

# Cruise Control



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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@motafrenz.org.au](mailto:secretary@motafrenz.org.au)

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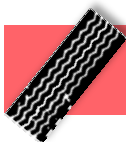
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## ED SEZ

# H

ello dear  
reader,

November  
has been the  
month for a few events, we  
have had the Melbourne Cup  
BBQ kindly hosted by Jeff W.

There is also a brief history on  
the Zastava marque.

We also had the fantastic news of the marriage equality survey, Yes! It is also  
a reminder that we still need to keep working to support our community.

I wish to apologise to Brett P, the winner of last month's Show and Shine and  
Best car 1979-Present. I wasn't able to obtain your name in time for publication.

Congratulations Brett P and his VL Commodore!

As always, if you have anything interesting that you think our readers may enjoy,  
please send it to [editor@motafrenz.org.au](mailto:editor@motafrenz.org.au)

Mat



# PREZ SEZ

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ear Frenz,

As the warmer (???) weather approaches and we are out and about in our cars, it is a timely reminder for our members on CPS to fill in their log book PRIOR to commencing your journey.



It was only the other day locally, that I saw an unmarked Police car full over a 'H' plated care for an inspection and log book verification. So please adhere to the regulations as it impacts directly on the club if you flaunt the law. Remembering it is the law!

Please keep a copy of our up and coming events handy so that you can participate in your clubs activities. A lot of work goes into planning and the execution of these days and it is always a great pleasure to see you all at these events. You are always welcome to attend our monthly committee meeting to get an insight into the behind the scenes working of your club.

Your views and input for events are always appreciated so please do not hesitate to let the Events Co-Ordinator or any committee member know of your thoughts.

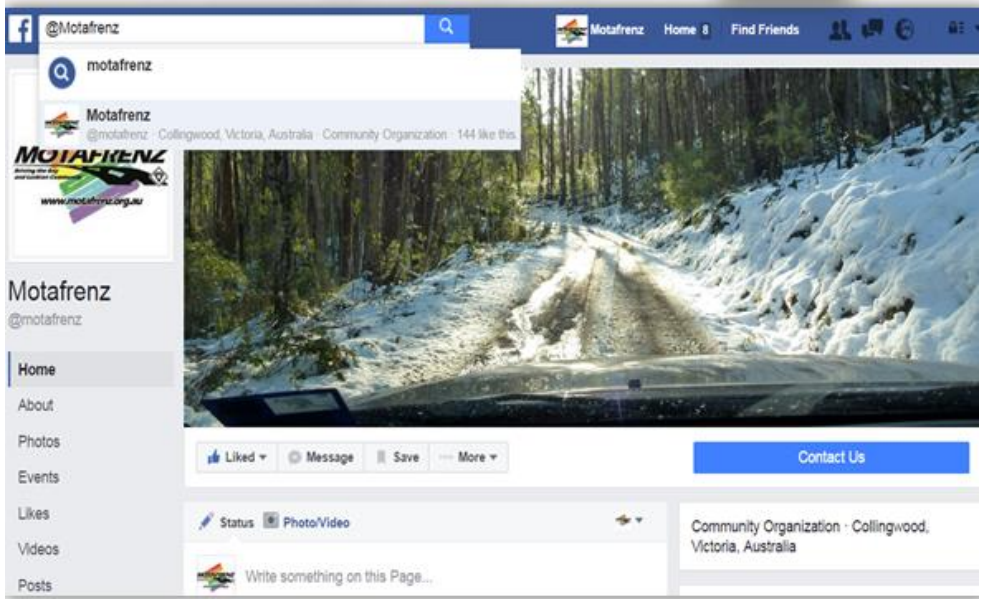
Hoping that you backed a winner in the Spring Racing Carnival and until next time I chat with you all safe and happy motoring.

RegardsI.

Brett



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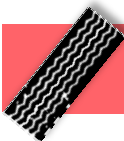


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# GAY-TRACTIONS

## 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 <sup>th</sup> December	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	...

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: Joseph S - [secretary@motaferenz.org.au](mailto:secretary@motaferenz.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 19 <sup>st</sup> December
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2018

...

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](http://www.vintage-slot-car-racing.com/motafrenz.htm)

RSVP: ESSENTIAL: Chris M - 0409 564 432 - [chrispics30@hotmail.com](mailto:chrispics30@hotmail.com)

### **SUNDAY DRIVE & LUNCH (3rd Sunday of Every Month)**

For details see events listing which follow here.

