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# President's Report

Welcome to our next edition of Sprite Torque

We have been busy on the social front and are now heading towards the time of year when we get to enjoy the car meets. We are scheduled to attend both the Shannon's Display Day along with the All-British Day as well.

Shannon's has seen us grab 20 tickets so if you were keen to attend, please get in touch with Graham as soon as possible to book your spot.

We are also keen to attend the All-British Day at the Kings School and we hope to see as many British cars from the club as we possibly can. We will have all the fan fair and will look forward to using the club's new Marquee that was organised some time ago. The organisers tell us that there will be no issues with wet weather and if the Kings School withdraw, they will have a backup venue for the same day.

You will note that the social calendar has several track meetings listed and this means that you can take your Club plated car to this event, please make sure you have a copy of the magazine and or a print out of the page for those guys and gals that may question you.

## "The Sprite Car Club of Australia Drive to Survive Program".

We are also looking for potential "P" platers to apply for a position in this year's round of "The Sprite Car Club of Australia Drive to Survive Program". Each year since the passing of Catherine Dodds we have sponsored P platers both Red and Green, either young or old to apply for the program to encourage driver awareness and behaviour to ensure our roads are safer for all to use. We have in the past had up to four candidates attend the course in a single year. If you know someone who you believe could gain from this experience, please think about putting them forward.

Leah and I enjoyed a great week away from Sydney earlier in the month. Camping at Tathra we enjoyed some nice drives in the country as well as long walks along sandy beaches. The weather was perfect, and we caught up with Ray and Denise on the way home.

At home we have not slowed down, storms over the past few weeks saw more trees fall in the gully and we still need to fix the fences from the floods. Each week I see more dead trees or part there off dying off. The grass keeps growing and we keep mowing.

I have been working on a few of my old engines and the Lister on original transport was placed in front of the shed. The transporter was dated 1918 with Roman Numerals stamped on the underside of the front axle. The engine is dated 1926 and looks every bit of 100 years old. The spark plug is seized in the hole and the exhaust is locked in hard but with some work, I am almost certain we will get them loose.

The wood on the transport is shot and all will need replacing. The Axles would have been Red Ironbark or Turpentine and the seat and toolbox would have been made from Kauri Pine. The pine boards are 300mm x 22mm and I am struggling to put my hands anything to match it. I will continue to look around for something that will do the job and represent the way it should look.

On the home front the doors for the shed are coming along nice and should look a treat when they are finished. I am looking to clad in either Western Red Cedar or Hemlock and either will look very nice. They should make the place look much neater and protect some investments along the way.

Fire season soon and we have a few pile burns to do in the coming months. A few are quite large, and it will take a bit to get them organised and ready to go.

Happy days are coming.

That's it from me for now.

Happy Spriting, Greg Holden



# Minutes of Monthly Meeting 11th April 2023

Venue: The Hills Club

Meeting commenced: 7.30pm

**Present:** Committee members: Greg Holden, Graham Wells, Rod Pringle, Barry Cockayne, Dennis Maher, Steve Rivett.

**Apologies:** David Baigent, Ross Reichardt, Harley Pringle, Avis Fowler, Elise Manewell.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Graham Wells circulated the minutes from the previous meeting. Moved accepted Dennis Maher seconded Rod Pringle. Carried.

**Business Arising:** None other than items covered in the agenda.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dennis Maher reported he is now up to date with the accounts with a few refunds for the Supersprint to be paid.

## General Account;

Opening Balance:	\$25,027.00
Deposits:	\$1,192.50
Payments: ARDC track hire, medical	\$9,164.00
Closing Balance:	\$17,055.50

## Savings Account:

Opening Balance:	\$46,268.88
Interest:	\$129.03
Closing Balance:	\$46,397.91

## Transaction Account:

Opening Balance:	\$13,677.16
Deposits:	Jan \$260.00
	Feb \$5,185.36
	Mar \$8,890.94
	5 <sup>th</sup> Apr \$434.86
Payments: Bank fee	\$3.00
	Trans Debit \$3,000.00
	D Baigent SS \$1,210.00
	Hills Club \$270.00
	CMC CVSx2 \$50.00
Closing Balance:	\$23,915.32

