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The Club was formed in 1956, the first of its kind in Australia, with the object of Preserving, Restoring and using Veteran, Vintage and Post Vintage Motorcycles.

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Machines manufactured prior to **January 1<sup>st</sup> 1966** are eligible for Club Events.

The Club has a strong family orientation and features many social activities as well as Runs and technical help.

The Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the **Payneham R&SL Club, 360 Payneham Road, Payneham** commencing at 8.00 p.m.

**Annual Fees** are due by the 30<sup>th</sup> June each year.

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## Presidents report.

**60th Anniversary Rally Expression of Interest applications** are located on the Club's web page. The document contains all the necessary information on where and when the rally will be held, including accommodation in Clare and its surrounds. Email for contact [vvmcc60th@gmail.com](mailto:vvmcc60th@gmail.com)  
Regards, David Cant, Chairperson

Expression of interest application is available on club web site as follows -  
<http://vvmccsa.org.au/60th-anniversary-rally/>

**Trophy Presentation night—Tuesday 9th June** General Meeting. All trophies to be returned to Paul Knapp as soon as possible. **Please bring a basked supper to share after the meeting.**

**Annual General Meeting—Tuesday 14th July**, if you would like to volunteer to be on the committee for 2015-2016, please contact Bill Lorimer with your nomination.

### **Club runs—entry forms.**

When you participate in a club ride, you are required to complete the '**club rally form**' every time. This is a requirement under the insurance policy that the club currently holds. If you **invite a friend to ride along** with you, they must also complete the form.

**Any other person**, who is not a member of the VVMCCSA, but is invited thru some other form of communication, they must also complete the rally form before you participate in the ride.

### **Brian Forth. President.**

**Motorcycle inspection.** There are still some members who have historically registered vehicles with VVMCCSA, who have not as yet had the **3 year inspection** completed. It is urgent that you have that inspection ASAP. Time is running out to comply with the regulations.

### **Log book days**

**Sunday 24th May—Payneham RSL clubrooms 10am to 12 noon.**

**Sunday 14th June - CCC Clubrooms Glandore 10am to 12 noon**

You will be required to bring the following items-

- 1/ Current registration papers for your motorcycle/vehicle.
- 2/ Log book's for the appropriate vehicles.
- 3/ Your 2015-2016 VVMCCSA membership card.
- 4/ Statutory declaration signed by a Justice of the Peace.
- 5/ Inspection sheets from previous inspections to be produced.

Subscriptions can be paid on the day.

If your motorcycle needs inspecting, please contact one of the approved persons for that inspection.

**NO inspections will be carried out** on the log book days, due to heavy work load.

***Bob Gill. Phil Jenner. Paul Knapp.***

***Approved persons for VVMCCSA***



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## **VVMCCSA Committee Meeting 27th April 2015 at Goodwood Community Centre**

In Attendance - Brian Forth, Bob Gill, Paul Knapp, Ray Collins, Les Jolly, Daryl Rosser, Terry Rowe and Bill Lorimer. Apologies Anni Filsell and Ian Hese.

**Minutes of the last meeting** were presented as printed in the Smoke Signal. No discussion Acceptance moved Terry Rowe Seconded Les Jolly Carried.

**Treasurers Report** presented by Terry Rowe, No Discussion, Acceptance moved Daryl Rosser, Seconded Bob Gill Carried.

**New Members** - Ratification for membership, Tony Bedford, Andrew Young, Andrew Jarrod, Peter Symons, Michael Madeley and Robert Lear.

### **Correspondence In.**

- 1 Questionnaire from Goodwood Community Centre.
- 2 Receipt for payment of Post Office Box Rental.
- 3 Invoice from Smart Print.
- 4 Invoice from MTA for printing.
- 5 5 Subs. Renewals.

### **Emails In and Out.**

- 1 From and to Uber Global Support re. Website.
- 2 Report on Shannon's Gumeracha Show and Shine 2014 and advice that next will be 8th Nov 2015.
- 3 From and to Mick Bolognese at Birdwood Mill National Motor Museum re restoration demo of Indian Chief Motorcycle 17th May.
- 4 To Payneham RSL requesting confirmation of Logbook day booking 24th May,
- 5 From and to David Cant re, 60th Anniversary Rally Expressions of Interest forms and dedicated Email Address.
- 6 From Wayne Groom, via Kevin Noel requesting pre 1925 vehicles for a documentary film based at Pt. Adelaide Rowing Club , 2nd May 2015 between 8am to 4pm, thopse attending to dress in period clothing.

