



Above left: Phil Foulkes from the UK (Lotus 20/22) leads the Lotus 27 of David Innes (UK) and our own, Grant Craft in his Brabham BT2 at Dandenong Road corner during the 2016 Historic Sandown. While on the right is Greg Thornton and his Lotus 20/22. Pictures courtesy Chris Carter

### STOP PRESS - Apology

I recently reported, internationally I'm sorry to say, that Greg Thornton won the Australian sector of the Diamond Jubilee. THIS WAS INCORRECT!  
Our very own MARTY BULLOCK WAS THE WINNER and I apologise for this inexplicable error, to both Greg and of course, MARTY! Apparently brain fade doesn't only happen on the track. The mistake was mine alone and not just a misprint.  
The racing was close, as reported, but Marty was the eventual Victor and I wish to belatedly congratulate him on a fine win against stiff competition.  
Kim Shearn

## TO AVOID GRID PENALTIES! RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

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A You Tube link worth watching:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70imodMjzw4>  
This is Benn Tiley at the recent Donington Historic Festival in the Lotus 22

## 2017 Australian Formula Junior Championship Calendar

<b>Round One</b>	18-19 March	Phillip Island Classic	Phillip Island (VIC)
<b>Round Two</b>	8-9 April	Wakefield Historic	Wakefield Park (NSW)
<b>Round Three</b>	22-23 April	Mallala All Historic	Mallala (SA)
<b>Round Four</b>	27-28 May	41 <sup>st</sup> Historic Winton	Winton (VIC)
<b>Round Five</b>	1-1 July	Historic Warwick	Morgan Park (QLD)
<b>Round Six</b>	2-3 September	Wakefield Historic	Wakefield Park (NSW)
<b>Round Seven</b>	11-12 November	Eastern Creek Historic	Sydney Motorsport Park (NSW)

**Please note:** The pointscore method was agreed to remain the same, with the best 4 results for each competitor being counted towards the final pointscore.

## 2017-2018 Executive Committee

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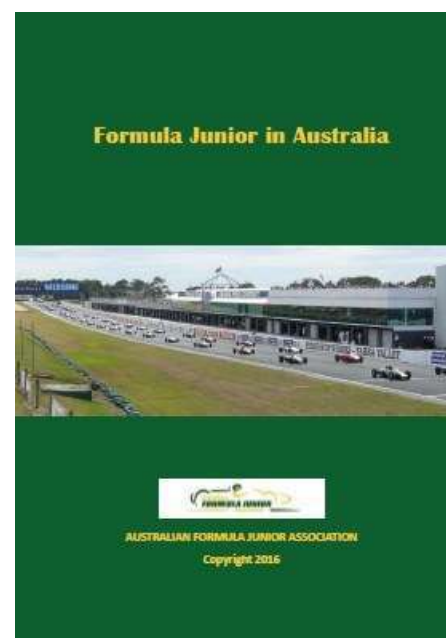
## Regalia Sales – contact the Secretary

Jim Clark Cap	\$30 + \$5 P&P
Pair of Car Stickers	\$ 5 + \$1 P&P
Business Card advertising for 4 Issues	\$50

## Diamond Jubilee edition of *Formula Junior in Australia*

The AFJA have produced 500 books on “Formula Junior in Australia” comprising 42 pages that illustrate 114 cars currently on our register, and we intend to sell each copy for \$10 at local and overseas events where permitted. This publication is an updated version of previous issues produced in 2007 & 2011, but is more comprehensive in its content where it celebrates the forthcoming Formula Junior Diamond Jubilee, and naturally, most existing owners will need to secure a copy that promotes their car, and those they compete with on a regular basis.

Contact Kelvin Prior – (03) 9796 1893 for a copy for just \$10





#### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2017**

Meeting convened at Cowes, Phillip Island on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The meeting was brought to order and opened by Kim Shearn at 2030 hours.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes from 2016 AGM were read and discussed. Moved Bill Hemming, seconded David Price.

