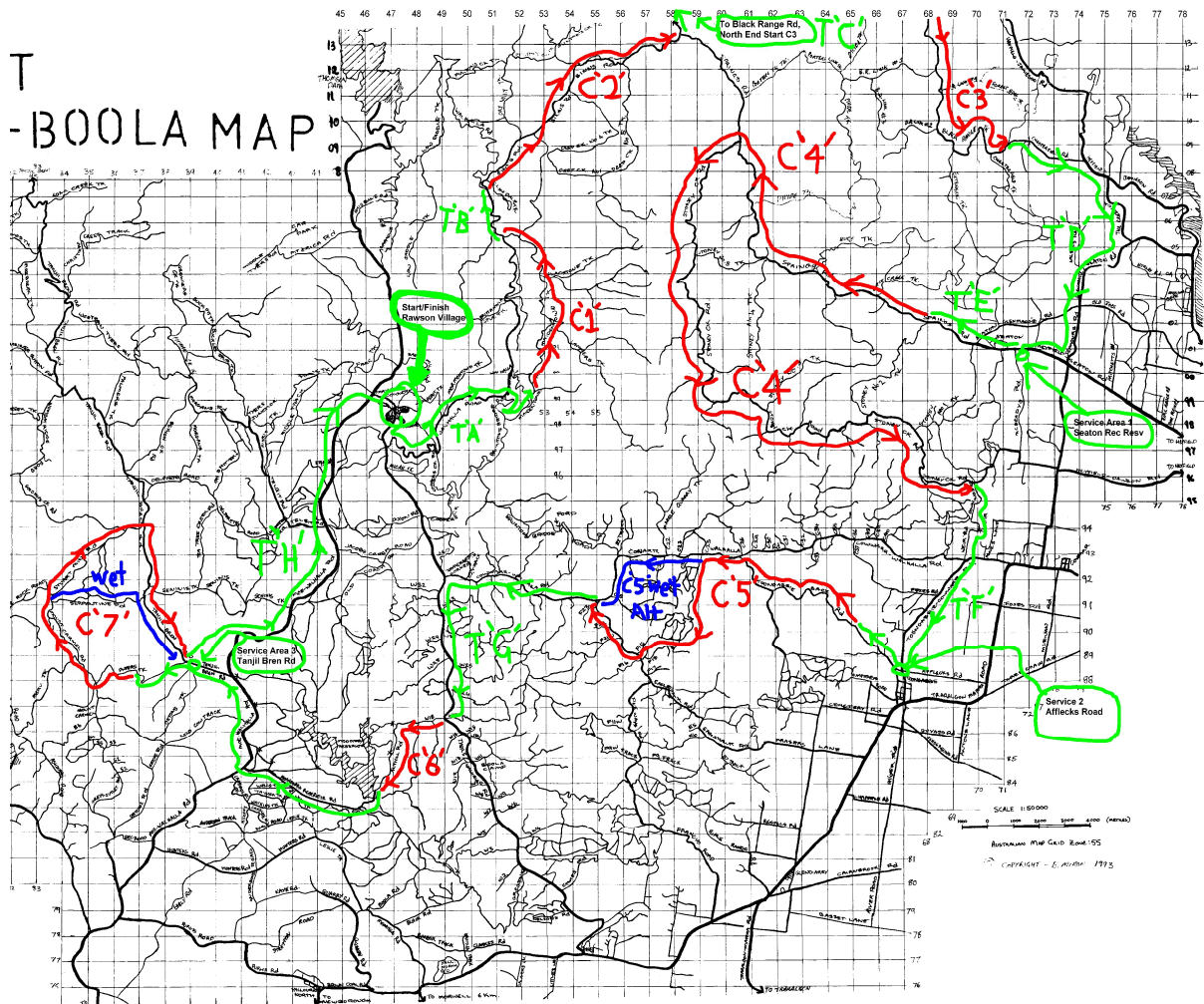


THE BLOWER

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Wednesday 17th Feb

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Vice Presidents Rumblings

Welcome to 2016, I hope that you all had a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

This year the club is going to be introducing an SMS reminder that will be sent out a couple of days prior to an event or club function, more information to come, the committee is currently trialling the system and it appears to be working well.

The club night has also changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month and the room at the Notting Hill hotel has been booked for the year (saloon bar), the other change is that we are going to try and have a guest speaker for the even months starting in April as Feb will be the presentation night for our award winners. The calendar for the year will be in The Blower.

