


# CROSS FLOW

## April 2025

 <p><b>BENDIGO CAR CLUB</b></p>	<p><b>Bendigo Car Club Inc</b></p> <p><b>Motor Sport Complex</b> Bagshot-Whirrakee Rd Bagshot North, VIC 3551</p> <p><b>Club Rooms</b> 868 Calder Highway Maiden Gully, Vic 3551</p> <p><b>Postal Address</b> PO Box 361, Bendigo Central, Vic 3552</p> <p>Phone: 0427 511 158</p> <p><a href="http://www.bendigocarclub.com.au">www.bendigocarclub.com.au</a></p> <p><a href="http://facebook.com/#!/pages/Bendigo-Car-Club/141168312653687">http://facebook.com/#!/pages/Bendigo-Car-Club/141168312653687</a></p>
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The purposes of the Bendigo Car Club are to provide competitive motor sport and social motoring options to individuals and families from Bendigo and surrounds in a safe, helpful and friendly environment

## Presidents Report

After a longer than wanted break, we finally got an event under our 2025 belts and another one this coming weekend at Bagshot, the BCC Autocross, Supp Regs have been sent out and been posted on our website, the HRA have also tagged their series on to this event so we are expecting good numbers, if you're thinking of having run, please don't leave your entry too late.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Eddington Sprints have been run and won, 92 drivers and 30 riders took to the track. With more than 25 BCC members we were well represented, several class wins went to our members including fastest time of the day going to David Morcombe in his Corvette.

A huge thank you to the BCC members who helped out on the day, your support made this event run very smoothly.

The Bagshot team are planning to further the power connection on the weekend of May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> They only require a small number of members to help over the weekend, keep an eye out for notification of this as it gets closer.

As we know many of our members compete outside our club events. For those that do, if you could come along to a meeting or put fingers on a keyboard to share this with us all, it might encourage more members to try as well as enjoy something different.

For those who are looking towards the Harrie Larter Cup, Supp Regs will be released after Sunday's BCC Autocross.

Yours in Motorsports  
Craig Button

# Events:

2025

- 6th April BCC Autocross Sunday Day Bagshot Round 8
- 19th April Harrie Larter Dash Saturday Day Huntly Round 9
- 3rd May BCC Day/Night Khanacross Saturday Day/Night Bagshot Round 10
- 18th May BCC Lady and Junior Day Sunday Day Bagshot
- 1st June BCC Khanacross Sunday Day Bagshot Round 11
- 6th July Off Road Sprint Sunday Day Bagshot
- 12th July BCC VMC Rd Saturday Day Huntly Round 1
- 3rd August AGM and Presentation Evening Saturday Night Maiden Gully
- 10th August BCC VKC Rd Sunday Day Bagshot Round 2
- 24th August BCC Motorkhana Sunday Day Bagshot Round 3
- 6th September BCC Day/Night VCAS, Autocross Saturday Day/Night Bagshot Round 4
- 5th October BCC Short Course Rally Sprint Sunday Day Bagshot Round 5
- 18th & 19th October Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb Sat + Sun Day Maldon
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> November AKC Saturday & Sunday Day Huntly & Bagshot Round 6
- 22nd November Club Cruise Sunday Day Somewhere
- 6th December BCC Saleyard Khanacross Saturday Day Huntly Round 7

All Dates are subject to change, Supplementary Regulation will be available on BCC Website.

