

# Victorian Motorkhana News

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## Group 5 Motorkhana Series Round 9

FFCC are running the 9th round of the Group 5 Motorkhana Series on Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> at Tooradin. Entries will close at about 10.00 on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Food, drink and toilets at the venue. Supp regs were emailed on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Victorian Motorkhana Championship Round 9

VMCI are running the 9th round of the VMC at Werribee on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Entries will close at about 10.00 on November 12<sup>th</sup> but are cheaper until Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. Toilets at the venue but no food. Supp regs were emailed on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Group 5 Motorkhana Series Round 7

PIARC are running the postponed 7th round of the Group 5 Motorkhana Series at twilight on Saturday December 2nd at Moorabbin. Entries will close during the afternoon on December 2nd.

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## Calendar - November to December 2006

Grp 5 Round 9	Tue. Nov 7	Tooradin
VMC Round 9	Nov 12	Werribee
Grp 5 Round 7	Sat. Dec 2	Moorabbin
VMC Trophy Presentation Night	Wednesday Dec 6	Bell's Hotel, Moray Street, South Melb.

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### **VMC Presentation Night**

The presentation of the series awards for the 2006 Victorian Motorkhana Championship will be held at Bell's Hotel, corner of Coventry and Moray Streets, South Melbourne on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. The awards for the HAC Interclub and VMC Round 9 will also be presented there.

Many of us will have dinner at Bell's starting at around 6.30 pm before the presentations start at 8 pm.

### **Australian Motorkhana Championship**

The Australian Motorkhana Championship was run at Willowbank Raceway about 50 km south west of Brisbane on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Qld organizers, HSCCQ, did an excellent job.

There were 83 entries and 77 started including 31 from interstate, of whom 14 were from Victoria. 12 tests were held on a grippy hotmix surface. The heat and scorching sun warmed the specials' slick tyres and made them quite sticky.

The weather was hot and sunny for practice and the event, so it was appreciated that the large scrutineering shelter was set up with tables and chairs as a shady spectator area. And there was a plentiful supply of cold drinks and hot food.

At lunch, after 6 tests, Bill McCarthy (Vic) led Wayne Skyring (Qld) by 3.31 secs and Wayne Griffiths (NSW) by 4.28.. Andrew Collier (NSW) had a brain fade on Plumb Crazy and dropped about 5 secs. Warwick Butt (NSW) took a 5 second flag penalty on Forward and Reverse Slalom.



After 12 tests, Wayne Griffiths won the AMC, 0.14 secs ahead of Bill, Andrew 1.12 behind after a late sprint, 2005 Champion David Collier (NSW) 1.17, Steve Byett (WA) 2.58 and David Beames (SA) 6.04 behind. Bill had been slowed by problems selecting first gear during front throws, while David Beames took a 5 second flag penalty on Hopkirk. Wayne Skyring suffered a driveshaft failure on Bowler.

As often happens, there were plenty of hard luck stories at the AMC, but Wayne Griffiths put in a safe, consistently fast performance to become the 2006 Champion. Just 1.17 seconds covered the first 4 placings at the end.

Victorians to do well included :



Cameron Beller easily won the Juniors class and the Juniors in Production Cars class



Bill McCarthy was 2<sup>nd</sup> outright and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class F



Aaron Wullemmin was 9<sup>th</sup> outright and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class G



Lauren East-Wuillemin was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ladies class



Rob Holtkamp was 10<sup>th</sup> outright and 4<sup>th</sup> in Class G



Shannon McCarthy was 4<sup>th</sup> in Ladies class

Unfortunately, I don't have an AMC photo of Brian Shanahan who was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class B.



Craig Hornibrook (Qld - Commodore) was fastest on Handicap



Craig was followed on Handicap by Stephen Gabb (Qld - Datsun 1600) and Wayne Griffiths (NSW - Honda Terrier special).



The winning team was Wayne Griffiths, Andrew Collier and David Collier. The Colliers' Renault Special is at left.

Full results are attached.

There was also a busy social schedule to make it a full-on weekend. There was a lunch BBQ at the venue before/during practice on Saturday and the award presentation dinner was at a golf club in western Brisbane on Sunday night. It was good to get together with some old friends and rivals again and tell each other why we should have won.

For a less Victoria-centric review of the 2006 AMC, have a look at <http://www.geocities.com/motorkhana1> and go to Australian Championship/ History of the AMC and scroll to the bottom.

The AMC photos are by Brian Shanahan, Nathan Wuillemin and Shannon McCarthy. You can see lots more photos of this and other motorkhanas by going to <http://photos.yahoo.com/motorkhana1> You can also download any photos you like from this site.

Victoria has won the right to hold the Australian Motorkhana Championship in 2007.

