

**January club Run**  
**Test & Tune Rocker Cover Ramp**  
**By Ray Howlett**

I arrived at the clubrooms a little after 9am and after sharing a few happy New Year wishes with those already there we then proceeded to set up the Rocker cover Ramp.

While setting up the Ramp, the trestles made to support it kept falling over as the others were placed in position. Of course we had one man drilling while the rest of us stood around! When it was finally set up it was time to work out how to fit the race starting flaps that Peter Charman had made. After a lot of discussion, a plan of action was agreed on and work got under way. While this was being done, Ralph and I finished the run off board which will be fitted to the end of the Ramp.

It was now time for testing, so out came the Racers, after a quick test run it seems a few blokes will have some minor adjustments to make to their Racers to be ready for the Nationals. Derk placed a couple of Lead weights on his Racer and a significant increase was made to its speed. However, it now weighs in excess of the 5kg limit allowed for a Rocker Racer. Maybe just one weight will do Derk.

Apparently the starting flaps still need work as they don't stay up, Jane Fox made reference to a certain tablet that is good for keeping things up and suggested the flaps be painted Blue. Someone also suggested a "v" be painted on them (and that aint V for Victoria!! ) We all wondered how Jane knows these tablets are Blue?

There was only one injury to report, during the test races, Gary Beardsley got a finger caught between two Rocker Racers as he tried to catch them at the end of the track. Not too sore i hope Gary.

While the last few test runs were carried out, Chris Shepherd & Russell King went out to buy some Snags and a couple of loaves of bread. A good BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all.

**Members with Earlies**

Gary Beardsley  
Peter Charman  
Ray & Val Daggers  
Michael Delzoppo  
Richard Fox  
Ray Howlett  
Ian MacLean  
Chris Shepherd  
Derk Tuik

**Members without Earlies**

Ralph Edwards  
Chris & Jane Fox with Angus,Olivia and Cloe  
Rod Grummitt  
Russell King  
Tim & Drew Sells