## In the News: -

- 2024 Motorsport Australia National Awards Gala:  
Greg Rust and Charlie Barlow hosted the 2024 Motorsport Australia National Awards Gala. 250 People attended the Gala night.
- Motorsport Australia Hill Climb Championship: Test days are coming up on April 14 and May 30 at Shell V-Power Motorsport Park. This is to help drivers prepare for the upcoming Motorsport Australia Hill Climb Championship.
- Almost 1000 volunteers gathered before the gates opened for Formula 1. The race couldn't be run without these dedicated individuals who take on the many necessary tasks need to ensure a safe smooth running event
- BFGoodrich is continuing as the naming rights partner of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship. And will be recognised as the off road tyre partner as well
- 106 Schools have taken on the 6 interactive lessons in their classrooms for years 5-8 engaging over 4,600 students nationwide. It isn't just about becoming a racing car driver, it aims to inspire students to look at all the varied roles available through motorsport such as engineers, strategists etc.
- Fuels permitted for the SXS competition has had an important safety regulation. So if you compete in the SXS competition make sure you check out the new rules.
- Aiva Anagnostiadis is Australia's first driver to take part in the F1 Academy series. She will also be an Ambassador for the Australian Grand Prix.
- Another confirmed partnership is Disc Brakes Australia (DBA) . They will also partner with the Shannons SpeedSeries and the EROAD Australian Rally Championship for 2025.
- Historic racing comes alive through the Rob Roy Hillclimb to be held in the Yarra Valley on 29-30 March. It's their 3<sup>rd</sup> Festival, with not only motorsport but live entertainment to help created a real Festival atmosphere. To learn more check out [mgcc.com.au](http://mgcc.com.au).
- There are 6 new names added to the Motorsport Hall of Fame making a total of 99 inductees. And Casey Stoner was moved up to Legend Status. Check out all the inductees as listed in Speed Read.

On a lighter note:

## April Fools:

Who needs a day for the fools? I'm surrounded by them all year.

Why was everyone so tired on April 1? Because they just finished a long 31-day March

Why can April jump so high? It's spring!

April Fools' Day is the favorite holiday of which animal? The silly goose!

**Don't forget to check out our Facebook Page or website:**

**[www.bendigocarclub.com.au](http://www.bendigocarclub.com.au), there are some great action shots – are you one of them?**

### **Vicroads Club Permit Scheme** (club plates).

The Bendigo Car Club is still able to issue and renew Vicroads CPS, the club does some rules for members who have their vehicles on this scheme, they are: -

- Attend at least 2 meetings during the year.
- Participate in at least 2 activities of the club eg. compete or official at any of our calendared events.
- Attend a club meeting to have your permit renewed, unless prior arranged.
- These arrangements can be made with the following members:

John Orr	ph 0419 168 914
John Hardiman	ph 0417 352 909
Mick Elvey	ph 0428 506 492
Craig Button	ph 0427 511 158

*Please keep this in mind.*

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

Got a club car or parts to sell? **Send us an e-mail via the website [contact page](#).**

# **Membership Information**

Financial Membership of the Bendigo Car Club Inc allows you to obtain a Motorsports Australia competition license and compete in our club events plus many other events.

The membership year is from the **1st July to the 30th June** the following year.

Membership fees are;

**Full Membership \$100**

**Junior Membership \$40**

**A family Membership is also available, which consists of one full membership plus \$30 for each extra family member**

Renewal forms can be found on our website:

[www.bendigocarclub.com.au](http://www.bendigocarclub.com.au)

## **Member address updating**

If you move house or change email address could you please let us know so we can keep you informed and up to date.

- Postal address updates can be done by contacting Jacqui Caroll on 0413 488 208
- Email address updates to [enquires@bendigocarclub.com.au](mailto:enquires@bendigocarclub.com.au)

For all your competition licence needs go to [www.motorsport.org.au](http://www.motorsport.org.au)

## Bendigo Car Club Office Bearers 2024-2025

<b>President:</b>	Craig Button
<b>Vice President:</b>	Lesley Smart
<b>Secretary</b>	Scott Bowley
<b>Assist Secretary</b>	Paula Moorhead
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Chris Gill-Symons
<b>Assist Treasurer</b>	Scott Bowley
<b>Membership Sec:</b>	Jacqui Caroll
<b>Property Officer:</b>	Matthew Peach
<b>CAMS Delegate:</b>	Craig Button / Lesley Smart
<b>Regular Members:</b>	Kevin Symons, Mick Moorhead Tony Stokes, Chris Hume Matthew Coombs

Facilities Maintenance Coordinator Jim Coombs Ph 0434 769 910

## BCC Event Contact List

<b>Event Type</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Motorkhana	Brian Shanahan
Khanacross / Autocross	Mick Elvey
Rally	Murray MacKenzie / Tony Moore
Off Road	Craig Button / Ken Holt
Bitumen Sprints / Circuit	Roger Hall
Officiating	Peter Valentine / Lesley Smart
Vic Roads Club Permit Scheme	John Hardiman / John Orr / Mick Elvey / Craig Button





# LYNNE'S GAZETTE

## HONOURING LONG SERVING SENIOR OFFICIALS



Motorsport Australia honoured long-serving senior officials at an exclusive event at the opening round of the Formula 1 Louis Vuitton Australian Grand Prix. Photos: Revved Photography

In honour of their distinguished tenure as an Official at Australia's premier motorsport event, 21 of the sport's most respected officials were recognised for their decades-long dedication to the sport.

