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### 2010 RACING CALENDAR

CP	FEBRUARY 27	RINGWOOD HILLCLIMB
SC/CP	MARCH 13-14	EASTERN CREEK
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**CP-Club Pointscore, SC – State Championship, NS – National Series, NT - National Titles**

### POINTSORE SYSTEM

Pointscores are as follows

**State Championship 1600** – 30, 27, 25, 23, 22, 21, 20, etc down to 1, with 1 for all finishers.

**State Championship 1200** – 30, 27, 25, 23, 22, 21, 20, etc down to 1, with 1 for all finishers.

**Club Pointscore 1600 and 1200** – As above, for ALL races throughout 2009.

**Division Two** – As above for Division Two drivers only for ALL races throughout 2009.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Dylan Thomas



Well, what do you say in a second newsletter in just over a month?

The main item that has taken place in the last month was the Ringwood hill climb. My feelings on this were both up and down on this event. The down side first was that we had hoped for a few more members to take part. We had 16 starters but had hoped for around 22-25. On the positive side the club was still able to make a small profit, thanks in part to CXC donating the trophies.

The small profit is important because the club has lost some of its way of getting a few dollars in this year, now that we don't get our discount from NSWRRRC and also the BBQ's we do may be limited. So we need to make sure there is enough dollars at the end of the year to put on the presentation dinner, pay for trophies etc. We would also like to give back a little in other ways such as the F/VEE badge that can be sewed on to your race suit.

We are a non-profit Association, so all the money goes back to the members, so it is the member's responsibility to buy the hot dogs or enter these club events. The alternative is higher members fees which we all would like to stay away from.

The other positive with the hill climb is that all the feedback so far is that it was well enjoyed by all those who took part. So this event will probably grow into something a little bigger next year with a few little changes.

The next event coming up is the state championship round 1 this weekend at Eastern Creek. Daniel Reynolds is back to defend his title, as is Bruce Pearce. We have the traditional year off from the Butcher man and Tim Hamilton is back to Qld this year. Aaron Russell is off to a bigger pond this year and we wish him luck. Michel Cluderay will be hoping to combine his pace of last year with some consistency to challenge at the top. Nick Herford and Kinsella will no doubt contest.

Tim, Jayson, Garry Hook and Dean will be hoping to launch off of the positive start they made at the club hill climb and move forward on their championship finishing position of last year.

Our great treasurer picked up most improved at the hill climb and would love to carry that on to the regular season. And let's not forget the Cannon tussle, and can anyone overcome the Legendary Bruce Pearce.

We also have some new names amongst us we may have to be weary of and make welcome. Corinne Black, Brendan Woods, Richard Narin, Ben Oldfield and Craig Conlon, some of whom you will have meet around the track. as well as the return of Sean Birk. We wish every one a great start to their year and will catch up over the weekend.



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## NEWSFLASH!



### 2010 FORMULA VEE AUSTRALIAN SERIES IS GO, GO, GO!

The 2010 Formula Vee Australian Series is go, go, go!

The interstate series for 2010 is confirmed. The format will be different from the Shannon's series of recent years in that it will be run in conjunction with state championship and/or club pointscore events in the various states.

Dates are as follows:

Mallala	South Australia	1-2 May
Sandown	Victoria	24-25 July
Eastern Creek	New South Wales	11-12 September

The series is being administered by a sub-committee set up under the auspices of the Formula Vee Association of Australia, with representatives from each state. The FV association in each state will be responsible for organising the event in their state. The NSW event will take place at a Shannon's round which will be a NSW club pointscore event.

It is important that Formula Vee has a series that showcases the category at the highest level. The desire amongst competitors for such a series has provided the impetus for the FVAA to create the **Formula Vee Australian Series**. The committee is keen to use the 2010 series to build momentum for the coming years and will be working very hard in 2010 to secure a series partner for 2011 so that the **Formula Vee Australian Series** can be taken to the next level.

In addition to being significant promotion for the category, this series will give our state level competitors somewhere to test themselves against the best drivers on the track, and provide a platform to build on interstate camaraderie among competitors.

