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Presidents Rumblings

Well, as we come to the end of 2016, I hope that you all had a great year and achieved all you set out to do.

A big thank you to our outgoing Pres for all his efforts for the past couple of years and also to the committee for all their efforts in keeping the club ticking over, this being said your club is going through some tough times as is a lot of other clubs, we ALL need to try and support each other better. Whether that be by attending club events or by helping out at an event, or by helping a fellow club member at a service park. I know that we are all time poor these days and that we all have demands put on us by other things.

This last couple of years we have had a number of new members join us, a number of these new members can be found competing in the RZR and SxS championship. Please make them feel welcome at club social events.

Congratulations to all those that competed this year and had success in winning a championship or won their class that they competed in.

The club has a 'Come and Try day' coming up on the 10th December for all club members and their families, more information later in the blower. Remember get your entries in early, as this is also the clubs end of year gathering.

I would love to see as many club members as possible to make this a fun day.

If anyone has a suggestion for an activity they would like to see the club do, then contact the committee and we will try and make it happen.

Cheers

Mark



Merry Christmas to all!!

2016 Come n Try Hillclimb and Christmas Breakup

The Event is a closed-to-club come-and-try Hillclimb event at the fabulous Bryant Park in Morwell. At full length, this is a 1400m course. The event is open to full members of CCRMIT and their friends who will use a come n try licence.

Bring your competition car, or just bring your road car – the only requirement is to have a 0.9kg fire extinguisher onboard mounted within reach of the driver, a blue triangle marking the battery location and that the car is deemed safe by our scrutineer.

Entry Fee will be \$75 for those who have a club membership and Cams licence. Come'n'try licences will be available, and cost \$25. There is no requirement for a club membership if you get a come'n'try, so your total will be \$100. Call if you have any questions

You can have multiple drivers sharing a vehicle, and you can take appropriate aged passengers (12 and over) for a lap, providing they have signed the relevant disclaimer, and are appropriately clothed and helmeted. Passengers* either being an instructor, or the long-suffering partner you've promised that ride to forever.

The day will be very casual, but will follow proper Hillclimb procedure. There will be no minimum/maximum number of runs, and you don't need to complete your runs in any particular order – the car that turns up next at the start line is the one we will start. Having said this, we will attempt to maintain some order on the day so you don't have to sit in a queue for hours.

You must attend a driver's brief prior to heading out on the track. Depending on need, we may run more than one. The idea behind multiple briefs is to allow those that only wish to attend the afternoon session to do so. If a critical mass of people turn up at one time, an unscheduled drivers brief may be held to allow you onto the track.

This is a come-and-try fun day. Car numbers may be issued for queuing purposes only. There will be no timing. There will be no scoring. There will be no formal event awards.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all the people and organisations that have contributed to making the come and try event possible including Gippsland Car Club, CAMS, the Speed Event and Hillclimb panel, and the CCRMIT Committee.

A lunchtime BBQ will be on offer for those who were around for the morning session, runs will essentially finish when everyone has had enough, but no later than 4pm.

I hope the above synopsis gives you an idea of the day we are trying to put together for you, and you can come and join us for a laid-back, enjoyable day trying a different form of motorsport to our usual gravel rally.

For those 'without car', we have our prized Club Car... Shamira! The poo-brown front wheel drive wonder of understeer is available to anyone to borrow (yes it has harnesses and race seats but second gear is optional) – *however* – we won't drag it down there for no reason – if you want to use it, please let us know on your entry form and we will make it available.

Bring the family, bring the friends – we look forward to seeing you there.

Afterward, for those who are interested and not in a rush to get home, we will have Pizza and Drinks at the Clerk of Course house, Bernard Miron, in Warragul. Pizzas will be organised en-masse, with whoever wants to participate asked to pay a small fee to cover their share. BYO drinks. Even if you don't want to Hillclimb, you are more than welcome to just come to the "After Party".

