



# Happy New Year!

The Committee of the Club join with me in wishing you a successful 1996. This year promises to be one of the most exciting years in local motorsport history with the conduct of the Melbourne Grand Prix. The change in both the time and location of the Grand Prix seems to have opened up opportunities for other motor sport events later in the year. Targa New Zealand will conduct the second event later this year at that time. The 3 Peaks Rallye will miss the snow and ice of mid winter and take on the late spring ... it is to be held over the Melbourne Cup weekend. The Maserati Club of Australia has a busy year ahead. We will look forward to your support in 1996.

**Phillip Island Track Day**  
Sunday, February 4, 1996  
It's only a week away.

The Australian Ferrari Register has announced that the Supplementary Regulations are available for a track day it has organised at Phillip Island on Sunday, March 4, 1996.

<b>Australian Ferrari Register,</b> Phillip Island Annual Track Day, Sunday, February 4, 1996:	
<b>Supplementary Regulations</b>	Phone Geoff or Maureen Petherbridge on 059 741 308 AH or 03 9799 1935 BH
<b>Instructors</b>	Three instructors. A special driver instruction program at 8.30 am and instructors will be available from 9.00 am to 12 noon
<b>Scrutineering</b>	Scrutineering commences at 8.15 am, vehicles must be in the scrutineering bay by 9.15 am.  <i>Note: Yellow BCF type fire extinguishers are no longer acceptable. The newer Dry Powder Type which complies to AS 1841, 1846 or 1848 and that weighs at least 1kg nett wt are required.</i>
<b>Track Canteen</b>	Will be open for refreshments, snacks and lunch throughout the day
<b>Licences</b>	You will require your Club Membership card and a Basic CAMS Licence
<b>Full details, including costs may be found in the Supplementary Regulations. If you want to participate ring Geoff or Maureen TODAY!</b>	

**Where are the Golfers?**  
Register yourself for the Maserati Team  
Today!

Although it is some time away, the Marque Challenge Golf Cup is scheduled for March 31, 1996 at the Peninsula Country Golf Club at Frankston. The event is open to both women and men golfers who are current financial members of one of the following clubs: Alfa Romeo, Ferrari, Jaguar, Porsche or Maserati. A team of 12 golfers representing each Club will vie for the Challenge Cup. There will be other prizes for the best pair and the best individual performance.

At this time the Maserati Club of Australia has only FOUR players who have indicated they will tee it up for the Club. We desperately need another EIGHT golfers. You don't have to be Greg Norman or Ben Hogan to play. If you are going to be free on Sunday, March 31, 1996 and have played golf in the last year ... please volunteer! **To register your name for the team please complete the Entry Form enclosed and return it to me as soon as possible.**

The Marque Challenge Golf Cup will be combined with the Presidents' Cup ... a vote by the Presidents of each of the competing Clubs as to the "most desirable" car in attendance on the day. A BBQ luncheon will be served on the day, making it a great day for friends and family even if you do not play golf. More details in February.

**Shell Touring Cars at Sandown**  
Sunday, February 4, 1996

You will have noted that the Club Calendar (Issued November 28, 1995) listed the "Maserati Club at Sandown, VIP Viewing and Lunch" for Sunday February 4, 1995. As the level of inquiry for this event has been minimal and in view of the conflict with the Ferrari Annual Track Day at Phillip Island, it has been decided to CANCEL this event.



## Need a great seat for the Grand Prix? Call Glen now!

For this, the first Melbourne Formula 1 Grand Prix, the Maserati Club has NOT organised any special seating for its members or friends. Special arrangements are underway however to provide a venue where members may choose to meet each day for lunch or a few drinks after the activities of the day to swap notes. More information in February.

Perhaps one of the best deals going is the REDHEAD organised by Glen Coad. Many of you will have received a brochure from Glen late last year. For those who haven't received this and are still deciding where you want to be on the day of the race, then maybe Glen Coad's option will be of interest to you.

Glen Coad Racing can offer you an exciting trackside position situated on Corner 4 where the F1 cars are expected to pass at 140km/h. The air conditioned corporate suite will be located directly in front of the Redhead and will overlook the track providing an unobstructed view on this premier corner, where heavy braking on corner 3, after a fast straight following the chicane, will show motor racing action at its best. The Redhead will serve breakfast, extended lunch and afternoon tea and you may relax with friends around the six bars and club lounge viewing the action direct from the track on the direct TV monitors. This avant garde concept of combining an indoor/outdoor facility provides you with a comfort, style and variety usually not available trackside. Australian and International Grand Prix personalities, Australian race and rally drivers will be amongst those using the facility.

The cost for the four day pass, including admission to the Glen Coad Racing Suite and the Redhead (including all food and beverages) and access to the general trackside admission areas is \$1500. Tickets are transferable on a daily basis. For details ring Glen on 9867 6200 (Phone & Fax) or try him on 018 389 549.

