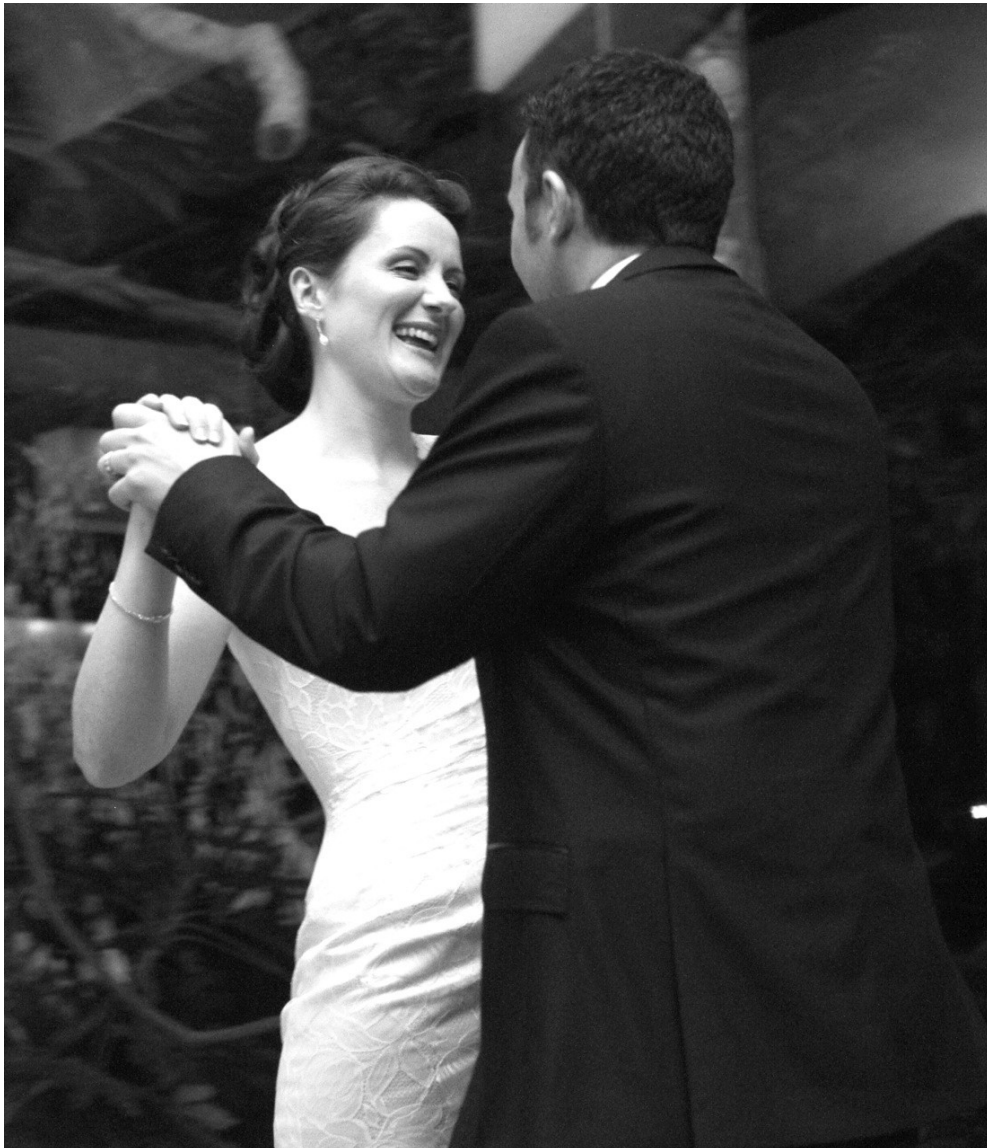


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*March 2013*

"On Behalf of Car Club RMIT, I would like to give a warm congratulations to Andrew & Sherry Roseman on their recent wedding - James Elliott President Car Club RMIT"



