

2019 Model Auto Show Set for Autoplex



LEFT: The Gymnasium at the Etty Street Campus (to be known as Autoplex Castlemaine once the CHRC is officially in residence) will be the venue for the Model Auto Show for 2019.

BELOW: The range of Models and associated displays will be greatly increased thanks to the much larger venue.

BOTTOM: Patrons will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets at the Model Auto Show in July with first prize a ready-to-assemble Billykart as shown.

For months we have been waiting for the lease on the Etty Street College site to be finalised and signed. The main hold-up has been legal scrutiny of some of the terminology in the leases. The Board is happy to sign as the lease stands now, but we await Mount Alexander Shire clearance from their legal team before we can gain full access to the site and complete a Master Plan as required by RDV (Regional Development Victoria).

In the meantime we have been getting on with planning as best we could without full access and indeed the requirements are now in place for this year's Model Auto Show to go ahead in the gymnasium at the site. We have also been successful in our request to the College Principal and Council to allow us ready access to the site in the meantime with our own keys to enable the board to get on with the work of planning out how we will utilise the various spaces within the buildings.

The CHRC's public liability policy has been updated to reflect this increased access to the site for our planning purposes and we should be able to start this process at the end of June.

An agreement with the College will allow us to use the Gymnasium for this year's Model Auto Show that is shaping up to be bigger and better than 2018. The much larger venue will allow more classes of models and a better range of associated displays such as the billykarts. This year we have the added attraction of the Lego Buildings of Castlemaine that will be featured with model hot rods outside. This aspect alone will make for an outstanding attraction with tangible local content. The show is on July 13 and 14, 2019.



At the Ballarat Swap Meet a donation of two commercial ready-to-assemble billykarts was made to the CHRC and we will be raffling one of these in conjunction with the Model Auto Show. We are hopeful of adding a couple of extra prizes to this raffle so patrons will have more than one chance of winning a prize.

AGM and Elections



Friday June 28 is the date for our 2019 AGM and election of two board members. Each year two board members must stand down to comply with the Constitution of the CHRC Limited. These members can re-nominate for these positions but if there are new nominations an election is required.

Due for retirement this year are Board Members Larry O'Toole and Vicki Farrell, both of whom have re-nominated for their positions. Any other nominations must be received two weeks prior to the AGM.

Board members are elected by the 30 Foundation Members of the CHRC Limited. Any general member can nominate for a position as a Foundation Member, subject to vacancies being available. At the present time there is only one vacancy for a Foundation Member.

As in past years there will be guest speakers for the AGM and a social supper afterwards. This year our guest speakers will be Lyndal and Garry McClure speaking about their involvement in the Castlemaine Rotary Club's drought project at Louth, NSW.

The Castlemaine Rotary Club has supported Cobar and district as part of the Rotary adopt a town project. They donated \$5000.00 and then successfully applied to district for a grant of \$21,600.00. All this money has gone towards essential packs of groceries, water and dog food for the local farmers.

Just recently they also attended a Royal Flying Doctor wellbeing weekend at Rose Isle station, 30 km from Louth to assist with catering. This was an amazing weekend where farmers were given the opportunity to come in for a variety of medical checks.

Access Gained



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An approach was recently made to Castlemaine Secondary College to see if the CHRC could have a set of the keys to allow us access to the Eddy Street campus (Autoplex Castlemaine). This would enable planning to get under way for when the lease is signed and we gain permanent access.

On Thursday June 6, 2019 a set of keys was made available to the Board who now have ready access to the campus. Our photo shows a very happy Chairman, Larry O'Toole taking possession of the keys.

CHRC Coffee Cruises Continue Through Winter

The CHRC Coffee Cruises have continued to be very successful for the past several months. Last year the Coffee Cruises were suspended through the colder months, with the exception of one held in conjunction with the Model Auto Show in July 2018.