### **Group 5 Motorkhana Series Round 8**

The 8th round of the Group 5 Motorkhana Series was held at Somerton by NCCA on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 10 novel tests were run for 44 drivers on a grippy concrete surface.

The weather was sunny and warm, and the penalties were plentiful, but everyone had an enjoyable day. Many thanks to the NCCA crew for holding a challenging event.

In Class A, John Rosengrave won easily from Cameron Beller and David Rosengrave whose WD on Gilligan cost him the class win.

David Batcheler easily led Class B from Nicholas Charrett and Craig Hewitson. Greg Colgan took Class C from Phil Slater and Albert Colgan.

In Class D, Derek Wood beat Steve Porter who had a costly WD on Phoenix, with Andrew Woods a close third.

Class E and outright placings were Bill McCarthy, Michael Exell and Aaron Wuillemin. Juniors Class was led by Cameron Beller from Connor Hewitson and Julian White.

Unfortunately, I don't have photos or a data file of results from this event.

I have attached Group 5 Motorkhana Points to July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The points file is being updated now and will be sent out when finalized.

### **Victorian Motorkhana Championship Round 5**

The Theo Wintels Memorial Motorkhana, the postponed 5<sup>th</sup> round of the VMC, was held at Werribee by TCCA on October 29<sup>th</sup>. 10 tests were run for 34 drivers on a smooth dirt surface.

The weather was cool but fine, the dust was moderate (except when Joakim and Frank were driving), and the event was well run.

The WRX Club had a big turn-out, with Daniel Lemish easily taking out the Novice class from Janske Olde-Wolber and Paul Baker, with Rylan Gan in a Skyline a close fourth.



Class A was won by Steve Champion from Robert Cole



Phil Torode was 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Outright and won Class  
B from John  
Rosengrave and Adrian  
Hard



Brian Shanahan won  
Class C but couldn't  
photograph himself. He  
was followed by Joakim  
Hulten (left) and Frank  
Rogan



David Isherwood won  
Class D from Andrew  
Lau and Trevor  
Ellington

Space constraints kept out shots of Class R winner Aaron Wuillemin who was followed by brother Nathan and Glenn Armstrong and of Class J winner Cameron Beller who led Robert Cole.



Terry Jones' 120 horsepower special waits in the foreground with Elliott Barnfather's 3 manpower Golf in the background.



Michael Exell's XL Honda charges out of the dust to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> outright, just 2.33 seconds behind Bill McCarthy



A snappy shot of Rylan Gan's Skyline

### Motorkhana Website

While you are on the Net, have a look at my website at <http://www.geocities.com/motorkhana1>  
It is accumulating a lot of motorkhana info, now including photos and videos.

### Have your say

You are very welcome to contribute to Victorian Motorkhana News.

Relevant articles, photos, videos, cars or parts to buy or sell, etc. will all be published free.

### Australian Motorkhana Calendar

I am keeping an online Australian Motorkhana Calendar as up-to-date as possible at: [www.geocities.com/motorkhana1](http://www.geocities.com/motorkhana1)

### Event Venues

- Avalon** compacted, sandy, fine gravel at Geelong Motor Sports Complex on the left of Beach Road, 300 metres after turning off Princes Freeway towards the Avalon Airfield - see Melway 424 G3
- Bendigo** bitumen at Bendigo Livestock Exchange, Leans Road, Huntly. Take Midland Highway till 13 km north of Bendigo, turning left into Leans Road – see Melway 509 E2.
- Deniliquin** grass/dirt DSCC club ground on the racecourse road about 5 km west of Deniliquin
- Moorabbin** grass on sandy dirt (loam) at Moorabbin Airfield – enter from the north west via Grange Road, Second Avenue and Bundoora Parade - see Melway 87 G4
- Somerton** brushed concrete at BP Oasis Truck Stop behind the truck pumps in Cooper Street, 200 metres east of Hume Highway - see Melway 180 F9. Moving to a nearby new site in late 2006
- Tooradin** grass/dirt at Rutter Park, South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin – see Melway 144 D4
- Werribee** TCCAV grass/dirt club ground, 300 metres from the south end of McGrath Road - enter McGrath Road from the south - see Melway 205 B10

### Victorian Motorkhana Group

If you want the latest info., supp regs, entry forms results and gossip for VMC and Group 5 motorkhanas as soon as they become available, join the Victorian Motorkhana egroup.

If you don't have a Yahoo ID, go to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) and click "Sign In", then click "Sign Up Now" and fill in the details. A recognizable ID such as your name will help other group members when you send them messages.

When you have a Yahoo Id, browse to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/motorkhana/> and click "Join This Group!". Fill in the form, enter the word and click "Join". In the email Yahoo sends you, click on "Important ...new account".

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