The invite only event hosted trackside celebrated the passion, expertise, and commitment of our long-standing officials whose contributions are the cornerstone of our motorsport community.

This celebration comes at a time when many of the widely respected individuals' hand over key officials' duties in line with succession plans that support the development of future generations of Motorsport Australia Officials.

Motorsport Australia's Sporting & Technical Director, Lisa Crampton congratulated the officials on their role within the Australian Grand Prix throughout the years.

"Motorsport Australia's commitment to elevating emerging talent into senior positions, while ensuring continued mentorship from our most experienced officials, is designed to strike a balance between fostering new leadership and preserving the knowledge and expertise of those who have shaped the sport in a profound way."

The honours list is in recognition of officials who have dedicated 40 years to the sport. The Formula 1 Louis Vuitton Australian Grand Prix will see close to 1000 Motorsport Australia officials in action to deliver the iconic event.

## Officials Celebrated:

Terry Bebe  
Rae Begg  
Ray Begg  
Angus Black  
Terry Buxton  
Rhys Carleton-Carlos  
Roger Chirnside  
Daryl Karlsson  
Paul Martin  
Mario Napoleone  
Gregory Piggott  
Warren Reid  
Geoff Rothberg  
Tim Schenken OAM  
Lawrie Schmitt OAM  
Henk van den Dungen  
Tony van den Dungen  
Kenneth Smith  
Robert Styling  
Tony Thorne  
David Turnbull



## JAC'S 400

Jacqueline Devereaux, known as Jac, hails from Wollongong NSW. She is Deputy Chief Marshal, looking after all the trackside Marshals (Flaggies, Trackies, Observers and Light Panel Operators.)

This gives her 400 people to oversee, in addition to assisting all the other teams, Chiefs, Race Control and the secretary of the Event - all helping to make it a smooth and successful event. Jac has worked 16 AGPs, after she was encouraged by fellow interstate marshals to attend the first time.

Jac met her partner at the AGP, and since most people know her well enough after 20 years as an official, she's unsure if there is any unknown fun fact.



## BAGPIPE OLLIE

Owen Smith, who goes by Ollie, is from Adelaide, South Australia. His job this year is Assistant Chief Marshal. This entails a variety of tasks, ranging from placing an amazing team of Flag/Track Marshals and Observers in the lead uptown AGP to working with multiple teams to ensure that the event is delivered smoothly. This is his fifth year at AGP, after having been involved in circuit racing in South Adelaide for many years.

In 2019 Ollie decided it was time to come to Melbourne. His memorable AGP memory is a hot pot experience outside the circuit one evening in 2023. One thing folks may not know about him is that he's played the bagpipes for 12 years.



## TEAM MCNEILL

Meaghan McNeill also goes by Meags. She is from Drouin, Victoria. Meags has been coming to AGP for the past 26 years and now works as Senior Marshal in the Marshals Muster area. She started coming when Peter Nelson's daughter Jo told us that "Dad needed more helpers." I was still on my honeymoon for my first GP.

Meags enjoys meeting so many people that are now life-long friends, working in the supercar area the first two years and being with the crews. She loves country music and has two sons that race off-road motorcycles.



## GRUMPY

Peter Valentine, who claims he is sometimes called Grumpy, comes from Bendigo in Central Victoria. He is the 2025 Chief Scrutineer for the National Support Categories. Peter oversees three teams that check driver's apparel car safety and eligibility before they race on the circuit; and the scrutineers also perform technical checks under the direction of the category's Technical Officer. They also oversee Parc Ferme for the Supercars and Porsche Carrera Cup at the end of their races.