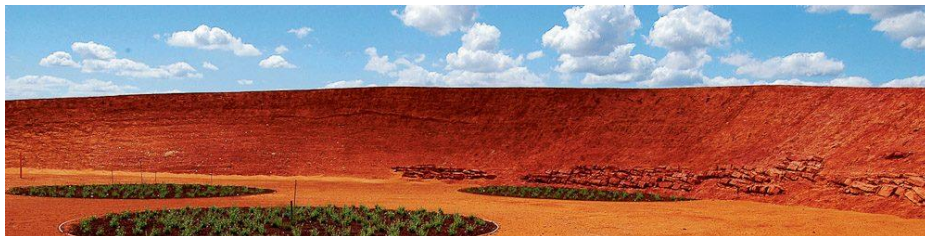
### **4WD DAY TRIPS (Every Second Month)**

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](http://boilingbilly.net.au) For more details contact Gordon Campbell - 0407 882 696 - [secretary@motafrenz.org.au](mailto:secretary@motafrenz.org.au)

### **FYI EVENTS**

Note: With regard to events not organised by Motafrenz: the nature of events and the entertainment provided is outside the control of Motafrenz. 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.

# DECEMBER



## **CLUB & COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOWED BY DINNER**

2nd Wednesday of every month!

DATE: Wednesday 13 December DETAILS – See first page.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY DRIVE - CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Sunday 3 December

More info TBA.

Location: Ringwood

Contact: [events@motafrenz.org.au](mailto:events@motafrenz.org.au)

## **FYI – ADELAIDE MOTORSPORTS FESTIVAL**

Thursday 7 December to Sunday 10 December

More info: [www.adelaidemotorsportsfestival.com.au](http://www.adelaidemotorsportsfestival.com.au)

## **MOTAFRENZ SLOT CAR RACING**

3rd Wednesday of every month!

# JANUARY 2018



## **MIDSUMMA CARNIVAL**

Sunday 14 January

More info TBA

Contact [events@motaafrenz.org.au](mailto:events@motaafrenz.org.au)

## **MOTAFRENZ MIDSUMMA MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR**

Sunday 21 January

More info TBA

Contact [events@motaafrenz.org.au](mailto:events@motaafrenz.org.au)

## **AUSTRALIA DAY DRIVE TO MT.MACEDON**

Friday 26 January

More info TBA

Contact [events@motaafrenz.org.au](mailto:events@motaafrenz.org.au)

## **FYI- AOMC AUSSI CAR SHOW**

Friday 26 January

More info TBA

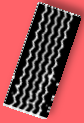
Contact [events@motaafrenz.org.au](mailto:events@motaafrenz.org.au)

## **PRIDE**

Sunday 14 January

More info TBA

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# MELBOURNE CUP DAY SOCIAL BARBECUE IN SEAFORD

By Jeff W.

The day started out with our member Ross J turning up early to help complete the set-up, not that there was that much to do. The weather was on the edge but held out for the day making a comfortable and enjoyable day. Around 15 members turned up, some with pooches, along with a around 15 friends that were familiar with many Motafrenz members. And there were many members I had not met before which was especially great to meet them, and hope to see them at many more events.

Ross did an absolutely splendid job of manning the barbecue, and the spread of food was very enjoyable indeed.



Garage talk was blown away with Matt W's blue blown VF Holden SSV Redline that produces a mere 428 kW of power (582 horses). Matt enjoys letting his hair down at Winton in this beauty. We look forward to seeing Matt's VF in the new year at a very important event.

