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# EVENTS CALENDAR 2020

## JANUARY

15 Committee meeting  
30-2 Bathurst 12 hour

## FEBRUARY

2 Swanpool Motor Festival  
5 **SHOW US YOUR CAR NIGHT**  
19 Committee meeting  
22 George Woods Rally  
29 Rally Retro Festival

## MARCH

4 **General Meeting**  
7 Challenge of Clubs  
12-15 Australian Grand Prix  
18 Committee meeting  
21 **VRC**  
**Mitta Mountain Rally**  
28 Welsford Wander

## APRIL

1 **General Meeting**  
5 **Khanacross Rd.1**  
15 Committee meeting  
17-19 ARC Forest Rally WA  
18 VRC/VCRS Ada River Rally\*  
27-2/5 Targa Tasmania

## MAY

2 VCRS  
Victoria Cross Rally\*  
6 **General Meeting**  
10 **Khanacross Rd.2**  
13 Committee meeting  
23 VRC/VCRS  
Marysville Stages\*  
29-31 Historic Winton

## JUNE

3 **General Meeting**  
5-7 Supercars Winton 400  
17 Committee meeting  
19-21 Rally Tasmania TAS  
20 VCRS Nissan  
Nightmoves\*  
28 **Khanacross Rd.3**

## JULY

1 **General Meeting**  
15 Committee meeting  
26 **Khanacross Rd.1<sup>o</sup>**

## AUGUST

5 **General Meeting**  
9 **Khanacross Rd.2<sup>o</sup>**  
15 **Shepparton Rod & Custom Tour**  
19 Committee Meeting  
22-23 ARC/VRC  
Eureka Rally VIC

## SEPTEMBER

2 **General Meeting**  
13 **Khanacross<sup>o</sup>**  
16 Committee Meeting  
19-20 Yarra Valley Stages\*  
26 Tour of Gippsland

## OCTOBER

3 VCRS Tunbridge Trail  
4 **Khanacross<sup>o</sup>**  
7 **General Meeting<sup>o</sup>**  
9-11 Supercars  
Bathurst 1000  
14 Committee meeting  
16-18 ARC Rd.1 SA  
17-18 Akademos  
24 Bagshot Rallysprint

## NOVEMBER

4 **General Meeting**  
7 VCRS Tumut Rally\*  
15 **Khanacross<sup>o</sup>**  
18 Committee meeting  
21 VRC/VCRS  
Marysville Stages  
27-29 ARC Rd.2 ACT

## DECEMBER

2 **Annual General Meeting**  
4 **Presentation Dinner**

\* NECC Rally Championship round  
<sup>o</sup> To be confirmed

Note: dates & events subject to change

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## **PRESIDENT PRATTLES...**

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G'day folks,

**Mum, when can we get off this ride? I've had enough for one year!**

G'day folks,

One of my work colleagues recently made this statement to our group and in the current climate, I think it is rather apt. I think we can all agree that we've had enough of this ride and we wanna try something else now. I don't know, maybe something like some motorsport?

Without sounding like the proverbial broken record, given the continued stage 3 restrictions for regional Victoria, our club's activities will remain on pause.

This will again mean the next general meeting cannot be conducted at Tarrawingee.

We'll await the next hand of cards to be dealt out by this virus and then in turn how the government reacts in terms of the October meeting. If we do get the ok to meet, it will be at the club rooms. We will look to postponing the visit to Moyhu to November.

The Khanacross round dates continue to come and go without a wheel being turned in anger. Until we can obtain permission from all relevant stakeholders we remain in the holding pattern.

Our last committee meeting was adjourned due to technical difficulties on the night. We are looking to re-convene in the coming week.

A couple of items that the committee need to consider are how we address the category and club championships for 2020. If and how we conduct an AGM and in turn present the financial statement for 2020 and conduct elections for the 2021 committee.

As soon as we devise a plan of attack for these items we'll share it with all.

One quick shout out to Ron Woodward, who after proposing our club develop a sub-committee to address the needs and interests of those members on the CPS scheme, he set about rallying some likeminded members to form this committee. These folks have already meet (virtually) and a developing a plan of attack for the coming months. Well done Ron and team.

Well folks, that's it for me this month, until I see you next, stay safe!



# **CLUB PERMIT SCHEME SUB-COMMITTEE**

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My article in the July issue regarding the need for activities to encourage holders of club permits to become more involved in the club has attracted some interest. A sub- committee of three "non- traditional" members has been formed to look into possible activities for this group of members. It is not anticipated that much apart from discussion will happen in this virus ridden time that we currently live in, but further down the track hopefully something will come of it.