## The Maserati Club Grand Prix Dinner, Saturday, March 9, 1996

A great day was had by all who attended the Xmas Lunch at Matteo's in Fitzroy last December. The food was superb and the wine was magnificent. More important was the opportunity for the 80 or so who attended to enjoy the lunch in a magnificent venue on a beautiful warm summer Melbourne day. I'm sure many new friendships were formed, with marque cars naturally the principal topic of conversation. A special grand prix dinner is to be organised at the same venue immediately prior to the Melbourne Grand Prix. That's right we're doing it again! The wine again is to be

donated by our principal sponsors and an excellent, though modestly priced (\$50 per head), menu is planned. Contact Barry Williams on 9745 2436 if you need further information. It promises to be a great night at the beginning of what will undoubtedly be one of the world's great motor sport weekends. **A booking slip is enclosed for your convenience. Bookings will be accepted only if paid in advance prior to the event.**

## Maserati Club Calder Track Day Sunday, March 24, 1996

The Maserati Club will be holding a track day on Sunday, March 24, 1996 at Calder. Based on our experience at Sandown last October, the Club will have revamped the program with a view to ensuring that both novice and experienced drivers can benefit from the day.

**# Novice or First Time Drivers:** A team of instructors will be available to help you find your way around the circuit. They will provide expert assistance on braking and turn-in points and travel with you and your car as either driver or passenger. You will have at least two hours solid track time, before the afternoon sessions.

**# Experienced Drivers:** The track will open early to give experienced drivers first use of the track. A solid two hour session will kick off the day at 8.00 am and a further one hour at 11.00 am before the commencement of the afternoon session.

Drivers will be timed throughout the day to ensure the proper grouping of slow and faster cars. Cars travelling too quickly or too slowly will be reallocated to a more appropriate grouping.

This will be an ideal opportunity for novice or newer drivers to learn about how their car handles at speeds they are comfortable with, without the problem of faster cars approaching rapidly from behind.

For the experienced drivers, grouping of cars by lap times will overcome the problems of being passed by the very quick cars and having to overtake slower ones. For the very quick cars, you will have the opportunity of proceeding unhindered by the slower cars.

This will also be a great opportunity to give your car a solid workout in the safety of a properly supervised environment. It is a perfect opportunity to develop your own personal skills and learn more about how your car handles. It will also be an ideal opportunity for those Targa Tasmania entrants to sort their cars out prior to putting them on the ferry for Tasmania.

**Applications for Entry and the Supplementary Regulations for the Event are enclosed together with a reply paid envelope for your convenience.**



## The Concours Italiana & The National Concours d'Elegance

These two events, both organised by Terry Lawrie of Autopromos are rapidly approaching. For those interested in entering a car or just simply attending either of these events, the details are as follows:

<b>Concours Italiana</b>	<i>To be conducted between March 7 and 10th in the heart of Lygon Street during the Australian Grand Prix festivities. The event will be conducted in Argyle Park, enclosed by a cyclone fence and under constant patrol by a security service during the event.</i>
<b>National Concours d'Elegance</b>	<i>To be conducted at Domain Chandon in the Yarra Valley on Monday, March 11, 1996. The featured marque this year will be Jaguar</i>
<b>For further details:</b>	Contact Terry Lawrie at Autopromos on 9553 2290

## Want to be an Official at the Rally of Melbourne?

*An opportunity to be involved in the staging of an international motor sport event.*

Whilst many Club members are keen to participate in the various rallies run each year as a driver or navigator, some would like to be part of the staging of the event. Here is an opportunity if you are interested in participating in a major rally without your car.

Each year during March, the Rally of Melbourne is conducted as a major round of the Australian Rally Championship. The event runs through the Yarra Valley Region to the east of Melbourne. Its headquarters and official Rally Hotel are located in the Melbourne City Centre. The Rally of Melbourne has been granted International Status by CAMS and the FIA.

The Rally of Melbourne will be an all-daylight event, commencing at midday Friday, March 15 and concluding on the afternoon of Sunday, March 17. The event consists of approximately 20 special stages and 240km of competitive stages. The entire event is conducted within a 100km radius of Melbourne. To stage the event more than 600 officials are required. Here are some positions that are available:

- # **Stage Control Office:** A to A timing experience an advantage
- # **Road Closure Official:** No experience necessary
- # **Spectator Marshall:** No experience necessary
- # **Parc Ferme/Regroup Official:** A to A timing experience an advantage

If you would like to participate in the staging of one of Australia's most important International Rallies, then contact Jenny Cole, Assistant Deputy to the Clerk of Course, 16 Russell Street, Mount Evelyn, 3796. Jenny can be contacted during the day on (03) 9887 2788 or on (03) 9736 2965 when she is not at work.

