



VCVSC Annual General Meeting – August 2023

The Annual General Meeting for the club was held at Spotswood August 8. This was a significant meeting due to all senior and secondary positions being vacated. A summary of the changes is as follows:

Outgoing President	Paul Plater
Incoming President	Kevin McCallum
Outgoing Secretary	Angie Plater
Incoming Vice President (New position)	Gary Cotton
Incoming Secretary	Diane Lauder
Outgoing Treasurer	Fred Plater
Incoming Treasurer	Clive Townley
Outgoing Marketing	Anthea Plater
Incoming Marketing & Communications	Peter Swandale
Outgoing Webmaster	Jo Duncan
Incoming Webmaster & Communications	Tim Osborne

As you are all aware, all positions held in our club are voluntary and with that it can often become a thankless task. Every person who is a member of our great club should be thankful for what the Plater family has done for us all over many years. We also know that speedway is no different to many other sporting categories across Australia, meaning that it is not without its challenges so acting in the best interests of the members, the different classes, and trying to get everybody a run doesn't happen by accident.

To Paul, Angie, and Fred in particular we express our gratitude and thanks for taking the helm for such a long time and extend our thanks to those who have put up their hand to take over.

Paul has led our club with a great deal of passion and often fought the good fight in the best interests of us and the vintage scene in general but like everyone he needs a spell. Thank you Paul.

Now that he has so much spare time lookout, the V#40 will be a rocket ship!





VCVSC Club Shirts

As you all would be aware, our cars generate a lot of interest wherever we go. People enjoy speaking to car and to get a picture or two to reminisce.

What we have noticed though is that people aren't always sure about who they should ask for a picture or who to talk to about the car. This also means we might out on the opportunity to gain new club members.

To help solve this we're considering new club shirts that members can buy and wear at events. Peter Swandale and Tim Osborne will run the program but to give you an idea of costs, subliminal printing of a polo shirt is approximately \$40.00. The club is not intending to profit from sales of shirts, we're simply looking to raise our profile.

For this process to remain cost effective, the shirts will not be available as a personalised item, they will be club focused with logos front and back and possibly on the sleeves but we're looking for ideas to include a slogan on the shirts - something that is short, sharp, and punchy!



*We go slower
than it looks!*

This example from Tim's cheeky son Kyle shows how the shirt could look with a smaller logo on the front and larger on the back.

If you have any ideas that won't get us into trouble with the fun police or copyright trademark infringements please email your idea to Tim at: jsrblackmagic6@gmail.com

VCVSC Club Events

Also discussed at our last meeting was the possibility of us holding more social type events and if possible, having guest speakers come along to the meetings from time to time. Several of the members floated these ideas and included the possibility of us holding an annual Christmas or end of season break up for us all to get together, have a good time and relax.

All in attendance agreed that whilst we are all passionate about our machines, the club does not need to be focused solely on the cars. Holding these events types of events allows members to get to know one another better and having a guest speaker from time to time will provide a learning opportunity where it is hoped that we can promote more discussion amongst members that could be problem solving as an example.

Member Contact Detail Database

Another idea floated was for us to develop a member contact base, possibly by division that would help members contact one another from time to time when they need help or just would like a chat.

This was an initial discussion so there was no definite answer on how this could work or what platform would be used but we all agreed that it would be 100% voluntary and that nobody would be forced to join. Again, we'd be looking for ideas on what would be the best way for this to work.

VCVSC Web Page

The web page has proven to be a bit of a challenge and we know that Jo did her best but it is time to try and freshen it up and hopefully use it as more of a tool for our members who may not be on forums such as Facebook. These days Facebook plays such a huge part of daily communications and other tools such as buy and sell groups but we must keep in mind that Facebook is not for everyone so we are really obliged to keep the web page running.

Some ideas include:

- Resolving the issue of adding membership forms as a downloadable item
- Possibly including a section that will allow members to sell items or parts
- Broaden the range of members profiles
- Add the newsletters to the page