Bernard Miron

Brett Williams

Clerk of Course

Event Secretary

On behalf of The Directing Team

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**Passengers may only sit with a driver who is the holder of at least a Level 2 CAMS license, and has prior motorsport experience. Conversely, the Passenger may be an experienced competitor who is instructing the driver. Passengers must be at least 12 years of age and have their own suitably fitting helmet, Neck to wrist to ankle non flammable clothing ie cotton. Maximum 2 persons in a vehicle per lap (Driver and Passenger). .*

The Calendar

November

12-13	Begonia Rally	BLCC	Wombat, Enfield	VRC-5
17-20	Rally Australia		Coffs Coast	ARC-5
26	Moonlight Meander	Dunno	Dunno	VCRS

December

10	CCRMIT Hillclimb	CCRMIT	Bryant Park (Newborough)	
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2016 RZR Champion



We have a member of our club who was crowned 2016 RZR Champion Ewan McClue, with Jarred Keyte as runner up and Nihori third.

Congratulations to Ewan and also to Nihori on a great result for the year.

Page 15 to the latest CAMS Speed Read has an article on the RZR.

https://issuu.com/camsmotorsport/docs/speedread_november2016/15?e=23732539/40319727

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There are three annual awards that CCRMIT members are eligible to win based upon different criteria. Please check over the pointscore calculations, any mistakes or omissions, please contact the scorer. (Andrew Roseman)

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.

2016 has seen a domination in club rallying from the Thorpe clan! However, Mark from the Sichlau clan through consistency and swapping between driver and navigator has been able to form an unassailable lead to become the 2016 Steve Poore Trials Champion. With the remaining VCRS round to be run, Mark cannot be beaten, so it's time for father to hand the trophy over to son!

	Eildon Stages	Gil Davis	Daryl Tunbridge	Nissan Nightmoves	Blue Rock Stages	Moonlight Meander	TOTAL
Mark Sichlau	20	19	19	20	20		98
David Thorpe	19	20	20	1			60
Rick Thorpe	19		20	1	1		41
Colin Sichlau	20				20		40
Matthew Avedian		19		20			39
Peter Simpson		18		19			37
Andrew Thorpe		20			1		21
Brett Williams			19				19
Aidan Hayes				19			19
Ryan Humphreys					19		19
Luke Simpson					19		19
Paul Dobson					1		1



Photo Courtesy of John Douch

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.

2016 saw the return of the Miron Impreza under the direction of different Thorpes throughout the year. Rick after stepping into the Driver's seat meant becoming eligible for the Noel Kelly Novice award. But it is David who has reigned supreme! Congratulations on being the first Thorpe to win this trophy.

	Eildon Stages	Gil Davis	Daryl Tunbridge	Nissan Nightmoves	Blue Rock Stages	Moonlight Meander	TOTAL
David Thorpe	20	20	20	1			61
Matthew Avedian		19		20			39
Peter Simpson		18		19			37
Rick Thorpe	20			1			21
Andrew Thorpe		20			1		21
Aidan Hayes				19			19



Volkswagen Group has announced its exit from the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) at the end of the current season. The team had won all four championships ever since they participated in the sport as a full time manufacturer team in 2013. The automaker will instead focus on developing the Polo R5 car for customer use, VW said in a statement.

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.

We have had a great mix of different types of events this year, from rallying (Intro, VCRS & VRC) to Autocross, RZR Championship, Victorian Super Sprint Series and Go Karts. **If somebody has their results from the Final Race of First Group of Go-Karts, please email it to me**

2017 VRC

CCRMIT Inc has committed to running a round of the Focus on Furniture & Bedding Victorian Rally Championship. With other events happening in our personal lives for Cathy & I, we simply cannot commit to the same level as we have done the last 3 years. Without the full compliment of active event directing team, the event will not run.

Currently Brett Williams has stepped up to take on the Road Directors roll, with Luca taking on the event officials co-ordiantion roll. Thanks guys.

- Officials Co-ordinator **Luca Giacomini** (Manage officials, ensure information sent is correct for all officials, and respond to official enquires via email & phone).
- Road Director **Brett Williams** (Manage and co-ordinate all the route details, road books/Setup books, engage with locals with route details etc).
- Equipment Manager **TBA** (Manage the equipment requirements for each Stage, Service Park, Spectator Points, co-ordinate & book the logisitics around 3rd party equipment such as radios, vests, control boards etc etc).
- Event/Entries Secretary **TBA** (Manage various document updates, and competitor entries as they come in).
- Clerk of Course (Andrew Roseman has indicated that he may be able to fill this role as per 2016).