## Debit Account:

Opening Balance:	\$1670.96
Deposits:	Transfer Trans acct \$3000.00
Payments:	CSCA \$150.00
	CMC (CVS 7 cars) \$175.00
	R.Pringle Beyond Bitumen \$523.00
	CMC Shannons tickets \$500.00
	Snap Printing \$331.50
Closing Balance:	\$2,991.46
Total in Bank:	\$90,360.19

**Secretary's Report:** Graham Wells reported correspondence:

**Incoming:**

- M.A. SpeedRead,
- Sprite Club SA, Bug Eye Burble
- Magazines. Mascot, OTHR Newsletter, Motorlife Museum, Preserve.

**Coming Events:** Greg Holden thanked all those who assisted with the Supersprint.

- Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> Blue Mountains run to Bilpin
- Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> National Motoring Heritage Day
- June 9-11<sup>th</sup> Sydney Classic Historic Race Meeting
- Christmas in July. Details TBA
- Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> Shannons Day SMSP
- Sunday, September 17th All British Day and Club Display/Concourse.
- Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> Bathurst Day.
- Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>. Pizza Day at the Dickies.
- December. Club Plate Inspection Day
- December. Christmas Party & AGM.

**Motorsport Australia and CMC.** Barry Cockayne reported no meetings attended this month.

**Membership:** Greg Holden reported one new member application:

- Oscar Stromback who has a Bug-eye Sprite and has been in contact with a couple of committee members. All agreed to accept the application.

**CSCA & Competition:** Graham Wells and Rod Pringle reported on the Supersprint. We had 70 entries but with the wet weather only 54 competed.

We had just enough volunteers with assistance from another club to run the event.

It is obvious that we need to do something about licenced, trained officials if we are going to run this event in the future. In particular we need senior officials; Clerk of Course, Event Secretary, Steward, Scrutineer, Chief Flag Marshall along with volunteer members to fill minor roles. After discussion it was decided to watch what happens with other clubs over the next few rounds. Greg Holden and Barry Cockayne will look at writing something for Sprite Torque.

**Sprite Torque:** Graham Wells to write initial notices about Shannons Day and the Display Day for Sprite Torque.

**Shannons Day:** Graham Wells reported we have booked and paid for 20 tickets which is the club limit this year and he will be the contact.

**All British/Display Day:** It was decided that we will hold the Concourse which was deferred last year. Steve Rivett will update all the paperwork and do a flyer. Graham Wells will keep in contact with Sharon Allen re tickets etc. Class place winners will receive a certificate on the day and the trophies will be presented at the AGM.

**Defensive Driving Course:** Greg Holden outlined the history of this program and why he felt we should not change the name from the Sprite Club of Australia Drive to Survive Program as decided last meeting even though we have a new provider. (It is interesting to note that the new provider, Stewart Nicholls, has now discontinued the use of the Drive to Survive name for one of his courses.) The name is also being used by Netflix for a Formula 1 based program. After discussion it was moved by Greg Holden, seconded Steve Rivett, that we continue to use the name Sprite Club Drive to Survive Program. Carried

Graham Wells commented that we need some-one to "own" last year's program and arrange for the selected candidates to do the course. Dennis Maher said he would do it. Graham Wells to send Dennis the details.

**General Business:**

-Dennis Maher asked about booking the meeting room at the Hills Club. All agreed we book for the rest of the year.

-Greg Holden asked if we should run some meetings via Zoom. The general feeling was that those members present preferred to meet in person.

-Greg Holden advised he has had further talks with the Victorian club regarding the Nationals. The current idea is for an event in the Albury area next year , run by the Victorians with our assistance. Discussions to continue.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Next committee meeting is May 9th, 2023 at 7.30 pm. Venue. The Meeting Room, The Hills Club, 2-6 Jenner St. Baulkham Hills



# SHANNONS DAY

Sydney Motorsports Park Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Concourse:** We do not have an entry in the main concourse this year.

**Other Cars:** We have 20 spaces booked and have asked for in Area B which is on the main skid pan but we may not get this area. This year clubs are limited to a maximum of 20 cars.