**Presidents Report:** The President's report for 2016 was presented and discussed. Moved Noel Bryen, seconded John Rowe.

**Financial Report:** The financial report for 2016 was presented and discussed. Moved Noel Bryen, seconded Peter Strauss.

#### **Trophy Presentation for 2016**

Leo Geoghegan Trophy for Champion Driver – Bill Norman

Nereo Dizane Trophy for Formula 3 – Paul Littler

AFJA "Aussie Car" Trophy – Noel Bryen

#### **Election of Office Bearers for 2017**

The President declared all positions vacant and called for the appointment of a Returning Officer. Kim Shearn was nominated by David Price, seconded by Noel Bryen.

Nominations for the following positions were presented:

**President:** Kim Shearn

**Secretary:** Noel Bryen

**Treasurer:** Robyn Bryen

**Registrar and HSRCA Category Manager:** Margaret Ealand

**Victorian Representative:** Peter Williams

**South Australian Representative:** TBA

**Western Australian Representative:** John Rowe

**Queensland Representative:** David Reid

**New South Wales Representative:** TBA.

There being no other nominations for any of the positions, the Returning Officer declared all positions filled in accordance with the nominations.

## **PRESIDENT'S JOTTINGS**

News that Paul Faulkner in Melbourne has just purchased the late Roger Ealand's Lotus 18 and will campaign it in Australia is well received. Paul is a popular and well regarded historic racer, most recently in historic Formula Ford. Paul values the ethos of historic motorsport and will be a great addition to our group.

Margaret Ealand was keen for the car to remain in Oz and during the process rejected a higher offer from abroad so Paul could assume the new "custodianship" of this well-known and instantly recognisable car. That car, along with Phil Seggart's and my car were the first 3 Lotus 18's imported to Oz and each has a continuous history of ownership and competition in this country. They have won numerous championships between them.



We look forward with enthusiasm in welcoming Paul to our expanding rank of competitors in Formula Junior in Australia.

Some members, including your correspondent, are preparing for the Northern hemisphere Summer and travelling far and wide this year. With races in Europe (Including Czech @ "Most" - a old GP circuit) the UK and numerous races in America on both the East and West coasts. Laguna Seca will be a highlight, of course, but many other famous tracks in the USA are on the schedule for the Worldwide Diamond Jubilee tour. Lime Rock and Watkins Glen are two other standouts.

Locally, we are being offered exclusive FJ racing at Wakefield providing we can achieve a reasonable grid. I reckon 12+ cars will do the trick, so please consider participating in what is, a friendly, relaxed and very enjoyable, low cost weekend. Thanks to Richard Cardew for his efforts in this regard. If we are able to fill our own grid there, that will further support our requests for similar treatment by organisers of future meetings - it's up to us.

Safe racing,

Cheers,  
Kim Shearn  
26<sup>th</sup> April 2017



## **AVOID POTENTIAL GRID PENALTIES**

### **Membership renewal payments**

Our club has about 100 members with a rich mixture of front and rear engine cars from 1958 to 1969. Most cars are in running order and some are under restoration. We also have members who have an interest, but no car – as yet.

The \$50 annual subscription is due each January and whilst most members have paid for 2017, some have not.

This is a reminder for you to check your status ASAP and pay up if you have not already paid.

You can check your status in **CAMSEventEntry**. Log on to the CAMS member portal at [www.cams.com.au](http://www.cams.com.au), click **CAMSEventEntry** (see below), then select **My Events** and check the payment status of the 'event' **AFJA Membership Renewal**. If you have not already paid, enter the 'event' and pay.

Your username is your CAMS licence number and your password is your CAMS member portal password (which may not be the same as your original **CAMSEventEntry** password).

