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February 2026



NEXT CLUB MEETING

General Meeting
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Welcome back to another exciting year in 2026!

This year marks the club's 50th Anniversary—a truly remarkable milestone! To celebrate, we have a range of special events planned, including a thrilling Two hour relay race at Calder and a Gala event to cap off the year in style. More details about these exciting events will be released over the coming months. Additionally, we are currently in discussions with a potential major sponsor, which, if successful, will allow us to deliver even bigger and better celebrations for all members.



Round ONE at Broadford is coming up fast, so get your entries in now. This year, discounted early entry fee end dates will be strictly enforced, and late entries will cost you extra. Then there is a relatively short turnaround before The Nationals at Phillip Island. For this event, there will not be Friday practice available, however the structure of the meeting will be two practice sessions and two qualifying sessions on Saturday, followed by four races on Sunday.

A quick reminder: Memberships need to be paid prior to Round one. Discounted membership fee still applies, so get in quick. Even life members should update their details so we can contact you or your emergency contact if needed. Renewals can be completed through the Wild Apricot site.

Club General Meetings will resume on Wednesday February 11th. We are still working on finding a suitable location for in-person meetings, so we hope to see you either online or on the track soon!

Stay safe and see you at the track!

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Our History in brief.

The Clubs history in 30 seconds or less.

The Club was formed very early in 1976 under the auspices of the Victorian Karting Association. At the time it was known as the VKA Road Race Division with it's roots being at the Corio track just outside of Geelong. During this period the club also raced at Brooklyn, Mac Park in Mount Gambier, Winton, Calder, Broadford, Adelaide International Raceway (A.I.R.) and others often sharing meetings with Motorcycle clubs. They were heady days, supporting meetings at the F1 GP in Adelaide, Touring cars and plenty of TV coverage.

Some names that still resonate in the club today from the early years are: Williams, Stebbing, Pegoraro, Bakker, Woodgate, May. Our first driver of the year was recorded back in 1977 and it was Ray Edgar driving a 100cc Box stock.

Today we have affiliations with both Motorsport Australia and the A.A.S.A. Giving us options to race a wider variety of circuits and have greater autonomy in the rules we race under. We have also built very good relationships with P.I.A.R.C. Motorcycle Victoria, The Bend, Drive Events, Winton Motor Raceway, and our fellow Interstate Clubs amongst others.

Monthly club meetings started in Lindsay Roberts garage in Nth Melbourne, The hotel next to Lindsay's garage, Nth Melb library, Nth Melb football club, Pressure Point Nth Melb, Heidelberg RSL, The Avenue Hospital (Pahran), Pascoe Vale RSL, LMR Karting Tullamarine, Circuit Café Brunswick, Sir Robert Peel hotel Nth Melbourne, Bells Hotel Sth Melb, Emerald Hotel Sth Melb. When COVID hit and we went all high tech with on line Zoom meetings. This has been indispersed with the occasional face to face at TC Logistics in Black burn, mainly for our AGM. There are calls to find a regular place to meet but as of yet we haven't found a suitable one.

In February of 1984 the club changed its name to the Victorian Superkart Division, then in July of 1986 registered itself as the Victorian Superkart Club Inc. We affiliated with CAMS in that same year being previously being administrated by the VKA. (*Victorian Karting Association*)

Our Newsletter has been known as, VKARRD Newsletter, Victorian Superkart News, Superkart Torque, Kart Torque, and now Super karts it has had a variety of editors and a hand full of contributors. In the early days it was typed by hand and then copied and was a whopping four pages, sometimes only one or two with maybe a bad photo or two. Now it's a full colour electronic and print version that is also posted on our website and facebook page.

Throughout this year as space dictates we will post some images from those early years.

From those very early beginnings our Club has grown and held it's own both financially and in membership numbers to be as strong as it is today, being able underwriting it's own standalone meeting at several circuits.

2026 is truly a year of reflection and celebration for all of us.



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EVENT COSTS:

The committee thought it might be timely to share some information with you about the costs associated with running our race events.

In part we are doing this as we have had a few ask why we are not at Phillip Island more.

The loss of PI rounds are mainly due to PIARC not having as any sprint events, due to cost and a lack of sprint entries. Also, the fact that PI cannot be booked for only one day.

Each year, like this one. we see costs increase which puts pressure on people entering.

The easiest explanation is that circuits are just trying to increase their profit margins, but what we fail to consider is the amount of land tax that is now payable. This amount is usually five to ten grand PER DAY.

Here are some examples of how much it costs the Victorian Club to put on a race.

Broadford and Calder costs us \$8,500 to \$12,000 per day to hire.

Winton is in the region of \$15,000

Phillip Island is more than \$22,000

Permit costs (insurance) is around the \$1200 mark

Medical is around \$1400 at places like Broadford and Calder, whilst higher at say Phillip Island because of the MA requirement of Ambulance Vic and a doctor.

Officials around \$950

The two day event at Phillip Island is going to cost in the order of \$70,000 just for the share of track time and garages with other categories. Pretty mind boggling figures.

