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# THE BLOWER

The Official magazine of the Car Club of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Inc



**BIG NEWS**

**CLUB NIGHT**

**THIS MONTH**

**DATE CHANGED**

**TO WEDNESDAY**

**16<sup>TH</sup>**

**SEPTEMBER**



## Next Club Night:

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**September**

General Club Nights are held at 8pm on the Second Wednesday of each month (Feb – Nov) at :

**The Notting Hill Hotel** (On the map below)  
262 Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill



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### The Cover

**Dave gates in the rain and the timing team at the Phillip Island 6 hour**

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# **CCRMIT 2015 Motorkhana**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**at Lardner park (near Warragul)**

**Enter through gate 1**

**Gate opens 9AM**

**Competition starts 10AM**

**Entry Fee is \$30 for about 6 hours of as much fun as you can have on dirt between witches hats. If last years event was anything to go by, we quit early because people were getting tired.. Just about any car is acceptable! Minimum Ln2 licence required, available direct from the CAMS website.**

**This will be a mixed event, with mostly untimed tests. We will be timing some tests during the day for those with a competitive spirit, but there will be no awards, just bragging rights**

**Event will be catered (bbq lunch and soft drinks)**

**BYO for other food/drinks**

**See the CCRMIT website [ccrmit.com](http://ccrmit.com) for supplementary regulations and further information**

# Presidents Rumblings

Hi all, August, what a month.

What an event, what a club, what a Team.

The Maryborough Toyota – George Derrick – Pyrenees Rush 2015.

'Jimbo', Cathie and Richard have put together what can only be called a fabulous event.

Sponsored, promoted, organized and executed with great skills and enthusiasm.

The effort put in by this Team should be applauded by all.

Then on top of this, every stage run by a CCRMIT member/s.

Hundreds of hours put in, hundreds of kilometers travelled, and unlimited enthusiasm by all the team.

Congratulations CCRMIT a great effort all round.

On the other side of things we find our club losing its Club Night venue, The Nottinghill Hotel on Thursday nights due to business commitments. I'd like to thank Kris for his hospitality over the past months.

Having said, "we have lost it", it may not be the case, it all depends on you the members and the Committee.

Times change and so must we be prepared to change if necessary.

I have tentatively booked 'The Nott' for Club Nights on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month for the rest of 2015. This has not been discussed at Committee level at this point due to time constraints.

What do you think, is Wednesday viable, or does it have to be Thursday. Let me know what you think, send me an email at [president@ccrmit.com](mailto:president@ccrmit.com) with your thoughts. It's your club.

Further to this I would like to thank Craig Westwood for the offer of his work premise for Club Night and Committee meetings, this will also be discussed by the Committee at the next meeting.

Keep an eye on the CCRMIT Facebook page for more details very soon.

If all this hasn't been enough CCRMIT again assisted with the running of the rZr Polaris Championship at Shepparton on the 15<sup>th</sup> August.

A very busy month.

Congratulations to all the members who participated in these events, getting to the start line can be a challenge, getting to the Finish is even a bigger one, but if you don't make it this time, have another go.

September is looking busy already, a trip to Coffs Harbor for the WRC, Bacchus Marsh for the final of the rZr Championship and Lardner Park for the Motorkana on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Wow, plus work.

Have a great month.

Rod.

## Editors Notes

We have a few bits for the blower this month, but not as much as we could.. what happened to all the people at the Pyrenees?? No reports, no run down of their event? What went right, what went wrong? We are all interested you know...

Seeing there is lots of space in the mag and not much to say, I will give you an update on my progress.. Had 6 doses of chemo so far, with minimal side effects which I am very happy about. I have about another 10 to go, and if all goes well, I will then be in for a stem cell transplant to grow some new clean bone marrow. Hopefully by around January next year, I will either be still having troubles, or have good news, we'll just have to wait and see. Either way, this has been a hell of a life changing experience.. I have gone from working 50 to 60 hours a week running my own business, to retired in the space of 2 weeks. Fortunately, I had income protection insurance which is now paying the bills. Now 8 weeks later, I still haven't run out of stuff to do.. how did I get it all done before?? And the best bit is, because of the damage that has been done to my spine and a few other bones, I can't go back to work doing what I have done for the past 30 years.. No more roofs, no more ladders, no more lifting heavy stuff. Hmm career change here we come big time. Anyway If nobody else wants to write stuff, I will update you on my health every month, that will definitely bore the shit out of you all.