**Publications Received**—The Bulbhorn from Mildura and MAPS Review.

### **Club Captain - Runs Rides and Events**

- 17th May—Eastern hills ride, starting 10am from Balhannah Oval, map in magazine page 15.  
24th May—Logbook day at Payneham RSL 10am till 12noon.  
14th June—Logbook Day at Glandore CCC Clarke Ave Glandore.  
21st June—North Eastern Hills ride from Pelican Plaza ending at the Rocking Horse at Gumeracha.  
19th July—'ride in day' the National Military Museum at Edinburgh Park, their entrance fee is \$10.

### **General Business.**

Discussed costing of computer data recovery and remote back-up , Moved Daryl Rosser that the club should pay for the work to be done, Seconded Paul Knapp Carried.

60th Anniversary Expressions of Interest forms are now ready for printing and distribution and are also available for downloading from the Club Website at <http://vvmccsa.org.au/60th-anniversary-rally/>

Logbook Days discussed and arrangements in place.

The criteria for all categories of the annual trophies presentation was discussed. Paul Knapp moved that a minimum of four (4) rides in some categories is required in a calendar year before a trophy will be awarded. Seconded Ray Collins, Carried .

There was much discussion for ride or drive in locations during the winter months, we need feedback from members to assist in planning.

Discussed on Runs and Rides with a subsidised meals or entry was discussed. A surveyed was completed by Terry Rowe on previous events, and the Committee agreed that certain events will be continually sponsored by the club during the year.



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# **VVMCCSA General Meeting 702 at Payneham RSL 14th April 2015**

Brian Forth opened the meeting opened 8.00 pm.

**Visitors**. Gary & Jane Warfield from Historic Motor Cycle Club Qld, Toowoomba branch.

**Who Are We**—April edition Pat Vartuli.

**Minutes of the last meeting** were presented as printed in the Smoke Signal, no discussion. .Acceptance moved Pat Vartuli, Seconded David Cant Carried.

**Treasurers Report** presented by Terry Rowe, no discussion .Acceptance Moved Marie Hurley, Seconded Paul Knapp, Carried.

**Membership applications.** There were no new applications for membership.

## **Correspondence In.**

- 1 Bank Statements from Westpac
- 2 Account from Smart Print for Membership Cards
- 3 Flyer for Strathalbyn Swapmeet 18th Oct 2015
- 4 Letter from FHMC to Registrars.
- 5 From FHMC, minutes of Feb Meeting.

## **Emails In and Out.**

- 1 From Morris Register, invitation to their Historic Vehicles Day, 17th May at the Reserve ,cnr. Harrison Rd and Simpson Ave
- 2 From Stephen Hooper, receipt from Oasis Deli, Moseley Sq. Glenelg
- 3 From Paul Knapp re. Visitors and non members participating in Club rides.
- 4 From National Motor Museum re events, 17th May , Restoration Demo by Tony Codrington ,1924 Indian, at the Museum , Anyone interested must contact the Museum
- 5 From Peter Shires re parts he has for a Panther engine, brake plates and part frame, contact 0438673827 if interested.
- 6 From and to Glandore CCC re. payment of hire for Logbook Day.

## **Publications Received.**

- 1 The Vintage Motorcycle from the UK
  - 2 MAPS Review from Maitland
  - 3 The Radiator from the Riverland
  - 4 Restore and Ride from Coffs Harbour MCRC
  - 5 The Bulletin from Veteran Car Club SA
  - 6 Exhaust Notes from VMCC Victoria
  - 7 The Veteran Car from the Sporting Car Club SA
- Acceptance moved Colin Behn Seconded Brian Kuerschner Carried.

## **Club Captain report** -Runs Rides and Events.

Club Captain Ian Hese reported on the last two events and outlined the South Eastern Hills Ride.

19th April South Eastern Hills Ride Organizer Dan Moriarty

17th May to be confirmed

Acceptance moved Lesley Jones, Seconded Richard Kretschmer Carried.;

## **General Business.**

Tony Morisset reported on progress with the organizing of the 60th Anniversary Rally.

Bob and Lesley Jones announce their 60th Wedding Anniversary 16th April and were Congratulated by the Members.

Dean Govan reported on the Black Dog Run held on Kangaroo Island, he said it was a very enjoyable and successful event, he attended with a son and grandson (3 generations).

There was no further business from the members, Buy Sell and Swap was read and the meeting closed.



