



MUCC

e-UNICAR #94

May – 2024

Since my last UNICAR we have a new committee, a new President, a new Vice-President and I have a new left knee – to match the new right knee I got in May 2023

Some things don't change, however, and Monthly Nosh's continue.

Next meeting is at 7:00pm on May 29, at O'Connells Hotel in South Melbourne.
407 Coventry St, South Melbourne VIC 3205

For June 19, we have booked a TAFE training college – one of our regular sites

Holmesglen Institute's ZEST Restaurant

595 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley VIC 3150

June 29 sees a Navigational Assembly based on the Lancefield "inch to the mile" map from 1947 – at least it was accurate at the time, unlike many Broadbents sketches

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Presidents Epistomology

Greetings MUCC! Well, I am humbled to be asked to be president of this august club again. It's 34 years since I began my previous term as president and on quick reflection, an awful lot has changed in that time. For one thing, the production of Unicar has progressed since the days I would provide Don with my typed copy, and he would then type it all out again in readiness for copying, collating, stapling and mailing! Now a few mouse clicks here and there, some copy and paste and a couple more clicks, and it arrives in your inbox.

The club membership is stable, but not growing, just growing older. On that front I am convening a small working group to thrash out some ideas on how we might go about attracting new members and hopefully ensuring the club's future for many years to come.

Akados planning is going very well under the watchful eye and management of recent life membership awardee, David McKenzie. Please keep October 20 free as the team will need your help on the day.

Rallying continues to face challenges. Particularly now in forests east and northeast of Melbourne which may be designated as a new enlarged national park. The rally panel (I'm deputy chair and secretary this year, so please feel free to contact me with any thoughts) is investigating our options to oppose this proposal and maintain our access to the forests. The HRA has put together a document that we can read here:
<https://hra.org.au/2024/04/24/advocating-for-ongoing-forest-access/>

Peter Otzen is organizing the Lancefield Tour on June 29. I'm sure Peter will have details elsewhere in this Unicar. The HRA will also be taking part, so let's make sure we have enough MUCC competitors out there to show them how it's done!

In light of new incorporated association model rules, Paul Franklin and I have taken on the task of rewriting our club's constitution. Once we feel it is ready for review it will go to the committee. Eventually it will be presented to the club membership and a special meeting may be called to vote on its implementation.

As is customary, I will be organising a Presidents Pursuit. It will likely be based on the Bellarine Peninsula with some parts of the surf coast included. Details are still coming together in my head, but as requested at the Bellarine Bewilderer, the start will be close to a venue for the procurement of coffee and pastries! The finish will probably form that month's Nosh night as did the Bewilderer, which seemed to be a popular format.

Cheers,

See you at the next Nosh

Rob

Victorian Rally Championship 2024

The 2024 VRC is already half way through, with this year's Championship to be contested over 4 rounds only. Season opener is the, now, traditional, Mitta Mountain Rally, held on March 23.

Top 5 in the Mitta Mountain Event:

1	Adrian Stratford / Anthony Staltari	Fiesta G4	1:49:48
2	Warren Lee / David Lethlean	Mitsubishi Lancer EVO	1:53:48
3	Michael O'Hagen / Eoin Moynihan	Ford Escort RS1800	1:55:35
4	Josh Redhead / Ray Winwood-Smith	Mitsubishi Lancer GSR	1:56:14
5	Brad Till / Mitch Garrad	Subaru Impreza WRX	1:58:05

The Championship then continued on April 20 with the Ada River Rally. The event was not only a VRC event, but also VCRS with 80 cars entered and 78 started after Forestry again increased the permitted field size.