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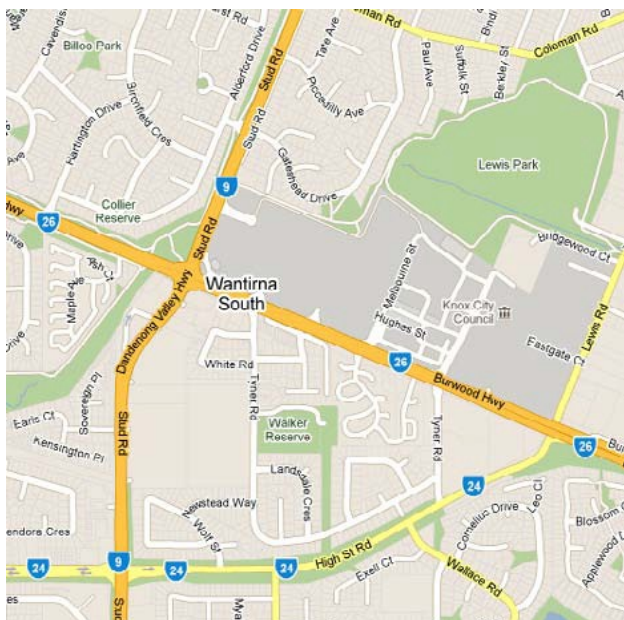
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## Note from the Editor

Hi all

I hope this edition of The Blower finds you all well and I hope that you all enjoyed the events that have taken place so far in 2013.

If you wish to have anything of yours be published in the Blower please send it in as we do enjoy reading all articles and viewing all photos of what you have been up to. Well enough from me for now... Signing off...

Marie Divers

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## CCRMIT Club Night

Thursday 11th April 2013 @ 8pm

The Knox Tavern  
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Arrive early and grab some pub-grub before hand

**THIS MONTH:**



## **PRESIDENTS BITS**

So, it's now April!

Which mean we've finally had our first VCRS round of the year - with Marysville Stages! Congratulations to those who completed the event, and commiserations to those who either didn't quite make it, or will now spend a little time repairing from various incidents. Results can be found on the Marysville Stages website

[www.marysvillestages.com.au](http://www.marysvillestages.com.au)

The next round will be the Blue Rock Stages Rally, and being a daylight, route charted event, I'm sure the entries will be comprehensive! Good luck to those that can make it, I'll be spending the day sleeping - ahh the joys of shift work!!

Given the VCRS is now underway, I have a feeling that the VRC competitors amongst us are feeling a little hungry for what will now be the first round of the VRC, the East Gippsland Stages in May! Whilst it was unfortunate to have the first two rounds cancelled, I believe the right call was made given the circumstances. It's better the sport is given a reputation with DSE of one that will stop events, rather than one that will run events and burn forests....

From my knowledge (and lack of it), it's my understanding that the VCAS rounds have been running smoothly, with our clubs round coming up soon. David Lambie will be clerking the round, so I'm sure he'll be after a few bodies to help out on the day! If you've not met David, or know who he is, then look out for the guy that looks like Santa!

Don't forget also that Friday 12th April will see the first round of the Clubs Go-kart Challenge take place out at Le Mans Go karts in Dandenong South. Tracey Dewhurst, has got a growing field of entries, so the night should be a ripper. The banter has begun, and should see the return of Viv Vettel - Check out other sections of the Blower for more of that!

Finally, given the Club now has a reasonably quite calendar for the remainder of the year, I'll be tasking your committee to tackle some various "paper work", with updates to the Clubs Rules of Association, Membership options - I.e. introducing full competition & "Social" options, as well as developing a plan for 2014, and the Clubs 60th Anniversary year.

In the mean time, keep it up on all fours, and hopefully see you all at the next Club Night, if not out in a forest somewhere!

Cheers

Jimbo  
President  
Car Club RMIT Inc

## CCRMIT Inc. Club Calendar 2013

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)

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/04/13</b>	<b>Club Night at Knox</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/04/13</b>	<b>Club Go Karts Dandenong (Rnd 1)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20/04/13</b>	<b>Blue Rock Stages (VCRS Rd 2)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21/04/13</b>	<b>BLCC (Ballarat Airport) (VCAS Rd 3)</b>

## 2014 George Derrick Memorial Rally

After the cancellation of the 2013 GDMR due to bushfires in the Gippsland area, focus now turns to the 2014 event.

The Club has to submit an application to the Rally Panel to run the event by the end of July-ish, such that a calendar can be proposed to DS&E.

If you are interested in seeing a 2014 event proceed and can put your hand up to help out, please let us know! It's amazing how much easier pre-event can be made by a few people clearing roads, checking bush tracks on motorbikes, binding road-books etc.

Please let Ormie know at [ao@ormie.org](mailto:ao@ormie.org) or 0402 825 131 if you are able to help out.



# CCRMIT Membership Report

It is ultimately YOUR responsibility to ensure your membership is current. This membership report is only a guide. If you expired at the end of last year for instance, you will not find your name here. Check your cards now for your expiry date. Ensure you are current for upcoming events. Check it now and not the night before documentation. We will NOT be doing rush renewals the night before the event... this job doesn't pay enough. Please use the membership form (on the back of the Blower or website) and fill it out IN FULL even if it's just a renewal (Tick the renewal box)... and plllleeeaaassee print clearly.