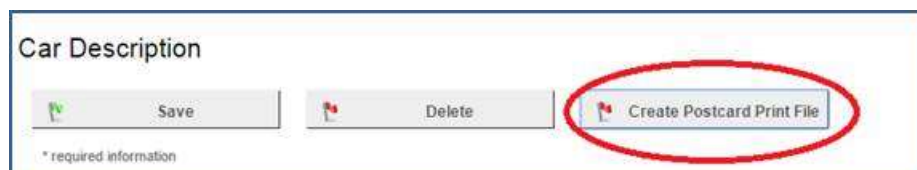
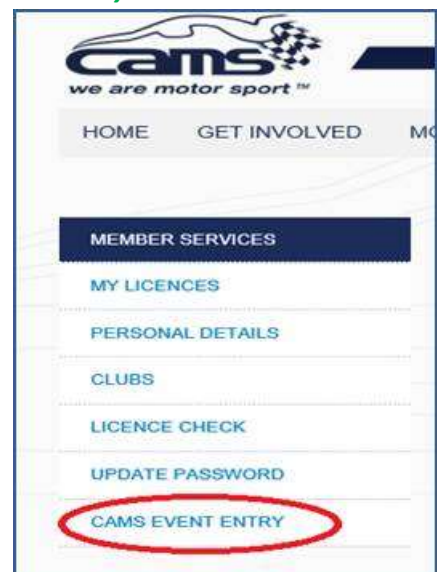
### **AFJA Car History and Photos**

When renewing your membership, please check your car(s) details listed on here as this is what event organisers see when you enter events, ensuring your car history and photos are correct. If you have trouble with this, please make contact with Noel Bryen.

To update your car information, log on to **CAMSEventEntry** via the CAMS member portal at [www.cams.com.au](http://www.cams.com.au), click **CAMSEventEntry** (see above), then click **My Cars**, select your FJ(s) and add / edit the photos and history.

Your username is your CAMS licence number and your password is your CAMS member portal password (which may not be the same as your original **CAMSEventEntry** password).

You can test the outcome by clicking **Create Postcard Print File** on the **My Cars** page (see below)



## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### **1963 LOLA MK5A - BRJ54**



Driven by Brian Berron-Johnson in 1963 and owned since 1995 by present owner.  
Recent back to frame rebuild including light weight all steel engine (Richardson head)/new Lola mag wheels/rebuilt Hewland MK4 five speed gearbox etc.  
Suspension and car dynamics setup by GSD Dynamics UK.  
Car with aged driver holds the lap record at local Lakeside (Brisbane) circuit.  
Holds Australian Certificate of Description and HTP eligible.  
The car is currently on the way to the USA for the World Series.  
Some spares and body mould come with car.  
A rare and highly competitive car.  
Email. [bevandpete279@yahoo.com](mailto:bevandpete279@yahoo.com)

### **Lotus 20/22**



- Race ready well known Lotus 20/22
- Full pre-season refresh including fresh engine with its only outing being Phillip Island.
- It is in outstanding race ready condition and has the all important 5 speed Hewland gearbox.
- Many other details available on request.
- Current FIA HTP and Australian C of D etc.
- Asking price: \$160,000 AUD. Kim Shearn. [classicblue365@gmail.com](mailto:classicblue365@gmail.com)

## Lynx Mk 3 Australia's fastest Formula Junior for sale



A multiple winner in 2015/16 despite the handicap of 70-year-old Bill Norman, this is the second-last Lynx made. It has the best of everything, including Hewland gearbox, billet sintered clutch and superlight flywheel, lots of Richardson components in the engine - about \$40,000 on new parts alone since restoration started in 2014. Lots of lovely irreplaceable touches - genuine Lynx rocker cover, oxy-welded twin Lynx fuel tanks and seat base, original Lynx chassis, steering box and finned alloy rear drums etc. Fresh international HTP so you can join the Diamond Jubilee circus immediately. Price of \$85,000  
Contact Bill Norman on 0450 449 304 (no messages pls) or [lola642@gmail.com](mailto:lola642@gmail.com)

## **EVENT REPORT SANDOWN**

The second leg of the Australian sector of the Diamond Jubilee World Tour took place at the 2016 Historic Sandown meeting.

