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The Committee invites you to attend and participate in the monthly committee meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. If you have an event idea or any other suggestions concerning the running of the Club, this is the perfect opportunity to have your say. After the meeting, we enjoy a good old-fashioned pub meal and a few light refreshments. See the Events pages for more details or email secretary@motaafrenz.org.au

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ED SEZ

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ello
MotaFrenz!!

Welcome to
our first Cruise
control for the

new year.

Your new editor will be taking over, to quickly introduce myself, the name is Mat G and I drive that little blue Clio you would have seen around.

I would like to say a big thank you to Francesc who has done a fantastic job of being editor and webmaster over the years. ¡Muchos gracias amigo!

In this month's Cruise Control Jeff W gives us a report on the Christmas in July which included a visit to Peter and Julie's fabulous collection of vehicles, and then lunch at the Panton Hill pub.

We also have a recap of the Annual General Meeting for 2017/2018, which took place on the 23rd of July at the Victorian Historic Racing Register in Box Hill

If you have anything interesting that you think our readers may enjoy, or any comments, please send it to editor@motaFrenz.org.au

Mat



can't believe how quickly the club year has flown by. Here's the start of yet another year for Motafrenz.

Welcome to our new committee filled with familiar and not so familiar faces. I hope all members will give their support and assistance to the committee.



This brings me to a timely reminder to ensure that our Club Permit Officer - Michael, has your up-to-date information regarding your cars on CPS. Including also your expiry date, plate number and car type and style. Remembering also to fill in you logbooks each and every time you use your CPS vehicle to ensure that you will not incur a fine if Police request.

The year ahead again has been entrusted upon me as President by you, the members, and thank you as I am looking forward to it.

Thank you to those who have given me their support in my role, your level of support has been overwhelming and very much appreciated. I will take this opportunity to remind our members that the Office Bearers do not get paid nor do we expect to be paid. We are volunteers in this committee and come from all walks of life, backgrounds and education. All we ask is a little piece of respect and patience for the roles

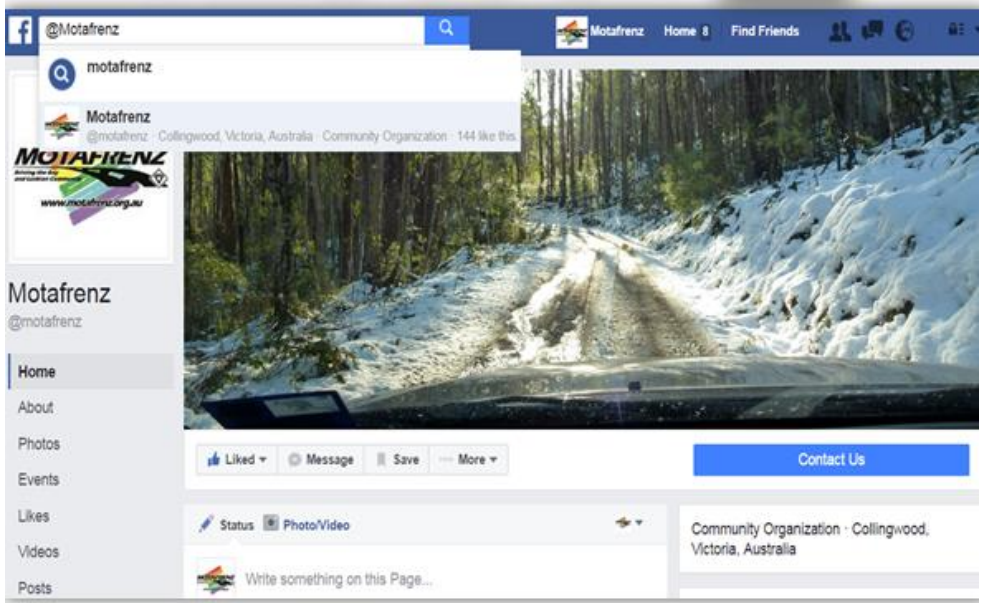
we take on, to which we are voted in by the members of this club. MotaFrenz is building in membership so let's all have a positive outlook towards the members and the club as we are a social group with a common interest in motoring.