If you have any requests on who or what you would like our guest speakers to cover please drop an email to the committee so that we can try and make it happen, also if you are competing in an event let the committee know so that if possible some club members may be able to attend and offer support.

I hope all members and their families have a great year and look forward to seeing you at many of the events during the year.

Mark

*And the
Winners are...*

Presentation Night

**February 17 @ 8.00
pm**

**At The Notting Hill
Hotel**

In the Saloon Bar



Could all members please make a big effort to kick off the club nights in a big way.. The more of you attend, the more fun we will have, and the more you will want to come again!!

The New Secretary (elect)

BREAKING NEWS

A nomination for secretary was received from Wayne Roffey by the committee. It was voted at January's committee meeting to accept Wayne's offer. Some will remember Wayne's involvement in the club in the mid-00's as our club steward at events. Wayne is also a scrutineer and has held committee roles at other car clubs.. As per our constitution rules, a member vote is required to formally accept Wayne into the position, and this will be done at the club presentation evening.

Thanks

Andrew

Words from the man himself!

Hi there! I've stepped forward to be the club secretary.

You may know me Wayne Roffey, or my younger brother Brett.

I'm a teacher and hold a CAMS bronze level licence for scrutineer and steward.

I began my working life as a Lab assistant at the University of Melbourne then as a clerk for an insurance company and now I've been a teacher for close to thirty years. I started off in motorsport in 1978 as a member of the Light Car Club in Melbourne. I also became a vehicle recovery official at Sandown on turn one, and assisted on many car rallies. I ran a sprint meeting at Calder and motorkhana's at Berwick airfield. I was an assistant director on quite a few rallies.

My 1976 Corolla wasn't up to being a rally car and I bought a 1968 Datsun 1600 from Bob Waterhouse at Rip Off Motors. I entered many events and then tried VRC's and a VTC (remember them?) I never finished an Experts Trial! Most of the areas I've rallied on have gone and become settled. The Datsun 1600 was written off just a few houses down from my parents place when I was in Teacher's College and I drifted into buying and driving Ford Cortina's and Escorts.

I also joined other car clubs along the way, Toyota Owners, Nissan, VRA, VADC, CAC, MSCC and Cerberus (when it morphed from Navy to civilian). I joined CCRMIT in about 2004 after being a club steward at many events. I lapsed whilst I was living over near Mt Gambier. I re-joined a year ago.

I've been a race scrutineer at all of the circuits in Victoria and also at Hidden Valley in Darwin. I'm heading to Bathurst several times this year to complete my bucket list of tracks! I've been a rally scrutineer. Because of my job I also lived in various locations - Dargo, Portland and lastly Maningrida in Arnhem Land. In the NT I re-discovered the joy of driving on dirt, three hours to get to the bitumen, lots of water crossings, Buffalo, Crocs, Dingoes and road trains with six trailers!

I'm living in Ringwood whilst on study leave from the NT Department of Education and aim to find work teaching down here at some stage this year.

I'm still planning on building a Lotus 7 copy clubman and entering it in sprints and maybe races!



Editors Notes

Righto peeps, another year, another blower.. hoping to get a few new contributors this year, so if you are out doing anything, even motorsport related, don't hesitate to send me a few photos, and maybe even a few words of what has happened, and how you were involved. It may not seem interesting to you, but there are some very bored people out there with very simple lives, who are easily entertained!

JIMBO'S DRIBBLE

Last year I stepped into a hole that was created and needed filling, and represented the Clubs interests at the Victorian Club Rally Series. With my work load directing an event in August, and increased activities in the VRC, I'll be honest and say that I won't be a great 2016 Victorian Club Rally Series representative, and won't be able to give it the due attention it deserves. With only a hand full of club members currently & actively competing in the series, it would be of better interest for one of those competitors to step up into this position. I will continue to try & get there when I can, but it will not be a priority in my life.. So if you care for the VCRS, I suggest you nominate yourself for this role. A simple email to committee@ccrmit.com will no doubt secure your representation.

In other news both the VCRS & the VRC have their presentation nights in the near future - Details for both evenings are contained within this blower, it would be nice to see more people support these events. For a social evening, they are both pretty cheap, and offer some great time to suss out who's doing what in 2016! I hope to see as many as possible there!

Finally, Wednesday 24th Feb, I'll be holding the first planning meeting for the 2016 GD Pyrenees Rush - If you're interested in helping the event, and have preferred position to assist in, this is the time to step up and let me know! It will be happening at my place in Berwick, give me a call or shoot me an email if you need my address!