Special thanks to Steve Hollowood for his great article on the State Bank Trial Re-run.

Bernard

## New Arrival @ Price Manor

Gossip has it that there has been a new arrival at the Price household.

Some don't know it but Murray is a closet Volvo owner. Hidden away in depth of his garage is a Volvo 360 sedan, slowly being returned to it's former glory.

Now Murray has a dog, Jenna, or should I say that Jenna has a Murray.

Jenna takes Murray for a walk each night before retiring to bed for the evening.

Now Jenna has been getting a little lonely, so, she now has a new friend and additional member of the Price household.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to introduce you to Jenna's new friend.



Congratulations, anew member of the Prancing Moose Race Team – Eric Larsen. No doubt Eric will make appearances at a events from time to time, could even go to the WRC next week.

Brian Nilrem Jnr



# Membership Matters

The first half of 2016 has seen quite a bit of membership action.

There are 26 new members, mainly due to the Polaris RZR Championship and autocross.

For a Club that now has about 100 members, to get an extra third and all competitors is something to be proud of.

We, as a Club, must be doing something right.

Now getting in early for the next round of renewals. Below is a list of members whose memberships are due for renewal in January 2016.

383 - John Wilson

458 - Alan Wilson

745 - Michelle Fraser & Family

763 - Brett Williams & Family

830 - Spencer Lowndes

857 - Anthony Robinson

927 - Doug Lakeman

1035 - Michael Bansagi

1172 - David Gill

1175 - Stuart Diggins

1257 - Steve Allen

1266 - Mark Gill

1276 - Barry Sheridan

1281 - Mark Egan

1282 - Ange Egan

1296 - Stuart Wills

1298 - Matilda Wilson

1299 - Jay Wilson

1304 - Viv Dilkes-Frayne

1310 - Tracey Dewhurst

1327 - Dean Marshall

1332 - Brenton Simpson

1339 - Nicholas Jacob

1346 - Niall Gavin

1360 - Joseph Eletva

1361 - Paul Dobson

Over the past couple of years I have seen new members come along and a few members fall by the wayside. I also note those that are somewhat tardy in renewing but I am more than happy to renew ASAP when required.

All I ask is that if you are on the list above and there is no intention to renew please let me know. No hard feelings, that's just the "circle of life" Simba.

Murray.

# « THE CALENDAR »

## September

05	Moonlight Meander	MMSC	Wombat	
10	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
10-13	Rally Australia		Coffs Coast	ARC-4
12	NECC Sprint Rally	NECC	Ovens	
12	Daryl Tunbridge Novice Trial	BLCC	Avoca, Mt Cole	
19	Spring 200	FFCC	Black & Blue Range	VCRS-5
19	Swan Hill Twin Track	SWSCC	Swan Hill	VCAS-9
27	Club Motorkhana	CCRMIT	Lardner Park	

## October

03	Ivans Folly	PCCV	Heathcote, Rushworth	
08	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
17	Boisdale Hillclimb Track	CCRMIT	Maffra	VCAS-10
18	Akademos	MUCC	Blue Range, Rubicon	VRC-5
23-25	Scouts Rally SA		South Australia	ARC-5
24	Blue Rock Stages	PAC	Heyfield	VCRS-6
31	Bagshot Rallysprint	HRA	Private Property	

## November

01	Swan Hill Twin Track	CCC	Swan Hill	VCAS-11
14	Begonia Rally	BLCC	Pyrenees, Mt Cole	VRC-6
28	Alpine Rally	HRA	East Gippsland	



# « THE SCORER »

No update this month sorry, the scorer has been busy.. scoring maybe??