A great day was had at the Annual General Meeting with members attending.

Closing, I will again take this opportunity to thank all those who are helping MotaFrenz behind the scenes in varied and many ways. There are many of you who do so and this is what glues the club together and appreciate this and hoping that you will continue so I am looking forward to the year ahead with great anticipation especially the social aspect that the club has to offer.

Brett

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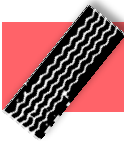
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MONTHLY EVENTS

Club & Committee Meeting followed by Dinner (second Wednesday of every month)

The Committee invites you to come along and participate in the monthly Club & Committee Meeting. If you have an event idea or any other suggestions, this is the perfect opportunity to have your say. After the meeting, we enjoy a good pub meal and a few light refreshments.

DATES:

Wednesday 13 th September	
Wednesday 11 th October	
Wednesday 8 th November	...

TIME: Arrive by 6:45pmish and meet us upstairs in our meeting room. Committee starts at 7pm. After the meeting we will move to our pre-booked table

downstairs in the Dining Room. We will then order our dinner (service is quick here).

WHERE: The Retreat Hotel, Upstairs in The Carringbush Room, 226 Nicholson Street, corner of Valiant Street, (Johnston Street end of Nicholson Street) Abbotsford. Parking in Nicholson, Valiant and Johnston Streets,

COST (only if dining at the hotel): Main course \$17 - \$25

BOOKING: Preferred

CONTACT: Gordon Campbell - 0407 882 696 - secretary@motaafrenz.org.au



Slot Car Racing (Third Wednesday of the month)

A light-hearted, fun evening at Jed's Melbourne Model Raceway. The track is available from 7:30 PM for practice and we usually start racing when people are

feeling comfortable with the cars. Remember, skill levels will vary and the main thing is to enjoy the camaraderie and have a laugh and a social chat. BYO soft drinks and snacks if you want. Tea and coffee is provided.

DATES:

Wednesday 20 st September	
Wednesday 18 st October	
Wednesday 15 th November	...

PLACE: Ged's Melbourne Model Raceway. 13 Milton Crescent, Preston. Please park in the Safeway Car Park. Ring the bell above the side doorway when you arrive.

TIME: 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start

COST: \$15 per person for the night - for hire of track.
Cars supplied free.

MORE DETAILS: Photos and a map to assist finding Melbourne Model Raceway can be found on Chris' website: www.vintage-slot-car-racing.com/motafrenz.htm

RSVP: ESSENTIAL: Chris M - 0409 564 432 -
chrispics30@hotmail.com

Sunday Drive & Lunch (3rd Sunday of Every Month)

For details see events listing which follow here.

4WD Day Trips (Every Second Month)

For details see events listing which follow here. 4wd trip guides available in “4wd Treks Close to Melbourne – 3rd edition” – published by boilingbilly.net.au For more details contact Gordon Campbell - 0407 882 696 -
secretary@motaafrenz.org.au

FYI EVENTS:

Note: With regard to events not organised by Motaafrenz: the nature of events and the entertainment provided is outside the control of Motaafrenz. Members may care to view the event's website where they can assess for themselves, from their point of view, the

suitability of the event and the entertainment provided by the organisers.

SEPTEMBER

Third Sunday Drive & Lunch – Royal botanical Australian gardens Cranbourne

Sunday 17 September

Motafrenz Slot Car Racing

DATE: Wednesday 13 September. DETAILS – See first page of this Event List.



