all.

"Trust me, I'm definitely coming into the next one fit and healthy. I think we're about 360 days away from the start of another Dakar. The preparations are already beginning."

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