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### Welcome to the first newsletter for the Honda Sports Car Club of Australia Inc.

We are delighted to announce the establishment of the Honda Sports Car Club of Australia (HSCCA), as voted at the last AGM of the Honda Sports Car Club NSW on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2013 and subsequently approved by Department of Fair Trading.

This is the end of an era when our existing NSW club, effectively becoming a national club with members now in Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and NSW.

The club has already had its first interstate run outside of NSW in South Australia and Victoria is also planning a run in the New Year.

We now have a club to attract members from throughout Australia and enable us to plan other events similar to NSX 2013 in Tasmania, which as we know, was an outstanding success.

In John Risk's last newsletter he gave the back ground of the HSCC NSW newsletter. Through Colin Lopes and in particular John's effort, the magazine morphed into an excellent read and one the club was very proud of.

We have taken the establishment of a new club name to give us the opportunity to follow the same format but have a different look and feel to the newsletter. This is a work in progress of course and we welcome any feedback (nothing rude of course)! We are also reviewing the web site to see what enhancements could be applied.

### HSCC NSW AGM 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013

The AGM was for the second time in a row held at Scotts Honda Artarmon. Chris Tyler, Scotts Honda Marketing Manager, cleared out half of the showroom and we were able to get our cars in for a great display for the public.

As per did last year, we used their board room upstairs for the meeting and we wish to thank Scotts Honda again for their generosity.

Also after discussions with Honda head office, they sent David Mackenzie from their headquarters in Melbourne to address the AGM. David kindly gave up his Sunday to fly to Sydney to address our AGM and flew back to Melbourne later that day.

David spends his time travelling around Australia training Honda sales staff on features and benefits of new Honda cars (some of our members did offer to take over his job) and had a



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number of videos and also information on different Honda models. We are not sure why some of this information is not publicised on TV as David's presentations showed just how innovative Honda is and spoke of many features our members were not aware of.

David is also a long time peddler of an Integra R and was able to give an excellent summary of some of his activities on the racing track. His videos on the pending NSX was also well received.



Thanks to Honda for sending David to our AGM, finishing off an excellent year of support from Honda especially with NSW 2013 in Tasmania.

This year's AGM was to prove to be the final one for the HSCC NSW with our club looking at expanding from a NSW based club to Australia wide. This concept was very well supported by our old and new members in Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

In order to establish the new club and also a new constitution for the HSCC NSW as required by the Government, the easiest and most economical way was to wind up the existing club and establish a new one. Adopting a CAMs based constitution, the motion was put to the AGM and it was passed unanimously.

The motion was subject to Fair Trading accepting the wind up order and transferring the assets to the new club.

During the meeting the minutes of the previous AGM were received and confirmed and reports from myself, Iain Riley our Treasurer and club captain were presented.

I am pleased to announce the HSCC NSW member of the year was given to Paul Philips for his idea and input to the NSX 2013, a very well deserved award. We also need to give thanks to all of the NSX 2013 committee and in particular for the enormous input from Iain Riley.

Thanks also to Frances and her helpers for the excellent lunch.



No elections were held for HSCC NSW club positions pending the Fair trading decision. The new club temporary positions were filled by Malcolm Michael (NSW), Ian Quick (VIC) Iain Riley (NSW) Scott Baxendale (SA) and Paul Philips (NSW).

We are required to have a new AGM for the new club and this will be held in the New Year.

Malcolm Michael

### Sunday Drive 29<sup>th</sup> of September

I am finding it ever more challenging when it comes to drive planning. Google maps are a helpful resource of course but I found myself getting very frustrated this time around. Trying to find a different road, a new way around, somewhere for morning tea and a lunching destination not too far from home, at one point I gave up in frustration. Next day the light bulb moment occurred, why not run the last drive I planned, backwards, and so we did.

The meeting point was the same, McDonalds Kellyville Ridge, 6 cars in all and eight persons of interest. Kaye, Kumiko, Iain & Honda, Malcolm & Frances and myself with the missus. The weather was gorgeous, t'was the first time this season we've put on sun screen. It's quite a cruisey drive, the fastest legal limit we passed through was 80km/h but we did get to follow the Hawkesbury river for 21km's and although this is all 60km/h it proved more of a challenge than a limitation.

We arrived for morning tea at Wisemans Ferry around 10.30 and after refreshments including icy poles for some, we left just after 11am with the next stop being for the lower Portland Ferry. Where I grew up in Melbourne we were 50km's from the CDB and even further from any waterways which I suppose I why I find the many ferry crossings around Sydney so quaint.

Once on the other side the fastest sections for the day beckoned taking us to Kurrajong and the Sassafras Cafe for lunch. The service was a little slow but the food was great, the conversation

lively and interesting and of course the views spectacular, particularly in such a clear day.

