

HOLDEN TORQUE



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Photograph below – February AGM at Just Cruisin Diner Kilsyth



Next Club Event

General Members Meeting 21st April @ Fat Bobs Bar and Grill 80A Cochranes Road Moorabbin – www.fatbobs.com.au – Please RSVP via facebook page or president@holdenclub.com

What's new in this edition?

Bruce's Presidents report regarding AGM and Cruise in February and recent Motorkhana event as well as Holden Legends day at Patterson Cheeney Holden Vermont

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Website

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Club Meetings

Refer to Calendar for next club meeting. All members, friends and new visitors are very welcome.

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Presidents Report – Bruce Lethborg

Hi fellow members and welcome to the first club magazine for a while, as there has been nothing happening, there has been nothing to write about. But now that Rona has eased a bit, motorsport and other things are getting back to some sort of normal.

As I am writing this article, a travel bubble is opening up between us and New Zealand, and hopefully, other parts of the world soon.

On the club scene, we have had our AGM after the third try. The meeting was held at Just Cruizin Diner in Kilsyth, and for something different, we had a cruise to the diner from Bayswater up into the hills and back down into Kilsyth.



Around 28 people attended with a great selection of cars. Conner McLeod brought along the Strike Me Pink LJ XU-1



out for its first club cruise in over 30 years after being stolen back in the early 80s. A couple of members obviously don't know their left from right.....because they got LOST but they found their way to Kilsyth. After a great lunch of burgers, fries, shakes and sundaes we held the AGM and a new committee was elected for 2021.



Your new committee is:

President: Bruce Lethborg
Vice President: Darren McGrath
Secretary: Martin Carabott
Treasurer: Kris Lethborg
Lesley Robinson: Membership
Al Searle: Website
Brian Robinson
Thomas Clayton: Magazine
Ray Cardwell: Group 5
Conner McLeod

The committee has met up and had a very fruitful meeting and are all fired up to reinvigorate the club. We will be keeping you all informed of events and goings on by better communication via social media, regular magazines and emails.

We will post a competition calendar so you can see which events you can enter be it speed or non speed.

There are several social events already planned, with the first being a cruise to the Trafalgar Holden museum on 2nd May, then in June on the 27th, we will be holding the first annual Ronnies Red Socks Rally down on the Mornington Peninsula. It should have been the second one, but bloody Rona took care of that last year.

I hope as many of you as possible can come along to these events.

We held the first round of the Group 5 non speed series with a motorkhana out at Werribee. We had 29 entries and ran a head to head twilight event for something different. It was a great success and I think we may do it again. Thanks to our members who clicked watches and to Lesley, Brian and Darren for feeding the hungry hordes.



Kris and I were discussing how much fun the competitors were having and decided we would both like to get back into motorkhanas, so we are looking for a suitable car so we can join in and have some fun too.



Back in February, long time Holden dealer Patterson Cheney held a Holden display at their showroom in Vermont. Kim and Chantelle McKonchie (LJ XU-1) and Thomas Clayton (HSV Grange) were selected to display their cars. It was a fascinating display with virtually every model from 48-215 to VF and HSVs on display in great weather.



Next year Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria celebrates its 50th birthday in August. It will be a great milestone in the clubs history, only a few clubs in the



country have lasted this long, and we will be one of them. For our 40th, we hired Sandown and had a private track day and party with one Harry Firth being our special guest. This time we won't be at Sandown but are planning something special and we are open to suggestions from you on ways to celebrate this grand occasion.

Recently I blew the dust off the Excel,



changed the oil, kicked the tyres and dragged the car out to Sandown to blow the cobwebs out of the car and driver along with new VP Darren. I was intending to go back racing in the excel series this year after no racing in



2020. It was fun but I just didn't get the buzz that I used to get, so I have decided after more than forty years it is time to hang up the helmet. I have had an awesome time racing on all the tracks in Victoria and some interstate. There's been some great highlights in that time. Navigating in the 2007 Targa Tasmania in a Porsche 911GT3, the inaugural Targa High Country 2010 and 2012 Targa High Country both with my good friend Kim

McConchie in his VL Commie. The biggest highlight was racing my Excel at Bathurst as a support category at the 2018 6hr. I had been to Bathurst many times prior as an official, pit crew and spectator, but never thought I would race there. So if you know of anyone who would like to go racing or wants a reliable fun track car, send them my way, the Excel is for sale.