This is Peter's 12th year at AGP and third as a Senior Official. He was encouraged to apply as an official by other scrutineers with whom he had previously worked. The ability to work with and be involved with some of the leading categories in Australian motorsport is something about which he feels privileged. "It's also pretty cool to be standing on Pit Lane and watch the F1 drivers pass by within a meter of you". Most of the people with whom he works have little idea that Peter's background is club level, as a clerk of the course for his local club events including state and national motorkhana, khanacross, and off-road events.







## MITCH THE MAN

Mitchell McLean goes by Mitch and is from Victoria. He works in Marshals Muster and helps with the Gazette team. Mitchell is in his third year at AGP and is the youngest on the crew.

He loves the great AGP people he is meeting and talking to new people every morning, and he is a very kind and happy person.

## THE GREAT ESCAPE

Nikhil Sorot (Nik) was born in India and has lived in Melbourne for 10 years. In 2025, Nik's role is Flag Marshal at turn 11, assessing racing conditions and using appropriate flags to warn or inform drivers. Nik has worked eight AGP's and been a motor racing fan since 90s. Nik moved to Melbourne to be a part of Formula 1 because a colleague was a long-standing Firey at the events and showed him the way to get involved.

Nik's most memorable AGP experience is meeting Marty while attending to an incident for Sebastian Vettel at AGP 2022 and Marty became his best friend at the AGP since. One thing most people don't know about Nik, is he fled his boarding school when he was seven and successfully reached his home in Mumbai on his own, which was 250 kms from the boarding school.

## MARTY'S MATE SEB

Only known as "Marty from Team Baxter", this highly skilled intervention marshal is always making sure the track is sparkling clean, removing cars and debris on time, whilst trying hard to make Sector Marshal Paul Baxter happy (not necessarily in that order)

2025 is Marty's 21st AGP and he started with a friend back in 2004 at Phillip Island and then went straight to the AGP. Marty has worked the second Bathurst 24hr, Supercar events and the historic events in Victoria. Marty's most memorable moment was at the AGP 2022 when Seb Vettel stopped at turn 10 (before the track update) in FP3 and he had a chance to have a chat with him after moving his car. Marty is from the same region in Germany as Seb, so he picked up the accent straight away. Seb was very down to earth and totally relaxed, but we all know that anyway don't we. When pressed about one thing most people don't know about him, he was cagey and said, "don't go there, trust me!".



Marty from Team Baxter remains at large.