The three members of the sub-committee are as follows:

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If any members have any ideas on suitable activities please feel free to contact one of the above and have a chat. (the activities do not need to be motoring or vehicle related) I would like to thank the above members for agreeing to come onto the sub-committee. All three agreed willingly without any arm twisting.

## ***Ron Woodward***

CPS Officer



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# CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

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## PERMIT RENEWALS

The following vehicles on the Club Permit Scheme are due for renewal.

### SEPTEMBER 2020

Jeff Whitten	CH5746	30/09/20
Greg Bowen	17917 H	27/09/20
Justin O'Connor	26011 H	13/09/20
Matthew Bowman	47474 H	05/09/20
Brodie Paul	70749 H	08/09/20
Ellen Crocker	73916 H	13/09/20
Reece Masters	70702 H	28/09/20
James Stanistreet	84850 H	22/09/20

### OVERDUE

Brendon Gigliotti	70740 H	26/08/20
Michael White	82838 H	17/08/20
Richard Smyth	0936 H7	27/08/20

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you have a car on the Club Permit Scheme and you don't renew your club membership on the due date, your registration will be automatically **INVALIDATED** until your membership is brought up to date. You may be subject to fines from the authorities if caught driving the vehicle with an invalidated permit.

## NOTICE TO ALL CLUB PERMIT HOLDERS

Due to the change in the frequency of committee meetings, I will no longer be available to sign Club permit paperwork prior to those meetings.

I will remain available prior to general meetings (6.30 - 7.30 pm) to sign paperwork and the mailing option will still remain available.

## PERMIT SIGNING

Both club permit applications and renewals will only be signed in one of the following two ways:

1. During the hour prior to commencement of a monthly general meeting (first Wednesday of each month excluding January). Meetings commence at 7.30 PM.
2. Sent by mail to **Ron Woodward at 28 Lauriston Avenue Milawa VIC 3678**. Renewals must include vehicle condition report form (download form from club web site) and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Due to longer mail delivery times, please allow a 2-week turnaround time.

### Note:

Please contact **Ron Woodward [ 5727 3407 or 0400 250 861 ]** to discuss any new vehicle applications prior to commencing application process. Please refer to details below regarding eligibility of new applications.

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## NOTICE TO POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

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The North Eastern Car Club is a participant in the Victorian (VicRoads) Club Permit Scheme.

At the end of 2017 the committee made the decision not to admit any vehicles to the scheme owned by members who joined the club from the start of 2018 onwards. Members who joined the club prior to the start of 2018 would still be permitted to place vehicles on the scheme after this date.

Any persons not eligible to access the Club Permit Scheme through this club are advised to visit the VicRoads website and download the list of eligible clubs participating in the scheme (there are many).

Members who are eligible to place vehicles on the scheme are requested to contact the Club Permit Officer if they are proposing to place a vehicle on the scheme prior to obtaining a roadworthy certificate to discuss their application.

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VERY OVERDUE	OVERDUE		
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## SEPTEMBER 2020

Matthew Bowman	Tony Dalton	Brodie Paul	Allan Holland
Ben Dalton	Ellen & Thomas Crocker	Justin O'Connor	Reece Masters

## OCTOBER 2020

Glen O'Brien & Family	Ross Cairns	Stuart Lister	Samuel Adams
Rob Ballard & Family	Thomas Carriera	Lane & Garry Griffin	Kevin McCluskey
Dennis O'Neill & Family	David Lovett	Ron Ligeti	Chris Swingler & Family
Norman Gunton	Timothy Fry	Jodi Mann & Family	Ian Inglis
Louise Harper & Family	Christopher Aggenbach	David Morris	John Berenger

## NOVEMBER 2020

Glen Miller	Chloe Macaulay	Ron & Jan Harper	Geoff Sefton
Allan Richardson	Nash Macaulay	David Hecker	Michael Trucano
Mike Rebbechi	Jethro Wittig	Tom & Fran Kaitler	Marni Wingrave & Family
Darryn Bechaz	Les Adams	Philip Memery	Kathy Woodward
Keith Cleal	John Bell	Rob Neilson	Alan Woodward
Suzanne Nicols	Nathan Brice	Ian Rice	
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# The Never-ending List of Projects – Episode 2

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As some of you may recall, earlier this year, the two boys were both able to procure a very reasonably priced vehicle to make their own and in turn use and/ or abuse.

The two vehicles, a 2000 Hyundai Accent, AKA Kermie and a 1999 Hyundai Excel (AKA Road Runner) both had their issues, but nothing that with a bit of time, TLC and coin couldn't be fixed.

As promised, I present the next instalment of the never-ending list of projects!

Off with its Head!