## **Buy, Sell and Swap**

**Please Note ads will run for two issues unless requested otherwise. If your item is sold before the second issue, please advise the Editor. Full name of Seller, Registration Number &/or Engine number MUST be provided, otherwise add cannot be printed. Deadline is the one week prior to each General Meeting.**

### **For Sale.**

**Ensign beaded edge tyres:** 24 x 2 1/4'; 26 x 2 1/2' 26 x 3 and 28 x 3; replica Chatter-Lea hubs, spokes and rims; Brian Forth 0409 514213;

**Bridgestone 165/70 X R13 tubeless radial**, brand new. OFFERS. Paul Knapp 82430130 (April15)

**19 inch wheel rim**, chromed, straight, . 36 holed; Richard Kretschmer 3537898 (April 15)

**1996 BMW K1100 LTE**, touring bike, good mechanical condition, recent major service, new brake hoses, corbin seat, reliable bike—S/A YYV148, \$4,500; Ian Hese 0409 083 436 (April15)

**1965 Honda Dream CA77e 305cc**, restored, club rego S/A SO3AHT, \$5,500; Greg Paterson 0404934246 (March15).

**Kawasaki ER5, 2000 model**, 500cc twin, \$2000; Pub Freeman 8255 2886 (April15)

**Dri-Rider boots** size 12 for sale, brand new, offers; David Hooper 0424043854 (April15)

**Royal Enfield Bullet 1969 350cc**, restored, new barrel, piston etc, Engine number B152233—\$4000 ono plus spares muffles cables etc; Bill Blake 83675926 (April15)

**Matchless G80, 1950**, older restoration, Engine Number 17165, \$6000 ono, Bill Blake 83675926 (April15)

**Ariel Arrow, 1963 250cc**, \$8000 new pistons, electrics ect & parts; Daryl Rosser 0419817745. (April15)

**Goulding sidocar chassis, early 1920s**, unrestored more than one chassis but enough parts to build one or perhaps two. No sidocar bodies though. Peter Allen Phone 8353 3438 (April15)

**BMW R65 panniers** and crash bars \$350; Alan Martin 8254 9550 (May15)

**Ariel Mk1 square four and sidocar**, fully restored in excellent running condition, long VVMCCSA history, sidocar is a repo Dusting on a Goulding chassis, fully trimmed etc. rare opportunity to acquire a classy rally bike etc, prefer to keep bike in SA; Leon Mitchell 08/8278 5120 [Mitchell@senet.com.au](mailto:Mitchell@senet.com.au) (May15)

**Zongshen 250cc single**, 2007, 12600kms, S/A S78AGA, registered \$1500; **Kawasaki ER5 500cc twin** 2000 year, 95,500km, registered S/A YZK697, \$2000 ono; Pub Freeman 08/82552886 (May15)

### **Wanted.**

**Pre WW1 photographs** of motorcycles and car wanted, can copy and return. Leon Mitchell 8278 5120;

**1932 BTH "TT magneto"** it carries a plate that says "TT Magneto", low centre height platform mount. Leon Mitchell 82785120. (Feb15)

**AJS 1950'S—wanted** with some urgency a 500cc early to mid 1950s AJS engine complete, with Magneto, Carby the lot please. Preferably in fair to reasonable condition. Contact Nip Kuerschner 0418854565 (Dec14);

**ES2 Norton** Parts Wanted for restoration. Engine, forks and rear wheel required. Many other parts needed. Call Tony Morisset: 0411 888 313 (March15)

**1920-1923 Harley Davidson flat twin** bracket that guides the brake pedal close to foot boards on right hand side, Colin Behn 92937031 (March15)

**Douglas OHV pre 1931 or Sunbeam model 8 or 9 wanted**; Brett Mitchell 0438397788 (March15)

**WANTED Norton ES2 motor** to help young club member with first restoration project. Phone: Tony Morisset 0411 888313. Will buy in any condition. (April15)

**"Wanted Corbin speedo cable and rear wheel drive gear"**. Wanted **Schebler HX** model screw thread mount carbie - have flange mount HX to swap if required. Ph Rob Elliott 0415 697 162; (April15)

**Villiers motors D or E models** wanted including pre-war; Garry Harding 0448644999 (April15)

**Rudge motorcycles racing**—wanted photos in Aust GP or TT at Bathurst or Phillip Island 1932-1936, photos of George Hannaford; Don Bain; Alex Kerry; Les Sherrin, particularly Hannaford & Kerry who raced at Centenary TT at Victor Harbor I 1936; Leon Mitchell 08/8278 5120 [Mitchell@senet.com.au](mailto:Mitchell@senet.com.au)

**2 x Itejet trials tank badges**, brand new; John KEAY 08/8278 6863 (May15)

### Club Runs & Events.

All members participating in **Club Runs MUST lodge a Rally Entry Form** with the Club Captain before the event. This ensures that you are covered for Third Party Property and Public Risk from home, on the Run and return to home. This is a Club requirement. Please be sure to fill out your **Historic Registration Logbook** before leaving home and make sure you **carry it every time you go riding**, this is a legal requirement. Enquiries to Ian Hese Club Captain 0409083436 [ibhese@bigpond.com](mailto:ibhese@bigpond.com)

