

## Report Ringwood Victorian Swapmeet Sunday 26 October 2025

The Ringwood second annual swapmeet was a great occasion to bring together so many enthusiasts interested in slot cars.

It was definitely the biggest and best swapmeet in Melbourne since we brought swapmeets back in 2023. Attendance was approximately 245 people to enjoy 47 seller tables full of slot cars from 25 different sellers.

Below you can see the queue of buyers waiting to attend and again the queue was good but less than half of the attendance on the day with a steady stream of people arriving. The waiting to get in and also the energy of the sellers was helped with thanks to Anni and Uncle Dom's Coffee Van providing excellent coffees amongst other hot and cold drinks.



The hall setup with 47 seller tables was 50% more tables than last year and really filled the hall. We really appreciate the interest of so many Members and non-Members in being sellers. Pre-event attendance to the hall was involved to check all the tables and layout would fit. At bottom you can see the Membership and Club Merchandise table that Sydney Committee Members Rod and Roger travelled down for. More on Club volunteers later.



We were fortunate to have Peter and Debbie from Business Member MrSlotcar with two seller tables and two very impressive looking MrTrax tracks being demonstrated as shown below. We also had Graeme with his test track again onsite which was used by many people.

And now getting into what was there and buying, Club Member Wayne was a great example of those travelling a long distance to enjoy the items of offer!



The below photo was soon after doors opened at 10am, taken from the front entrance. Lots of Members and familiar faces in attendance and there really is a big benefit from a swapmeet every 3 months alternating Melbourne and Sydney. At bottom is Ricky who had three seller tables and plenty on offer as a contributor to the estimated 1,800 slot cars in the hall on the day.

We appreciate all the sellers making the effort to be setup by the requested time and bringing such a great variety of items.

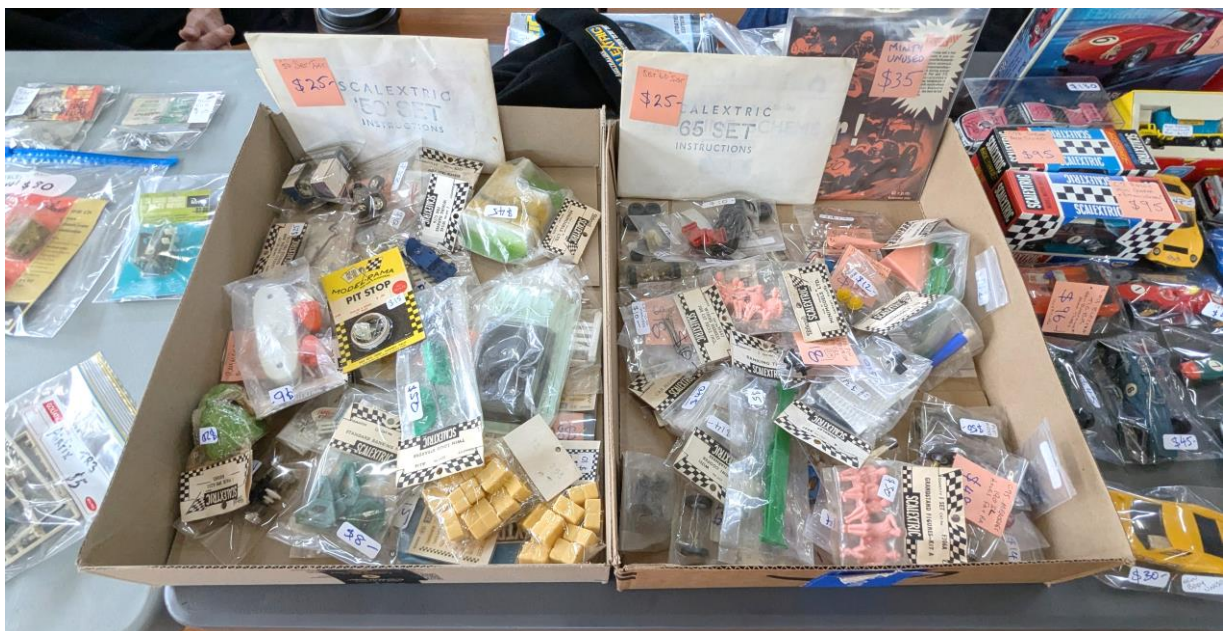
Next year we will be using extra space for sellers and looking to get close to 60 seller tables with a breakout area in the main hall.



With so many seller tables, the photos we could include would fill all pages of this Club Lines. To choose a few, below Club Member Rick's selection of Scalextric cars at reasonable prices that were perfect for adding either a racer or mint in box shelf queen to your collection.

At bottom were the very welcome vintage offerings from Michael whom was a first time seller and new Club Member for 2026. Part of the enjoyment from the event is connecting with other slot car enthusiasts and knowing you'll talk more and see them at the next swapmeet. Micheal has good knowledge of the Australian Scalextric scene from the 1960s and brought many original factory spares as well as Revell and Monogram items.

Another seller, Eric, was a late addition and us wanting to have a vintage section we placed Eric next to Michael. We had no idea they used to know each other 25 years ago in slot cars but lost touch and now back in contact!



There were many other sellers, including a number of Club Members, who contributed to this and prior Melbourne swapmeets growing and super events to attend. We really appreciate and thank you for making the Club hosted events so good and a way to help people to enjoy the hobby more.

Financially, all swapmeets are now beneficial due to the high attendance of sellers and buyers and the choice of cost-effective venues. This is important as we do continue with printed Club Lines and hopefully have a Club car to fund in the near future.

We also appreciate all the Members and other buyers who attend in such good numbers to Club swapmeets as it clearly helps support the Club with growing Membership. Without your interest and telling others the slot car swapmeets offered would not be so good.

To finish this update we'd like to focus on the volunteers who make the event possible. Whilst Dominic plans and organises the event, on the day it falls to a number of others to managing proceedings and the success is a credit to their work. Below we have a photo of the Club Committee and Member volunteers who made this event possible and was taken just after finished the packup. On the left we have Chris and Scott whom have operated the front of house for each Melbourne swapmeet since 2023. Without these two guys we would not have such a good swapmeet. Joining as front of house, again like at Moonee Ponds, is John from Sydney who is on the right. Together they managed the event really well. John is part of the volunteer crew for Sydney swapmeets and has actually done all four swapmeets this year! A big thank you to Rod for providing Membership support on the day, adding some new Members and renew others, as well as the PA announcements. And lastly to Pete and Roger who also did the road trip with Pete a seller and Roger leading the Club Merchandise and sale of donated items. Collectively a great group that enable these swapmeets to happen and we wanted to properly acknowledge their efforts as not always seen by others.



Cheers Dominic and Club Committee