**Medallions:** As in the past we will probably get a goody bag on entry. Inside may be a medallion voucher & you will take it to the Shannons stall in the main pit area for your medallion.

**Tickets:** To book a ticket; phone me on 96541344 or email [secretary@spriteclub.com](mailto:secretary@spriteclub.com). Allocation will be by first in basis.

Graham Wells

# ALL BRITISH DISPLAY DAY

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

After three years of cancellations due to Covid and wet weather the All British Car Club Display Day is planned to be going ahead at the King's School, North Parramatta. This will be a stand alone event as the school is not planning the fair/fete held in previous years

Traditionally this is our Club's big event and it is planned to hold a Club Concourse on the day.

Entry will be free to Sprite Car Club members and the Club will be providing members and their guests with a BBQ.

We will need some volunteers to assist in running the event.

Put the date in your diary and more details will be forthcoming about how to book your ticket.

Graham Wells

# **SPRITE CAR CLUB**

## **DRIVE TO SURVIVE PROGRAM**

The Sprite Car Club of Australia will be sponsoring people to attend Stewart Nicholls' Steer Safely "Defensive Driving Program". This course is for P Platers and intended to teach them how to stay safe while driving on our roads.

The program is conducted in a safe off-road environment, with a combination of theory and hands-on driver training.

### Criteria:

- The recommendation must come from a Sprite Car Club member
- We need the recommendation in writing (up to half A4 page) explaining why you are nominating the person
- Your suggested participant needs to have a current Provisional Licence (red or green P plates)
- If you are a club member on a Provisional Licence, then yes, you can nominate yourself!
- Age is no barrier

From the nominations, the committee will select participants, numbers to be decided at the committee's discretion.

Nominations are required by the end of July and will be announced in the August edition of Sprite Torque.

### **SEND NOMINATIONS TO:**

**Sprite Car Club Drive to Survive Program**  
**P.O. Box 696**  
**Kingswood**  
**NSW 2747**

**or via email:**  
**treasurer@spriteclub.com**



**Steer Safely**  
**Driving Programs**



Don't forget to include your name, phone number, email address, and the relationship between you and your nominee - eg: self, daughter, nephew, friend, neighbour, workmate.

# HARS Tour with the Mini Club

Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> March saw several of our members join the Mini Club for a tour of the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) at Albion Park.

We met at McDonald's Heathcote, then headed off via the Old Princes Highway. Great run before joining the main road again. Unfortunately, a Mini had a fail-to-proceed moment after Mt Ousley. Lucky, Rob was able to stop and assist whilst the rest of continued until we could find a safe stop to pull over. After, a few phone calls, all was rectified, and the cars were on their way.

When we arrived, we were directed to a reserved parking spot and were provided with a great photo opportunity with the cars under the wing of a QANTAS 747. How good was that?

Before we commenced the tour with a guide, we headed into Café Connie where the team at the museum provided us with a fantastic morning tea. The best scones and jam I have had. Yum.

We were lucky to have Martin as our tour guide. He is an ex-QANTAS employee (as are many of the volunteers) who was not only very knowledgeable but quite chatty about various stories attached to the aircraft.

The tour started off with the 747, we walked up the stairs before heading through the cabin, galley, and cockpit. Martin was certainly in his element giving us all sorts of historical information and background of the aircraft.

Then we headed into the hangars to see the Constellation. Again, we walked through the cabin and realised how much smaller airlines were before the 747 entered service. In the hangar with the Connie were numerous other aircraft. A DH Vampire, Mirage, F-111C. Also on display were a PC3-Orion, DC3 / C 47, Canberra bomber, P-2 Neptune, Catalina, CAC Sabre, and a Fokker Tri-motor as a replica Southern Cross.

Martin was such an enthusiastic guide answering our questions, the PA announcement came on for Martin's group to return to the café as lunch was waiting for us. Lunch was a pre-order from their menu. There were plenty of choices and from everyone's comments, we all enjoyed lunch. The HARS café had certainly done well.

After lunch, Martin suspecting that we were enthusiasts, took us upstairs to the function room to see aircraft memorabilia with many of Australia's prominent aviators on display.

Thanks to Michael Benton from the Mini Club who organised the day and allowed us to join them for the tour. It was worth the trip. A great day out with the opportunity to get close to the aircraft. It would be a great trip for kids and grandkids.