**Back-up trailer is required every run—please volunteer your services for a run. Every ride has to be covered, please contact me & nominate a ride. Reimbursement of \$60 for petrol money.**

### 2015 events.

**\*\* denotes club point s event\*\***

#### May

**12th** **General Meeting 703**, Payneham RSL clubrooms—**Committee nominations**

**\*\*17th** **Eastern Hills ride**. Starting at Balhannah oval 10am, Ian Hese organizer.

**24th** **Logbook day**—Payneham RSL clubrooms 10am—12 noon

**25th** **Committee meeting**—Goodwood Community club.

#### June

**9th** **General meeting 704**—Payneham RSL clubrooms 8pm, **Trophy presentation night & supper**

**14th** **Log Book Day**— CCC clubrooms 10am to 12 noon.

**\*\*21st** **North East hills** ending at the Rocking Horse ay Gerneracha

**29th** **Committee meeting**—Goodwood Community Club.

#### July

**14th** **General Meeting 705**—**Annual General Meeting**—election of committee members.

**\*\*19th** **National Military Museum** at Edinburgh Park, their entry fee is \$10.

**27th** **Committee meeting**—Goodwood Community Club.

#### August

**11th** **General Meeting 706**, Payneham RSL clubrooms

**\*\*23rd** **Oxenberry Winery McLaren Vale**—**Tiddler's ride**, organizer Tony Morisset and crew

**24th** **Committee meeting**—Goodwood Community Club

**2014- Invitational Events** –too numerous to mention, see Committee and General meeting minutes for information. (**Not club runs, but members are welcome to join them**)

**60th Anniversary rally** September 17 to Friday 22, 2016 will be held at Clare using the Clare Caravan Park as the rally centre. David Cant, Chairperson.

**Classic Owners Mid Week runs**— members are invited to join the **Classic Owners** on their run on the **first Wednesday & third Tuesday** of each Month, **Hawthorn Cres at Hazelwood Park at 10:00am.**

**The Ariel group** invite those interested in the marque to join us on the 1st Sunday of the month rides—starting 10am Balhannah Oval, contact Dave 82635562 or John 82623965

**SWAP MEETS** - Any new dates or swap meets please advise editor, check this site - <http://www.bevenyoung.com.au/car.htm>

HAHNDORF-	18th January 2015	Victor Harbor	1st February 2015
Lockleys school	2nd February 2015	BALLARAT –	19-20-21 February 2015
CAMPBELLTOWN –	8th Mach 2015	CLARE–	15th March 2015
WOODSIDE –	29th March 2015;	NARACOORTE	2-3rd May 2015;
SEDAN –	14th June 2015.	KAPUNDA-	24th May 2015;
ANGLE PARK/Dry Creek	26th July 2015;	WILLUNGA –	16th August 2015;
GAWLER -	20th September 2015;	VVMCC MOTORCYCLE ONLY	4th Oct 2015.
STRATHALBYN –	18th Oct 2015;	BENDIGO –	14-15th Nov 2015;
GAWLER Motorcycle expo	23rd Nov 2015	<b>** plus many more check the web site**</b>	

### Historic Registration.

Please ensure you complete your new logbooks before leaving home and that you carry it with you when riding the motorcycle the book is allocated to.

**Enquiries to** **Bob Gill 82584982** - **Paul Knapp 82430130** - **Phil Jenner 83706664**



## LEATHER FRONTED TOOLBOXES

Geoff Brazendale

The majority of machines of the 20's and earlier had leather-fronted toolboxes. These were often seen as unfashionable in the 30's and 50's and so were discarded. Others simply rusted and decayed. There are a few survivors and occasionally you can find them.



Often it is only the leather which has disintegrated and there are sources of tin boxes to be found. I wanted to achieve a mature patina on the machine and so used an old briefcase for the leather. I also salvaged the nickel-plated buckles from the original case. I sourced the essential bifurcated rivets from my local saddler (they are now referred to as 'Riding Equipment Suppliers' in your Yellow Pages).



Ideally, millboard should be located; this has a leather effect on the wearing surfaces and was once used for cheap attaché cases and for lining car doors. A quality thick cardboard would make a reasonable substitute for the toolbox lining, however.

Before making the lining, I would recommend making a pattern from thin cardboard. The millboard can then be replicated from your pattern using a very sharp Stanley knife to score the fold lines. You need to score the millboard for about three-quarters of its thickness so that it can be folded to create the inside.

The leather can then be cut to the shapes desired with two additional pieces for the inside of the flaps.

You also will have to cut some thin leather to a roughly triangular shape for the gussets.

