

# SPEED TIMES

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## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DLRA

### DLRA Calendar

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

6th February 2023,  
6th March 2023.

#### GENERAL MEETINGS:

The next General Meeting will be on the 12th of March 2023 starting at 11:00am. It will be held at NSSRC club rooms, 24/196 Settlement Rd, Thomastown VIC.

#### 2023 SPEED WEEK:

Monday 20th March to  
Friday 24th March 2023.

### MERCHANDISE

## SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

Carol has a whole heap of fresh Speed Week 2022 merchandise; can I ask that you help support the club by placing an order for some.

### LAKE CONDITION AND INSPECTION

A final lake inspection will take place on 9th March 2023, as soon as I hear news from the team I will be posting it to the website, Facebook and the Forum.

A report over Christmas was that the salt was still a bit damp and you were picking up a bit of salt as you travelled over it. This is nothing new, and I can remember previous years when it was like this and it just got better as the week went on.

The long term forecasts are looking okay with little to no rain in February and modeling showing some rain in March with the finish of La Niña at the end of February. The average for January was 36° with a top of 43° and only 23mm of rain that all fell on one day. So far this month we have an average of 32.6° with a top of 40.5° The expected top temps for Speed Week range from 34° to 28°.

### GREG TELFORD

It is with great sadness that we mark the tragic passing of Greg Telford #1049. Greg collapsed and died on the 14th of January 2023, whilst walking back with Rob Carroll after getting their cars bogged 16 kilometres from the access ramp. Special mention needs to be made of the determined efforts of his mate Rob, who was with Greg when he passed and then had to walk off the lake and raise the alarm.

Greg was more than just a member, or competitor he was a valuable, hard working committee man and event coordinator and he will be sorely missed by many. Our heartfelt commiserations go to Pam his wife, his children and his grandchildren.



### FROM THE CHAIR

We are now just mere weeks away from our event and you can really feel the excitement building. There are many entrants spending countless hours out in their garages and workshops still preparing their vehicles.

I still can't believe the tragic events of the last month, but if there is one lesson for us all to learn is that we all need to be careful out there. Doesn't matter whether its travelling in on the dirt, or at the camp or out on the lake. Always be aware of your circumstances and surroundings and keep an eye on your mates and how they are travelling. I know we are all a very driven and focused bunch and quite often forget about the things we should be doing for the sake of the racing, but that only works up to a certain point.

Let's all get out there and have the best bloody time of our lives, share in the joy of the moment and respect the experiences of the past.

Good luck to all those that are entered, I hope you achieve your dreams. A heartfelt thankyou to all the officials and volunteers that go to make Speed Week the amazing and unique event it is, and I wish you all safe travels and we will see you on the salt!

### VOLUNTEERS

We cannot run an event without our volunteers! It is as simple as that, if you're an entrant and have already nominated for your mandatory one shift, why not have a think about doing a second shift. There are many shifts that are now shorter hours than the usual half days that we have had in the past. So it will be over and done with before you know it!

You don't have to be an entrant or even a member for that matter to be a volunteer, you just need to want to help the club have a successful event and everyone have a good time.

We are always looking for experienced ex-entrants to help fill some of those more technical roles, so even if you are not racing, there is plenty of opportunities to be involved.

## SPEED WEEK 2023

We continue to encourage entrants to get their entries in as soon as they can.

The final day for pre-entries is the 6th March 2023, and after that time late entries will attract a \$250.00 late entry fee, so **GET YOUR ENTRY IN NOW!**

Those people that are rolling over their entry from 2022 will need to complete a 2023 entry form and indicate that it is a roll over. Note, you will still have to pay your annual subscription. 2022 entrants should have received an email from Gemma Dunn about rolling over their volunteering by now along with getting a new code to put on their entry form, if you have not seen these emails please contact Gemma now at [volunteers@dlra.org.au](mailto:volunteers@dlra.org.au)

Also some of the data codes have changed, please check for the correct code in the 2023 rulebook when it comes out or on the website at [www.dlra.org.au/class-car.htm](http://www.dlra.org.au/class-car.htm) and [www.dlra.org.au/class-bike.htm](http://www.dlra.org.au/class-bike.htm).

Thanks to all those people who have now paid their annual subscription, this greatly helps the club and gives us increased confidence to commit our time and energy to making the DLRA the great club it is.

A useful reminder for anyone coming to Speed Week 2023 to bring their own leaf blower to get all the dust off their vehicle before entering the lake. This will make entering the lake quicker and easier for all.

## TROPHIES AND AWARDS

As usual, there will be a number of trophies up for grabs at Speedweek, These include; Rangers Choice, GRAC Monitors Choice, Tidiest Pit Area, Rookie of the Year, Fastest Lady of the Lake, Fastest Ute or Pickup, Best presented Car, Best Presented Motorcycle, Best Presented Crew, Race Directors pick, Presidents Choice, and Top Time of the Meet.