Well after playing tetris with the cars to get them in an out of the shed for a couple of days and then flattening the battery on a couple occasions trying to get Kermie going, we had our suspicions that the head gasket was shot and that the head was not to healthy either.



Our suspicions were further confounded upon wearing a reasonably good face full of water which had squirted out of the radiator when Lachlan turned over the engine whilst I was looking for air bubbles being pushed into the cooling system. Based on the amount of water I tried to swallow and/ or wear, I think we could safely deduce the head gasket was stuffed.

Therefore, the next step for Kermie was to have its head off!

Before I get into the details of these works, let me paint the picture for ya. I've got a young man very excited to own his first car with little understanding of how they're screwed together expecting that we can just pluck that head off in ten minutes, slap another gasket on it and then screw it all back together and turn key! In his mind, how hard could it be? So when I proceeded to explain what replacing a head gasket entails and then furthermore the costs involved, the wind evaporated pretty quickly from his sails. In fact after spending about 30 minutes getting the car up on stands and the bonnet off, he disappeared back to the house not to be seen until the head was off.

The extent of the help

What can I say, bright shiny object syndrome!

Anyway, over the following nights, the various vitals were drained, and the necessary equipment was disconnected and removed with the obligatory cursing on my part as I tried to reach that one last electrical plug that was tucked up below the inlet manifold. I gotta say, give me an Escort, an old XB Falcon, Christ replacing the gearbox in the Subaru Outback would have to be easier than working on that this little critter. They are definitely not made for people with larger hands. Anyway after counting the scraped knuckles and picking up the various sockets and spanners that had dropped onto the floor below the engine (just to be clear, no tools were harmed in the process of removing the head), the head was successfully removed to reveal number two and three pots half full of water! Hmmm. Time to measure the head to determine how bent it was.

After the water had been removed from no. 2 & 3.

Referring the workshop manual, the tolerance for head warpage is .012 mm. Using the straight edge I had available, a 900 mm spirit level, I managed to measure a gap in excess of .035mm, three times over the limit. It was no wonder we couldn't keep the water out of the pots. In short it was bent like a banana!

After chatting with the family guru on all things mechanics (Gary Gourlay), the decision was made to send the head into Wang for assessment and if possible, straightening.

A more couple of weeks passed, to Lachlan it might very well have been years, the head re-appeared quite somewhat cleaner than how it left and most importantly, straight! A shout out to the folks at North East Head Repairs for the great work on the head. Also to the crew at Repco in Wang for the supply of all the bits needed to screw the engine back together.

Armed with the bright shiny object, the boy returned to 'Help' Gary and myself reassemble Kermie. I can't recall being so rushed to get a car back together since I was servicing the Lancasters for the Pedders team some 15-20 years ago. The pressure was on!

By late in the afternoon, we had managed to reassemble most of the engine before calling it a day. Spending any longer on the car was going to be detrimental to Gary's personal wellbeing. Don't upset the mother in law anymore than needed after you've been asked repeatedly to finish up and get Gary off his feet.

Reconvening the following weekend, the rest of the engine was assembled before the moment of truth was upon us.

It took quite some coaxing to get that little engine to fire. Combination of old fuel and we later worked out a timing belt that was out by one or two teeth. Either way we did managed to get it running only to find the root cause of the blown head gasket. A small section of rubber coolant hose between the water pump and thermostat had a small split. Time to shut it down and wait for another hose to arrive. By this stage the suspense was killing the boy who just wanted to play with his new toy!



The hose was replaced, timing checked and corrected, the engine was starting with comparative ease. Yeah!

Time for the first drive since it arrived home.

Engage the clutch, select gear, release clutch, and watch the fillings rattle out of your back teeth! OMG what is wrong with the suspension on this thing?

You seriously could drive the car anymore that 10km/h without your foot being bounced off the accelerator. Something was seriously wrong with the front end.

It was very quickly diagnosed that the front shocks were seized solid. I cannot for the life of me figure how the previous owners could have driven the car like this on the road.

Another week, another visit to the wreckers and two replacement struts were bolted in and whoa, what a difference that made.

So after several weeks of stuffing around with the engine and then another 20 minutes to replace the struts, the boy could finally play with the new toy. I reckon over the following weeks, Kermie covered more laps of the property than probably any other vehicle we've owned.

But at least the young man has been able to develop the confidence to use gears other than 1st.

So, what's next for Kermie? Well during a one of those several visits to the wreckers, Lachie was able to liberate a radio with a CD player. So, I'm already getting nagged to fit this in. Further to this, we'll continue assessing the various other elements of the car to get it to a roadworthy state. Well at least when it is not being driven around and around the property.

In the next episode, it'll be an update on the Road Runner!

Until then, Keep plugging away on your projects.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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