Unless you have access to an industrial sewing machine, you will need the services of a saddler to get the leather pieces stitched on to the cardboard 'box'. These can be stapled or glued to help the saddler to position them correctly. A mild steel bar half-inch by one-eighth is usually placed between the top flap to give rigidity - but do warn the saddler otherwise we will break his needles! It helps if you mark the leather clearly so that he (or she) can see where to sew.



Having retrieved the sewn-up box it should now fit within the tinplate box.





It was the usual practice to have three bifurcated rivets along the top and the bottom and one at each end of the box. Do not forget to include the fastening straps before riveting up! The original manufacturers used locks and/or either one or two straps to hold the flaps together.

An annual dose of 'dubbin' will help to keep the leather supple - especially around the flexed parts and the straps.

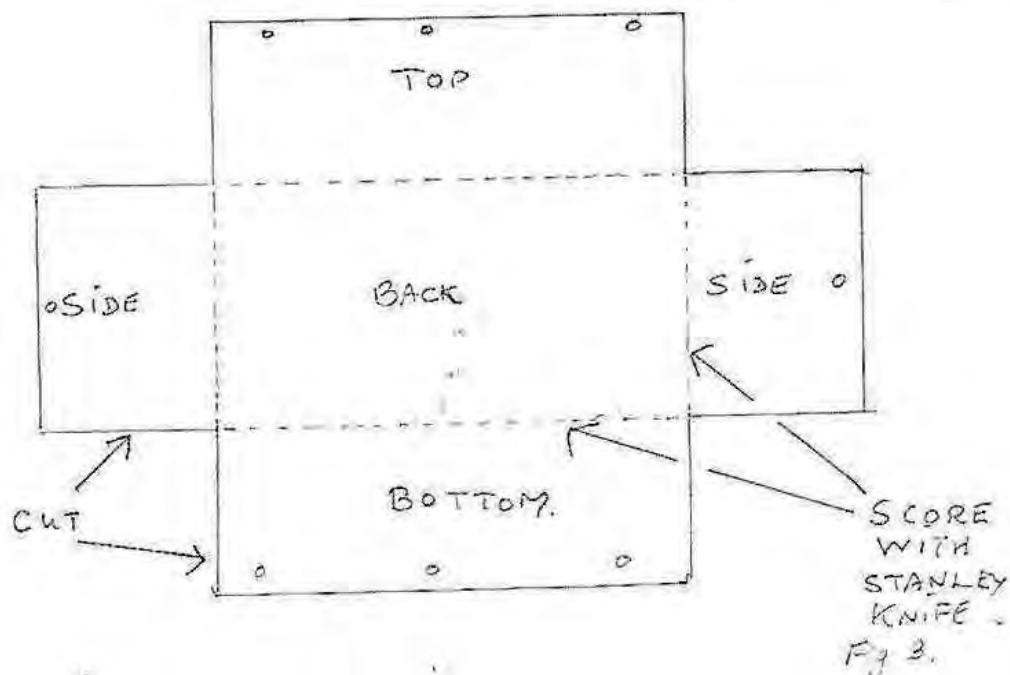
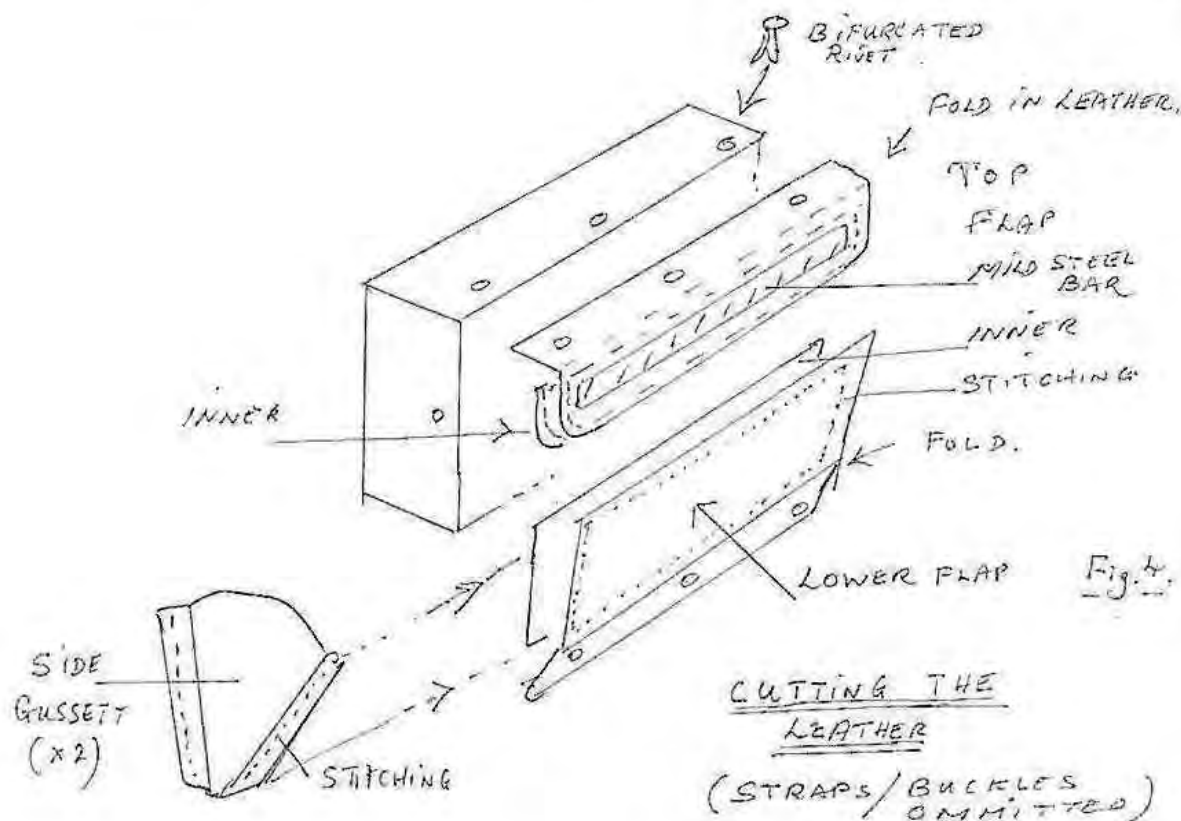