Cheers,

Jimbo

Membership Matters

Now we are into February the most recent membership renewal date has just passed being January 31.

Below is a list of members whose memberships were due for renewal.

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

1296 - Stuart Wills

1304 - Viv Dilkes-Frayne

1310 - Tracey Dewhurst

1327 - Dean Marshall

1332 - Brenton Simpson

1339 - Nicholas Jacob

1346 - Niall Gavin

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.

Murray.

« THE CALENDAR »

Welcome to 2016! The motorsport calendar below is a compilation of Rallies, VCAS and some standalone events that will constitute the events for the David Lambie All-Round-Club-Champion. A new series to be included in our calendar is the Victorian Super Sprint Series. Our club has a diverse group of members and the spirit of the David Lambie trophy is to recognise participation in all forms of motorsport. Please contact me if you would be competing in motorsport events that do not appear on the calendar.

As noted elsewhere in the blower, there will be formal club nights alternating with social nights. Remember, attendance is not scored!! February is a quiet month, a month spent more in the pubs than in the competition car!

February

06	Deniliquin Autocross	DSCC	Deniliquin	VCAS-1
12	VRC Launch Party		Old England Hotel, Heidelberg	
17	<i>CCRMIT 2015 Award Presentations</i>			
19	VCRS Presentation Evening		Terminus Hotel, Fitzroy North	

March

05	George Woods Novice Rally	FFCC	Noojee	
19	Eildon Stages	NCCA	Eildon, Blue Range	VRC-1 VCRS-1
23	<i>CCRMIT Social Night (Pot & Parma Night)</i>			

April

9	Phillip Island Super Sprint	PIARC	Phillip Island	VSS-1
10	Bagshot Autocross	BCC	Bendigo	VCAS-2
16	Gil Davis	HRA	Yarra, Latrobe	VCRS-2
20	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
22-24	Quit Forest Rally		Western Australia	ARC-1
30	Barry Ferguson Classic TRE	HRA	Upper Murray	

May

07	Daryl Tunbridge Trial	BLCC	Ben Major, Mt Lonarch	
14	Mitta Mitta Mountain Rally	NECC	Upper Murray	VRC-2
18	<i>CCRMIT Social Night (Pot & Parma Night)</i>			
21	Moonlight Meander	MMSC	Wombat, Daylesford	
28	Ballarat Autocross	BLCC	Ballarat Airport	VCAS-3
27-29	National Capital Rally		ACT	ARC-2

June

11	Swan Hill Twin Track	SWSCC	Swan Hill	VCAS-4
17-19	International Rally of Qld		Queensland	ARC-3
18	Nissan Nightmoves	NCCA	Heathcote, Rushworth	VCRS-4
18-24	Classic Outback Trial		Alice Springs	
22	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
26	Nationals Super Sprint	MSCA	Winton	VSS-2

July

23	Boisdale Hillclimb Track	MADCC	Maffra	VCAS-5
20	<i>CCRMIT Social Night (Pot & Parma Night)</i>			
30&31	Phillip Island 6hr Relay	PIARC	Phillip Island Circuit	

August

06	Ivan's Folly TRE	PCCV	Heathcote, Rushworth	
13	Cooper Memorial Rally	WDCC	Midlands	VCRS-5
14	Phillip Island Super Sprint	PIARC	Phillip Island	VSS-3
17	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
28	George Derrick Pyrenees Rush	CCRMIT	Pyrenees, Mt Cole	VRC-3

September

9-11	Scouts Rally SA		South Australia	ARC-4
17	Spring 200	FFCC	Black & Blue Range	VCRS-6
21	<i>CCRMIT Social Night (Pot & Parma Night)</i>			

October

08	Bagshot Rallysprint	HRA	Private Property	
15	Barco Rallysprint	SEAC	Far South West	
16	Akados	MUCC	Blue Range, Rubicon	VRC-4
22	Blue Rock Stages	PAC	Tanjil State Forest	VCRS-7
24-26	Southern Cross Rally Festival		Murrindindi, Upper Murray	
26	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			

November

01	Sandown Super Sprint	FFCC	Sandown	VSS-5
05	Eldorado Rallysprint	NECC	Ovens	
12-13	Begonia Rally	BLCC	Wombat, Enfield	VRC-5
26	<i>CCRMIT Social Night (Pot & Parma Night)</i>			
17-20	Rally Australia		Coffs Coast	ARC-5



« THE SCORER »

There are three annual awards that CCRMIT members are eligible to win based upon different criteria. Each month, there will be a point score table for each award.

