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Welcome everyone and hope you are all enjoying the club with all it has to offer. We have not held any events during 2015/2016 as the driver's stand has been the major priority, consuming considerable effort behind the scenes. Some of the effort included establishing the BRCCC as a "Not for Profit" organization and establishing an ABN number. This means that the BRCCC no longer has to pay tax on our income (including grants). It also means we are now eligible for additional funding opportunities previously denied to us. The BRCCC applied for a \$10,500 Federal Government grant to offset costs for our new drivers stand. This application was successful with special thanks to our local MP Alan Tudge who supported us throughout the application process.

Our new control room incorporating drivers stand has at last been approved with construction commencing August 2016. Building permit B/2016/64 approved. Sincere thanks to all involved to make this happen. I particularly wish to thank Karl Withers and Gary Logan for their efforts to date (not over yet). Withers Construction has been engaged to construct and fit out the new building and Rob Oberstar is providing the security fencing and temporary access steps. These will allow access to the old stand during the construction period. Racing will continue during the construction period however the stand will not be available to the general public.

Club membership is strong and this is clear looking at a very busy clubroom on Wednesday nights. I am also pleased to see growth with new members, including juniors. The loan of club cars for the Introductory class has been very successful albeit stressful on the cars. Scott Jean in particular has been invaluable in this space keeping our mini's on the track. The committee is reviewing the club car situation and evaluating what club cars we retain and what replacements may be appropriate. Parts for the old MINI's are becoming scarce (arms take a hammering) so we will probably revert to using more of our TT01's. The TT01 is an easier car for novice drivers to learn to race.

We have seen VTC disappear and Mini faded away for a while however mid-Season 1 it made a good comeback. Mini has always been a staple BRCCC class so the revival is good news in deed. Formula 1 class has disappeared for the moment. 17.5 Blinky didn't start the 2016 year as expected however it has a number of committed drivers for Season 2, 2016. This class fills the large gap between 21.5 Blinky and 13.5 Blinky.

Our Commonwealth Bank accounts have now been transferred to our Bendigo account. This has simplified our banking procedures as the Bendigo Bank is better suited to the way clubs operate.

Again the BRCCC has renewed our AARCMCC affiliation so that our members can compete at AARCMCC sanctioned events hosted by other RC clubs.

The committee received early retirements from Karl Goodger and David Hodgkiss. Their contributions to the club are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Karl Goodger who has devoted many years to the club including 5 years as president. His final contribution was the round robin enduro format that we now enjoy at the end of each year on presentation night.

A huge thank you to the outgoing committee members (Gary Logan, Mark Scully, John Koene, David Singles and Matt Rosenfeldt). The committee is an essential part of any successful club who perform many activities behind the scenes so that members can enjoy their racing every Wednesday night. The BRCCC has some of the best facilities available to any RC car club and these are well maintained. Not everything is done by committee members. I wish to thank Club members and their parents who have also contributed throughout the year making the BRCCC a great club to be a part of.

On a very sad note: on July 19, 2016 Bruce Thorn passed away. Bruce was one of our club founders who served the club until the end. Bruce was Vice President in 2003/4 and treasurer from 2004 to 2014 (10 years). Bruce had a break from racing while he planned and organised a much deserved retirement. Passionate about the club and he spent many hours assisting and mentoring our junior members. It was through Bruce's financial planning that the club has been able to accrue sufficient funds to build our new stand and control room. Bruce was a kind and caring person in all walks of life and will be sadly missed though not forgotten by all who knew him.

Bruce leaves behind his wife Jan and two sons Craig and Bradley. RIP

Regards,

David Huggan
BRCCC President