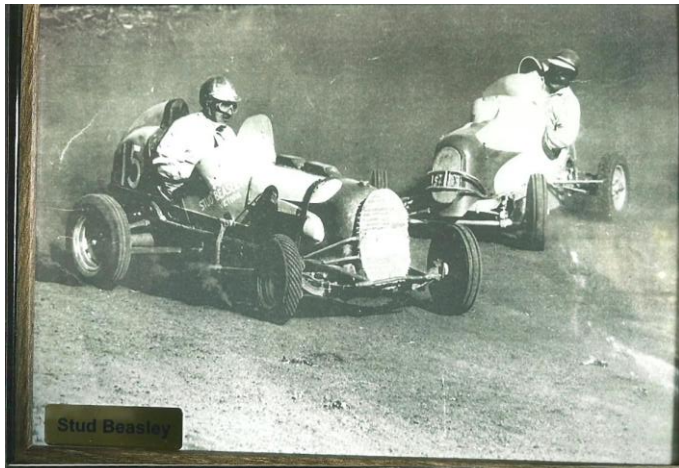
As you would have seen, Tim has put his hand up to take on the web page and Peter Swandale has kindly offered to assist so it will take some time however it is our aim to try and keep the page relevant where we can.

Avalon Raceway Hall of Fame

Jeff Drew, Rod Drew, and Peter Green are big supporters of what we do and subsequently they are very keen to see us play a key role in the Hall of Fame at Avalon. The club is a beneficiary of some existing items that can be put on display but we'll be looking for more so if you have anything stashed away that could be put on display please consider it, we aren't asking you to give it up. Just display it for everyone to see because it is really important for venues such as the Hall of Fame to rotate items to stay relevant.

Speaking of the Hall of Fame, we were invited earlier this year to put on a static display at the Presidents Cup which generated a lot of interest but we need fresh cars to display, we cannot use the same cars each year so please, if we're invited back and you think you can help please let us know.

The next pages of our newsletter shows some club paraphernalia recently unearthed, Diane has been working putting them into frames for the Hall of Fame. These will be on display in the area that has been allocated to the club, we hope you like them and we'd love to see more if you have any that you'd like to see displayed.



Stud Beasley



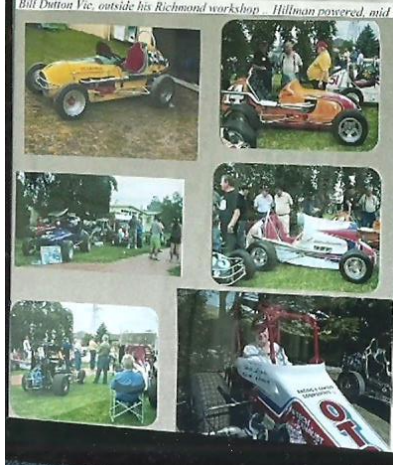
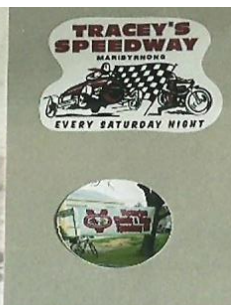
Tim Hocking



Max Miller



Bill Dutton Vic. outside his Richmond workshop. Hillman powered, mild engine





Club Member – Les Feltham

Not everyone would be aware that Les Feltham received some indifferent news recently that saw him go into hospital for his first hospital stay ever.

Les is a Victorian speedway icon, a club member and a tough old bugger so it's not without surprise that he came through it in typical Les Feltham fashion.

We're sure that everyone would agree that we want to see Les back out there as soon as possible in his Gary Rush Castrol Maxim wearing his big smile and enjoying himself as he always does. Get well Les and we look forward to seeing you back out there real soon.



Les is top left pictured with Garry Rush and son Jason at the 2023 Grand Annual Classic fan appreciation day.

Get Well Les!



Sunday August 27, 2023 – Avalon Swap Meet

Our first event of the 2023/24 Season kicked off at the annual Avalon Swap Meet with a static display. We had a reasonable turn up of cars and despite it being typical cold Avalon weather a good time was had by all. This year's event saw a very large crowd in attendance and according to Jeff and Rod Drew it was a successful day. Jeff and Rod are both big supporters of our club and were very thankful that we support them in return. They are particularly keen to see this event grow each year so special thanks goes their way for including us.

The swap meet also kicked off the first round of day-lighting. It gave members an opportunity to bring everything along for inspection and scrutineering. Thank you goes to Kevin and Diane for taking care of the duties on the day. I'm sure that everyone would agree that nobody wishes to see anyone get hurt as a result of faulty or out of date safety equipment so scrutineering is very important. Day-lighting also means a very large time commitment from those who do this for us so please, make yourselves available and go along to a day-lighting event when you can and get yourself all signed off before season proper.



Those in attendance would agree that the swap meet is as much of a social gathering as it is a buy & sell day. It gives everyone the chance to catch up and have a chat with friends, have a laugh, and kick some tyres.