The day was extremely hot which may have kept numbers down. There were 14 altogether between the two clubs. Everyone was fascinated by Paul Hunt's Honda-powered Sprite. When the bonnet opened, it was like bees around a honey pot. I would have to say the ultimate in transport to the museum was new member Peter Krauss who flew from Wedderburn in his Czech radial engine aircraft, landing, and parking at the front of the hangar. Now that is cool! Makes taking the Mazda with air-con downright boring.

You can see the guys dreamed of Top Gun trying the planes out for size.



# SCCA Supersprint

Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April was the Club's round of the Combined Sports Car Association's supersprint held at Eastern Creek.

There had been some consternation about running the event given several of the Club's key officials were unable to attend. Unfortunately, we have very few Motorsport Australia officials who are able to act as Stewards, Clerk of Course, and Chief Scrutineers. David Baigent put out the call for volunteers and they came. Not all Sprite Club members, but officials who were willing to help rather than see our event cancelled. Thank you for helping us out.

Elise stepped up to help as the admin whilst David became the Clerk of Course.

The ladies' auxiliary came to help make the lunches. Thanks, Donna Pringle, Sharon Allen, Beryle Taylor with assistance from Harley Pringle. One Lotus competitor also had assistance from the ladies as they tried to push start his Elan.

Rod Pringle became the grid marshal, while Graham Wells was the Chief Flag Marshall.

It was a very wet miserable day, so we were surprised how many turned up to run. Most of the 75 entrants arrived, whilst a few opted to leave their cars on the trailer, most braved the wet conditions. When the rain stopped, a dry line started to appear and there was renewed enthusiasm and the rain started again. It was a no-win situation. The wet weather could not dampen the spirits of Scotty Gibbs and Anthony Barbara. They were soaked but there was no hiding their grins.

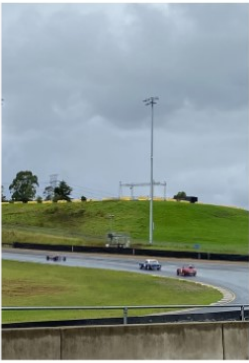
Team Hotz came out to play. Tamie braved the wet but decided there was nothing to be gained in the rain and headed home to dry out. Sam Girgis probably wished he had the same thought. The perceived dry line disappeared as he accelerated, and the front kissed the wall. He drove it back to the pits and was helped to load it on the trailer. Denis Best had the best option with his Lenham Sprite enabling him to stay drier than most. They were flash new driving boots, Denis!

Les Payne brought his Midget out to play, Ray Fahey left his car on the trailer as did Paul Orton. Patrick Townshend was game running his Healy 3000 in the wet.

A big thank you to those who came out to act as flag marshalls. We cannot run without you, and it was a cold wet miserable day.

Paul, Matt and Frank Barbara. Steve Dive, Bruce Taylor, Dennis Maher, Tom Devitt, Eian Poustie, Mike Walsh. David Baigent, Elise Manewell, Beryle Taylor, Sharon Allen, Donna, Rod, and Harley Pringle. Who else? Warren and Blake Hotz, John Crofts, Ray Fahey, Paul Orton.







# Blue Mountains Run to Bilpin

Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April was an afternoon tea run for a change. We arranged to meet at Peachtree (in Penrith) at lunchtime.

After a quick phone from Greg and Leah Holden to say they were running late, can we wait? We waited as it was a relaxed afternoon run to Bilpin.

At Peachtree McDonalds, John, and Janice Pamment were waiting with the Bugeye she has owned for 50 years. Looks great by the way. John Groth came in his 1979 Midget which has been converted to look like an earlier model again, love the yellow. Donna and Rod Pringle came in their MK2A Sprite with Harley in the family Falcon. Greg and Leah Holden arrived in the Mercedes (also known as the Presidential Barge). Leading the way in the Mazda bus (CX5) were Sharon Allen, Elise Manewell, Beryle Taylor, and Avis Fowler.

