

## COMPETITION REPORT MARCH 2021 and MSCA NEWS

### AFTER COMPLETING THIS REPORT VICTORIA HAS GONE IN TO A 5 DAY LOCKDOWN from midnight Friday 12th February

**I will not edit my report, just add these comments.**

MSCA Sandown on Sunday 14th February has been cancelled. We live in a time of uncertainty. Not being able to play with our “toys” on a race track is a minor issue. The MSCA committee puts in a lot of work organising each event and now there will be a lot of work dismantling that work for this event. It happened in 2020 and we are prepared for it to happen again. We will continue to plan and be realistic and fatalistic if the health considerations of the greater community thwart our plans. We are privileged to be in the personal space to even have the opportunity to race or sprint our sports cars. This is a real reminder that all events on the calendar are subject to change.

The cancellation email from **MSCA President Bruce Astbury** sums up the spirit of the Marque Sports Car Association -

*“As you can appreciate this lockdown has happened very quickly and we are still working through the logistics. We are currently sorting out the best way of either refunding your entry fee or transferring this to another event and we will outline our approach in the coming days. Please be assured the decision to receive a refund remains yours.*

*Finally, I want to thank all our competitors, volunteers and officials for continuing to support the MSCA during this challenging time. There are many things to be thankful for. Taking a moment to remember how fortunate we are in Australia in general and realising that this is temporary pain does help to put things in perspective.*

*I look forward to seeing you at the Island next month. In the meantime, stay safe and take care.”*

### 2021 COMPETITION CALENDAR

Events listed below count toward the Competition Championships unless marked # LICENCES - MSCA and other Sprints, Relay and Regularity events require a basic CAMS level 2S licence only. The L2S licence can be done online at [www.cams.co.au](http://www.cams.co.au) with no driving test and only requiring a declaration of good health (in some specific areas.) Racing requires a minimum Provisional Clubman Circuit (PCC) licence. Go to the CAMS website for details. If you wish to enter an MSCA event for the first time (or discuss “Come and Try” days) ring Rod Vogt on 0408 395 240 or email [competition-MSCA@healeyvic.com.au](mailto:competition-MSCA@healeyvic.com.au) and you will be assisted. Entry is via the CAMS online entry website at [www.cams.com.au](http://www.cams.com.au)

### MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 14th	Rd 2	MSCA Sandown
MARCH 21st	Rd 3	MSCA Phillip Island, F1 GP day
APRIL 10th	Rd 4	MSCA Sandown
MAY 16th	Rd 5	MSCA Winton
JUNE 13th	Rd 6	MSCA “THE BEND” at Tailem Bend.
JULY 11th	Rd 7	MSCA Sandown
AUGUST 15th	Rd 8	MSCA Winton - inc TSOA Challenge
SEPTEMBER 12th	Rd 9	MSCA Phillip Island
OCTOBER 2nd	Rd 10	MSCA Sandown
DECEMBER 4th	##	MSCA Come and Try Day at Phillip Island

### FULL COMPETITION CALENDAR - main events for points unless marked ##

With little actual competition to report, I will take the opportunity to show a full calendar of events available for our 2021 Competition season. I will not repeat this in coming months - just the immediate

coming events for each month. Remember that ANY officially timed circuit event will give you points toward the Competition and Associate Championships. If you attend a meeting that is not on this list, and lap times are available, please let me know.

Our priority for Sprint events is MSCA (Marque Sports Car Association), but I have listed Alfa Club and PIARC events which are suitable for our Marques. Tampered Motorsport also offers sprint events at Sandown only - go to their website for details.

Those with full race licences have the choice of Historic Races and the State Circuit Racing Championship.

#### JANUARY

Sunday 17th                    ## Rd 1 MSCA Rob Roy hillclimb run by MG Car Club

#### FEBRUARY

Sunday 14th                    Rd 2    MSCA Sandown  
20/21st                    Rd 1 Vic. State Circuit Racing Championship, Sandown  
Saturday 27th                    Alfa Romeo Club Sprint, Sandown

