

SPEED TIMES

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DLRA

From the Chair

Disappointing doesn't really begin to describe 2024 and the way that it ended was particularly cruel. My heart goes out to all those entrants who had committed 100% to competing this year. Especially those that travelled the furthest, I hope you were able to salvage something from this year and we really hope to see you next year.

Turning lemons into lemonade seems to be a popular theme as I've enjoyed following the exploits of many entrants who decided to turn the week into an adventure and went to some amazing places that they would never normally have had the opportunity to do. Good on all of you.

We are already focusing our attention on Speed Week 2025 and there will be some changes discussed at the General Meeting that you may want to voice your opinion on, so I strongly advise you to attend or login into it. See details below. This is also the reason why the Newsletter is coming out now, to give the required 28 days' notice for the AGM. Members should look for an email with all the details soon.

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Greg Wapling



Speed Week 2024

First it was off, then on and then off again, what a year! We truly gave it our best shot and the weather beat us again, We ended up with 141 entries for Speed Week, much less than normal and I'm sure many held off because of the less than favourable reports we were publishing.

The good news was there were 15 entries for new Salt Attack extension to Speed Week. Demonstrating to us that there was a need for some extra time by some of the entrants. Here's the message that I sent out on Sunday 4th March to all members, entrants, stakeholders, and media.

On Thursday night there was a storm that dumped 8mm of rain at Mt. Ive in a very short period of time. Nonning got 30mm and closed the road from Iron Knob to the lake. The Ranger did an inspection this morning and there was still water covering the lake and more importantly the access point to the lake. This area was deemed to be unusable for at least 2 to 3 days and the potential for further

damage was high with more rain forecast this week and next week. Therefore, it was decided in the best interest of all concerned to cancel the event.

I know that this will disappoint many people, especially those that have travelled the furthest and for that I am truly sorry, but we gave it our best shot and came up just short this time.

Thank you to all the officials and volunteers for your efforts and to our amazing entrants because without you we would not have an event.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

With the cancellation of Speed Week we also lost the chance to conduct the Annual General meeting. So we are arranging for each State to provide a location to meet and a Zoom hook-up so that we can all be virtually together.

There will be a General Meeting starting at 11.00am preceeding the AGM where nominations for positions will be made, so if you are keen to help the club you need to be on the meeting or email us to let us know your intentions.

All members will be sent an email with agendas and an invitation to join the Zoom meeting, so make sure we have your current email address.

We have delegates in most States organising the meetings; Gus in WA, Michael in SA, the Carlsons in NSW, Shane in NT, Bob in QLD, Adrian in TAS and Greg in VIC. Look for details as they become available on the DLRA Facebook page.

TECHNICAL UPDATES

We will be introducing the use of chassis number stickers to identify a vehicles chassis and this number will be recorded in the vehicle logbook.



POSITIONS VACANT

We now have a number of vacant positions critical to the ongoing success of the club including Vice President, Secretary, Chief Timer, Merchandise Manager, Marketing Manager, Lake Entry and Junior Mentor.

And require assistants for Clerk of Course, Starter, Technical Chairman, Car Inspector, Rulebook Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Rookie Coordinators.

If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who may be, please contact Carol secretary@dlra.org.au or Greg president@dlra.org.au

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Attention to all officials and volunteers, under South Australian law, anyone who has close contact with a person under 18 years of age should get a check. It is an offence to do child-related work without a Working with Children Check.

We ask you to then send us a copy of the certificate to the club for our records. It is a very simple process all you need is 100 points of identification, and the checks are free.

To apply for a screening check - <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/rights-and-law/rights-and-responsibilities/screening-checks/apply-for-a-screening-check>



DLRA CALENDAR

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No April meeting, 6th May, 3rd June 2024, 1st July

GENERAL MEETING and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be on the Sunday 21st April 2024 starting at 11.00am. Vehicle inspections will be available. It will be held at NSSRC club rooms, 24/196 Settlement Rd, Thomastown VIC.

PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE

Pre-Entries will close on 31st January 2025, there will be an additional fee after that date.

FINAL LAKE INSPECTION

Thursday 17h February 2025 Report published on web site and socials

SPEED WEEK

Monday 3rd March to Friday 7th March 2025
Salt Attack Friday 7th to Saturday 8th March 2025

THANKYOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Sponsorships for Speed Week 2024 are now open. As always, we welcome any offers of support or sponsorship. We will be contacting our previous t-shirt sponsors to confirm their participation, but if you are interested in getting on the t-shirt, please let us know.



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T-shirt, White \$40.00:
Mens - S to 5XL
Ladies - 10 to 18



T-shirt, Black \$40.00:
Mens - S to 5XL
Ladies - 10 to 18



Singlets, Black \$30.00:
Mens - S-XL
Ladies - 12-16



Stubbie Holders \$10.00



Stickers \$5.00



Metal Signs \$45.00



2023 Speed Week Hat Pin \$10

We have a small amount of previous years t-shirts available too. Get them while they last!



DLRA Hat Pin \$10



DLRA Cloth Patch \$15



DLRA Bottle Opener Key Rings \$5



Speed Week Tech Inspection Stickers Some from previous years \$5.00



DLRA Licence Plates \$25



DLRA Members ONLY Licence Plates \$30 + Postage Special Order Only



DLRA Stubby Holder \$10.00

We have zipper Jackets, Fleecy Hoodies, Polos, Long and short sleeve t-shirts, hats, bags, Speed Wheels, Key Rings, Signs and stickers.

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