Fig. 2

CUTTING OUT THE MILLBOARD

G.B.2.





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*The Veteran and Vintage Motor Cycle Club  
of South Australia, Inc.*

**60th Anniversary Rally  
17 -22 September 2016**



Dear Rally Enthusiast,

The *Veteran & Vintage Motor Cycle Club of South Australia Inc.*, will celebrate its **60th Anniversary Rally** during September 2016 in the Clare Valley.

The rally headquarters will be at the Clare Caravan Park which has been block booked. There is also a wide range of other accommodation in Clare with details of some accommodation options included here. Please make your accommodation bookings as soon as possible.

Please complete and return the attached expression of interest form to ensure that you receive all future correspondence. Rally entry forms will be sent out in October 2015.

Our club caters for machines built prior to January 1, 1966 and the event has been designed to accommodate these motorcycles. We would prefer that you enter your pre - 1966 machine if you can.

We look forward to meeting you for a fantastic week of sightseeing and of course riding.

Yours faithfully,

David Cant

Rally Committee Chairman

Mail: VVMCC 60th Anniversary Rally, 3 Marchant Street, Kensington, SA 5068

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## ***The Veteran and Vintage Motor Cycle Club of South Australia, Inc.***

**60th Anniversary Rally  
17 -22 September 2016**



### **Rally Overview**

*Detail changes may be made, but dates and accommodation venues are now locked in.*

- Saturday 17th Sept.** Gather at the Clare Caravan Park, Clare  
Afternoon : Tour of local area, leaving the Caravan Park at 1:30pm  
Evening: Welcome BBQ at the Clare Caravan Park  
(Catered and included in the entry fee)
- Sunday 18th Sept.** Full day ride from Clare to Spalding for morning tea and then to historic Burra.  
We will spend some time in Burra to look around at the sites and find your own lunch as there are plenty of eating options to be found.  
Then ride back to Clare.
- Monday 19th Sept.** Full day ride from Clare to Blyth for morning tea and a visit to Medika Art Gallery,  
then to Bute for lunch, later stop at Snowtown then back to Clare.
- Tuesday 20th Sept.** Full day ride from Clare to Yacka for morning tea, lunch at St. James School  
in Jamestown, then visit the historic Gladstone Gaol.
- Wednesday 21st Sept.** Half day run to Martindale Hall for morning tea and see inside the historic Hall.  
The rest of the day is at leisure – perhaps visit Mintaro on the way back to Clare,  
or the local wineries or historic sites. Brochures will be included in your rally pack.  
Movie night at the Blyth local community cinema (*optional*).
- Thursday 22nd Sept.** Full day ride to Saddleworth for morning tea and to Eudunda for lunch.  
  
Farewell Dinner at the Clare Golf Club.
- Friday 23rd Sept.** Book out by 10:00 am  
Plenty of time for those wishing to be back in Adelaide for the Bay to Birdwood  
Rally on Sunday 25th Sept.