The series will be run in two classes – Open Class for 1600 and 1200 cars, and 1200 Class for 1200 cars. The pointscore system in each class will be the NSW system – 30, 27, 25, 23, 22 points etc. Trophies will be awarded for each round and for the overall pointscore winners.

Mark the dates in your calendar! A great weekend of motorsport is promised at each round. Please contact Leigh Porter, [raceentries@fvansw.asn.au](mailto:raceentries@fvansw.asn.au) for further information.





## OUTSIDE LINE – FORMULA VEE GOSSIP FROM NSW AND INTERSTATE

- One of the FVANSW's most loved members, and one of the most entertaining drivers, Anthony Cavanagh, is taking a sabbatical from Formula Vee racing. Hopefully, we'll see Anthony at all the racing circuits wielding (not throwing) spanners around the Team Cavanagh pits.
- Another of the Team Cavanagh mafia, John McDonald, may not have repaired his Mako that was unfortunately badly damaged at last year's final Oran Park race, but we may see him, at least occasionally, this year driving a certain borrowed yellow and black Formula Vee.
- Don't forget that all drivers must be familiar with all the State Championship Regulations for 2010, including placing yellow strips, for 1600's, and pink, for 1200's, on your H-beams and roll bars. Hard copies of the Regulations, and yellow and pink strips, will be distributed at Eastern Creek on the Saturday.
- Bernie Cannon's Kingfisher was also a victim of the Oran Park crash last year, and despite best efforts, hasn't been repaired in time for Eastern Creek. So what would Bernie do, faced with no Formula Vee? Buy another one of course! So Bernie purchased an old Nimbus Formula Vee, which he debuted at the recent Ringwood Club Pointscore meeting.
- Bernie's much better half, Sue, suffered a mishap at Ringwood when her Vee's sump extension was ripped off after a collision with a steel grate while being driven through the paddock. In usual Cannon-spirit, engines will be swapped from one of the many Cannon Formula Vees in time to defend her third place in the State Championship 1200 class.
- Sean Birk finally tied the knot late last year with his long time partner, Mel Williams. Mel is already getting used to the role as a racing drivers wife after Sean has spent every weekend for the last month getting his Evolution Formula Vee ready for Eastern Creek!
- Current CAMS NSW Competitor of the Year, as well as reigning Formula Vee National Titles winner and reigning NSW Formula Vee State Champion (phew!), Daniel Reynolds, thought he would get some serious practice in for 2010 by racing at Winton in the first round of the Victorian MRC. Daniel finished with two fourths, one second place, and one first place, showing them Mexicans, and maybe us NSW-men/women how its done!
- Former FVANSW Secretary, Glenn Moulds, moved down to South Australia early last year, leaving his trusty Rennmax back in Sydney (racing it at the last Oran Park meeting last November). But Glenn couldn't help himself, and he has now purchased one of the two unique Ratchet Formula Vees built by young South Australian Jason Ratsch a few years ago. Glenn raced it at the first SA round in late February, soon getting the Ratchet up to speed.
- The world's most passionate Formula Vee Life Member, Chivo, raced his Dial-Before-You-Dig Saloon Car at Bathurst in early February, and drove his young team's Falcon quickly to 26<sup>th</sup> place in the rain-shortened final day. Chivo's speed was so quick though in some of the final race's wet laps that the top teams visited Chivo after the race to ask about his car set up!



## **PREVIEW - ROUND 1 2010 CAMS NSW FORMULA VEE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - EASTERN CREEK 13/14 MARCH**



### **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN (AND FORMULA VEE DRIVERS) - START YOUR ENGINES!**

The Formula Vee racing year will start 2010 with a bigger grid than in 2009, with 27 Formula Vees ready to line up at Eastern Creek on the weekend of 13/14 March. While some much loved regular drivers will be missing the first race, their places will be taken with new and old talent.