Requests from participants to continue with the cruises through winter 2019 have been responded to positively, so set aside the third Sunday of each month and continue to join in the fun. Once again there will be a Coffee Cruise held in conjunction with the Model Auto Show. The cruise will gather at the usual time and place, the Visitor Information Centre in the old Castlemaine Market from 9:30am, departing at 10:30am for a short run through the local area and terminate at the ETTY Street Campus (Autoplex Castlemaine). Coffee and light snacks will be available at the Model Auto Show.

Recent destinations for Coffee Cruises have included Eddy's at Eddington, combining with the Castlemaine Historic Car Club at the Western Oval for the Heritage Auto Weekend display and The Stables (formerly Motobean) at Malmsbury. If any members know of a suitable venue they would like to try for future Coffee Cruises please let a Board Member or Executive Officer, Kim Michelmore, know.



Emissions Testing

CHRC Board Member, Con Soldatos has been in discussions with VicRoads and VACC to consider the merits of the CHRC setting up equipment to allow us to be an IM240 Emission Testing Facility for ICVs (Individually Constructed Vehicles) once we are operational at Autoplex Castlemaine. The only previous testing facility in Victoria closed down last December.

Since then discussions have been ongoing between VASS Signatories and VicRoads with regard to an acceptable interim testing regime. The following is the latest information on the IM 240 testing from VicRoads.

"The Bulletin for 'Assess To Comply' for emissions was authored to formalise a process by which the VASS Signatories could provide their approval without the need to put the vehicle through an IM240 emissions test. The Bulletin contains details on how the Signatory will determine the setup is working correctly.

For those vehicles and circumstances where the 'Assess To Comply' option is not valid, we have an approved emissions testing provider who can provide IM240 results for vehicle certification. The recently approved

provider is ABMARC, who are operating out of a facility in Melbourne. VACC and the VASS Signatories have been informed of this approval.

The criteria and specifications a provider needs to satisfy to be considered as an approved IM240 emissions tester for vehicle certification can be provided to you for review if you are still interested in wanting to provide this service.

The criteria and specifications are available from VicRoads and we are open to discussing any potential applications of interest. Cost and viability is something each potential provider will need to determine for themselves."

Shane Ellis, Senior Technical Advisor, Registration and Licensing Services, VicRoads.

Con will continue to investigate the requirements of IM240 testing on behalf of the CHRC. More information as it comes to hand. VicRoads personnel have undertaken to pay a visit to Autoplex Castlemaine once it is up and running.

Importance of Community Enterprise Promotion

Recent changes to our Community Enterprise agreement with the Bendigo Bank has resulted in a reduction in proceeds to our benefit. This means it is imperative that all members do their utmost to promote the Community Enterprise Scheme. This is the easiest way to financially support the CHRC Limited as it costs the supporters nothing and the more people that link their banking to the Scheme, the more the CHRC receives in return.

The requirement for additional funding is now of the utmost importance as the development at Autoplex Castlemaine is now set to take off and we need to carry out ongoing urgent maintenance at the Gowar rural property. Additional funding

for our projects is available through RDV Government grants but the CHRC must contribute a significant portion to gain such grants (usually on a \$2.00 for \$1.00 or \$3.00 to \$1.00 basis).

The CHRC Limited has applied for Charity Status through the Victorian Government which will allow all future donations to the CHRC to be tax deductible.

Members can also make a bequest to CHRC Limited, details are available from Board members. A bequest is a provision in your will that names the CHRC limited as a recipient, or partial recipient of the proceeds of your estate.



Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Limited are as follows:

General meetings for 2019 are scheduled as follows: AGM for 2019 will be on Friday June 28. Unless advised otherwise, meetings will be at the Wesley Hill Hall, Duke Street (Melbourne Road), Castlemaine at 7:30pm. Proposed future general meeting dates will be: 6 September, 15 December (Cruise and Christmas break up), 20 March; 2020 AGM 26 June.

■ For further information call Chairman Larry O'Toole on 03 5472 3653 or Secretary Vicki Farrell on 0418 510 352.



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