Steve Poore Trials Champion – First awarded in 1959, this award is for the Club competitor who scores the most amount of points in the VCRS series that year.

Noel Kelly Novice Award - This award is for the Club competitor who scores the most amount of points in the VCRS series that year, restricted to Grade E or F competitors.

David Lambie All-Round-Club-Champion - To focus on general motorsport participation, and club representation, this Champion is awarded to the Club competitor who scores the most amount of points across events listed on the Club Calendar.

Good Luck in your motorsport endeavours

Andrew Roseman
Club Scorer

Gates Rally Sport running the 2016 Sprint Series Rusty

By David Gates

This year will see the MX5 being used for perhaps what it was originally designed for - being driven on Tarmac.



Fortunately this only requires a suspension change and the addition of a rear sway bar, some sticky tyres and a second hand gearbox (due to damage from the 6 hour) and then I am set to go for this year's super sprint series.

A number of CCRMIT members will be competing in this year's series so it should be great fun having multiple club members at the events throughout the year. Check out the Club Calendar in the Blower for the dates for the rounds.

If anybody is interested in having a go or coming along to watch or help out in the pits please give Bruce Simpson (0407057986) or myself (0429300642) a call and we will be happy to point you in the right direction.

Cheers

David Gates

Communication Matters



Following the 2015 Membership Survey, there was some key findings with regards to how club members would like to club to communicate with them. For 2016, CCRMIT will commence SMS reminders of key events on the calendar (club nights, social nights, etc)

Q: How will this work?

A: The mobile phone number you provided with your membership application will be used to send a SMS reminder 2-3 days before an event.

Q: Can I “Opt-Out”?

A: Absolutely, at any time you can reply to the SMS Reminder with **STOP**. The club will receive your reply and then take you off the SMS Reminder List.

Q: Can I Reply to the SMS?

A: Yes, the reminder SMS will allow you to reply for example, if you are intending to come to the event, then a simple **YES** reply will give the club an idea of numbers. We will assume if you don't reply then you won't be coming!

We hope that combined with the Blower and our Facebook page that the Club can continue up to date communication to the members on events, meetings, social events.



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Have you joined our Facebook page? This is a great way to keep in touch with what our club activities, events, news about our members. We encourage you to post when you are going out to an event, if you are looking for a service crew, navigator, co-driver for an event.

<http://www.facebook.com/ccrmit>

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VICTORIAN RALLY
CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2016 Championship will soon be upon us, and what better way to kick start it than to have a party and congratulate the 2015 Focus on Furniture & Bedding Victorian Rally Championship Winners at the Old England Hotel!

With drinks on arrival, the relaxed, smart and casual evening will allow ample opportunity to socialise between a range of light of entertainment, including the 2015 Highlights, Bloopers, 2016 Teaser reels & more!!

Throughout the night various "lucky door" prizes will be given out thanks to the growing list of business outside the rallying domain supporting the evening!

CAMS CEO Eugene Arocca will also be present on the night to participate in the formal recognition of the various class & outright presentations, with a number of "unique" & light hearted awards to be presented, ensuring an entertaining night for all!

2016
LAUNCH
PARTY

WHEN: 7pm Friday 12th February

WHERE: Old England Hotel

459 Lower Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg

HOW MUCH: \$35 per head (Including Finger Food)

Reservations for this relaxed & entertaining evening are strictly limited!

To book your evening simply email vrc@vicrally.com.au with the number of attendees, and make an EFT payment in full to the following account, using; 2016 "Surname" in the reference field.

Acc Name: VRC Clothing

BSB: 633 000

A/C: 154151211

SOOTY the MX5

By Daniel Dalrymple

My first race car!



On the 29th of December myself, Dave Gates and his brother Mark set off on the journey to buy a car in Kurri Kurri NSW. I'm fortunate enough to have a good mate like Gatesy who lent me not only his car trailer but also his luxurious JDM V8 tow car.

Other than a couple of photos and a 5 minute phone conversation I didn't know what I was in for.

Driving past the sign to Winton Raceway raised the level of enthusiasm early into the 12 hour haul.



