

# Newsletter of the (Phantom) Thoroughbred Sports Car Club



May/June 2020

Dear members,

Our July meeting was most unusual. Firstly, it was our first real communication in months, apart from the occasional email and Facebook entry; it was our first general meeting since March and the first time we'd conducted a Zoom-only get-together with the membership. It went well.

Twenty nine members took part and all agreed it was good to see familiar faces again. Jeremy was our conveyor and he ran a tight ship. Most of us were able to talk without interference. However, the best thing about Zoom is that we welcomed people who had never been to a TSCC general meeting due to distance or time constraints. That led to a decision to try the August meeting as a hybrid, that is, there will hopefully be a gathering at the Carlo Bowlo, under strict Covid-19 Restrictions with a Zoom broadcast run in conjunction with it, allowing us to reach more members than ever.

During this disruption to what used to pass for normal life your committee has been busy, particularly in regards to the Big Trip, the one we are calling the Bon Vivant Tour. We met in June and made certain decisions based on proposed easing of restrictions. Within hours it changed again when Victoria spiked (and has deteriorated since then). Jack has been busy communicating with suppliers of meals and accommodation. With valuable input from Mike, Jeremy and Jack we composed letters aimed at keeping our options open while protecting the club from punitive actions should we decide, or have decided for us, that we can't go. One positive reply has been received and we are confident that all providers will agree to our requests to vary the contracts.

In the meantime, pay no money towards the tour. We will advise those who are booked to go and those on the reserve list, when to pay the remainder.



I hope you are all well, that you are remembering the importance of social distancing and not becoming complacent. It could happen to any of us.

*Stephen*, the Phantom President

**ANYBODY HAVE  
AN OWNERS  
MANUAL FOR A  
HUSBAND?  
Mine's making a  
WHINING sound.**  
@GOAC

This comment was sent by a lady member of this club whose husband was instructed to send it to us for publication. Not surprisingly she does not wish to be identified. We'll just call her Judy Breen.

**VIC CLARKE – CLUB SHOP**

Vic's big news is the writing down in value of slow-selling stock. Otherwise he has closed the shop until his customers get the idea of social distancing.

**LES JOHNSON – CLUB PLATE REGISTRAR**

Nothing to report on TSCC club plate – except it's too cold to drive around with the roof down.

**GARY MAHER - SPORTING SECRETARY**

At last we look like having a motorsport event that will actually get on the ground – I hope so because I've sent my entry form and paid my money. MGCC Newcastle is pushing ahead with its Super Sprint at the Pheasant Wood Circuit at Marulan on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

While this little, short circuit might not be to everyone's taste, it is still an opportunity to make some noise and turn a wheel. However, mid-July is going to be very cold. This circuit has been extended and widened by the new owners since my last visit there. I do hope it doesn't all fall in a heap at the last minute as several other events have.

I have been busy helping the Classic Rally Club organise a one-day road event over some great roads on the South Coast. It is about 300 kms long, starts at Albion Park and finishes at Nowra on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. CRC is also going ahead with the two day 'Alpine Rally' which starts and finishes at Lithgow and overnights at Wellington on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Apologies to Jeff Breen who didn't break his trailer as reported last issue – it was actually Max Wasson from MGCC.

**TESS MORGAN – SECRETARY & WELFARE OFFICER**

**Welfare:** I spoke to Rob Clare and sent best wishes to Sue from the club at this difficult time. Liz Kornhaber suffered from eye problems after her operation. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**Incoming Mail:** Motorsport Australia - Covid19 Updates  
Motorsport Australia - Information for Car Clubs  
Robertson Classic Car Show cancelled  
Pitstop Magazines and DVDs  
Motorsport Australia - Speed Read magazine  
Plus sundry other spam items - too numerous and peculiar to mention.

### JACK JONES – SOCIAL SECRETARY

In this very frustrating time it is becoming an almost impossible task to organise any function for our club. Our next General Meeting due on 12<sup>th</sup> August *may* be held at Carlingford Bowling Club with limited numbers being able to attend. Tess will send out details in due course.

Our next Wednesday Lunch Run scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> August at this point in time is a *possibility*. Colin Piper's SSO concert is still on the cards and there are still a few seats remaining. If you're interested, contact Colin at [colinpiper@optusnet.com.au](mailto:colinpiper@optusnet.com.au)

In regard to our trip to Victoria, we are reluctant to cancel as we will forfeit our deposits. We can however transfer our bookings to a later date without forfeit. We are currently in discussion with several places to renegotiate our contracts to suit our requirements. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ADDITIONAL MONEY WAS DUE TO BE PAID BY NOW BUT WE ASK THAT YOU WAIT UNTIL A CLEARER SITUATION OCCURS.

No decision to transfer our Christmas function as yet.

Hope you are all well and safe.

### VALE RAY ROSS

As we were putting the final touches to this newsletter we received the sad news that Ray Ross had passed away. Ray was a life member of the club and served as President and in other committee places.

Lionel Walker knew him and has penned this short eulogy:

My early connections with Ray were through the Jaguar Driver Club during the 1970's and early 1980's when Ray lived in Moorebank and later in Galston. Primarily it was more on the sporting side of the clubs activities where we participated together.

When we formed the TSCC (out of the Aston Martin breakaway group) to be a non Marque car club we advertised for interested members and I canvassed those I knew in the Jaguar club. Ray was one of those members.

As well as driving his red E-type he bought a Holden Torana sport sedan and ran that for a few years in Super sprints and Hillclimbs.

As he became less involved on the sporting side he became more interested in running the club, being President for a number of years and other social positions. One thing I can say is that Ray was TSCC's gain and JDCA's loss.





**JOHN SLATER – EDITOR**

Nothing to report

**LESTER GOUGH – CMC & MSA DELEGATE**

Nothing to report

**JEREMY BRAITHWAITE – WEBMASTER**

No change on the website this month but a huge amount of activity on the TSCC Facebook page.

After the decision to expand the membership to include family of members and past members we have now reached 104 members. Many thanks to all the kids and grandkids for helping us achieve this milestone!!

We reached 100 days of Lockdown pics and here they are. It was lots of fun and I thoroughly enjoyed doing the exercise. Some mornings I had a plan on what you were going to get and other days I'd fire up the computer and look for some inspiration. It invariably arrived.

Many thanks to the people who contributed to the posts I started. If I go through and name you all I'll offend all the people I missed... but you know who you are.

Thanks for participating.



**MIKE COLLETT – TREASURER**

Please see Mike's financial report which is being sent to you as a separate document.