Top 5 in the Ada River Event

1	Brad Luff / Jamie Luff	Subaru WRX	1:35:31
2	Brendan Reeves / Aidan O'Halloran	Datsun 1600	1:35:54
3	Warren Lee / David Lethlean	Mitsubishi Lancer EVO	1:37:03
4	Scott Fletcher / Anthony Wilcockson	Holden Gemini RS	1:52:38
5	Mitch Garrad / Taylah Murphy	Subaru Impreza RS	1:52:51

VRC Points 2024

Note: the Series is scored from Heat results, rather than outright results. From the 8 possible heats for the year, the best 7 count,

Driver	Mitta		Ada R.		Gippsland		Akademos		Total
Warren Lee	21	25	21	18					85
Adrian Stratford	30	30	0	0					60
Brad Luff			30	25					55
Brendan Reeves			25	30					55
Josh Redhead	25	10	0	0					35
Scott Fletcher	0	0	18	16					34
Simon Ellis	3	10	8	12					33
Michael O'Hagan	14	16							30
Danny Traverso			12	14					26
Mitch Garrad			16	10					26

Peter – VRC Scorer.

Victorian Club Rally Series 2024

Supported by ProRally Motorsport Fabrications

The first round of the 2024 VCRS was the Mitta Mountain Rally on March 23.

Top 5 Outright were

1	Joel Wald / Cathy Elliott	Toyota Corolla	1:26:33
2	Brian Semmens / Dan Parry	Nissan 200 SX	1:27:21
3	Dale Linaker / Craig Thomas	Subaru WRX	1:29:40
4	Ben Marron / Matt deVaus	Mitsubishi Galant	1:30:11
5	Tim Shepherd / Bruce Shepherd	BMW 130i	1:30:47

The second round of the 2024 VCRS was the Ada River Rally on April 20th.

Top 5 Outright were

1	Joel Wald / Cathy Elliott	Subaru RS	1:20:02
2	Brian Semmens / Dan Parry	Nissan 200 SX	1:20:53
3	Sam Berwick / Emily Stuchbery	Subaru Liberty	1:21:04
4	Justyn Palmer / Greg Hilton	Mitsubishi Lancer EVO	1:21:39
5	Rob Davis / Chris Randall	Nissan Pulsar	1:21:41

Driver Points after round 2

Driver	Mitta	Ada River	Moonlight	Nightmoves	Bog-a-Duck	TOTAL
Joel Wald	30	30				60
Brian Semmens	25	25				50
Dale Linaker	22	16				38
Tim Shepherd	18	13				31
Ben Marron	20	8				28
Michael Trucano	16	9				25
Justyn Palmer		22				22
Peter Tomeskavic	11	10				21
Rob Davis		20				20
Troy Brendel	13	6				19

Peter – VCRS Scorer.

Dining:

The May Nosh will be on May 29th, at 7:00pm, at O'Connell's Hotel at 407 Coventry St, South Melbourne VIC 3205

https://oconnells.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/240422_OConnells_Restaurant-Menu.pdf

The June Nosh will be at ZEST – the training college of Holmsglen Tafe at 595 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley VIC 3150

Rely to the email or send to president@mucc.net.au to reserve a place.

Peter – Social Secretary

(president@mucc.net.au)

Note: the president email address is forwarded to both the Vice President and Social Secretary.

Touring:

There will be a Navigational Assembly, based on the Lancefield “Inch to the Mile” map held on Saturday June 29 2024.

The event is held in two parts – a Novice Section in the morning and a more advanced Section 2 in the afternoon.

Competitors can choose to do Section 1 only, or choose the combined Section 1 & 2

The VIA points in Section 1 are all marked and named on the supplied Map.

The VIA points in Section 2 are all marked, but not named, on the supplied maps.

Information, in the form of answers to a question may be gathered at VIA.

Visual Route Checks (VRC) may be located along the route and/or at VIA Points eg “E5”.

Redirection Boards are a form of VRC eg “R3” and as well as constituting a VRC, will direct you to some Instructions to follow. eg. “The mapped Road ahead is no longer passable, instead TR then proceed to the next VIA”

The event Start/lunch/Finish will be at ROMSEY. Start opens at 8:30am, Section 1 starts at 9:30am, Lunch break is 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Section 2 starts at 1:30 pm, with the Finish at 4:30 pm

The map claimed to be accurate in 1947.