Of the newcomers, Corinne Black will be making her circuit racing debut at Eastern Creek. Corinne is a well-respected karting kid from the NSW North Coast, and after watching Formula Vee race at Bathurst last year, purchased a Kestrel Vee. Richard Nairn is another rookie for 2010. Rich finally realizes his dream after a few years of almost-racing after commissioning David Cutts to build a new Jacer, which has been months in the making, and looks resplendent in its pearl white paint.

Please welcome and assist Corinne and Rich throughout Eastern Creek – well everywhere except maybe on the actual circuit!

Ben Oldfield makes his long-awaited return to Formula Vee, this time driving his own ex-Ryan Stott Jacer, while 2008 1200 Runner-Up Sean Birk also makes his return to Formula Vee driving the Ray Filetti-owned American-built Evolution RF1. Craig Conlon is another Vee driver from “The Past” who hasn’t yet got it out if his system after re-purchasing the ex-Ben Forgan Jacer that Craig initially commissioned but never raced.

Brendan Woods is another rookie from 2009 who debuted at the last Wakefield Park round in his ex-Darren Pritchett Jacer and is now ready to attack the established top drivers.

Nick Herford returned to racing with us at the final Oran Park, but its great to see him back again for the first race of this year – hopefully Nick will score lots of points and continue through the year in his silver Jacer.

Team Stinger will be led by Dylan Thomas and Nathan Brumby, with both in top form at the Ringwood Hillclimb, while “Team Cavanagh” will strongly be represented by Dean Cavanagh, Mark Williams, Jayson Williamson, and Darren Williams, all of whom should be fighting for top ten places.

Mick Kinsella has thrown down the gauntlet to all his competitors this year after building a new Jacer and loading with all the trick gear, and we all know that an angry Kinsella is a fast Kinsella!



The intense Michael Cluderay also returns with Sansom power to continue his rise up the results sheets, while rumours abound that Tim Brook may be driving something else painted orange for 2010! ACT's respected Morgan Freemantle returns for another year of clean and fast racing, obviously hoping to return to his 2008 race-leading form, while one of Sydney's most respected Vee drivers, Clem Fama, also returns to Vee racing with similar top ten hopes.

Leigh McGarvie and Leigh Porter also return to aim for consistent top-ten and trophy-winning finishes throughout the year, while Simon Pace, Garry Hook, and Kevin Humphrey (rumoured to debut his heavily re-engineered Kevant) return to improve on their strong 2009 performances.

In the 1200 class, Sue Cannon and Bernie Cannon will be challenging each other for household honour, as well as against Bruce Pearce for the first 1200 place trophy, with Bernie in a newly purchased stop-gap Vee until his Kingfisher is repaired after his frightening Oran Park collision.

Finally, reigning 1600 and 1200 champions, Daniel Reynolds and Bruce Pearce, return to defend their hard-fought 2009 titles in their trusty "old" Sabre and Lepton Formula Vees.

A number of great drivers from recent years have gone on to greener pastures, such as Anthony Cavanagh (at least temporarily), Aarren Russell (V8 Supercars???), Tim Hamilton (Queensland racing), Daniel Pauperis (Historics), John McDonald (do I or don't I repair my Mako?), Kent Shepherd (National Series racing only), Micahel Stipo (off to the USA), Simon Duffy (studies), Ian Chivas (Saloon Cars), Kieran McLaughlin (Historic Formula Ford), and Stephen Butcher (sabbatical). We wish them all the best for their future.

Formula Vee at Eastern Creek continues to demonstrate that Formula Vee is the best presented and most competitive racing class, with the most-skilled and most sportsmanlike group of racing drivers.

So, will Bruce and Daniel blow their competitors away? Will Mick Kinsella leave all others in his Super-Jacer's dust. Will Nick Herford, or Tim Brook, or Sue Cannon, or Jayson Williamson, steal the establishment's spot light?

Find out on Sunday night.

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## ELIGIBILITY MATTERS

BY KEVIN HUMPHREY

As most of you should already know the anticipated CAMS bulletin has now been released and is in effect (CAMS Bulletin B10/01 – Ed).

