

THE LIQUID QUARTER



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**VICTORIAN
DRAG BOAT CLUB INC.**

NEWSFLASH OF THE CENTURY!

A VDBC COMMITTEE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

What do you think goes on at Committee meetings each month? Well, at last we can advise all members that the club has finally entered into an agreement with an electronics company to build some major enhancements for our dual lane timing system. This is the first time for a long time that we have made any headway into achieving our new dual lane timing system. The enhancements will transform our current, antiquated but effective single lane timing system into the following:-
The club has ordered a Clock Countdown system consisting of 2 single digit displays. These displays will be mounted on the Start Lights pontoon. The Start lights and clocks will be radio frequency controlled and linked to the computer in the tower. Dual lane times and speeds will be a reality with additional beam sensors and receivers that we hope to purchase with the assistance of Dennis Clarke.

These new beams are going to be mounted straight down the centre of the course with tripods that Marty Lynch, engineer, mechanic, boat driver, trophy maker, caravan repairer, you name it and his able bodied assistants are currently building for us. The 4 beams down the finish line of the track will be radio frequency controlled, meaning we will not need cable to connect them to the tower computer system. As we are just starting with this new development, it is still quite a while away before we have the new system up and running.

We are hoping for late November or early December 05 ready for testing. We can also advise we are working with Patrick Bustard, a specialist in this field, (Thanks Marty for the networking) to develop a new timing program that will incorporate a number of features that will assist the tower crew and the drivers, and further enhance the dual lane timing hardware.

Unfortunately all this equipment has a price tag, which means the club will be severely depleted in its financial reserves, so to get this working and the club back into a strong financial position we need your support. So when asked to assist don't say no, just get involved. This is an exciting time at the club as we move into a new era with dual lane timing. The club will be holding various fund raisers soon so please support them when they are announced.

Further information and the progress of this major project will follow, so keep your eye on the 'members section' on the website for updates.