No special licence is needed for this event, but your patience may be tested.

Supp Regs for the event will be circulated shortly.

If you are afraid of exposing your map-reading skills to the world, you can offer to assist with the running of the event.



Note: In Late July, the HRA runs a similar event called the “Down The Drains” held in the Koowerup area. This is open to, and recommended to, MUCC members also

Timing: **The reason we can have Nosh Nites**

The Club's timing activities – and resulting income – enable us to hold subsidised Nosh Nites and Christmas Lunches. That is why we put out general calls for assistance periodically.

Full Calendar below.

Timing Calendar for 2024					
Date	Location	Status	Sunday OR	Promoter	Volunteer to help at
10 – June	Circuit Sprint – Sandown	Timing Engagement	Monday	FFCC	timing@mucc.net.au
15 – June	Circuit Sprint – Calder	Timing Engagement		BMW	timing@mucc.net.au
16 – June	Circuit Sprint – Sandown	Timing Engagement		MSCA	timing@mucc.net.au
22 – 23 June	PIARC Event – Phillip Island	Timing Engagement		PIARC	timing@mucc.net.au
29 – 30 June	State Race 3 – Phillip Island	Timing Engagement		PIARC	timing@mucc.net.au
3 – 4 August	Festival o Speed - Winton	Timing Engagement	Weekend	VHRR	timing@mucc.net.au
18 – August	Circuit Sprint – Winton	Timing Engagement		MSCA	timing@mucc.net.au
17-18 August	Phillip Island August Access	Timing Engagement	Weekend	PIARC	timing@mucc.net.au
24 – 25 August	State Race 4 – Sandown	Timing Engagement	Weekend	ASSA	timing@mucc.net.au
21 – 22 Sep	State Race 5 – Phillip Island	Timing Engagement	Weekend	VMCi	timing@mucc.net.au
29 – Sep	Circuit Sprint – Phillip Island	Timing Engagement		MSCA	timing@mucc.net.au
20 – October	Circuit Sprint – Calder	Timing Engagement		MSCA	timing@mucc.net.au
26 – 27 Oct	State Race 6 – Calder	Timing Engagement	Weekend		timing@mucc.net.au
5 – Nov	Circuit Sprint – Sandown	Timing Engagement	Cup Day	FFCC	timing@mucc.net.au
9 – 10 Nov	Historic Racing – Sandown	Timing Engagement	Weekend	MGCC	timing@mucc.net.au
23 – 24 Nov	Island Magic – Phillip Island	Timing Engagement	Weekend	PIARC	timing@mucc.net.au
	Engagements shaded yellow are Race Meetings, where a team of 3-4 people is desirable – perhaps even more for the 6-hour Relay.				

Abbreviations:

Ever wondered what all those sets of letters that frequently appear in this epistle mean?

CAMS	Confederation of Australian Motor Sport – our Governing Body.
VRC	Victorian Rally Championship – the State Championship Series.
VCRS	Victorian Club Rally Series – the premier inter-Club Rally Series.
VMC	Victorian Motorkhana Championship – the State Champ Series.
VKC	Victorian Khanacross Championship – the State Champ Series.
VCAS	Victorian Club Autocross Series – the Autocross equivalent of VCRS.
VSCRC	Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships – self-explanatory.
MSCA	Marque Sports Cars Association – prolific organiser of circuit sprints.
FFCC	Ford Four Car Club
NCCA	Nissan Car Club Australia
DSCC	Deniliquin Sporting Car Club
BLCC	Ballarat Light Car Club
MADCC	Maffra and District Car Club
SEAC	South East Auto Club (South East of SA – Mt Gambier in fact)
CCRMIT	Car Club of the RMIT
CCC	Cerberus Car Club
PAC	Pakenham Auto Club
PCCV	Peugeot Car Club Victoria
HRA	Historic Rally Association
WDCC	Western District car Club

The Committee.

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