The bulletin mainly deals with reconditioning procedures that have been used for years without realising that these procedures were not legal. There are however a number of other alterations to the rules which should be noted. Among these are:

1. No adjustments to front or rear suspension from the cockpit. This does not include brake bias adjustment which is allowed to be made from the cockpit.
2. The only tyre to be used on Formula Vees is the Dunlop CR82 (434). (Dunlop stickers are required on all competing cars and you must wear your Dunlop cap when on the podium)
3. Aftermarket aluminium gearbox cases and housings are now permitted.

The above is not the full extent of the bulletin – please read and digest.

Last magazine I touched on weights of cars. This time I think it pertinent to talk about ride height. The rules state that the ride height must be 40mm minimum. This could be checked at any time during a race meeting. The 40mm clearance is measured under everything, including rivet heads!

At Ringwood an incident occurred which resulted in the sump extension being pulled off from the sump of one car. If you run your car at the lowest limit, ie 40mm ground clearance, check that your sump extension is not the lowest point.

The track may be nice and flat but if you have to use a bit of the grass at times you may find that when coming back onto the track, 40mm clearance under the sump extension is not enough, particularly over kerbs or if your rear wheel has dropped into a rut. The resulting mess does not do you engine any good at all and you will not be thanked by other competitors for the oil on the track.



## NEW TYRE CONTRACT

Goodyear, under its Dunlop brand name, has signed a 5 year contract to supply tyres to the FVAA members. As part of the conditions of having Dunlop as the sole supplier of FV tyres for the next 5 years, FVAA members are also obligated to support Dunlop. The highlights of the contract have been provided below:

### Benefits

The right to supply caps, which must include Goodyear's Brand, to be worn by FVAA Drivers **on the winners' podium at the conclusion of each Event and in the official photograph (if applicable)**;

- 1) the right to strategically place 2 Dunlop Decals (size of 40 x 8cm) on each FVAA Driver's race car.
- 2) The inclusion of Goodyear's Brand of Dunlop on the FVAA State and National websites. During the Term, Goodyear will include a profile on the FVAA and regular news updates in its monthly newsletter, "Traction".

The FVAA will be responsible for drafting and providing the news update to Goodyear. Goodyear will distribute the newsletter throughout its Australian outlets which may include Dunlop, Goodyear and Beaurepaires tyre stores; and distribute a copy of the newsletter to each State branch of the FVAA.

### Price

In consideration for the rights and benefits granted to Goodyear, Goodyear will supply Tyres to FVAA Drivers through the Dunlop Distributors at the following prices. These prices shall include fitting and balancing and freight to all States.

price for a single front tyre - \$295.00 inclusive of GST; and

(ii) price for a single rear tyre - \$300.00 inclusive of GST.

The price will be fixed for the period of 12 months. Goodyear will not impose any price increase/decrease without a commercially valid reason and substantiation and without prior written approval from the FVAA. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. This price increase/decrease could arise from (but not limited to) additional costs which have been passed onto Goodyear by other parties or which arise from circumstances beyond Goodyear's control (eg AUD depreciation, factory price increases or governmental charges) that will increase/decrease the landed cost by more than 7.5%.

From the date of signing this agreement, Goodyear will allow a \$22.00 rebate (inclusive of GST) on Tyres imported into Australia. This rebate is included in the retail price of the tyres. The accumulated rebate will be paid to the FVAA in half yearly instalments.

Each FVAA Tyre imported in 2010 will be factory bar coded with a barcode sequence.

For Control Tyre Distributors click the relevant link in the [Rules & Technical](#) of the FVAA Web site.

