

Sporting Report

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Kent Brown reports...

John Goss OAM, Remo Luciani, Victor Bray and the late **Joan Richmond** are the latest set of accomplished individuals to be inducted into the Australian Motorsport Hall of Fame.



The quartet were officially announced as the newest members of the prestigious club in front of a strong crowd at this year's Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix with Australian Motorsport Hall of Fame Legend Mick Doohan in attendance to present the medallions.

All four have contributed greatly to the sport with Goss and Richmond having excelled in car racing, Luciani in karting and Bray in drag racing. Goss would be familiar to many racing fans due to being the only driver in history to have won both an Australian Grand Prix and a Bathurst 1000.

Richmond's success may not have been as unique as Goss', but her impact on the sport was just as significant as she was a pioneer for not just women, but for Australian international motorsport. Unfortunately, Richmond passed away in 1999, with her medallion accepted by representatives from the National Museum of Australia.

Joan Margaret Richmond was born at Cooma on the 23rd of March 1905. Joan Richmond was a self-confessed "tomboy" and she broke from tradition preferring male oriented activities. Following successes in motorsport in Victoria she decided to enter the Monte Carlo Rally. She didn't ship 3 Riley's to the start in Palermo but with companions and a chaperone drove there in 1931. What a feat!

On arrival in England, Victor Riley offered her a drive with Elsie Wisdom in a 1000 mile race at Brooklands, the mecca of motorsport at the time. They won it! Over the next 8 years she competed throughout Europe in many makes including Riley, Singer, MG, Triumph, HRG, Ballot and Fiat. Joan Richmond raced at circuits like Le Mans, Brooklands, Donington and the hill climb at Shelsley Walsh plus another 7 Monte Carlo and other major rallies.



George Eyston's "Dancing Daughters" in their P-Type MGs at Brooklands – Joan is in the middle car

She returned to Melbourne in 1946 and led a busy but reclusive life working as a volunteer veterinary nurse.

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