Based on our cheapest options we still need around 30 entries just to break even, so this is why the Club has been partnering with other groups like Drive Events so we can still bring you seven rounds per year at the cheapest possible entry price.

Out of interest, back in 1987 we were paying \$303 to race at Corio and the cost to enter was \$20. A CAMS Licence and Club membership was a whopping \$91.

Relay event:

The Club's committee has made the decision to once again run a two hour relay event.

The event is currently scheduled as round three at Calder Park in May.

NGB teams may be a combination of classes but will need to meet a combined minimum weight, which could mean some can take some weight off while others will need to add some.

Each kart returning to the pits to hand over to their team mate will be required to weigh before heading to a designated area to refuel before returning to their pit bay to do any work or rehydrate the driver.

Only one set of tyres will be allowed per kart.

The full set of requirements and rules will be sent out to members in due course once finalised.

Needless to say we are calling for people to help run/marshal the event if your not going to enter.

This event has been very popular in the past and we are hopeful of getting good support for this one.



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Reflections

1976

Sports Highlights:

Our Club was formed

Romanian gymnast Nadia Comanici earned the first "perfect 10's" in the Olympics, seven all together.

Bruce (now Caitlin) Jenner won the Olympic decathlon

Van der Hum wins the Melbourne Cup

South Australia wins the Sheffield Shield

Ballyhoo takes line honours in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race

Hawthorn were premiers of the Victorian Football League

Bob Morris wins Bathurst

Australia defeats the West Indies 5-1 in the cricket test series

Geoff Hunt wins the men's squash World Open

Nerd News:

Apple Computer was formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

The first computer, reports say, sold for \$666.66.

The ink-jet printer is invented.

VHS released, wins the war with Betamax tapes.

Random Breath Testing introduced in Victoria

Cigarette advertising is banned.

The average full time earnings was \$7,600 per year.

April 26, 1976 that the first boat, a 17-metre fishing vessel carrying five Vietnamese, landed in Darwin Harbour.

Best Film Oscar Winner:

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (presented in 1976)

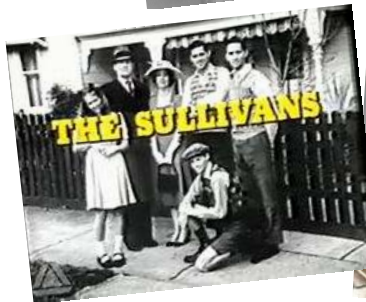
Television

Nine Network soap operas *The Young Doctors* and *The Sullivans*.

Politics

Malcolm Fraser as Prime Minister

Rupert Hamer State Premier



Top selling Australian singles for 1976

*Denotes Australian artist

1. Fernando – ABBA
2. Bohemian Rhapsody – Queen
3. Dancing Queen – ABBA
4. Howzat – Sherbet*
5. Don't Go Breaking My Heart – Elton John & Kiki Dee
6. Jump In My Car – Ted Mulry Gang*
7. Money, Money, Money – ABBA
8. Single Bed – Fox
9. Let's Stick Together – Bryan Ferry
10. Convoy – C.W. McCall
11. Tonight's The Night – Rod Stewart
12. We Do It – R & J Stone
13. Mississippi – Pussycat
14. Rock Me – ABBA
15. Slipping Away – Max Merritt & The Meteors*
16. S.O.S. – ABBA
17. Darktown Strutters Ball – Ted Mulry Gang*
18. I Hate The Music – John Paul Young*
19. Love Really Hurts Without You – Billy Ocean
20. Jeans On – David Dundas
21. If You Leave Me Now – Chicago
22. December 1963 – The Four Seasons
23. I Just Don't Know What To Do With Myself – Marcia Hines*





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FEBRUARY		
1	Round ONE Club Championship	Broadford
11	Club meeting	On line
28	ASE Championship day 1	Phillip Island
MARCH		
1	ASE Championship day 2	Phillip Island
11	Club meeting	On line
28	Round TWO Club Championship	Broadford
APRIL		
8	Club meeting	On line
MAY		
3	Round THREE Club Championship	Calder
13	Club Meeting	On line
JUNE		
7	ADL G.P. & Triple Challenge round ONE	The Bend
10	Club Meeting	On line
JULY		
5	Round FOUR Club Championship	Broadford
8	Club Meeting	On line
26	Steve Aaron & Triple Challenge round TWO	ONE Raceway
AUGUST		
12	Club Meeting	On line
16	QLD Cup & Triple Challenge round THREE	Queensland Raceway
22 & 23	Round FIVE Club Championship	Sandown
SEPTEMBER		
10	Club A.G.M.	T.B.A.
OCTOBER		
3 & 4	Round SIX, Gold Nugget, & Triple Challenge round FOUR	Winton
8	Club Meeting	On line
NOVEMBER		
11	Club Meeting (Last for the year)	On line
15	Round SEVEN Club Championship	Phillip Island
22 ?	50th Anniversary dinner	TBA

Dates & Events may be subject to change.

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