#### MARCH

6/7/8th                    VHRR Historic Phillip Island Classic  
Saturday 7th                    ##MG Car Club Rd 1 Interclub Challenge Hillclimb, Rob Roy  
20/21st                    HSRCA Wakefield Park Autumn Festival Historic races  
Sunday 21st                    Rd 3    MSCA Phillip Island, F1 GP day  
Saturday 27th                    ## Eddington Sprint (Bendigo Car Club)  
27/28th                    PIARC Sprints, Phillip Island  
27/28th                    Rd 2 Vic. State Circuit Racing Championship, Winton

#### APRIL

Saturday 10th                    Rd 4    MSCA Sandown  
Sunday 11th April                    Porsche Club 6 Hour Relay at Sandown  
Wednesday 14th                    Golden Era Auto Racing (GEAR), Wakefield Park  
17/18th                    All Historic Races, Mallala, STH Australia  
Sunday 18th                    Alfa Club Sprint, Winton  
19-24th                    ##Targa Tasmania tarmac rally

#### MAY

Sunday 2nd                    ##VHRR Rob Roy Hillclimb  
Saturday 8th                    Alfa Club Sprint, Sandown  
8/9th                    HRCC Autumn Historic races, Morgan Park, Warwick. QLD  
15/16th                    Rd 3 Vic State Circuit Racing Championship, Phillip Island  
Sunday 16th                    Rd 5    MSCA Winton  
22/23rd                    44th Historic Winton short course ( Austin 7 Club) to be confirmed  
Sunday 23rd                    ##Rd 2 MGCC Interclub Rob Roy Hillclimb

#### JUNE

Wednesday 9th Golden Era Auto Racing, Wakefield Park  
12/13th                    HSRCA Sydney Classic Historic races, Sydney  
Sunday 13th                    Rd 6    MSCA "THE BEND" at Tailem Bend.  
Sunday 20th                    Alfa Club Sprint, Winton  
26/27th                    PIARC Sprint, Phillip Island

#### JULY

Saturday 3rd                    Alfa Club Sprints, Phillip Island to be confirmed  
3/4th                    HRCC Historic Qld. Morgan Park. Qld.  
Sunday 11th                    Rd 7    MSCA Sandown  
Sunday 18th                    Alfa Club Sprints, Broadford  
23/24th                    Rd 4 Vic State Circuit Racing Series, Sandown

#### AUGUST

July 31/Aug 1st PIARC 6 Hour Relay at Phillip Island  
 7/8th VHRR Winton Historics  
 Sunday 15th Rd 8 MSCA Winton - inc TSOA Challenge  
 Sunday 15th VSSC Historic Hillclimb, Rob Roy  
 Wednesday 18th Golden Era Auto Racing, Wakefield Park  
 28/29th HSRCA Spring Festival Historics, Wakefield Park

#### SEPTEMBER

3-5th ##Targa Great Barrier Reef tarmac rally  
 Saturday 4th Alfa Club Sprints, Sandown  
 Sunday 12th Rd 9 MSCA Phillip Island  
 18/19th PIARC Sprints, Phillip Island  
 25/26th Rd 5 Vic State Circuit Racing Series, Phillip Island

#### OCTOBER

Saturday 2nd Rd 10 MSCA Sandown  
 Sunday 3rd ##Rd 3 MGCC Interclub Rob Roy Hillclimb  
 Wednesday 13th Golden Era Auto Racing, Wakefield Park  
**Sat/Sun 16/17th Alfa Club 12 Hour Winton relay**  
 Sunday 31st ##30th Historic & Classic Hillclimb, Rob Roy

#### NOVEMBER

6/7th VHRR Historic Sandown  
 Sunday 14th Alfa Club Sprints, Winton  
 27/28th HSRCA Summer Festival Historics, SMSP Sydney

#### DECEMBER

Wednesday 1st Golden Era Auto Racing, Wakefield Park  
 Saturday 4th MSCA Come and Try Day at Phillip Island (no licence required)  
 Sunday 12th Alfa Club Sprints, Phillip Island to be confirmed

***AS AT THE MAGAZINE DEADLINE, FEBRUARY 12th, Covid -19 restrictions still apply to all the events listed. When these rules change, I will advise.***

**MSCA and other Sprint** events are restricted to drivers and one helper - NO SPECTATORS

We have fingers crossed for MSCA "The Bend" in South Australia on the Queens Birthday in June - as I write this, South Australia have AGAIN closed their borders to Greater Melbourne, which would cancel the event if it occurred again in June.