The Drew family wheeled out their XW Falcon to be part of the show this year and it certainly attracted a lot of attention. It proves again how popular the vintage scene is becoming so if you were thinking of coming along this year and didn't, please do so next year because you will enjoy it.

The 2023 People's Choice Award went to Tim Osborne's Black Magic SA#6 JSR.

Speedway Australia Updates

Attention all VCVSC members: for those of you who do not receive the monthly E-News edition from Speedway Australia. Please read these notices as they are intended for your benefit, welfare, and protection.



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RACERS: LOOK FOR A PERMIT

Speedway Australia's track insurance scheme facilitates racing at almost 1000 practice and racing events at 100 venues nationwide. However, not all venues are Speedway Australia venues and not all events are Speedway Australia permitted events.

Your Speedway Australia racing, mechanic or officials license covers you only at Speedway Australia sanctioned events, so it's your responsibility to make sure that the event you're attending is a Speedway Australia sanctioned event.

Every event should have their event permit clearly posted at a prominent position at the pit entry to the venue. If you can't see it, ask the event staff to make sure!



Welcome to this Special Edition 257 of Speed eNews for all Speedway Australia licensees.

RULEBOOK CHANGES AHEAD OF NEW SEASON

We are very pleased to release the latest edition of the The Speedway Australia rulebook, with some significant updates to improve our safety measures across the nation.



HELMET PHASE OUT

Australian Standard & European Standard helmets across **ALL racing divisions will be phased out.** This phase out does not apply to Vintage/Classic division, or Extraneous events such as Demo Derby or Burnouts.

Australian Standard & European Standard helmets will not be permitted for use from July 1, 2024.

Approved racing helmets provide superior protection, including impact, crush and fire. The specific rule is 16.6 on page 112.

Please read the rulebook thoroughly surrounding this change, and if it impacts the division in which you participate in.

For any queries please contact Liz Weaver on 0487 002 287.



POLE LINE TYRES

Following a comprehensive study and recommendations from the Safety Committee, Speedway Australia has now prohibited the use of large objects to mark the pole line

separating the race track from the infield, **effective immediately.**

This rule has been enforced to mitigate racing incidents where cars have clashed with the various pole line marking systems and have caused significant incidents with other competitors in the process, and compromised the safety of infield marshal's and officials.

The specific rule is 4.33 and can be found on page 51

INFIELD TYRES:

- a) The pole line must not constitute a hazard to competitors.
- b) No objects are permitted within 10 metres of the pole line.
- c) The use of objects such as truck, tractor, implement tyres or bundles of car tyres is prohibited.

Any other innovations, ideas/solutions or suggestions will require approval from Speedway Australia. Submissions can be made through your relevant Sport Development Officer.



Breaking News! 2023/2024 VCVSC Season Calendar

Day	Date	Scars/Mods	Speedcars	Saloons	Hvy Rods	Ace of Spades
Sun	27/08/23	All Divisions: Avalon Swap Meet				
Sat	10/09/23	All Divisions: Horsham Region Day Lighting - Horsham Technical School				
Sat	14/10/23	All Divisions: Winding Back The Clock – Timmis Speedway				
Sun	15/10/23					Drouin S/way
Sat	28/10/23			Southern 500 – Portland Practice Day		
Sat	04/11/23			Blue Ribbon Horsham – Practice Day		
Sat	11/11/23			Southern 500 - Portland		
Sat	18/11/23	Alexandra				
Sat	09/12/23	Hamilton				
Tues	02/01/24	Premier				
Fri	05/01/24				Portland	
Sat	06/01/24			Portland		
Sat	03/02/24	All Divisions: Club Day – Laang Speedway				Nagambie
Sat	10/02/24	Heartland Moama				
Sun	11/02/24					Drouin
Sat	17/02/24			Hamilton		
Sat	16/03/24	Premier				
Sat	23/03/24	Simpson 50th		Simpson 50th		
Sun	07/04/24					Drouin
Sun	14/04/24	Tracey's Reunion Maribyrnong				
Sat	27/04/24	Swan Hill		Laang		
Sat	11/05/24	All Divisions: Winding Back The Clock – Timmis Speedway				
Sat	18/05/24			Horsham		
Sat	25/05/24	Redline				
Sun	02/06/24					Drouin
Sat	08/06/24			Horsham		
Sun	09/06/24					

To be confirmed: 2 x Club Days – Avalon Raceway, All Divisions

To be confirmed: 1 x additional club day – Laang Speedway, All Divisions