Andrew Roseman  
Club Scorer

## Steve Poore Trials Champion

	Neerim Classic	Marysville Marathon	Nissan Nightmoves	Spring 200	Blue Rock Stages	TOTAL
Cathy Elliott	19	18	18			55
Colin Sichlau		20	20			40
Rick Thorpe		20	20			40
Richard Gill	20					20
Mark Sichlau			19			19
Brett Williams			19			19

## Noel Kelly Novice Award

	Neerim Classic	Marysville Marathon	Nissan Nightmoves	Spring 200	Blue Rock Stages	TOTAL
Richard Gill	20					20
Mark Sichlau			20			20



# Maryborough Toyota George Derrick

On behalf of the 2015 Maryborough Toyota George Derrick Pyrenees Rush directing team, I would like to thank all the members of CCRMIT who helped make the event a success - It's the only rally that I know of this year, where every Stage Commander & Spec Point Commander came from within the events own club. Thank you to all that helped out!

Cathy had a 100% attendance rate on the day for all the officiating positions, which was fantastic, and very much appreciated! The event had it's own little challenges of the weekend, with a small section of road collapsing during recce, loss of Checker late Saturday evening, and a few other interesting hiccups, which I'm sure you can hear from me at Club night!

A post event drive with HVP Plantation staff was had, and they were happy with the end results. As to next year, who knows - the staff on the ground are happy, but as a sport we need to convince the HVP Board that rallying has it's advantages!

A big thank you to in particular to Andrew Roseman for looking after the service park in Amphitheatre & Peter with the particularly intensive HVP stage. Richard Gill on the course work, & most of all Cathy, who put up with me dedicating nearly every hour of the day prior, during & after the event with "rally stuff"...

From the competitors response it's been a success, most officials sound like they had a great day, the various "sponsors" that have help with the event & championship also have great memories! For a first time VRC, I'm happy - but as always, there are always areas to be improved..

A more detailed report will be coming one day, probably when this years event is wrapped up - Yes it still continues to consume time... Anyone going to volunteer to help do more next year?

Jimbo...

Thanks to Cam at



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As per Regs, the local competitor scrutineering and documentation for the Pyrenees Rush was conducted on the Wednesday night prior to the event.



‘Jimbo’, Cathie and Cam discussing the whereabouts of the Entries Secretary, “Sure he’s here somewhere?”



25% of the field attended and was made welcome with light refreshments and much talk about the coming event.



JR, never missing an opportunity had a NEW sign made for the upcoming Spring 200 and had well displayed for all to see.



As per the rest of the event all went well and an early night was had by all.

## State Bank Discovery Trial Rerun – August 8 – 15

I was an official on the State Bank Discovery Trial Rerun, held in August. It wasn't too hard a decision for me to volunteer because of where the event was going – remote South Australia. I just love that part of the world and it had been a few years since my last trip to the spectacular Flinders Ranges.

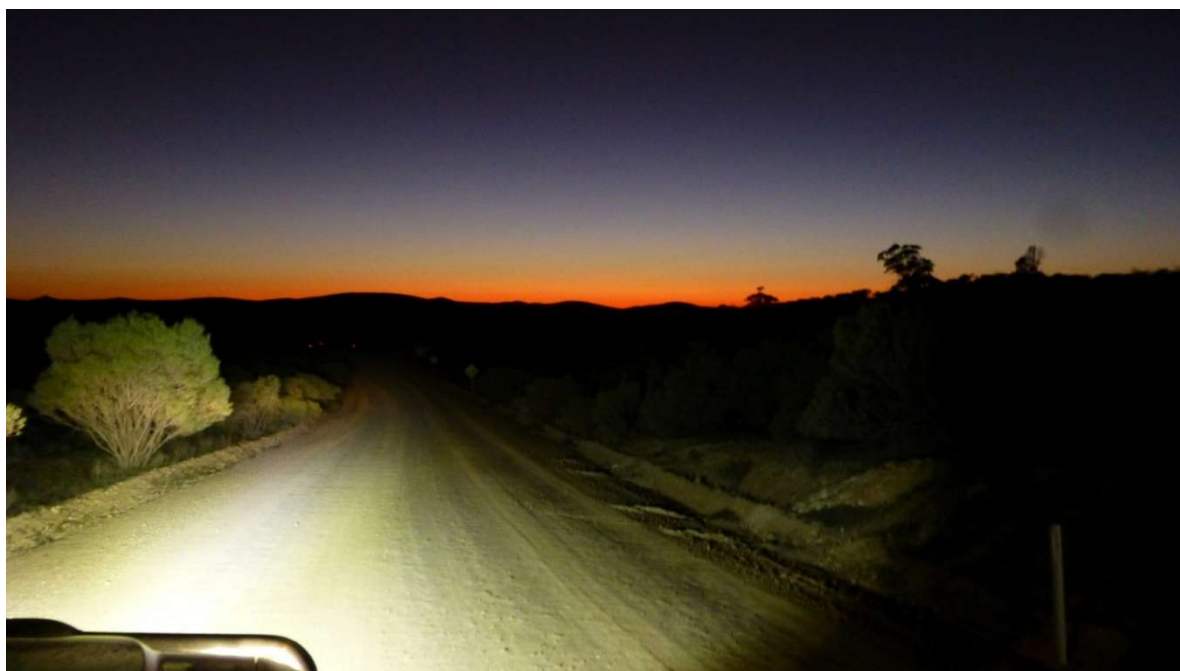
PCCV/HRA stalwart, Graham Wallis, has a bit of a track record of re-running classic, long distance rallies. This is his third or fourth big rerun. His previous one was a rerun of CCRMIT's ReadyPlan Rally.