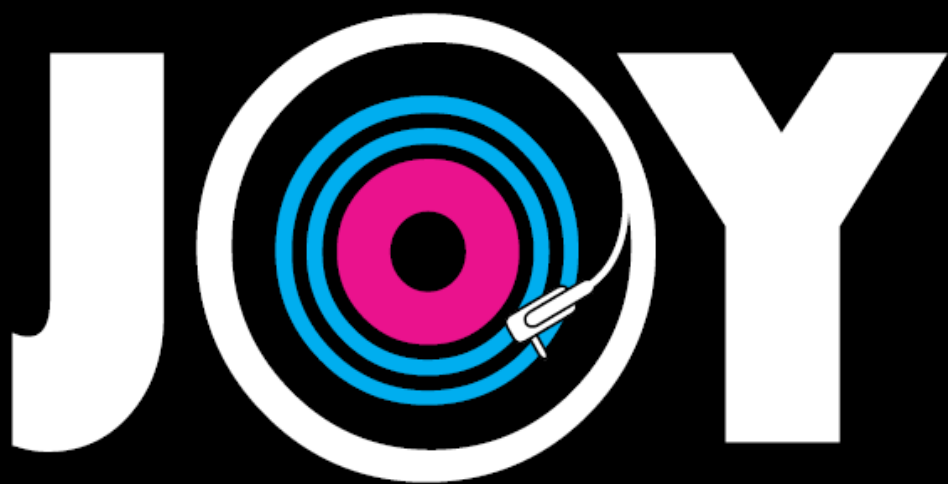
It was also especially lovely to meet members Mal and Beth. Two wonderful women with an exciting future in Australian football. Here's hoping we'll see Mal and Beth over the ChillOut weekend with the campervan.

Ross J played bookie with Matt W winning with Rekindling which took out the 157<sup>th</sup> running of the Melbourne Cup. Congratulations to Matt.

Personally I would have loved to have spent much more time with catching up with members and friends but playing host, I was making sure everyone was happy and very much appreciate the many thank you messages received since.

Sorry for the lack of photographs but due to the nature of relaxing and chatting and running around, taking photos was the last thing on anyone's mind.





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A large, diverse crowd of people is gathered for a Pride event. Many individuals are holding up rainbow flags and signs that say "YES". The scene is vibrant and celebratory, with people of various ages and ethnicities visible. The text "AUSTRALIA SAID YES!" is overlaid in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the image.

**AUSTRALIA  
SAID  
YES!**





# ZASTAVA – A QUICK HISTORY

By Mat G.

On my recent trip to Macedonia, being a Fiat fanatic, I was excited to be able to see many Zastava cars, I had taken many pictures of all the wonderful little cars littered throughout the country. It inspired me to write a little article about this little known manufacturer.

Zastava was founded as they manufacturer Fiat vehicles under licence, before eventually becoming absorbed as part of the Fiat empire in 2008.

Zastava began in 1851 in the Serbian town of Kragujevac as a cannon foundry, further manufacturing military equipment and later, firearms, that are still made today.

The full name was Zavodi Crvena Zastava (Red flag works). Later models were badged interchangeably as Yugo or Zastava.

Automobile production began in the 1930s, before eventually reaching an agreement in the 1954 to manufacture Fiat models. Initial models were the Campagnola, 1400 and 1100. Other Fiat models produced include the 1300/1550 and the 850

Soon after Zastava produced their first unique model the 750, commonly called the Ficho. The 750 was based on the Fiat 600 but with a 767cc engine, eventually receiving an 850 cc motor. It was a popular model throughout the Yugoslav nations especially as a first car, it had a long life produced from 1955 until 1985.

For a gorgeous example of one, follow the link below:

<https://petrolicious.com/articles/this-zastava-750-is-a-charming-and-exemplary-micro-car-amalgamation>





The next model to be produced was the Zastava 101 or 128, later named the Skala, this was based off the Fiat 128 sedan. The 3 and 5 door hatchback style was unique to the Zastava model. This was produced from 1971 until 2008.







The Zastava Koral, also known as Yugo, was a small hatchback with Fiat 127 under pinnings. It was the most exported Zastava vehicle, reaching the rest of Europe and the USA. It was marketed as an all-Yugoslav car as components were manufactured in each of the Yugoslav republics with final assembly at Kragujevac. Production lasted from 1977 until 2008.





The final original Zastava model was the Florida, it's Italdesign body draws similarities to the concurrent Fiat Tipo. The model was produced from 1988 until 2008.



2008 was when Fiat acquired the Zastava automobile factory, by the end of the year the Zastava models had finished production and Fiat branded products began coming off the line, the Fiat Punto Mk2 and currently the Fiat 500L. Below is the factory as it stands today.



Dear members,





# 2017 AGM DRAFT MINUTES

Please find attached the DRAFT Minutes of the AGM.

We do apologise in the delay in circulating these, but as the secretary and web master are new to these roles, we have been busy finding our feet. Please take the time to read the minutes. If you have questions or suggested corrections, they can be directed to the Committee via the Secretary for consideration.

Thanks for your understanding and patience,  
Joseph Sirianni.



# MOTAFRENZ SLOT CAR RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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