Leaving Peachtree, we headed off to Richmond via Castlereagh Rd past the Penrith Lakes. As we headed into Richmond, we lost Greg, Leah, Donna, Rod, and Harley. I assumed as they know the area, they shorted-cutted to North Richmond. They missed us turning off to Grose Vale. Turned out Donna and Rod's Sprite was having a hissy fit and failed to proceed. They managed to get it going and headed straight to Mountain Bells Café at Bilpin. Heading up Bells Line of Road we turned off to see the sights through Grose Vale. John headed home as he is a local and wanted to give the car a run. Part of the way had roadworks which put a spanner in the works. The intended route had changed since we test-drove it and we continued along Grose Vale Rd instead. Potholes appear to be the undoing of Janice's car. Suddenly there was a thud then a whirring noise. After pulling over to investigate, John discovered one of the fan blades had cracked and was catching the radiator shroud. After much huffing and puffing, the blade was removed, and John and Janice decided to head home. Happy to report, they made it. The next call would be to Colin for another fan blade.

We carried on joining the others who were already at the café for afternoon tea. I can thoroughly recommend the large apple pie which came with ice cream and cream with four plates to share. The café warmed it up and we had leftovers as well.

Donna, Rod, and Harley headed home before us. Two minutes later, Greg had a call to say the Sprite had failed to proceed again. Greg and Leah stopped to render assistance as we headed home. The decision was made for Harley to pick up Rod's trailer. Unfortunately, the battery had died, and they were unable to get the car on the trailer and relented to call the NRMA. A long day, I think.

Thank you to those who came along. We, the social butterflies, are trying to spread the runs around Sydney so everyone can meet fellow members. Even if your Sprite is not able to attend, please come along in whatever you have.







# My life with Sprites

I still remember about 40 years ago, my dear friend Tim Kelly who was a car dealer (and is now sadly departed) rang me and told me about a Bugeye sprite he'd heard about. Very original, low kilometres and in the country. I seem to recall it was in Muswellbrook. He asked if I was interested, and I was. I seem to recall it was \$3,300.

So, I bought her. She was in good condition, no rust and I enjoyed her for a few years but then I decided I wanted to restore her to perfect. She was my first classic car except for a few Rileys and Hillmans in my youth.

So we pulled her apart and took her to Classic Autocraft at Mortlake. About \$16,000 later and three years I got a perfect body and paint. No filler at all and sensational paint. It took about another 12 months and my friend Paul Reay and his father to finished assembling her and she was magnificent as anyone whose seen her over the years will know. Originality was my aim, and I even found a set of original rubber mats.

I of course had joined the Sprite Car Club and spent a year as president. I attended many Sprite Challenges mainly for the concourse and comradery and still close to Brian and Anne Walton and Beryl Taylor from the day. We were close to Barry as well. He was a wonderful man. I still miss him.

She won a few concourse and I loved her to bits but my sons had started racing karts and I only has a single car garage and the kart was on a stand at the front of the garage. I became paranoid about the kart falling onto the Bugeye and so after a year or so I made the decision to part with her. She was sold for \$21500.00. A world record price at the time. About 40 years ago.

I think I still regret selling her but I could buy her back now, but the price is a bit high and she has deteriorated a little over the years from when I sold her.

She was an interesting exercise.

So my sons, Damien and Simon raced karts for over 25 years at State and National level and won many titles. Many of you will know they now race a Midget and a Sprite to very good effect.

After Karts Damien raced Formula Ford for a few years also to good effect with a 5<sup>th</sup> at Bathurst in a National level race and many places at State level but eventually I decided it was too hard to be as competitive as we are, and I parted with the Van Diemen.

We didn't race for a few years but Greg Prunster, who I had introduced to Sprite car Club kept saying that Damien could race Cecil any time he wanted.

After a few months we took him up on the offer and our racing career was underway. Simon was working in the UK at the time. I remember that first meeting like it was yesterday. It was at Oran Park, the track was a bit damp and Damien qualified 4<sup>th</sup> in a big field. In front of him was a Porsche, I think a Big Healey and another Sprite driven by Dave Barlow!

Everybody looked at Damien and wondered who this newcomer was. He certainly let them know and he raced Cecil very successfully for a few years.