The ridgetop drive at Hallett. This was competitive in the Sydney to London. Scary...

When I say Graham "reruns" these classic events, clearly time has moved on. Changes to roads, rules and our sport mean that these days, the events are conducted as a Touring Road Events.

Graham visits as many of the original sections and areas as possible, perhaps traversing original competitives as touring sections. The event featured special tests along the way – khanacross and rallycross tests and two closed road rally sections each day. There were some navigational sections using provided maps, including one in the pines near Mt Gambier at night. The touring/transport route featured the attractions to be seen along the way and there was a strong social focus with a number of organised lunches and dinners.



Sunrise on the way from Blinman to Arkaroola

So, it was effectively a tour of South Australia, picking up as much of the SBDT as possible, with some short, sharp tests and motorsport action thrown in.

Days started early and we saw dawn from the car most mornings. Each day we set up and ran one of the closed road sections; usually the first one. We had a queue of cars waiting at our start control each morning – there was no set starting order; cars just lined up and waited for the section to open. I don't really understand why some of them didn't sleep in...

South Australia lived up to expectations – it really is a spectacular and diverse state. The Flinders Ranges were as amazing as ever – even though we were there for less than 12 hours! A highlight of the trip was leaving Blinman in the dark and driving to Arkaroola as the sun rose. The Barossa Valley impressed me and I've noted it as a place for a more normal road trip with Pearl. The run from Renmark down to Mt Gambier was also impressive – and again, very different. And, the drive across the ridge under the windfarm at Hallett was just amazing. It didn't matter that it was a transport – in fact that allowed people to enjoy where the view and take some pics.



Tom Seymour and David Hodge

The event had sub events at as many motorsport venues as Graham could find. I really enjoyed visiting Loveday 4WD park near Barmera where there was a kyanacross and a closed road stage. And a sensational wood-fired pizza lunch. Re-visiting the old Tailem Bend rallycross track was special – my last visit was in 1976 when we went with Chris Brown, who had a little yellow rallycross mini (that always broke down).

The SBDTRR attracted an amazing field of some 40 cars – including four Australian Champions, a number of crews who competed in the original event. It could be that many were still traumatised and by the original SBDT and were doing the rerun to put ghosts to bed...



This was Kev's idea...

There were a number of past and current CCRMIT members out there – for me it was a highlight to see David Hodge and Tom Seymour competing again. These two blokes were right into rallying when I started in the mid 70s and they have quite a history. David told me they had not run an event since 2008 and they clearly enjoyed themselves. I think David might have the bug again – he even said he might look at getting the ex-George Fury Round Australia Ford Cortina going again.

There were CCRMITers on the podium at the end of the week... the event was won by Ross and Lisa Dunkerton, with John Rawson and Simon Brown in second and Joel Wald and Kim Begelhole in third. Kev Wilson was there too as part of the Tayell support crew. See if you can spot him in my pics.



At the Renmark Club...