I will still have a play in motorkhanas where I started my motorsport way back when I was 16.

How did you all like the Supercar round at the mountain? It was great seeing sprint events at Bathurst. Gee isn't Van Giz a freak, nothing can stop him. He is an absolute superstar. Maybe he could be the next Brock.....oooo big call that one. Maybe a Lowndes then haha.

Another great event at the mountain was the recent 6 hour enduro. This event is for production cars and brings back the spirit of the earlier days when you could get a car off the showroom floor and race it, with a few modifications for safety and reliability. It involves families and friends pit crewing, pro and gentlemen drivers with different classes of cars from Audis and BMWs right down to Suzuki Swifts.

The event had a great mix of support categories this year. With ARGs support, TCR, TA2 and GTs provided some awesome racing along with Excels, Historics and Radicals and with channel 7s coverage, this will turn out to be a great event in the future.

Racing in the TCRs in a Honda was HSCCV member Tony D'Alberto. Unfortunately, Tony didn't have a very good weekend at the mountain but hopes that the next three rounds will be better for the Honda.

If you haven't heard it, Tony has a podcast with his long time friend and motorsport journalist Grant Rowley called Parked Up. It comes out every Tuesday on all the normal place and is very informative with special guests, news on the motorsport scene and with tony driving for DJR, a little insight into the major supercars team. It's worth a listen.

That's about it from me.

Cheers Bruce

Vice Presidents Report – Darren McGrath

Giddy and welcome to the first report I have had the pleasure of writing as the vice president of the Holden sporting car club of Victoria. It's with great pride I take on this role after a wonderful man who we miss immensely. I first started my journey with the club as a social member at the tender age of 15 under the wing of one of our life members Ron Jansz membership number 077 one of the original Torana club members. I have made lifelong friends from this club and had lots of good times and met some really nice people. After re-joining a few years ago its still a club with a lot of characters. I firstly would like to both congratulate and thank Bruce for his leadership and guidance of the HSCCV throughout these difficult times. He's the backbone and drive behind the committee and membership. We would love for all members to have more input and ideas and welcome fresh events and cruises. Don't be shy it's ok we don't bite.

CRUISE AND AGM.

Our first event post lockdown was the cruise and AGM from Bayswater to Kilsyth. Well it started off without a hitch but my navigator Richard Atkins was a bit ordinary. We hadn't seen each other for a while and I reckon I might have to take a little bit of the blame for the wrong turn but I'm glad we weren't the only ones that went right instead of left. We regrouped and headed to the Just Cruzin diner for a ripper lunch. Lots of different cars and some new faces it was nice to meet. Thanks to Paul and Michelle for your hospitality. If you live up that way or are passing by grab some awesome tucker. Once again we have a group of people who have taken on the committee roles but we really need to have input from those who we represent. Members of the Holden sporting car club of Victoria.

MOTORKHANA GROUP 5 WERRIBEE.

Next was our group 5 motorkhana at Werribee. Always love a motorkhana its one of my favorite things to do. Myself, Brian and Lesley Robinson cooked up a swag of snags and burgers whilst other club members ran the event. I've always enjoyed watching the youngsters throwing a car between the flags and the experience it gives them in car control. Once again an awesome event run by a bunch of great people.

2021 AND WHAT'S IN STORE. Okay let's talk about this year. Number one is hoping that thing's stay as is and we can continue this journey we have started. I want us all to get together for the 2021 RONNY RED SOCKS car club cruise and lunch. This is one thing we really missed out on last year and needs a really big turnout this year. He gave so much to this club and will always be in our hearts. It will be a drive through the lovely Mornington peninsula and to see new faces as per the AGM will be great. A chance for us all to get together for a wonderful club man and friend. Please come along and enjoy fellow club members company and stories.