The 26th 4WD day trip – The Otways

Sunday 24 September

Non-4WD Drivers are encouraged to attend

Join Mark R & Gordon C on a 4WD Day Trip a short distance from Melbourne. We are heading off to view the magnificent forests which cloak the spine of the Otway Ranges which lie just to the west of the famous Great Ocean Road. Starting from the delightful coastal town of Anglesea, our trek heads through bushland and forests to our luncheon spot at the Distillery Creek picnic area. After lunch we head along the Gentle Annie and Moggs Creek tracks before descending to the Great Ocean Road where we arrive right opposite the Memorial Arch. Soon afterwards we leave the Great Ocean Road and head inland again on the Big Hill Track which offers wonderful coastal views. We return to the Great Ocean Road and head to Lorne for afternoon tea. This event is suitable for 4wd'ers with some experience and suits Dual Range 4wd's.

WHEN: Sunday 24th September

TIME & MEET: Meet 9.30am for 10.00am departure at the Car Park opposite Altona Gate Shopping Centre –

Duosa Rd (off Millers Rd), Altona North MEL 41 A12 (take Millers Rd exit from West Gate Fwy and head South.)

ROAD CONDITIONS: Freeway and sealed roads to meeting point. NOTE: 1. Routes might be closed due to changed conditions. 2: If so then we will change from the advertised routes to others which are open. 3: 4WD routes are not pre-driven before the date of the event.

4WD TRACK CLASSIFICATION = MEDIUM. Drivers need some experience or training. For explanation of classifications go to motafrenz.org.au and click on the Events tab.

SUITS CARS: Dual Range 4WD. Leave your car at the Meeting Point, and car-hop for the 4WD section of the day. At the end of the day you will be ferried back to the meeting point to collect your car.

BRING: Picnic lunch plus Basic Personal Kit; picnic lunch, water bottle, spare food, spare warm clothing,

walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and rug. DOGS NOT ALLOWED in National Parks

BOOKING: Preferred so that we know to wait for you if you are running late.

COST: Your fuel-contribution to vehicle owner.

RSVP: Mark R 0412 127 338, rowe.mark.b@gmail.com

When you RSVP could you please advise me, for planning purposes, of the following: -

1. Are you bringing your own 4WD vehicle? If so, please advise number of passengers, their names, and how many spare seats you can offer for those who will need a lift from the Meeting Point?
2. If you are not bringing your own 4WD vehicle, in whose 4WD vehicle will you be travelling? OR please let me know that you will need a seat in someone's 4WD vehicle*.

3. Will you be self-sufficient for lunch, or like in the past, would you like to share lunch? If you would like to share, what would you most prefer to bring?

4. Ambulance cover is a good idea;
<http://ambulance.vic.gov.au/>

* Seats for those people not bringing their own 4WD vehicles cannot be guaranteed. (In all our years of 4WD events we have always had seats available.) When you RSVP please state that you will be needing a seat in a fellow-member's vehicle. Closer to the date of the event please contact the designated event organiser and ask that person to confirm to you that a seat will be available for you. The event organiser will then confirm (or otherwise) that a seat will be available, and this will save you from attending the Meeting Point and finding that a seat is not available. Please remember that the availability of seats depends on the goodwill of the 4WD vehicle owners. Although we will try to accommodate your seating request, we cannot guarantee you a particular seat in any vehicle.

OCTOBER

FYI - Motorclassica 2017 chance of snow

13-15th October 2017

Contact events@motaafrenz.org.au for more info..

Club & Committee Meeting followed by Dinner

2nd Wednesday of every month!

DATE: Wednesday 11 October DETAILS – See first page.