This year we have introduced a new "Perpetual Trophy", that carries a great honour with it.

It is "The Greg Telford Memorial Trophy". This is for the most valuable volunteer of the year. If you get to have your name on this, you will be forever a piece of DLRA history, and help maintain the memory of one of our own. There will also be a memento for each recipient to keep, but more about that soon.



## GOLDEN TICKET

The idea behind the concept is to generate some additional funding where an event is cancelled.

The final rules are that any previous entrant from a cancelled event with fees held by the club now has the option to forfeit their entry fee in return for a golden ticket which entitles them to enter a daily draw. The draw will take place on the Sunday afternoon prior to Speed Week and five names will be drawn out, one for each consecutive day of racing. The lucky winners will be entitled to be the first vehicle off the start line on that day. A Golden Ticket can be transferrable to another entrant, officials must be notified prior to the ticket being presented.



## CAR TECHNICAL INSPECTION

A new document has been added to our website explaining what is required from entrants regarding safety and inspections, you can find it here <https://www.dlra.org.au/vehicle-inspection.htm>

This is to help you better understand what is required in building and presenting your vehicle.

Speedweek 2023 Car tech inspection times will be as follows;

FRIDAY: 12:00-Noon – 4:00pm

SATURDAY: 8:00am – 4:00pm

SUNDAY: 8:00am – 3:00pm

MONDAY – FRIDAY: Inspections will only be done IF there are inspectors available. You may still get an inspection done, BUT you may have to wait a day or so. This is due to most inspectors running their own vehicles. Get your vehicle inspected early, if you are not in the line by 12:00 Sunday, you may have wait.

**ONLY OFFICIALS AND THE CREW OF VEHICLES BEING INSPECTED ARE PERMITTED IN THE INSPECTION AREA – NO SPECTATORS.**

Anyone that has nominated (or wish to nominate) to work in Tech Inspection, please contact me at [cambridgemotorsport@hotmail.com](mailto:cambridgemotorsport@hotmail.com).

Bob Ellis.

DLRA Technical Chairman.

## FUND RAISERS

The Wednesday Night Charity Auction will be back this year, bigger and better than ever. This is a great time to all get together and have a bit of fun. We would appreciate if you can bring along something special to sell at the auction of bid up big on the night.

Also a percentage of sales of the Serenity of Speed beer from the Prancing Pony Brewery will be going towards the club, so here is a great opportunity to get some cold beers and support the club.

## PRANCING PONY AT THE BAR

Prancing Pony Brewery will be working the bar again this year. They will bring several of their beers, lots of Serenity of Speed, pale ale, a lager, and some of our IPAs, and NEIPAs.

Prancing Pony will also have a of bit cider, some RTDs, and gin and tonic. They will have four packs and cartons for sale as well.




















## DLRA MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

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Phone:		Email:			
I would like to pay by:		(YOU CAN SEND ORDERS TO <a href="mailto:secretary@dlra.org.au">secretary@dlra.org.au</a> )			
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card		No:		Expiry: /	
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Signature:			Date:		
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See website [www.dlra.org.au](http://www.dlra.org.au) for complete merchandise order form

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 <p><b>DLRA Hat Pin \$10.00</b></p>	 <p><b>Speed Week Hat Pin \$10.00</b></p>	 <p><b>DLRA Bottle Opener Key rings \$5.00</b></p>	 <p><b>2021 Speed Week Tech Inspection Sticker \$5.00</b></p> <p>For the first time ever these are being offered for sale. We have a small amount of previous years available too. Get them while they last!</p>
 <p><b>DLRA License Plates \$25.00</b></p>	 <p><b>DLRA Members ONLY License Plates \$30.00 + postage Special Order Only</b></p>	 <p><b>DLRA Cloth Patch \$15.00</b></p>	
 <p><b>T-shirt, White \$35.00:</b> Mens - S to 5XL Ladies - 10 to 18 Kids - 10-12-14</p>	 <p><b>T-shirt, Black \$35.00:</b> Mens - S to 5XL Ladies - 10 to 18 Kids - 10-12-14</p>	 <p><b>Singlets, Black \$25.00:</b> Mens - S-XL Ladies - 12-16</p>	 <p><b>2020 T-shirt, Black or white \$30.00</b> Plenty still in stock</p>
 <p><b>Stubbie Holders - \$10.00</b></p>	 <p><b>2020 Stickers \$5.00</b></p>	 <p><b>Metal Signs \$45.00</b></p>	 <p><b>2020 Singlet, Black or white \$20.00</b> Plenty still in stock</p>

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