After a few years of MG and Prod Sports Racing Greg decided he wanted a car to beat the V8 MG's and Syd was purchased. After a lot of development and a sequential 6 speed gearbox Syd has reached her potential. We were racing against Nipper Taylor and while we never quite got to beat him often, we got to spend a lot of time with our dear friends Barry(rip) and Beryl. Syd was very fast and Damien drove her well as well as racing Group S at the same time.



Then Dr Bob rang me one day and asked if Damien would be interested in driving for him in a Group S car that he'd just built. As they say, the rest is history. Damien drove for Dr Bob for 4 years to great success. Bob maintained the car and we paid for tyres and entry fees. Damien stirred a lot of interest and Greg Prunster became our pit manager. Actually Greg has always been our pit manager and much of our success is due to Greg, Dr Bob and now Chris Dimmock and Phil Parkinson have joined our pit crew.

After 4 years Bob decided he couldn't afford to keep paying the bills and offered to sell me the car at a very favourable price. Bob kept maintaining the car and came with us to every race meeting and Damien drove the wheels of that car. He gathered quite a few fans as the giant killer, and everybody knew who he was, and he is much admired.

Several years later, Simon returned from UK and of course he wanted to race like his brother. Greg Prunster volunteered Tigger and we proceeded to improve Tigger because of course Simon wanted to be as fast as Damien. We spent a lot of money and Dr Bob developed Tigger to her max, but she had her limitations so the mechanicals from Tigger went into a new shell and that's what you see today. The two brothers are so competitive with each other, and they regularly run 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group Sb. They beat lots of more powerful cars like Porsches, Corvettes and Shelby Mustangs. They regularly run at the front of Group S and compete with each other as they always did. Their race times a remarkably similar and Dr Bob still prepares our cars.

We have raced Group S for over 10 years and Simon has won the Group S Presidents cup for the past two years with Damien 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.

During the last 15 years I've accumulated a few Classic cars. It's one of my great loves.

About two years ago I was browsing a Sprite/Midget UK racing page and I saw a "Sebring Sprite" for sale for 18,000 pounds which seemed reasonable, and she looked beautiful. I made some enquiries about Sebrings, and I was hooked and I bought her. It took 5 months to ship her from UK. She has spent some time at Dr Bobs, and I must confess to not using her much yet. But I'm back in Sprites again.

Sprites have always been close to my heart and will remain so.







Huge thank you to Peter Meyer for this amazing article and great photos.



# What's in your boot?

My name is Callum and I've been a member/owner about 4 years, and dreamed of getting a sprite since I was a kid, browsing Unique Cars and Just Cars Magazines before internet.

What's in your sprite boot.

I probably have too much stuff in my boot, but it gives me peace of mind driving around the NSW northern rivers. My favourite drive is doing the loop from Lismore to Ballina and the coast road to Byron Bay and back again which is usually a couple hours.

Longest day trip would have been Lismore to Stanthorpe via Tenterfield and back home.

Spare tyre, Jack,  
knock off wheel hammer and spinner saver  
Side curtains  
Tool bag with basic tools  
Carb balancer  
Fuel container (for longer trips)  
Valve Saver  
Rags

Have you got junk in the trunk?





# Membership Renewals

It's that time of year again - memberships of the Sprite Car Club are due for renewal. Please note that club membership renewals are due by June 30th, 2023.

It is very important for club members to understand the relationship between having club membership and having a car on historic (HVS) or classic (CVS) registration. Either HVS or CVS registration is dependent on the owner of the car holding current, valid membership of the car club. That means that even if you have a valid registration for the car, it will still be deemed unregistered if you don't also hold current, valid car club membership.

Therefore, it is very important to understand that if you have not renewed your membership by June 30, your club membership will lapse and that will invalidate any historic or classic vehicle registration you hold through the Sprite Club. In short, without current, valid club membership your car will become unregistered and will be unable to be driven legally.

As in previous years, you may renew your club membership online or by more a more traditional form.

For online renewals, you will be sent an email from the club with a link to access the online login form. The email contains more information about renewing online.

If you would like to renew via a traditional form, you can get the form from Sprite Torque, or you can download the form from here: <https://spriteclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/MembershipApplicationRenewal.pdf>. Once the form is complete, return it to me for processing.