Motaafrenz Slot Car Racing

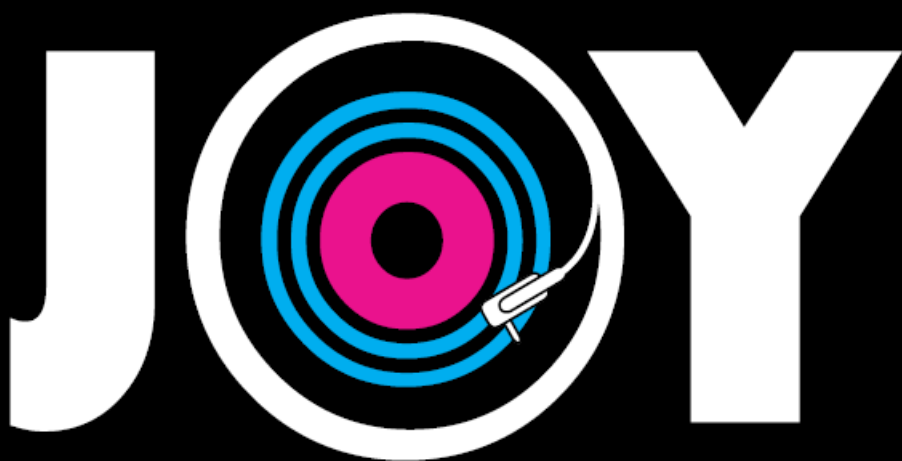
3rd Wednesday of every month!

DATE: Wednesday 18 October. DETAILS – See first page of this Event List.

Motaafrenz Show and Shine and picnic

Sunday	15	October	2017
Balwyn.	More	info	TBC.
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CHRISTMAS IN JULY

By Jeff W.

The third Sunday drive - Christmas in July and garage talk started with a grand selection of members and marques assembling at the first meeting place in Doncaster. All the cars looked great. A guy refuelling his pristine late 70's ZH Ford Fairlane asked about our club when he saw us. I told him Motaafrenz is a GLBTI+ social motoring club and to look us up, as he was interested in joining. Apparently the Maserati club doesn't cut it for him. We must have looked great!

Come 10:30 am, we were off with a nice and easy drive with an orderly convoy of some 20 vehicles to our first port of call. This was to be member Peter and his delightful wife Julie's

wonderful and expansive Kangaroo Ground property. Kangaroo Ground it certainly was as there was probably over a hundred of them bouncing around in the distant paddocks, however, we weren't there for the roos but Peter and his utterly awesome collection of cars. I have to say that I often drive past this property and have seen some of these vehicles leaving or entering his property and always, like a kid, wanted to see what hides in there. Little did I know we, as a club, would be lucky enough to see what hides away in Kangaroo Ground.



Greeted there with wine and cheese, Peter and Julie welcomed all of us and the garage talk started. Special thanks to Gordon, Mike and Francesc for the tea, coffee and cupcakes. I think we could have spent the whole day there. With such a wide range of vehicles and in such lovely condition, I think it would be safe to say that there was a potential love there for every

one of us. I'd be very happy with a Porsche 914.



After all the garage talk, it was a quick scoot up the road to the Panton Hill Pub. We soon settled into a rather chilly hipster style pub that eventually warmed up. We got to know each other a little better and soon got in to a merry soup followed by a Christmas roast and polished off with ice cream and pudding. Live entertainment in the form of one young lad

nurtured us through our meal and then..., out comes Mary Christmas and the three elves to deliver another MotaFrenz Kris Kringle extravaganza. Mary had the microphone for only a mere twenty minutes but at once stage almost went head over heels on Peter as she tripped over the microphone cord. Mary was sensible enough to let the microphone go flying and both Peter and Mary regained their composition and posture without any impending disaster. The microphone was fine and Mary was kept on a tight schedule challenged by having to soon relinquish it. Then the boy and his guitar played again with a fabulous George Michael song which made many dance.





So that we have it for the day. Yet another very enjoyable MotaFrenz Christmas in July leaving us with some very enjoyable memories indeed.

I thanked Linda for looking after us at the pub and she tells me the owner of the pub wants MotaFrenz to join in on an event with a local

social car club up that way. I wait to hear more on what that could be. Sound like some sort of mystery tour come rally. And Mary was offered another MC roll by the pub for next Tuesday. I said 'No' on behalf of Gordon. Mary must have looked great!









Volunteers needed!

Community Support at the Victorian AIDS Council is urgently in need of more volunteers to meet the support needs of its increasingly frail clients.

For more than 30 years, Community Support has supported the people most affected by the HIV epidemic. Although improved medications have allowed many clients to stabilise their health, others are experiencing the effects of living long-term with the virus.