This photo has been printed before but now found in colour—Royal Engineer Signal Corps on Douglas 2½hp 350cc motorcycles in the Dardanelles, part of the Ottoman Empire, prior to the Battle of Gallipoli. c.1915 (Source Bibliotheque nationale de France)  
(Colourised by Royston Leonard from the UK) <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Colourized-pictures-of-the-world-wars-and-other-periods-in-time/182158581977012>



**April magazine—** Pat Vartuli

**Who are we?**





**Excelsior OHC 1919 Board track Racer.**  
**Price €99.500,00 (Aus \$138,147.)**

The captain of the Excelsior racing team, Bob Perry had a special relationship with the Schwinn family. Ignaz Schwinn, the owner of the Excelsior Motorcycle Company envisioned Perry as a future executive in the company and did not want him to race, but Perry wanted to race and was on hand to ride one of the new 1919 61 cu.in. OHC machines in its debut at Ascot Park, Ca. on January 4, 1920.

The Excelsior team arrived early for testing and discovered that the extremely powerful new engine performed like it could fulfill Schwinn's hopes for a racer that would beat the Indian and Harley-Davidson works machines.

On January 3 it was announced that Bob Perry would ride the Excelsior on full throttle around the Ascot oval. He crashed and was killed when he lost control entering a turn at a speed estimated between 95 and 100 miles per hour. Schwinn was devastated. The Excelsior team withdrew from the Ascot event, and Ignaz Schwinn went into the racing shop and personally destroyed all of the overhead cam engines with a sledge hammer. So the story goes.

Not one of the original machines survived. (as far as known) This 1919 Excelsior Boardtrack racer was carefully recreated by Paul Brodie [www.flashbackfab.com](http://www.flashbackfab.com) using 6 known photographs of the original machines. Some original parts were used to recreate this legendary Excelsior OHC.

This Excelsior has been equipped with a compensating sprocket and optional valve lifter to facilitate starting and a hand operated rear brake.

**For cosmetic reasons this Excelsior underwent a reversed "restoration" and had an artificial patina added.**

Watch and hear her run on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIPJzzIQS6Q>

Characteristics:

Excelsior 1000cc, 61 cu.in. 45 degree OHC V-twin.

Approx. 49HP @ 6000 rpm.

Speed 120 mph+

Clincher tyres 28 x 2 ½ Firestone racing.



Reference—<http://www.yesterdays.nl/excelsior-1919-racer-1000-p-3017.html>

**Bakersfield Police Department, on the steps of the Kern County Courthouse.**

Image provided by Mr. Robert Powers.

The photo was taken to publicize 'Frontier Days' in Kern County held October 6-7, 1934.

**Mt Power's father, Robert B. Powers (Sr.)** is in the front, white hat and shirt...he was Chief of Police at the time and served in that position until 1945." Photos like these are priceless!

Reference—Facebook site



# South Eastern Hills ride - Sunday 19th April

First time at this so here goes. Sunday started with some sun shine and a promise of a cool and some times overcast day but how wrong could one be???????

I was one of the first to arrive at the BP garage at Belair with some light rain falling it didn't last and the sun came out again haha sucked in again . Many more arrived with around 30 bikes for the ride, lots of conversation and bike talk until the role was called and the run route given.

Corner marshal's organized the back up trailer provided by Ian Hese. The run began and the marshal's started off followed by the pack. first stop was Mylor for morning tea.

Through Coromandel Valley and Scott creek conservation park. Now the annoying rain came back, a very steady drop catching out the ones with little rain protection. We had about 3km of dirt road, it was solid but all of us have some serious bike cleaning to do . Now on to Mylor most of us to some degree taken back by the weather change. IT WAS COLD COLD COLD.

The lunch stop was organized for Aldgate and after some more narrow challenging roads with more rain to fall just as we arrived, hot food coffee ect was welcome.

Some after lunch went home the rest headed back the way we came until we got to the dirt road again and decided to change the route, from here I'm lost. At one stage the marshal's were a little unsure but all came together and who cares we were enjoying what we like best, black stuff on the black stuff.

I enjoyed the day because some times you need a challenge and keep your wet weather skills alive.

As far as i know no one ended up in the back up trailer although i found out later Pud had a slight excursion but was ok.

If you didn't make the effort to come along even in a car (sack that man for saying that) you missed out .