Formula Junior was given its own grid for this event and you all didn't disappoint putting in some good close fought racing.

At the front the UK's Greg Thornton conquered with a clean sweep of all three races, and managed to knock a second off Grant Craft's lap record set at the previous event in 2015.

The Lotus 20/22 was in good form, revving to over 12,000rpm. This may have something to do with the outright speed!

Not to be outdone WA's Marty Bullock put in a fine form in his Lotus 27 to keep not far off the pace all weekend.

Margaret Ealand joined us for the weekend and presented some trophies on Saturday.



**Above:** Retired TV personality, Brian Smith recalling memories of the late Roger Ealand with Margaret on the winners podium. That's Marty Bullock on the far left, Greg Thornton (second from right) and David Innes (UK) to his right. Photo – Charles Rogers



## ***An evening at Pete's place***

On the Saturday evening of the Historic Sandown meeting in 2016 60 members and friends of the AFJA visited Peter Strauss' Armadale home for a wonderful dinner and 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Margaret Ealand.



**Left:** Jeff Brown and Margaret Ealand enjoy a pre-dinner drink and catch up – with Bill Hemming concentrating elsewhere.



**Above:** Kelvin & Bunny Prior with Duncan Rabagliati enjoying a pre-dinner drink.



**Left:** Jeff Brown with the host, Peter Strauss.

**Below:** Janette & Don Thallon

**Below left:** Dessert is served.

All photos taken by Charles Rogers



## **EVENT REPORT**

### **PHILLIP ISLAND**

The first round of the championship was held at Phillip Island in March where Kim Shearn, (Lotus 20/22) Grant Craft, (Brabham BT2) John Medley, (Nota) Max Pegram (Gemini) and Noel Bryen (Rennmax) shared a great weekend of fine weather and close racing to make it a really enjoyable meeting. Dick Willis and Bill Hemming were also competing, but not in their Juniors.



**Above right:** Canadian Doug Elcomb returned for Phillip Island in the Dreossi Special. Pic Chris Carter

The organisers listened to the complaints from 2016 and included the rear engine Juniors with M&O Sports & Racing, including Formula Vee, leaving Q&R with their own grid. It was great to not have to worry about cars with slick tyres treading all over us through the corners. Max and John were included with the JKL grid but at least they were together, as it made the scoring a little easier and they had some close racing.



The format was the same as last year, with qualifying on Friday morning and one race in the afternoon, with two races on both Saturday and Sunday. The only minor hiccup was on the Sunday where we were scheduled for the last race of the day, having had our first race at midday. Unfortunately, the Group N race preceding our event was red flagged with 3 cars into the fence just before turn 1 and the organisers could not repair the damage in time to run our event so it was cancelled. A long wait for nothing, but that's the way it goes sometimes. I saw the photos of the damage to the fence and it is no wonder it could not be repaired in time. Three posts were knocked out and the Armco was bent and twisted. Quite a repair bill, and it had to be ready for racing the next day.

**Above left:** Noel Bryen at Honda corner during qualifying in his Rennmax. Pic Charles Rogers

As usual, the AFJA held the 20<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Association over an informal BBQ on the Friday night and about 20 members attended for what was a great social evening. Since there was only one nominee for each office position, there were no controversial elections and a relaxed evening was enjoyed by all.

By Noel Bryen





**Above:** Max Pegram focused on the exit of Honda corner during qualifying in his Gemini, while Julian Bronson from the UK plans his passing move in the Scarab GP car. Photo – Charles Rogers



**Above:** The immaculately presented Brabham BT2 of Grant Craft at Phillip Island. Photo – Charles Rogers

**Below:** Noel Bryen receiving his trophy for the 2016 “Aussie Car” Trophy from the President, Kim Shearn at the AGM.



## **EVENT REPORT WAKEFIELD PARK**

The second round was held at Wakefield Park in early April seeing 4 Juniors participating - Bill Norman, Kim Shearn, Dick Willis and Noel Bryen. The track time was generous with qualifying and five races over the course of the weekend and was a more relaxed event than Phillip Island.