There was a 3 piece Latin/American band but we really couldn't hear much as we were inside and toward the rear of the cafe.

All in all, a very pleasant day out and a relatively easy drive home.

Cheers, RiskY



### Sunday Drive 27<sup>th</sup> of October

Iain's planned long weekend away to Gloucester to explore the Thunderbolt road got turned on its head when we discovered there was simply no accommodation available due to some other major events in the area including a huge meet for motor bikes.

Complicating it bit more were the bush fires raging in the Blue Mountain and Hunter. Due to the air pollution Iain was unable to lead the run while looking after Rhonda so at short notice we decided to keep to the north coast and head for Terrigal.

With the long weekend cancelled we were in fact able to involve other members and along with

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Frances and myself, we had the pleasure of John, Kumiko, Herb and Lucy, Phil, David and his friend Steve.

Starting at good old Maccars in Kellyville we headed towards Winsor before swinging North towards Wisemans Ferry. Always a good run along the Hawkesbury River and it has been a while since we went this way. We headed towards Spenser for drinks. Lots and lots of interesting bikes and their riders were there enjoying the 'Dunkirk Bar' beside the river. After a relaxed break we then headed toward Mangrove Mountain finding some new roads from there including a great decent road going down toward Gosford. Busy road through Gosford as we cruised toward Terrigal. Lots of activity in the Terrigal village giving us time to look at the shops and people whether you wanted to or not! When we got to Terrigal Haven just around the corner we were spread around for parking.

It has been a number of years since we were last there as a club and we booked into the Reef Restaurant looking over the Terrigal Haven beach. Excellent décor and we had with a table right by the window we had a great view of the beach. There was a lot of activity in the water plus the foreshore. Lots of scuba divers in the Terrigal Dive Centre boat. I remember diving more than 20 years ago on a number of occasions!

The food was excellent along with the choice of wines. A tad on the pricey side but well worth a visit if you want a great lunch with a great view.

Always good to sit down and catch up with everyone especially in such nice surroundings.

After a long lunch some stayed on to walk on the beach while others explore Terrigal itself before heading home.

Thanks for everyone who came on the run.

Cheers, Malcolm



### South Australian Drive Day, 24<sup>th</sup> of November

For the last 5 years Les, one of the NSX fraternity in SA has organised All NSX Day in early November. Always a great day with a healthy turn up of NSXes. We meet early on a Sun morning, most appropriately on Senna Chicane part of the old F1 and current V8 track.

This year we had 11 NSXes at the start with a token Ferrari, which is fine as the Tony the owner had only just sold his NSX the Wednesday before and he has owned a couple of them including the first delivered in SA. We were also all very pleased to see Ian and Ciska in their immaculate green machine who had made the drive from Melbourne just for the run, they were part of the Tassy trip in Feb so they caught up with all the SA members of the HSCCA. They were also spotted the afternoon before by Geoff and Heidi in the yellow type R and ended up having a meal with them (only in Adelaide!!).



Other HSCCA members attending were Chris and Scott, unfortunately Alex and Jim were unable to attend as they were both unwell. We did however take the convoy past Jim's place in the hills and he saw and heard us all on VTEC as we went on past up the hill.



The photo shoot was completed with the obligatory grid shot and we headed for breakfast. It was just nearby in a newly reopened restaurant and we all topped up on caffeine and food.

This year we headed South and only lost one car which is quite good going, they managed to take a short cut and arrived before us. As part of the event, Les always comes up with something different and this run was no exception! It is

run as a bit of a "mystery tour" so only Les and his wife Brenda know the venue.

Lunch was at Pennys Hill Winery and they had all the cars parked on the lawn outside the open air private dining area overlooking the Mc Vale vines, very nice. Anyway the big surprise was the helicopter parked nearby on standby for NSX drivers and navigators! !

Les had planned this surprise well ahead and most people availed themselves of the opportunity to have a flight over the Southern Vales wine area and out over the coast and beaches. It was a perfectly clear day and the sea was NSX Monaco Blue!



In between helicopter flights and checking out the cars we all enjoyed the pre-lunch drinks and nibbles. A leisurely, magnificent 5 course lunch followed which was beautifully prepared and presented.

Les had organised one more surprise with the Winery's owners giving a tour of a private car collection, in all a fitting way to end a perfect day.

A big thanks to Les and Brenda for once again making it a fantastic day and a real bonus seeing our Victorian friends Ciska and Ian. A great effort coming across for the run and looking forward to maybe a few more interstates next year?

Cheers, Scott

### **Risky's Jokes**

While John has stopped writing the newsletters, we were able to persuade him to continue to contribute the jokes. I really enjoy this section and if anyone else has some great jokes to share, send us a copy.