Due	Last Name	First Name	Expiry
<i>30 Days</i>			
	Divers	Marie	30-Apr-13
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	Robinson	Donata	30-Apr-13
<i>60 Days</i>			
	Lea	Jayden	01-May-13
	Welsh	Mike	01-May-13
<i>90 Days</i>			
	Bansagi	Leeham	30-Jun-13
	Davis	Peter	30-Jun-13
	Davis	Val	30-Jun-13
	Elliot	Duncan	23-Jun-13
	Rankin	Joel	30-Jun-13
	Tran	Zarny	23-Jun-13

Priority Issue: Please Note that the urgent processing of a club membership will now incur a \$10 penalty. Memberships are processed weekly and if you've left yours to the last minute prior to an event and require the issue of a new membership inside two days you will be required to pay this penalty. We all volunteer our time to keep this club running smoothly, so please help us help you by ensuring that you apply for your renewal in a timely manner.

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Nadine can be contacted at [secretary@ccrmit.com](mailto:secretary@ccrmit.com)

## Tarmac Relay Teams

Folks, over the past two Blowers there has been an Expression of Interest form for anyone interested in running at 6 Hour style relay events in the next 12 months.

The first of these events is the traditional Phillip Island 6 Hour, to be conducted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August, has entries likely opening in less than a month.

That means this is your **LAST CHANCE** to register your interest in being part of a team for this event.

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## Gill and Frayne 'will part at end of season'

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Viv Dikles-Frayne and Richard Gill will not stay together at Team CCRMIT this season, according to Flavio Briatore, who said he had spoken to the Australian in the aftermath of last year's controversial Sunshine Grand Prix and been told that the relationship was fractured beyond repair. "I don't think it can be sewn back together again," said Briatore, the former Renault team principal who has been a part of Gill's management throughout his karting career. I think it will hurt Viv in the long run. I am surprised he did it. Viv did not take part in the Teams mandatory pre race milk weighting.

Asked if he expected either Dikles-Frayne or Gill to leave Team CCRMIT at the end of this year's campaign, the Italian replied: "For sure. Last year already there were problems."

Gill will not be a starter at the first race in April and is said to be considering his future.

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/sport/motorsport/gillie-and-dikles-frayne-will-part-at-start-of-season-20130327-2gt83.html#ixzz2On5SofNu>

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"Multi 21 Viv,  
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Media Release – (Monday) 11 March 2013

## OGIER REIGNS SUPREME IN MEXICO, ATKINSON 6TH

*(Attn editor: Copyright-free hi-res photos and an MP3 audio interview with Chris Atkinson are attached to the email with this release. For access to additional images and video, see links at the end of this release)*

SEBASTIEN Ogier claimed his second straight FIA World Rally Championship victory for the Volkswagen Polo R and Australia's Chris Atkinson finished a fighting sixth in a dramatic Rally Guanajuato Mexico at the weekend.

Ogier led the 2013 WRC third round from Thursday's opening sprint tests at Leon, 330 kms north of Mexico City, and despite losing the lead briefly on Friday quickly regained the advantage and was not troubled again.

The Frenchman eventually took victory by 3min 28.9sec from Mikko Hirvonen's Citroen DS3, proving that the new Volkswagen Motorsport team and its Polo R are as formidable on gravel-surface events as they have been so far on tarmac and snow.

He now heads Sebastien Loeb – his former teammate at Citroen - in the drivers' standings by 31 points.

Thierry Neuville claimed his first WRC podium in a Ford Fiesta RS. The Belgian gave up his pursuit of Hirvonen after sliding into a ditch on Sunday morning's opening stage and finished 54.9sec behind the Finn.

Atkinson, the 33-year-old Gold Coaster, made the most of a one-off drive with the factory Citroen Total Abu Dhabi World Rally Team, in place of regular driver Khalid Al Qassimi.

His outright position had slipped to 15th after breaking his steering on Friday morning, but he and co-driver Stephane Prevot charged back into a points position with 19 top-10 finishes over 20 stages to the end in Leon.

Ogier won 16 of the total 23 stages, covering almost 400km at altitudes up to 2500 metres, and claimed maximum points from the weekend after also having taken bonus points for winning the Power Stage.