No matter which way you renew your membership, you will need to pay your membership fees before I will issue a new membership card. At this time of the year, membership renewal gets hectic, so please put your member number and surname on the direct deposit, so that I can correlate your payment with your renewal. If you don't identify your payment to the club, then I won't process your membership quickly. I prefer payments to be made by direct deposit to the club's bank account and the account details are on the membership form.

For personal reasons, this year I won't be able to process any renewals until early June but don't delay until then! And remember, if you have a car on HVS or CVS registration, current club membership is critical.

If you have any problems or questions about membership renewals, please let me know by emailing me at [membership@spriteclub.com](mailto:membership@spriteclub.com).

All the best!

Ross Reichardt.



# Sprite Car Club of Australia Inc Membership Application/Renewal 2023-2024

Membership Secretary  
S.C.C.A Membership,  
PO Box 696  
Kingswood 2747 NSW  
[membership@spriteclub.com](mailto:membership@spriteclub.com)

## Membership

Sprite Car Club of Australia (SCCA) offers both single and family memberships which are for a 12-month period from 1st July to 30th June the following year. A family membership is for two adults and any children under the age of 18.

Please indicate if this is:       A new application                       A renewal

If this is a new application, please tell us why you want to join the SCCA:

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Please tell us how you found out about the club

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Name (Please print when filling out the form)

First Name	Surname	Date of Birth	Email address	Phone Number	Member #

## Address details

Street	Suburb	State	Postcode

## Cars

Make	Model	Year	Colour	Condition	Rego No.

## Cost

Single membership	\$60.00	\$
Family membership (Two adults and any children under the age of 18)	\$70.00	\$
Please indicate if you would like us to mail you a hard copy of Sprite Torque	\$20.00	\$
<b>Total Forwarded</b>		<b>\$</b>

## Payment

Payment can be made by direct deposit, cheque or money order. For direct deposit, please ensure you reference the payment with your name and membership number (for membership renewals). The club bank account details are:

**BSB: 062-309**

**Account: 1000 4231 Reference (Membership No or Full Name)**

## Application

I hereby apply for membership of the Sprite Car Club of Australia Inc. I state that I am not aware of any reason why I would be ineligible for membership of a CAMS affiliated club or its associated entities, and further that I agree to conform with the Constitution of the Club (copy available on request for 'members area' of [www.spriteclub.com](http://www.spriteclub.com)).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



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## Membership benefits

SCCA memberships provide members with the following:

- You will be entitled to take part in both social and competition events organised by the SCCA and other associated Clubs.
- You will be covered under the public liability insurance issued to the Club by CAMS.
- You will be entitled to registration of one or more of your vehicles under the NSW Historic Conditional Registration or Classic Vehicle Scheme, subject to the vehicle(s) meeting the requirements of the RMS.
- You will be entitled to vote at any General Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting.
- You will have access to the monthly edition of Sprite Torque, available on the SCCA web site.

## Club website

You will find more information about the club on the club's website which you will find at <https://spriteclub.com/>.

# DONALD HEALEY BIRTHDAY DISPLAY DAY 2023



Please join us on **Sunday 2 JULY 2023**

At the Bowling Green, Parramatta Park  
(Located near the main entry at the corner of Macquarie & Pitt Streets Parramatta)  
From 10am until 3.30pm

A barbecue lunch and soft drinks will be provided, just bring a chair and your car.

Donald Healey was born on 3 July 1898 and throughout his lifetime was involved with the development of Healey, Austin-Healey, Riley, Alvis, Triumph, Jensen, Humber, Nash, Invicta and Austin marques.

The Austin Healey Owners Club would like to celebrate DMH's birthday with a gathering of many of the above cars as possible.

For further information, please contact Ross on 0408465547 or email us at [enquiries@austinhealeynsw.com.au](mailto:enquiries@austinhealeynsw.com.au)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MAY 2023

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SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2023

### NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY

Meet: McDonalds Thornleigh

Time: 8:30am for 9:00am departure

We will be taking the scenic route via McCarrs Ck Rd to the Tramshed Café at Narrabeen for brunch at 10am.

There will be a pick-up point at Bayview Reserve parking area along Pittwater Rd approx. 9:30am.