I've had some possible interest from outside the club for possible helpers, but it requires the full 110% commitment of each and every one of those on the team to make it happen.

Currently we are still short on the positions required to make the event happen over the weekend of Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th of August 2017.

If you'd like to get involved more, email committee@ccrmit.com

Cheers, Jimbo



Membership

Membership numbers have not changed much over the past 12 months, possibly due to having two renewal dates per year and most members opting for a 3-year membership. What I can tell you is that it makes notification of impending membership expiry far easier.

I will continue the Blower 'shame list' as well as sending out emails before the expiry date.

Of the 140 current members, the following 23 memberships are up for renewal on January 31, 2017.

Andrew Roseman	Domhnall Lennon	Mark Howard-Jones
Ange Egan	Gary Berrie	Matthew Avedian
Brett Williams	Hannah Williams	Megan Price
Bronwyn Price	James Elliott	Mel Williams
Cameron Williams	Jean Bellenger	Murray Price
Cathy Elliott	Jeff Lee	Sherry Roseman
David Bellenger	Joseph Eletva	Warren Lee
David Lethlean	Mark Egan	

Payment by direct transfer into the Club Account is preferred.

BSB 063262; Acct 10069719; Reference "Member-surname"

If no details have changed send me a message or email to let me know the transfer has been made.

If any details have changed include these details in the message/email.

If renewing a Family Membership please include all names in the message/email.

Don't hold back when renewing as the new expiry date will be either one year or three years from the current expiry date. You will not be penalised by paying early or gain a few days by paying late.

Regards Murray

2016 VICTORIAN SUPERSPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES WRAP UP.



(Bruce Simpson 0-1600cc B1 improved production)

This year CCRMIT members were involved in the Victorian Super Sprint Series conducted over 5 rounds. The series was held at Phillip Island, Sandown and Winton race tracks, giving all participants the opportunity to compete on high standard circuits under competitive conditions. The series is run with several classes giving all competitors a chance to be competitive, each round allows for up to 5 to 6 sessions for the day. This certainly gave participants plenty of track time over the whole day. Points are awarded depending on lap times for fastest to slowest in all classes as well as an overall day winner, all CCRMIT participants were very competitive and represented the club very well. The interim results for this year are as follows.

Daniel Dalrymple: 1st place in class A1 1600cc road registered, in his MX5 (Sooty).

Bruce Simpson: 1st place in class B1 1600cc improved production, Ford Laser.

David Gates: 1st place in class B2 2000cc improved production, MX5.

Brenton Simpson: 3rd place in class B4 over 4lt improved production, Ford Falcon.



The Motley Crew at Winton Raceway.



Like father like son. Bruce and Brenton Simpson waiting to start at Sandown.



Brenton Simpson at the Rob Roy hill climb day.



Daniel Dalrymple and the famous "Sooty" at Phillip Island.



David "Goof" Gates doing his best not to stop at Sandown.



Last round at Sandown.

Goof says.

We started the year with very little expectations and headed out to the tracks with only the experience we had gained from previous Phillip Island 6 hour events.

WOW, what a massive experience, to be on the track at the same time as Ferrari's, Maserati's, Porsche's, and full blown purpose built track cars such as Radicles and open wheelers.

As the year progressed our confidence grew and we were no longer intimidated by the "race cars" on the track with us at the same time.

With this confidence came results for all of us with Dan Bruce and I all winning our classes for the year and Brenton came in third place in what is a very competitive class.

Through out the year there were many spins and adventures “off track” but by far the most fun was when we all got to go and play on track together in the last session of each day.



Next season we hope to see a few more CCRMIT participants either for the series or a single round. This is a great opportunity to drive on fantastic and safe race tracks at the pace you feel comfortable with. Bruce Simpson has offered to be the contact person for next year for information and help on getting started, look for info soon.

So dust of that car, chuck on some road tyres and get amongst it.

Team Thorpe's Blue Rock in pictures !

Looking good at spectator point



However at 17.4km the yellow clay got the better of us.



How deep was that drain hole we hit? Can you see the driver standing the drain hole, yes standing!

Guess it could have been worst but still needs trip to the panel beaters.