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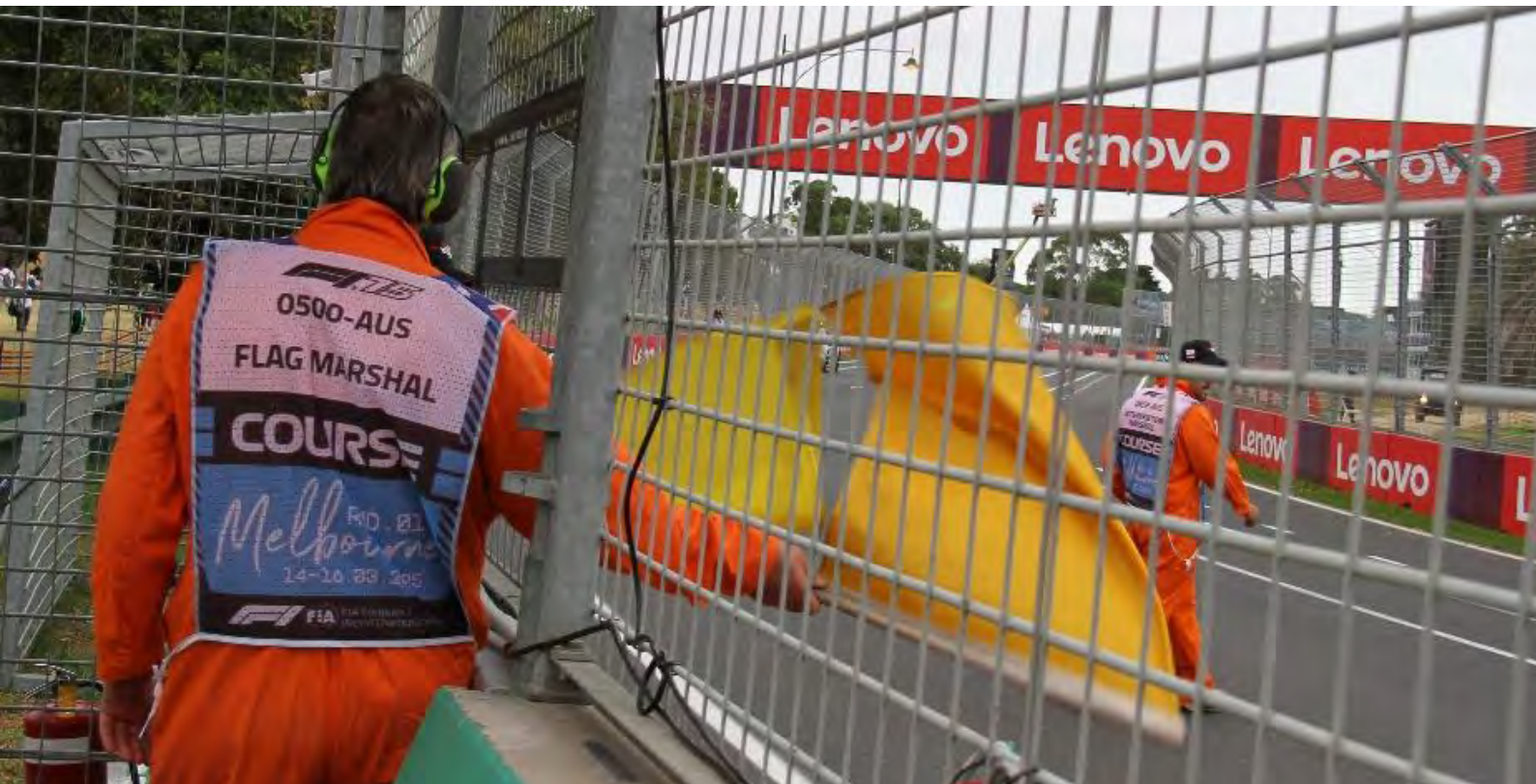




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## TRAVEL BACK TO 2004 WITH MICHAEL



Sometimes referred to as “The Forgotten Officials,” at least amongst themselves, Formula 1 scrutineers go places every Formula 1 fan dream is to be inside every team’s garage. Mistakenly, the impression received about scrutineers is that they just wander up and down pit lane. This is far from the truth.

Scrutineering is a job well hidden from the public eye. Many spectators do not know they exist, let alone what their role entails. But their job is one of the most important. Without scrutineers, the teams could get away with just about anything.

A tight-knit bunch, the camaraderie between all of them is obvious from the first minute of meeting them. The chatter, stories and jokes never seem to stop while waiting for their briefing from Chief Scrutineer, Ewan Cole. His briefing is short but to the point. As with everything else at the Grand Prix, safety is the watchword. The pit lane is a dangerous place, and the scrutineers are constantly in the line of fire, having to be in and around the garages at all times the Formula 1 cars are to be on circuit.

Jo Bauer, FIA Chief Scrutineer, gives a briefing each morning about what is to be done that day. All eyes are on Jo as he describes some of the details that the FIA scrutineers have been looking at as well as those details for the local scrutineers.

There are three parts to the job the scrutineers complete. These roles are related to the tyres, what is within the garage, and the weighing platform.

The tyre checkers have a relatively simple job to do on the Thursday. As the cars are not running on track, the tyres are not overly important as to which are on the cars. Equipment is supplied by the FIA. The tyres are checked with a bar code reader which contains a list of tyres supplied to the relevant team. Each team is assigned a scrutineer with a bar code reader. Unlike a standard Safeway system, these readers are very unforgiving. The scrutineer has to be very accurate in where the reader is placed. Once the tyre is read, information is displayed on the reader as to whether it is a tyre that should be on the car as the teams are very limited in which tyres can be used.

Every time the F1 cars hit the track, all tyres need to be checked. The limited space within a garage is only one of the hurdles in completing this job. The scrutineers need to read the tyres as quick as they can while having to work through the brake dust and heat generated from the tyre itself.