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## PICTURES FROM ORAN PARK



Clockwise From Top Left – Simon Duffy; Chivo; Nick Herford; Stephen Butcher; Jason Cutts; Daniel Pauperis



## RINGWOOD HILLCLIMB – WHAT A BLAST!

The first-ever FVANSW Club Pointscore round at a Hillclimb took place on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, and what a blast it was! All of the 16 FVANSW and Historic Formula Vee Association members who attended not only had a great time, but also drove like World Champions with incredibly close tyre-squealing times by the end of the day

Our illustrious President, Dylan Thomas, showed he will be a force to be reckoned with on race tracks across Australia throughout 2010 by taking his Stinger to a dominant half second win over the exciting Jayson Williamson. Jayson was forced to pull a proverbial rabbit out of his helmet on his last run to steal second position from his co-driver, Tim Brook, who led Jayson almost all day in Jayson's Jacer. Their duel throughout the last runs kept all the Formula Vee drivers at Ringwood glued in front of the plasma timing screens!

Dean Cavanagh kept his cool and his Jacer in one piece all day after posting his fast time early to lock in fourth fastest time, while fifth placed Garry Hook only responded with anything resembling a good run late in the day after being ribbed about his inconsistent driving – you can't hide from the split times and theoretical best time calculator!

The determined Nathan Brumby may have lost fourth place by only 0.02 of a second, but his time was only fractions ahead of "Pheonix" Sean Birk in Gary Hook's car. Did Sean back off so as to not embarrass Hook? We'll never know!

Leigh Porter also kept it straight on the risky Ringwood track and only 0.02 behind Birk, but only 0.06 ahead of Dylan Senior (Dave) Thomas in Dylan Junior's Stinger. Apart from the incomparable Dylan Thomas's time, the entire 1600 pack was only 0.62 apart!

The enthusiastic 1200 crew brought along a healthy six drivers and four cars, with some hoping that their 1200's low gearing may challenge the 1600's. However, wisdom prevailed, and so Sue Cannon became the first lady in any years to win a Formula Vee class event with a cracking 34.32 in one of her first runs, and with a 0.03 margin ahead of Kevin Humphrey, who was only 0.02 ahead of his team mate Col Simpson.

The committed Steve Wood was only 0.21 further behind, despite Steve only having a couple of learning runs on the day. What could have been? Greg Stott drove his immaculate Mako to fourth fastest 1200 time only 0.26 behind Steve, with a slim margin back to Bernie Cannon, who drove his recently acquired Nimbus Vee for the first time in competition.

Daniel Pauperis returned to Formula Vee competition, and posted some creditably improving times in Sue Cannon's Elfin before an incident cut Daniel's, and Sue's, day short. It was also great to see so many Formula Vee people and supporters at Ringwood, including David Swan, Bruce and Laura Colbey, and great thanks goes to Noel Gibson who drove down from Port Macquarie to scrutineer for the day, and to all the MG Car Club staff.

Hillclimbs really stretch a drivers talent and car set-up, and is pure race car driving – man (and WHOA-man!) against the track, and without any of that racing nonsense. If you weren't there, you REALLY missed out! Don't miss out next year!

Pointscores after Round 1 of the FVANSW Club Pointscore will be updated on the FVANSW web site soon.





### Ringwood Run Times )Best of 18 Runs)

Driver	Class	Time
Dylan Thomas	1600	31.73
Jayson Williamson	1600	32.27
Tim Brooke	1600	32.35
Dean Cavanagh	1600	32.54
Garry Hook	1600	32.73
Nathan Brumby	1600	32.75
Sean Birk	1600	32.81
Leigh Porter	1600	32.83
David Thomas	1600	32.89
Sue Cannon	1200	34.32
Kevin Humphrey	1200	34.35
Colin Simpson	1200	34.37
Steve Wood	1200	34.58
Greg Stott	1200	34.84
Bernie Cannon	1200	35.19
Daniel Pauperis	1200	35.38

### PICTURES FROM RINGWOOD







Clockwise from Top Left (Starting from previous page) – The Driver’s Briefing; Bernie Cannon in his “new” Nimbus; Leigh Porter tyre-squealing down the hill; Greg Stott in his perfect Mako Mk1; “Historic” Kevin Humphrey; Mr Revell, Steve Wood; Nathan Brumby sliding around the tree; Dave Thomas showing son Dylan how it’s done; Sean Birk showing Garry hook how it’s done; Dean Cavanagh showing himself how it’s done.