CLUB MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Please drop the club any photos or stories of car activities you partake in. Myself and Bruce did a track day with tampered motorsport at Sandown on the 8th of March. What a fantastic day a little bit of water only one dry run but an enjoyable day all the same. If you have never been to or heard about these drive days look them up it's a must do if you have ever wanted to give Sandown a crack. John from trackside action photography takes amazing photos during the day and is a great friend of our club. We also have the 50th

Anniversary of the club coming up in 2022 and would love to hear from any club members past or present with any ideas to make this a special year. As a committee we can only do so much and welcome any input from the membership. Let's get together for a celebration to mark an amazing achievement. There's not many volunteer run car clubs out there with 50 years up their belts. Thank you for listening to my rambling and looking forward to spending time with those from our club the Holden sporting car club.

UP AND COMING EVENTS, firstly coming up on the 24th of April we are having a general meeting at Fat bobs burgers in Moorabbin, always a great feed and full of wonderful memorabilia. Please let us know if you are coming for catering numbers. On May the 2nd we are planning a cruise to the Holden museum in Trafalgar. We plan to meet at the service centre on the highway in Officer then drive via lovely countryside to the museum. It's a fantastic display of Holdens not to be missed. Details and times to follow on the media posts.

THEN THE BIG ONE... THE RONNIE RED SOCKS CRUISE.

Remembering our mate and great stalwart of our club Ron Klein on the 27th of June. This'll be a highlight of the year and we would love for all members to please come along for good times and great friends. Well that's it from me at the moment. Please let us know if you are coming to any of these events and we look forward to seeing lots of new faces enjoying their cars. Thanks until next time....Darren McGrath. Membership number 381. 0402074287. Please call me with any questions.

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Memberships coming up for renewal in April 2021 / May 2021

Member Name	Subscription Expiry Date	Member #
Bevan, Barham, James	6/4/2021	1723
Richard Atkins	4/5/2021	1667
Geoffrey Fitzpatrick	13/5/2021	1338
Yvette, Shenae, Rene, Braden Bekkers	14/5/2021	1680, 1439, 1396, 1440
Timothy, Matthew, Malcolm, Kerry, Holly & Emma Cardwell	17/5/2021	1319,1154,544, 920,1409,1318
Connor McLoed	22/5/2021	1700
Ian Bevan Barham	28/5/2021	1724

Upcoming Birthdays:

Member Name	Date
Timothy Cardwell	20 th April
Sicilio Augustino	26 th May
Tim Newman	7 th May
Martin Carabott	16 th April
Jeff Gale	9 th April
Alan Searle	14 th May
Richard Sciba	13 th May
Haley Gordon	21 st April
Chantelle McConchie	21 st April

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General meeting 21st April 2021 7pm

Come along and join us for our first general meeting at Fat Bobs Bar and Grill 80 Cochranes Rd Moorabbin

We will be meeting in the private room upstairs.

Enjoy some great burgers and shakes and meet up with your new committee for some great catch up and find out what your club is up to.

RSVP to president@holdenclub.com



Cruise to Trafalgar Holden Museum- Sunday 2nd May 2021

Come and join us for a cruise to the renowned Holden museum at Trafalgar.

We will meet at BP Officer 9.30 for a 10am departure. Darren McGrath has a scenic cruise to the Museum. After our visit you can join us at the Trafalgar pub for lunch.

Special admission price for car clubs is \$7.50 each.

Please RSVP via facebook page or president@holdenclub.com / social@holdenclub.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria Inc.

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Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: A.H.: _____ B.H.: _____ Mobile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Date(s) of Birth: _____

Vehicle(s): _____

Club Plate reg & car details: _____

Membership No(s): _____ Introduced by: _____ (New Members)

I am interested in: Motorkhana: _____ Race: _____ Rally: _____ Sprint: _____ Hillclimb: _____

I hereby certify that I will abide by the rules and regulations of the **Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria Inc.** and also the **National Competition Rules of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport** with which this car club is affiliated.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Membership Fees:	Single:	\$50.00 full year
<small>Please mark clearly.</small>	Family:	\$70.00 full year (must all be living in the same household)
	Under 18:	\$25.00 full year
	Associate:	\$25.00 full year (Bona fide members of non CAMS affiliated car clubs only. Proof of membership required.)

Membership runs for 12 months from the 1st of January to the 31st of December

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Payment: Cash:
Cheque:
Bank Payment to HSCCV account, ANZ BSB 013-250, Acc. No. 1016-73941

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The Membership Secretary, HSCCV Inc., PO Box 282 Chirnside Park, Victoria 3116

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