Cheers **Chris Magor member 390**

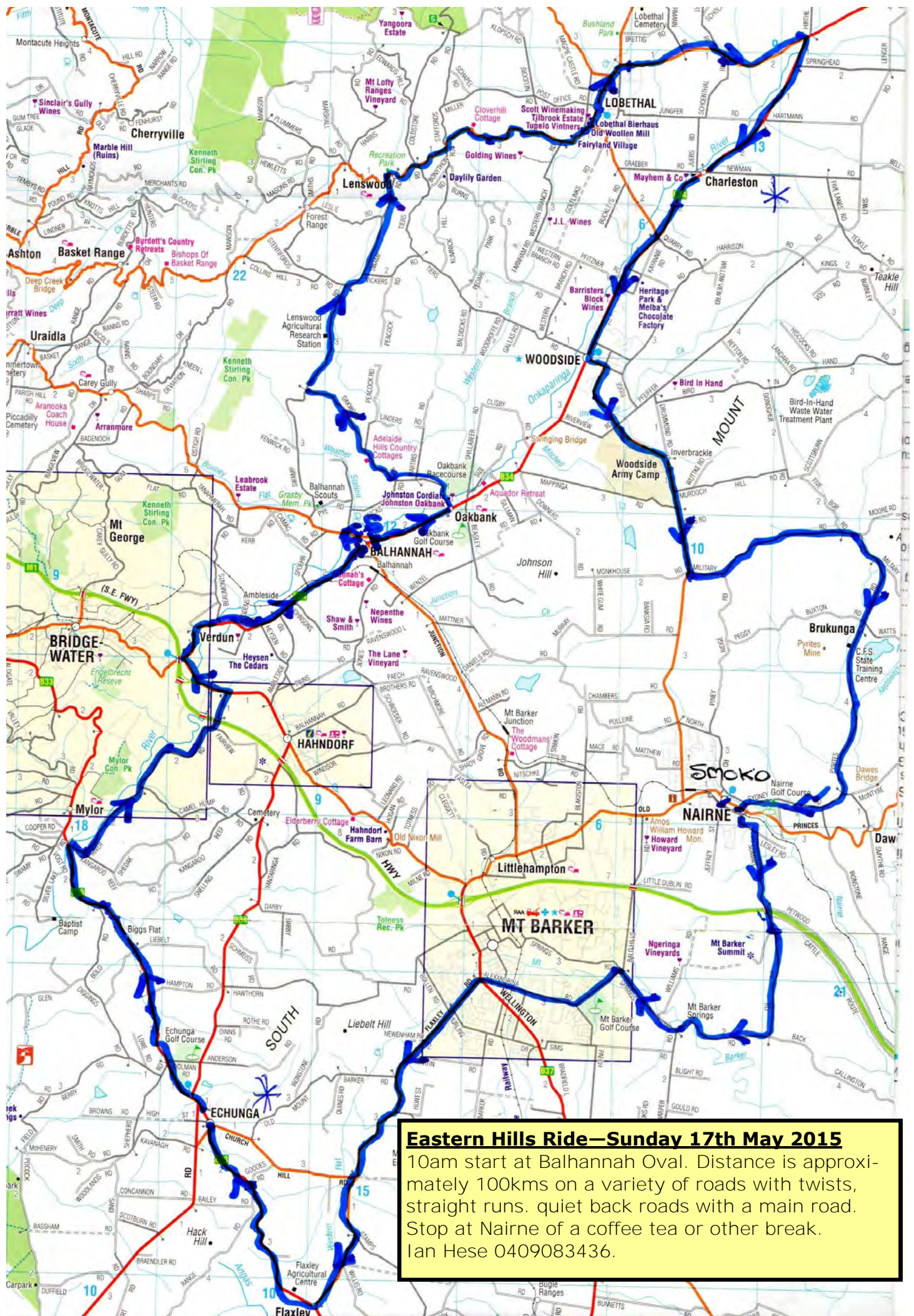
## **South Eastern Hills Ride 19-04-2015.Entrants Member's Name Year and Model**

Terry Rowe 1929 Raleigh  
Rob Smyth 1929 AJS  
Bob Mather 1932 Scott  
Mal MacKay 1936 BSA  
Dean Govan 1937 Triumph Outfit  
Matthew Croucher 1941 BSA  
John Deacon 1949 Norton  
Brian Norton 1942 Harley Davidson  
Paul Wallis 1942 Harley Davidson  
Peter Arriola 1951 Vincent  
David Radloff 1951 Panther  
John Byles 1954 Ariel  
Graeme Bartlett 1955 Triumph  
Daryl Rosser 1956 Triumph  
Dan Moriarty 1956 Ariel  
Brian Forth 1957 Triumph  
Paul Knapp 1957 Triumph  
David Holbrook 1958 Ariel  
Darren Zacher 1958 BSA  
Wayne Lawson 1964 Triumph

Adrian How 1991 Yamaha  
Pud Freeman 2000 Kawasaki  
Barry Foster 2003 Ducati  
Bob Frankham 2003 Honda  
Chris Magor 2008 Triumph  
Stephen Bartlett 1967 BSA  
Alan Martin BMW  
Ian Rounsovell 1971 BSA Visitor  
Ian Baldock 2004 Suzuki  
Ian Hese Back up trailer











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