This time we were mixed with JKL and Vees and was great fun with some fierce racing up front between Bill Norman and Noel Bryen, with Bill securing the honours for the weekend. Unfortunately, the gremlins attacked Dick Willis's car on the trailer during his trip south and he failed to proceed during the first event with clutch problems. Meanwhile, Kim was having problems finding fifth gear in his Lotus 20/22 (Lotus 21?) but continued on nevertheless.

During the meeting Bill Norman was presented with his trophy for Champion Driver for 2016 as shown in the attached photo. Bill has the car for sale, but hopefully it will be a slow process because we have a great deal of fun when we race together.

By Noel Bryen





## **EVENT REPORT MALLALA**

The third round of the AFJA championship was staged at Mallala on the weekend of 22/23 April in almost perfect weather. The South Australian Sporting Car Club ran a great meeting which was relaxed, friendly and laid back, but ran like clockwork. The racing was clean, the cars interesting and there were no major incidents.

One of the highlights was a dinner held in Clem Smith's car museum on the Saturday night, where Fred and Chris Gibson were the guest speakers. Again, this was a relaxed and friendly dinner and Fred and Chris reminisced over their racing past which was very entertaining. The car museum was amazing, with huge collection of Hudsons combined with Essex, Chrysler, a Ford Customline and even a humpy Holden, all in very good condition. However, with the passing of Clem, the fate of the collection is unknown and will most likely be auctioned off as the immediate family is not interested in motor cars or motor sport. Consequently, Expressions of Interest for the race circuit are also being considered so cross your fingers for a good outcome.

The Juniors of Kim Shearn, (Lotus 18) Bill Hemming, (Elfin) Noel Bryen (Rennmax) and Wayne Hocking (TAD) were combined with K, L, V and M sports and racing to form a grid of about 20, so you can imagine the mix of cars on the grid. Kim suffered electrical gremlins in the Lotus 18 for most of Saturday and struggled to be competitive. After changing the coil, condenser, plugs, plug leads, then the entire distributor and even disconnecting the tachometer, it still wouldn't play. Kim then changed his driving suit for Sunday and coupled with a new rotor button the problem was solved and he had a great time after that.



Noel Bryen in the Rennmax prevailed with pole and race wins for the weekend but didn't have it all his own way. On the second lap of the trophy race he outbraked himself into the southern hairpin and spun. Kim Shearn and Brian Simpson (Cooper JAP)

slipped past and the race was then on for Noel to try and regain the lead. The Cooper was no match for the Rennmax but catching the Lotus was another story. On the last lap they were side by side through the last 3 corners coming onto the finishing straight and crossed the line neck and neck with Noel winning by two hundredths of a second. Exciting stuff indeed.

Wayne Hocking had a rear suspension failure during the same race and lost a rear wheel, but fortunately the damage was not too severe and is easily repaired. Bill Hemming had a relatively quiet mid field run over the weekend and was the only driver of the four who was brave (or stupid) enough to run the last race of the day which was held in rain on a very greasy track which he won. Well done Bill, some good points were earned for that effort.

We were also kept busy with the social scene as usual, and one night not to be forgotten was watching Bill Hemming demolish a full sized ice cream pizza for dessert at an Italian restaurant. Truly, a sight to behold!

All in all, it was a great weekend of motor sport and well worth the travel. The AFJA point score after 3 rounds now looks like this:

Noel Bryen – 102	John Medley – 24
Kim Shearn – 74	Wayne Hocking – 19
Bill Hemming – 70	Grant Craft – 17
Bill Norman – 40	Dick Willis - 1
Max Pegram – 40	

By Noel Bryen



## LAP RECORDS

Could members please check the following list and if you disagree please send corrections (by means of an email direct to Bill Norman at [lola642@gmail.com](mailto:lola642@gmail.com) . These suggested changes can then be checked against Natsoft for inclusion on our web site.

