

WALKY TORQUE MARCH 2022



WELCOME

Welcome to your new look newsletter. Your committee is in the process of planning for the future of the club and its members. We can't do it on our own, so we're looking for help. If you don't feel you can commit to an ongoing role (yet), there is always room for volunteers to step up for an event or two when you're not competing. There will be some working bees during the year, complete with sausage sizzle for the workers.

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NEXT MEETING

Next General Meeting
will be on Wednesday
16 March at 7.00pm.

**NOTE THE TIME
CHANGE.**

OBSERVATION TRIAL 3

Unfortunately, we have
had to postpone the
next Observation Trial
to a date to be
notified.

WATCH THIS SPACE



SITUATION VACANT

Passenger Rides Coordinator

Part of our new plan is to institute regular passenger ride opportunities. We can persuade, wrangle, wrestle drivers but we need someone to make it all work. Record names, organise times, passenger/driver combos etc.

This is one of those volunteer opportunities that will be occasional and the volunteer will be given help, guidance and support to carry out this task. Contact Steve Barker for more information or to express interest.

MEET THE COMMITTEE



BOB NASON – PRESIDENT

Joined the Walkerville All Cars Club Inc. in 1979 at the AGM and nominated and voted in with his wife, Greta, onto the Social Committee, where they continued to work and support the Club for at least 25 years catering at Walky Park events, the Childrens Christmas Picnics and providing supper with other Committee members at Walky General meetings.

In 1981 he was asked by Dot Hickmore to become a Scrutineer along with John Whittenbury. Gordon Mills at that time was the Chief and when Gordon retired and then passed in 1989, Bob became Chief.

Bob became President from 1995 to 1998, 2015 to 2018, 2021 and 2022. In early 1990's was nominated and accepted for Life Membership. He has Directed many Walky Park events and in 1992 or 1993 Directed the Clare Valley Rally, South Australian Rally Championship and was Assistant Director for a number of events.

Bob has received over the years, from CAMS Rally Official of the Year, the Service Star and Service Award and the Australian Sports Medal from Queen Elizabeth the second.

He has officiated at all the Formula 1 events as a Track Marshal and later Scrutineered at the Clipsal Supercars events until it ended in Adelaide.



GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH



The committee has discussed and approved the purchase of a tractor (with bucket) and water tanks to effectively undertake remediation work on the tracks at Walky Park. This work is essential as, over many years of use and grading, the tracks have become wider and are becoming too fast for entry level events and juniors. As this is a significant investment, the committee would like to present a motion to the next General meeting of Members on 16 March to formally approve the purchases. If you wish to find out more and/or to vote on the motion please attend on the night.

**We would also encourage you to support our
sponsors as below.**



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TEAM SNOOPY PACENOTES

Yeah gods it's already February and the first event for the year has come and gone.

On the 29th January I along with about 25-30 other individuals travelled down to Mount Gambier for the 2021 SATC presentations and the launch of the 2022 rally season. It was a great weekend away and as usual well organised by SEAC and SARP. Despite Covid rules (and sadly I don't see them going away for a very long time despite so called easing of restrictions) SEAC organised an excellent venue at the Mount Gambier West Football & Netball club. A great dinner was served at a very reasonable price (\$15 for a schnitzel, chips, gravy & salad which in size and taste would have competed very well with any hotel/restaurant. The bar was open and did very well I'm told. Or at least the constant stream of people coming and going seem to enjoy it. The usual grouping of rally minded people gathered in one spot resulted in the usual telling of tall tales even some true ones! With nearly a hundred people gathered what else would you expect.

The evening kicked off with the presentation of SEAC trophy winners with the usual advice about what they should & shouldn't have done throughout the season from their rivals. Next was the 2 Darrens (Ambrose & Herring) who handled the SARC presentations interspersed with input of various ancient stories from both Rob Hunt & Jeremy Browne about events they done, both separately and together, seen and otherwise participated in. Left me drooling more than usual about what might have been! What a mind stirring that was. There was a picture of the winning cars on screen and the crews in front of the photographer who has promised to send copies out.

Between stories, presentations and what not it was well after 10.30 by the time I retired to my usual haunt at the Mount at the beautiful Pine Country & Camping Park a bare 3 minutes from the venue.

The big surprise of the evening was the 2 awards Jake Alker received. One was for best event of the SARC season for the COPYWORLD WALKY 100. Well deserved and he accepted on behalf of the club and the 250 volunteers who made it all possible. My thanks to them as well. The 2nd award was a service award from South Australian Rally Panel to Jake for his efforts during the last year when he ended up being involved in every event on the calendar with the exception of a couple although he was everywhere I saw. Great effort and well deserved as Aaron Bowering explained and got a great round of applause. WELL DONE Jake.

Sunday dawned cloudy and cool for the season launch at SEAC Park and it stayed cool till about finish time I'm told as I didn't attend as Jake wanted check out some rally roads for an event he's putting on hopefully later in the year. Very technical roads and you will need to be on your toes or you will end up in the drink!

All in all a great weekend and once again well done to SEAC for hosting even if they did grab the lions shares of the trophies. They deserved them as they come to all of our events up here which usually means a 1000 k round trip just to get there and back plus actually doing the events and whatever else needs doing. We need to get down to them and try and support them more as they are a great club and are always welcoming.

As I write this the country is slowly getting over Mother Natures gifts. Rain everywhere there isn't fires it seems as the country drowns where not burning. Ahh why would you want to live anywhere else.

COUPLE WEEKS LATER

Remember that rain I spoke of previously about getting over it?

Its turns out we only were getting more of it, not over it, and then that Tsar in the Kremlin let loose. Thank the gods we are not living anywhere else!

Hopefully we see each other in the dust clouds or mud with, somewhere if not everywhere this year. Till then stay safe, stay well and look after each other even it's just to say hello and check up on loved ones.

COVID-19 CAN GET STUFFED!
ALONG WITH CERTAIN FOREIGNERS AS WELL!
(My Opinion)

Last word...

We're looking forward to an action packed year for Walkerville All Cars Club. The more the merrier so come along to a meeting or two (preferably more) and contribute your brilliant ideas to the story. If enough people are interested, we could go for a meal before the meeting and build up the social aspect of the club. It's your club. You can help make it what you want from your membership.

Cheers

Fran

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Challenge – have you flown higher? Got photos?

Upcoming events

- 10 April 2022 - Walky Park Rallysprint Series 2022 Round 1
- 29 May 2022 –Khanacross Round 1
- 26 June 2022 – Walky Park Rallysprint Series 2022 Round 2
- 24 July 2022 – Khanacross Round 2
- 13 August 2022 – Copyworld Walky 100
- 25 September 2022 – Walky Park Rallysprint Series Round 3
- 23 October 2022 – Khanacross Round 3