

Report: Moonee Ponds Swapmeet Sunday 4th May 2025

The third annual Moonee Ponds swapmeet was another fantastic social gathering at a supermarket of slot car shopping!

We had 34 seller tables and sellers from around Victoria as well as Adelaide and Sydney. We also had two tracks setup with Peter and Debbie of MrSlotcar demonstrating MrTrax and Graham with a small test track that attendees were free to use to get a car running or just check before buying.

The Bowling Club room was full with slot cars and people as you see below.



Below is the MrTrax demonstration track, great to have Debbie and Peter back after attending the inaugural Moonee Ponds swapmeet in 2023.



There were over 1,500 slot cars in the room as well as sets, buildings, track, parts and accessories. With 21 different sellers there was plenty to look at and many people to talk to whilst buying or swapping slot car items.



The day welcomed the biggest queue we have seen for a Club swapmeet.

We appreciate attendees patience as the clock ticked over to 10am and the queue entered. The entry and event were managed by three Club Members which we are very grateful for. Chris, Scott and John from Sydney were amazing to manage such a big queue and have everyone pre-paid with entry tickets. It was a record crowd in total for the day too. 190 attendees including 40 Members and 129 paying non-Members.

Financially it was a success for the Club despite the highest room hire fee of any of the Club swapmeets.



Looking forwards, the next swapmeet is Western Sydney on Sunday 3rd August 2025, well worth travelling for if you have the opportunity.

The next Victorian swapmeet is the second annual event at Ringwood on Sunday 26th October 2025, see flyer on page 35 of this Club Lines.

Planning is well underway for Sydney, Ringwood will commence soon.

With regards to the 2026 Moonee Ponds it will return on the first Sunday in May which is 3rd May, partially because the “Modex” car show has been confirmed for same weekend again. It is possible we may be at different venue as it is clearly now an room size that limits the swapmeet seller tables and at a price that is 30% more than any other venue we use (all of which offer more space). The locality definitely suits and luckily there are plenty of options. If you are aware of a hall or function room that is at least 15m x 20m (at least 300 square metres area) with a price of around \$500 for not-for-profit, please let Dominic know.

Thanks again for Chris, Scott and John and the others who helped plus the sellers and buyers. It was another great swapmeet event hosted by the Club.

Cheers Dominic and Committee