John, thanks again for your 77 issues of the newsletter and your excellent prose – a very hard act to follow.

#### **From JOHN CLEESE**

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent events in Syria and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross." The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's get the Bastards." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years. The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralysing the country's military capability. Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose." Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels. The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy. Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be right, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far no situation

has ever warranted use of the last final escalation level.

Regards, John Cleese, British writer, actor and tall person. And as a final thought - Greece is collapsing, the Iranians are getting aggressive, and Rome is in disarray. Welcome back to 430 BC. Life is too short...

**A** thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of fuel. When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings." I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh."

See if you have De Gaulle to send this on to someone else. I sent it to you because I figured I had nothing Toulouse.

**A** senator was seated next to a little girl on an aeroplane so he turned to her and said, "Do you want to talk? Flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with a fellow passenger." The little girl, who had just started to read her book, replied to the total stranger, "What would you want to talk about?" "Oh, I don't know, said the senator. "How about global warming, universal health care, or stimulus packages?" he said as he smiled smugly.. "OK", she said. "those could be interesting topics but let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow and a deer all eat the same stuff – grass. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, but a horse produces clumps. Why do you suppose that is?" The member of parliament, visibly surprised by the little girl's intelligence, thinks about it and says, "Hmmm, I have no idea." To which the little girl replies, "Do you really feel qualified to discuss global warming, universal health care, or the economy when you don't know shit?" And then she went back to reading her book.

**After** a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes. As the train rolled out of the station, the young woman sitting next to him pulled out her phone and started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart, it's Sue. I'm on the train. Yes, I know it's the six-thirty and not the four-thirty but I had a long meeting. No honey, not with that Kevin from accounting, it was with the boss. No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life. Yes I'm sure, cross my heart!" Fifteen minutes later, she is still talking loudly. When the man sitting next to her had finally had enough, he leaned over and said into the phone, "Sue, hang up and come back to bed." Sue doesn't use her phone in public any longer.

**A** guy was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer approached and asked if he could join him. The first said that he usually played alone but agreed to the twosome. They were even after the first few holes. The second guy said "We're about evenly matched; how about playing for five bucks a hole?" The first guy said he wasn't much for betting but agreed to the

terms. The second guy won the remaining sixteen holes with ease. As they were walking off number eighteen, the second guy was busy counting his \$80. He confessed that he was the pro at a neighbouring course and liked to pick suckers. The first fellow revealed that he was the Parish Priest. The pro was flustered and apologetic, offering to return the money. The Priest said "You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings." The pro said "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?" The Priest said "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation and if you want to bring your parents along, I'll marry them!"

That's it with the jokes folks!

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year everyone. For all of you taking a holiday, have fun and we all look forward to lots of new events in 2014!

Best regards and season's greetings,

Malcolm Michael

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### Drive & Committee Dates

Drives are normally held on the last Sunday of each month unless a double demerit points weekend is at that time. In that case we normally go the week earlier subject to confirmation. Committee meetings are held regularly and anyone is welcome to attend. Please refer to the event calendar published on the web site for details on all of our events.

### Web Sites – Interesting sites about our cars

#### Honda Sports Car Club of Australia Official Site

<http://www.hscna.com.au>

#### S2000 Products

<http://www.australia-goldcoast.com/index.html>

#### S2000 Online

<http://www.s2ki.com>

#### Honda Racing

<http://www.hondaracing.com>

#### Integra Type R Club of America

<http://www.itrca.com>

#### UK Integra Type R Club

<http://www.honda.org.uk>

#### Temple of VTEC

<http://www.vtec.net>

#### NSX Club of America

<http://www.nsxca.org>

#### NSX Site

<http://www.nsxprime.com>

#### NSX Cub of Japan

[http://www.nsxcj.com/e\\_index.htm](http://www.nsxcj.com/e_index.htm)

### Members Benefits

This section is currently under review in particular to update previous arrangements and also look into what we can offer in the other states. In the meantime we will list the confirmed benefits available in NSW.

Combined with regular newsletters and the benefits listed below HSCC club membership offers tangible savings well in excess of membership cost.

For Insurance please contact Shannon's direct on Ph 13 46 46. Your HSCCA club membership is the lynch pin for being accepted as an enthusiast. Whilst we cannot guarantee a better premium, it is definitely worth the time to get a quote.

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### Car Care & Repairs

Sam Movizio, owner of via Auto Salon de Elegance and Currans Accident Repair Centre was our sponsor for NSX 2013 and is a long time supplier of services from both car care and repairs. He comes very highly recommended by a number of our members who regularly use his companies.



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