Community support's volunteer roles include transport to medical appointments and home visits and outings for social connection.

If you have some spare time and you enjoy interacting with people, this could be the ideal role for you. You will

be part of a well-supported team doing rewarding work, and your expenses are reimbursed.

The commitment is flexible: most client transport happens Monday to Friday, but other roles such as social support can be done on weekends.

For more information, call Community Support on 9863 0426 or email support@vac.org.au



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MOTAFRENZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

By Gordon C

The Motafrenz Annual General Meeting for 2016 – 2017 was held on Sunday 23rd July. The venue was our old favourite, the Clubrooms of the Victorian Historic Racing Register in Box Hill. Your diligent Committee members arrived early and by 9:30am Mike Frith had the barbeque going and was serving up bacon and egg rolls to members as they arrived. A wonderful collection of members' cars assembled during the morning and much Garage Talk ensued. You can see many pictures here of the great collection of Motafrenz' cars on display. As the morning progressed more members arrived, and many people renewed their memberships and completed the Members' Survey. This survey will prove very useful in guiding the incoming Committee's decisions in 2017 – 2018. After a tour of the Sir Jack Brabham Museum (including his

Grand Prix racing car). Then it came time to hold the AGM itself. Anthony, as President called everyone to take their seats. We held a Roll Call of members and I was able to announce that a quorum was present. (The Oxford Dictionary defines “quorum” as “A fixed minimum number of members of an assembly or society that must be present at any of its meetings to make the proceedings of that meeting valid. So we needed a quorum so that the business of the AGM would be binding and valid.) The meeting then approved the Minutes of the 2016 AGM. Then Anthony, as outgoing President reviewed our past year of events and achievements. After which each Committee member presented their reports.

Then Anthony presented awards to recognise the service contributions members made to the Club in 2016 – 2017. He presented the Club Member of the Year Award to Brett H. He also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Mat G, Ross J and Nick B. We then moved to the business of the AGM itself. Peter A presented his Special Resolution (which

had been included in the Notice of the AGM, as the Constitution requires).



The details of the Resolution are included in the Minutes. After an extensive discussion, it was decided by the Meeting that the subject of the Resolution would be referred to the incoming Committee for further consideration.



This will include a review of the Constitution.

After this, Anthony handed over the chairing of the Elections to David P. The Incoming Committee was elected; you can see the full list in the front pages of Cruise Control and in the Minutes.

New faces on the Committee are Nick B as Privacy Officer and Brett H as Membership Officer. Those not continuing on the Committee were Francesc R, Damian C and Chris G. We thank them for the excellent service to Motafrenz. Then,

Chris M (one of our founding members) presented the Winner of the 2017 Motafrenz Slot Car Racing Championship. Then we had our delicious lunch. After dessert, we drew the Raffle and Announced the Winner of People's Choice Award.





We need to talk to gay and lesbian people born 1917 – 1939



A PhD student from Swinburne University, David Gould, is researching the lives of gay and lesbian people in Australia from post-WWII 1946 to pre-sexual revolution 1959. The study aims to interview gay and lesbian people who were born between 1917 and 1939 and who are still living independently. Each interview will take approximately one hour. It will examine the social, religious, political, medical and legal frameworks that governed their lives. David is particularly interested in talking to gay and lesbian people who were born between 1917 and 1939 and living in Australia during the research period. David would be delighted to accept participants from Melbourne, country Victoria, or interstate and will travel to conduct the interviews. Potential participants can rest assured that pseudonyms will be used in the research and any information that may identify any individual will not be used.

If you are in this group, or know someone who is, David would be grateful to receive expressions of interest and will forward on information to any potential participants.

David can be contacted at dgould@swin.edu.au or on 0425 850 685.

MOTAFRENZ SLOT CAR RACING CHAMPIONSHIP



Third Wednesday of the month at Ged's Melbourne Model Raceway - 13 Milton Crescent, Preston.

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