## Do you want to display your Maserati?

### Melbourne Unique Car Exhibition

The Club was invited in the latter part of 1995 to provide a display of Maserati's at the forthcoming "Melbourne Unique Car Exhibition" to be held at the new Exhibition Centre at the Caulfield Racecourse on February 8 to February 11, 1996. With the assistance of Srecko Lorbek of Lorbek European Cars, the official Maserati factory dealer in Victoria the opportunity exists for you to display your older Maserati along with the very newest models from the factory. **Please contact Srecko Lorbek at Lorbek European Cars on 9482 2588 IMMEDIATELY if you wish to enter or require further information.**

## Targa New Zealand 1996

October 29 to November 3, 1996

Some seven or eight Australians entered cars in the inaugural Targa New Zealand 1995 held in November last year. From all reports it was a highly successful event involving some 60 cars. Targa New Zealand 1996 is scheduled for October 29 through November 3, 1996. Scrutineering and Documentation is scheduled to commence on October 28th with further Scrutineering on the 29th together with a Competitor Briefing and Prologue stage. Each day of the event comprises some 7 to 8 closed Targa stages varying in length and degrees of difficulty from 5km's to 35km's. From all reports planning is well underway for a bigger and better event this year. Following an analysis of last years event and suggestions from competitors Targa NZ 1996 promises to be an even better event than the first. New categories have been created and are now as follows:

1. <b>Vintage:</b> 1900-1939	<b>Modern Classic</b>
2. <b>Historic:</b> 1940-1959	5. 2 WD 1980-1989
3. <b>Classic:</b> 1960-1969	6. 4 WD 1980-1989
4. <b>Late Classic:</b> 1970-1979	<b>Contemporary</b>
	7. 2 WD 1990-1996
	8. 4 WD 1990-1996
9. <b>Targa Tempo:</b> 1900-1996	



A video capturing the excitement of the event is now available from Targa Promotions in New Zealand for a cost of NZ\$39.95. Applications for the Targa NZ 1996 event close on August 31, 1996. Cost including luncheons & evening meals, jackets, polo shirts, caps, service vehicle registration for a crew of two is NZ\$2800.00 including GST. A cheaper option without the clothing and meals is available at NZ\$2250. The cost of getting there and accommodation is of course not included. If you would like more information contact Targa Promotions (NZ) Limited, PO Box 502, Papakura, Auckland, New Zealand.

## The 3 Peaks Rallye, 1996 Melbourne Cup Weekend, November 2 - 5, 1996

One of the most popular events on the classic rally calendar is to be rescheduled to the Melbourne Cup weekend. Previously held over the Queens Birthday weekend in June, the 3 Peaks Rallye has quickly grown to be very popular and very competitive amongst owners of classic cars. The third 3 Peaks Rallye will follow in the footsteps of the events in 1994 and 1995 but will now run over four days and not three as previously and will as usual have all the features of the "big events" without the cost and time commitment. It will again include closed road sections.

The 1996 3 Peaks Rallye will again be run through the valleys of Beechworth, Bright and Mt Beauty with over 11 competitive sections. It will include all the features of 1994 and 1995, including the "Black Tie Dinner" at the Mt Buffalo Chalet. This year additional events will include a full day at Winton and timed laps of the Myrtleford Speedway. Early Entry Reservation Deposit is \$100 per car. The full Rally Entry Fee (including deposit) is \$780 payable prior to the event. For further information contact Terry Lawrie at Autopromos, PO Box 270 Moorabbin, VIC 3189. Or contact him by phone (03) 9553 2290 or fax (03) 9532 1382.

## Do you have Spare Garage Space?

What do you do, when you don't?

One of our members Peter Ashton has come up for air, between delivering babies, to contemplate where he is going to garage his other baby a Maserati Indy. Not that Peter hasn't already solved that problem for himself, its just that he feels other may have similar problems. When you have a few cars, where do you put them? Thinking that the Club may; play a role in solving this problem, Peter has suggested that perhaps the Club could play a coordinating role in leasing a centrally placed warehouse that could offer secure

undercover storage for members. If you are interested in participating in such a scheme, perhaps you could drop me a letter indicating your interest and the number of cars you would like to garage. Should the response be positive, then we could take the idea a bit further.

## Club Membership at Half-Rates

If you are thinking of joining the Maserati Club of Australia, Inc. you will be please to learn that Membership costs for the period until June 30, 1996 when membership expires have been reduced by half. Family Membership is \$40, Membership is \$35 and Associate Membership is \$46 or \$24 if you already hold a CAMS Basic Licence.

## The President's Day at Sorrento Sunday, January 14, 1996

Usually held in November each year, this extremely popular day was switched to early January this year due to our President's absence overseas. In keeping with previous years this was an informal day. A chance for members to meet prior to the commencement of the new year. It was a hot summers day. The temperature rose to nearly 40°C and most of Melbourne headed to Sorrento, judging by the traffic. Despite the heat, everyone seemed to devour what they had brought in their Picnic hampers and the liquid refreshments seemed to disappear quickly. For the 60 people who attended a leisurely and relaxed day was had by all. The trip back was uneventful, save for the many cars (mainly Volvos) that had expired roadside due to heat exhaustion. The President's Day at Sorrento will resume its regular date this year and will be held on November 17, 1996.

*With this Issue of The Secretary's Notebook, you will find...*

- # *Booking slip for the Maserati Grand Prix Dinner on Saturday, March 9, 1995*
- # *Entry forms and Supp Regs for Calder on March 24, 1996*
- # *An Entry form to Register your interest in the Marque Challenge Golf Cup on March 31, 1996*
- # *An updated Club Calendar*
- # *A reply paid envelope*

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