The event was a great success and Graham is to be congratulated. You may have seen Ross Dunkerton's comments in RallySport News – he rated it as one of the three best events he's ever done. High praise indeed.

It was just a great week – enough motorsport for everyone, great camaraderie and really good fun. I reckon I'll put my hand up for Graham's next adventure too... wonder where that will be?

Steve Hollowood



Sunrise in the Flinders Ranges



Cars lined up to do our stage at Coondappi



Barry Ferguson and Dave Johnson in his HDT Round Australia Commodore.



Quorn – beautiful SA architecture

# CCRMIT Autocross - Saturday October 17th

VCAS Round 10

Boisdale track Maffra

Hosted by CCRMIT

Long track finishing under lights – Just \$55 each to enter!  
(up to 4 drivers per car)

Scrutiny will commence at 10.00am. Followed by a parade lap.

Drivers briefing will be at 12.30pm. Runs commence at 1.00 pm and are expected to finish around 8 - 9pm.

It is anticipated that barring unforeseen circumstances that there will 7 or 8 runs for each competitor.

## Great Value motorsport!

Never been to a autocross or don't have a CAMS licence – no problem licences available  
on the day for \$40

(\$ can be used towards full licence CAMS upgrade)

No Car? Bring your road, or car not registered bring that too if it's safe to drive!

For more information contact:

Clark of Course: Rick Thorpe

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PO Box 2087, Ivanhoe East, 3079

Sup. Regs soon - see VCAS web site

<http://www.vicclubautocrossseries.com/>



Who's who in the Zoo

Meet: Tim Dewhurst

Nickname: **“Captain Risky”**

AKA: “The peoples champion”

Polaris No. 36

CCRMIT Member No. 1384

Lives: Newport , NSW



### **A quick chat.**

Motor sport background in a nutshell: Nil

Organiser: Organizes “Charity Track Days” @ “The Fairways”, NSW

Competitor: 2015 rZr Polaris Championship

2015 Finke Desert Race, NT

Vehicle types: Polaris rZr XP1000

Best Result: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class Finke Desert Race 2015

### **09: UTV SIDE BY SIDE 2WD OR 4WD : NOT EXCEEDING 1200CC (total 3)**

3rd UTV 636 GSHOCK RACING TIM DEWHURST TIM DEWHURST NSW GARRY CONNELL WA POLARIS RZR 1000 999cc  
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48<sup>th</sup> Outright, Finke Desert Race 2015

48th UTV 636 GSHOCK RACING TIM DEWHURST TIM DEWHURST NSW GARRY CONNELL WA POLARIS RZR 1000 999cc  
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Story behind the Finke:

1. Went up for a look with mates.
2. Ended up buying a brand new Polaris and entering a “Sold Out” event.
3. Threw a rod in engine of new car
4. Obtained another rZr Polaris, but no Co-Driver
5. Placed ad on “Instagram”
6. Got a reply from “Garry”, happy to co-drive – all going well now.
7. Unknown persons stole all my race gear, helmet, suit boots, everything.
8. Locals banded together and came up with secondhand raceware.
9. Just before starting the Finke, find out my Co-driver is, Garry Connel ( Dakar Polaris driver)
10. Garry Connell more than willing to pass on his experience at racing Polaris vehicles in the Australian Safari and the Dakar as results show.

Favorite sports persons: Garry Connell & Cody Crocker

Favoutite food: Lamb roast

Favourite drink: “Old Fashion”



There is never a dull moment at the rZr Championship events, especially when Tim is on the track.

His latest endeavors at Mooroopna ended with a rather large jump with an even larger landing.

Thanks to Tim for his chat.

If you have a quiet day on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>,

**Round 6 – Saturday 19th September 2015**

Bacchus Marsh Motorcross Club

55 Cummings Road, Maddingley, Victoria



# For Sale

## Item number 1.....

Absolutely brand new in box XL size Stilo Trophy Des Rally Helmet, with hans posts. Retail is \$649.00 For sale for \$450.00

## Item number 2....

Absolutely brand new in box Simpson Hybrid Sport, Medium size (42" chest) FIA approved Hans. Will fit standard Hans posts. Retail is \$1028.00. Will sell for \$800

Contact Bernard on 0427581930 if you are interested in any of these items.