#### **VHRR HISTORIC PHILLIP ISLAND RACES March 6/7/8th**

NO SPECTATORS at this time. Check the VHRR website for any relaxation of restrictions closer to the event. Extremely unlikely. There are approximately 340 competitors across all classes.

There are no racing Group S historic Healeys going to Phillip Island in March. I did not enter the MGB and Peter Kaiser did not enter his Sprite. Personally, I am wondering whether the cost and effort of racing is worth it now that the class is dominated by Porsches, Corvettes, Shelby's and Alfas.

Phillip Island was \$1050 for Friday practice, Saturday qualifying and one race, and two races on Sunday. Many of our races are cut short if there is an incident and the program is running late. Our Healeys, Sprites and the MG are going backwards in the field despite achieving their normal lap times. With no spectators the atmosphere will surely be flat. A dilemma.

Shane O'Brien is the lone Healey in Regularity. He is joined by Hamish McLennan in his MGB. In Group Lb Sports and Racing we have Phillip Aitken (Coad Vauxhall), Geoff McInnes (Riley Special) and Charlie Mitchell in his TS Mono Posto IF Charlie can get over from Perth - or more of a problem, get home again without a 14 day quarantine! Good luck to you all and by the time of the event I am sure I will wish I had entered.

#### **44th HISTORIC WINTON SHORT COURSE run by the AUSTIN 7 CLUB**

The “proposed” date is 22/23rd May. The latest update on their website on 25th January tells us that they are still trying to assess the feasibility of holding the event and hope to have a decision “in the next few weeks”.

## **THE AHOC 2021 COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP**

Our 2020 Championship was abandoned after an horrific year of lockdowns and event cancellations.

The 2021 Championship is now under way with fingers and toes crossed for a better year.

As the Competition Secretary I am concerned about support for this year. The three unexpected MSCA events in late November and December 2020 did not encourage Team Healey drivers to compete. As I write this, the first MSCA sprint event happens this Sunday, 14th February. We have a small entry - Andis and Aksel Salins sharing their MX5, Shane O’Brien in his potent 100/4, Tony Rogers in his Porsche Cayman and myself in the Sprite.

Russell Baker and Richard Stephens WILL be back as soon as their rebuilds are finished.

One option I will put to our dwindling “racers” is the MG and Invited British Sports Car class at the five round State Circuit Racing Championship. Racing with cars more compatible with our Marque and a bit cheaper over two days and at Sandown, Phillip Island and Winton. Otherwise, for me, I will probably drop the increasingly expensive annual race licence, go back to a Club licence and enjoy my MSCA sprints at \$245 per day, four sessions, up to 25 or so laps and back in my own bed that night.

## **COMPETITION REPORTS**

**Laura Rogers** has the first points on the Board in the Associate Championship having run with **Tampered Motorsport at Sandown on January 26th**. Laura got a lot of track time in her Lotus Elise Cup 250 with 6 sessions and 40 laps. Her fastest lap at 1.29.90 easily set a new PB for Laura. Her previous best was 1.31.61 set at the same meeting last year.

POINTS TOWARD ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP for other marques, and 4 fastest laps

Laura Rogers (Lotus Elise) 947 pts 1,29.90, 1,30.32, 1,30.32, 1,30.43

## **TARGA HIGH COUNTRY Tarmac Rally 5-7th February**

A fantastic weekend for the Tarmac Rally Team Healey group. There is a full report by those involved elsewhere in the magazine so I will be brief. Unfortunately our Championship points system does not cater for rallies, hillclimbs and bitumen sprints. BUT credit is always given when AHOC members compete in these events. **Laura and Gavin Rogers** did exceptionally well in their first competitive outing in the Big Healey (they did compete in the Touring section last year in the Lotus). **Simon Kelly/Sally Davis** did not have enough time to get the red 100/6 ready but ran again in the Touring event, this time in their Toyota 86. And Team mentors and standout veterans, **Brian and Linda Dermott** had a class podium in their grasp only to fall off the road on the third last stage for a DNF. Hardy Kuhn and Ruth were back up mobile pit crew.

Once again, fantastic to see the nucleus of Targa Team Healey growing again and doing well.

As a Club we must get on board and support these guys.

A CLOSING THOUGHT I’ve learned so much from my mistakes I’m thinking of making a few more.

Keep the shiny side up  
ROD VOGT