The garage scrutineers have two roles throughout the weekend. Firstly, they check the cars for compliance with a list of regulations. This covers a large variety of parts of the cars. For cockpit size, there is a template that is slotted into the cockpit area. If this does not fit without any forcing or interference, then the team needs to resolve the issue. Some teams, such as Jaguar, prepare their own templates which match the FIA supplied ones to make sure they comply. Darren Nicholls of Jaguar Racing explains, "If there is anything different on the specific car through design, it still has to meet those conditions. Like on our car with the headrest brackets, the FIA template does not fit - so we've produced our own template which has been inspected by the FIA, so they're happy with it dimensionally and we just put the notches so that it slides past the pins."

The weighing platform team have it easy initially. The F1 teams have free access to the garage at the start of pitlane containing the platform. The platform consists of a ramp and an area marked with lines plus four pads for the wheels. The pads measure the weight of the car at each corner and lasers measure some details of the car. The scrutineers assigned to this area have to measure various details, once more, for compliance. Penalties await any team which fails this test during a session. At the end of each practice session, some cars are randomly chosen to be checked. After qualifying, thanks to the new Parc Ferme rules brought in last season as well as the qualifying rules for 2004, this team have to weigh and measure forty vehicles during the one hour and forty minutes of qualifying.

New rules once again plague the scrutineers. There is now only one engine allowed for the entire Grands Prix weekend, and it is up to the scrutineers to ensure the teams follow this and many other rules. For practice, qualifying and the race itself, there is a scrutineer watching all of the teams' cars to make sure nothing gets changed that shouldn't. For those that think this sounds like a simple task, you have to remember that on Friday up to six teams can run a third car. On top of this, the scrutineers need to do their job whilst the team is trying to get their cars out onto the circuit or doing their own checks on a car freshly returned. This means that there can be well in excess of a dozen personnel each swarming over up to three vehicles while a lone scrutineer needs to keep a watchful eye on absolutely everything.

Rebecca Drummond, as a garage scrutineer, was assigned the role of checking the equipment the drivers wear. Clothing, helmets and even the HANS device are checked to make sure they meet FIA standards. "It's not every

day you get to hold every helmet of every F1 driver,” says Rebecca. She became a scrutineer because, quite simply, becoming a driver was too expensive. By taking on this demanding job, she is still part of the action.

Doing a fair amount of the coordination of the scrutineering team is Debra Black. Her role includes liaising with the F1 teams to make sure they understand what is happening while checks are being undertaken. Generally, there are no problems but, every so often, there will be a small problem that crops up. Most times it is resolved to everyone’s satisfaction quite quickly with the teams happy to cooperate. McLaren, for instance, had an issue with their seats where the tool used to make sure the driver extraction device can be inserted did not fit correctly. These inspections are there to make sure that problems such as this are not discovered before it is too late.



Alan Pickstock, from South Australia, became a scrutineer because of his engineering interest and background with the Department of Defence. For this year’s race, Alan is working as a tyre checker for BAR. “It’s the place to be for the engineering,” he says. “We’re one of the first to arrive and start work at the track and one of the last to leave,” Alan adds, so it’s not an easy life. Alan also works as a scrutineer at a number of other events throughout the year, including the Clipsal 500 in Adelaide, the World Superbike Championship race at Phillip Island and most events in South Australia, including rallying.

Even once the race is complete, the scrutineer’s job is not done. Every car that finishes the race needs to be inspected. Their job is not complete until hours after the race is over, and the fans have all left the track.

Don’t forget those considered to be forgotten. Not everyone is in the limelight but for anyone wishing to get up close and personal with a Formula 1 car, there is no better way than as a scrutineer.

Scrutineers: Ian Beaumont, Debra Black, Mike Burnside, Ewan Cole, Norm Crompton, Bruce Dollison, Rebecca Drummond, Darrell Evans, Mike Farrell, Peter Flanagan, Deane Gull, Chris Hall, David Howard, Bruce Hudson, Mark Jones, John Mahncke, Richard Marston, John Mason, Peter McKill, Graeme Palmer, Alan Pickstock, John Roberts, Wayne Rodgers, Tony Rodgers, John Short, Jan Stubbs, Rob Vale, Basil Van Dongen, Phil Wilkins.