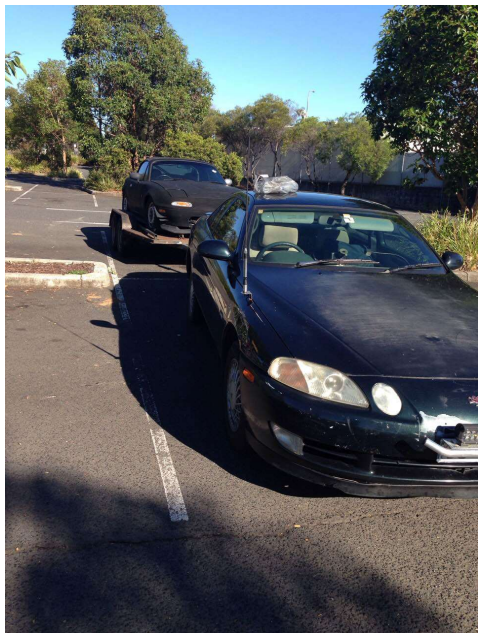
It wouldn't be a road trip without stopping at a few sights on the way like the Dog on the Tuckerbox and the Big Merino.

After 12 hours we arrived in the small town of Kurri Kurri, not far west of Newcastle. It was hard to miss the little matte black Mx5 on the side of the road. With its dodgy rattle can paintwork, mismatched steel wheels and torn soft top, but hey the interior that is soon to be ripped out was in fantastic condition.

The Gates brothers drove it onto the trailer with a scrape and a drag and then it was off to our overnight accommodation at the GATEShead tavern.

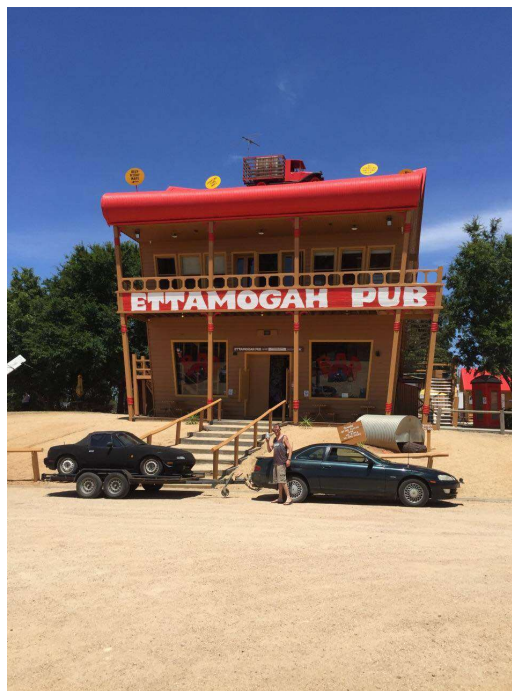
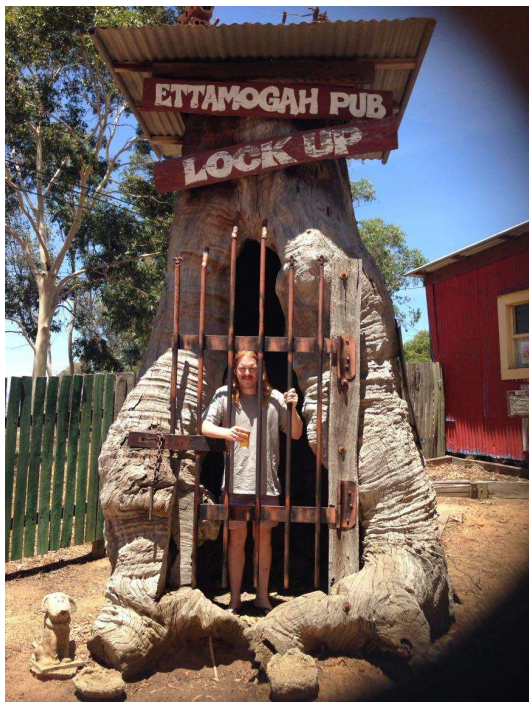
On the run home there were the occasional toots, smiles and thumbs up from random motorists and pedestrians. JDM or Motorsport enthusiasts I wonder?

Passing a packed servo on the side of the Hume it was decided we would push on to Holbrook so we wouldn't waste time queuing.



While waiting in line at the Holbrook service station the soarers engine just stopped. Surely we didn't run out of fuel 5 meters from the pump. Yes, yes we did.

Ettamogah Pub had to be the last stop for a well deserved froffie.



It's home! Wait what are we going to call it?

During discussions on the ride home we remembered that the day before, after touching the car all three of us resembled chimney sweeps.



Sooty was born.

I'd like to thank Dave for the use of his car and trailer and being my mx5 expert and also Mark for making the trip an enjoyable adventure.

Now time to get it ready for the upcoming sprint series, surely there can't be that much to do? Right?