He has now finished second on Rallye Monte-Carlo's asphalt, won in the snow and ice of Sweden and now laid down a marker on gravel.

"The start of the season is just amazing for us," Ogier said.

"We want to thank the team because the car was perfect again all weekend. Okay, just a small alarm this morning with a sensor but it was not a drama and here we are again at the end with a perfect amount of points.

"Now we have quite a good lead for the championship after just three rallies. For sure the season will be long, but already it's not bad."





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Hirvonen climbed to second when Mads Ostberg, the only driver capable of matching Ogier's times, was sidelined with a broken alternator on his Ford Fiesta RS on Saturday. Hirvonen held off a charging Neuville to claim his best result of the season and climb to third in the points.

"Second place - back to normal!" joked the Finn.

"Of course, I'm happy to get my first podium of this year but Sebastien was so fast and we couldn't match his pace. Okay, we have lots of work to do but I'm happy we've finally got on the podium and taken a solid result."

A buoyant Neuville celebrated with a champagne shower on the podium from his rivals. "We did a job we can be proud of and learned a lot. This morning I tried to push but okay, it went wrong, but we are still here with no damage on the car," he said.

"It's been a long wait for a podium, last year many things went wrong. We showed everyone we can learn, we took another step, now we are ready to go forward again and win," he said. Spaniard Dani Sordo finished fourth, more than six minutes behind Ogier, despite frequently feeling uncomfortable in his Citroen DS3.

Nasser Al-Attiyah came fifth on debut in a Fiesta RS WRC and Chris Atkinson shrugged off a 3min 30sec penalty after breaking his Citroen DS3's steering to claim sixth.

Ken Block scored a career-best seventh place and the leaderboard was rounded off by Benito Guerra on his World Rally Car debut, Martin Prokop and Evgeny Novikov.

### **RESULTS, Rally Guanajuato Mexico (WRC Rd 3)**

- 1 S. Ogier/J. Ingrassia (Volkswagen) Total time 4hr 30min 27.0sec
- 2 M. Hirvonen/J. Lehtinen (Citroen) Gap to first 3:28.9
- 3 T. Neuville/N. Gilsoul (Ford) 4:23.8
- 4 D. Sordo/C. Del Barrio (Citroen) 6:06.7
- 5 N. Al Attiyah/G. Bernacchini (Ford) 8:34.5
- 6 C. Atkinson/S. Prevot (Citroen) 11:28.0
- 7 K. Block/A. Gelsomino (Ford) 11:48.3
- 8 B. Guerra/B. Rozada (Citroen) 12:49.8
- 9 M. Prokop/M. Ernst (Ford) 14:29.0
- 10 E. Novikov/I. Minor (Ford) 17:15.3

### **Driver standings (after Rd 3)**

- 1 Sebastien Ogier 74 points
- 2 Sebastien Loeb 43
- 3 Mikko Hirvonen 30
- 4 Dani Sordo 27
- 5 Mads Ostberg 26



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### **About Rally Australia**

*Rally Australia on 12-15 September 2013 will be the 22nd WRC event in Australia and the third since it moved to New South Wales from Western Australia. The 2011 rally attracted more than 13,000 individual visitors to the Coffs Coast, generating more than 64,000 bed nights and a net economic impact of \$14.8 million, according to Destination NSW. The shire and forestry roads of the Coffs Harbour, Nambucca, Bellingen and Clarence Valley local government areas provide a true challenge for the WRC drivers against a magnificent backdrop of subtropical coastal and hinterland scenery.*

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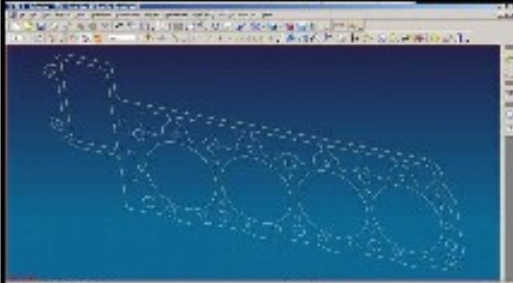
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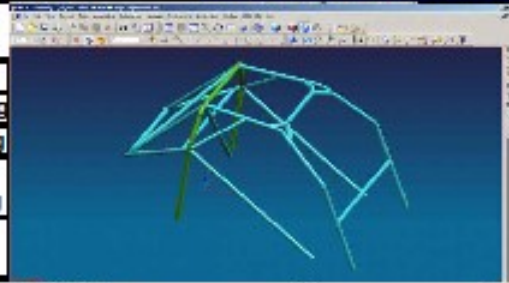
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