Circuit	Date	Driver	Car	Laptime
Sydney Motorsport Park (Gardner GP), NSW	12/16	Greg Thornton (UK)	Lotus 20/22	1:45.2181
Mallala, SA	4/07	Jonathan Williamson	Lotus 22	1:20.1561
Oran Park (Short), NSW	6/07	Jonathan Williamson	Lotus 22	51:6004
Oran Park (Long), NSW	6/09	Kim Shearn	Lotus 18	1:22.9204
Phillip Island, VIC	2/14	Grant Craft	Brabham BT2	1:49.4113
Calder Park, VIC	3/08	Peter Strauss	Brabham BT6	1:07.7408
Wakefield Park, NSW	9/15	Bill Norman	Lynx Mk 3	1:08.199
Morgan Park (Short), QLD	5/07	Don Thallon	Cooper T56	1:13.3961
Morgan Park (Long), QLD	6/16	Bill Norman	Lynx Mk 3	1:28.008
Winton (Short), VIC	5/16	Bill Norman	Lynx Mk 3	1:08.077
Winton (Long), VIC	8/15	Melinda Price	Lotus 20/22	1:23.0177
Sandown, VIC	11/16	Greg Thornton (UK)	Lotus 20/22	1:24.972
Lakeside, QLD	6/12	Peter Boel	Lola 5A	1:01.4081
Barbagallo, WA	11/12	John Dowson (UK)	Brabham BT2	1:07.2317

## NEWS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE

News from the FJHRA Competition Secretary received 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017

I am starting to plan the Baltic Sea Tour that will take place in June 2018, and so I wanted to share some of the details with you, so you can start planning your Tour too!

### Dates:

The dates are confirmed as follows;

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Lithuania. The Nemunas Ring, near Kaunas. <http://nemunoziemdas.lt/en/>
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>; Latvia. Bikernieki Circuit. <http://www.bksb.lv/>
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>; Sweden. Velodromloppet Historic Grand Prix at Karlskoga; <http://www.rhkswe.org/>



### Travel Route by Car / Motorhome:

The easiest and best option for getting to Lithuania for the start of the tour, is to get the ferry from Kiel to Klaipeda. It's then just over 2 hours to the circuit from there.

If anyone has any connections with DFDS that might be able to help with a sponsorship arrangement, please raise your hands now!

Arrive a few days before and you can visit the stunning Curonian Spit National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

From Kaunas you will have a few days holiday to explore my beautiful adopted country, before arriving at FJ HQ on the Thursday for a party here.

The next morning it will be a hop across the border to Riga to start the weekend there.

From there, on to Sweden, you can either get the ferry directly from Riga to Stockholm, or you can carry on North to take in Estonia too, and get the ferry from Tallinn to Stockholm.

From Stockholm it's a 3 hour drive over to Karlskoga.

#### Travel by Air:

Obviously not all of you have over 2 weeks spare to dedicate to the Tour, so there are easy fly in/out options:

Lithuania: Kaunas and Vilnius airports

Latvia: Riga Airport

Sweden: Karlstad or Stockholm airports

#### Events:

The Swedish event is a well-established one, which we visited recently in 2015.

For the Latvian event, they are building a race meeting together with the Baltic Touring Car Championship and the Baltic Endurance Championship.

For the Lithuanian event, this one is down to me— but I love a challenge, and will make it a weekend to remember; racing, music, food et al!



#### Car Club Tour?

Is anyone involved with a car club that might fancy putting together a tour that would bring them to the Baltics at the same time? They could then display at the circuits in Lithuania and Latvia with a parade lap or two of the circuits...

It's ideal touring country, uncrowded roads, beautiful scenery...

#### Feedback Please:

It would be incredibly useful to have a gauge of the amount of interest so can you please all reply to the following;

Lithuania: yes / no / maybe

Latvia: yes / no / maybe

Sweden: yes / no / maybe

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