RSVP to Sharon Allen: social@spriteclub.com

Please let us know your chosen start point.

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FRIDAY 25TH-SUNDAY 28TH MAY 2023

### Historic Winton

## JUNE 2023

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THURSDAY 9TH-SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 2023

### HSRCA Sydney Classic Historic Race Meeting

Watch some fabulous cars up close and personal as they compete at Sydney Motorsport Park. Walk around the pits, talk to the drivers, enjoy the atmosphere of classic car racing.

Watch Team Meyer or Team Hotz or Team Sebesfi. See David Baigent, Brian Weston and Greg Prunster take on the might of the Porsches, MGs, Shelby and Alfas. Or see how consistent Tamie Hotz or John Croft can be in their cars.

General admission tickets are \$25 on Saturday, \$20 on Sunday or \$30 for a weekend pass. Concession holders and teenagers 13 to 18 may purchase tickets for \$20.00 on Saturday, \$15.00 on Sunday or \$25 for a weekend pass. Kids under 12 attend for free.

On Sunday there is an option for a coffee at Michinbury before the short drive out to the track. Everyone is welcome to come for coffee, even if you aren't going out to the racetrack.

Coffee 8am at XS Espresso (25/11 John Hines Ave, Mount Druitt NSW 2770)

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TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 2023

### Committee/Club Meeting

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SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2023

### MGCC Newcastle (MGNEW) Supersprint

Pheasant Wood, Marulan

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SUNDAY 25th JUNE 2023

### Lunch run TBA

Meet: McDonald's McGraths Hill (Cnr Windsor Rd and Groves Ave, Windsor 2756)

Arrive 10am for 10:30am departure

## JULY 2023

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SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2023

### Donald Healy Birthday Display Day

A barbecue lunch and car display to celebrate Donald Healy's birthday.

Located at the Bowling Green, Parramatta Park (near the main entry at the corner of Macquarie & Pitt Streets)

RSVP to Ross Penman 0408465547  
or enquiries@austinhealeynsw.com.au

Please see flyer earlier in magazine for more details

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TUESDAY 11TH JULY 2023

### Committee/Club Meeting

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SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2023

### BBQ Lunch at Warragamba

Meet: Curry Reserve (24 Camden Valley Way, Elderslie NSW 2570)

Arrive 10:30am for 11am departure

We will be taking a scenic drive out to Warragamba Recreational Reserve, where we will be providing a BBQ lunch.

## AUGUST 2023

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TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST 2023

### Committee/Club Meeting

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SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST 2023

### Lotus (CLA) Supersprint

Sydney Motorsport Park Gardner GP Circuit

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SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST 2023

### Shannons Classic Display Day at Sydney Motorsport Park

Maximum 20 car spaces available, allocations on first in basis.

Please contact Graham Wells secretary@spriteclub.com

## SEPTEMBER 2023

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TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023

### Committee/Club Meeting

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SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2023

### ALL BRITISH DISPLAY DAY

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SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

### MGCC SYD (MGCC) Supersprint

Pheasant Wood, Marulan

## OCTOBER 2023

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SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2023

### **Bathurst 1000 Day**

Way back when, the club used to have a social day watching the big race at someone's home. Guess what? We are bringing back the Bathurst. Watch as a group on the big screen. Enjoy fellow enthusiast's company, cheer and commiserate your favourite teams as they take on the Mountain this year.

Location is Glenorie, time to be confirmed as details of the race become available. Bring a chair, bring a plate, bring your passion for Bathurst.

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TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2023

### **Committee/Club Meeting**

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SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2023

### **Jaguar (JDCA) Supersprint**

Sydney Motorsport Park North (Druitt) Circuit

## NOVEMBER 2023

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SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

### **Pizza Day at the Dickies**

The Dickies have offered once again to host their famous pizza day at their place in the Cobbity area. Come along for some delicious homemade pizzas and the company of fellow members.

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TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2023

### **Committee/Club Meeting**

## DECEMBER 2023

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TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2023

### **Committee/Club Meeting**

Attendance at any of the club events listed in the calendar is not required to be entered into your HVS/ CVS logbook.





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