



Jack del Borrello in the White Mouse, one of the original racers in the 1940 Patriotic Grand Prix.

# Event re-lives glory of famous car race

APPLECROSS, one of Perth's premier suburbs, is a quiet, leafy place with magnificent riverside views: a place of tranquillity.

However, things were a little noisier back in 1940 when the Patriotic Grand Prix was run through the suburb.

The race was run to raise money for needy families during the war.

People lucky enough to live in Kintail Road, Moreau Mews, Canning Beach Road, Dun Craig, Tweeddale, Ardross and Matheson roads had the cars flying past their front doors.

It was a huge event, drawing a crowd of more than 40,000.

On Sunday, November 12, it will be commemorated when the Vintage Sports Car Club of WA holds a display at Jeff Joseph Reserve.

A police escort will lead a group of cars, including three or four of the racers of the day, along the original circuit.

Called The Applecross Grand Prix Lives On, the event will be part of the Festival of Melville and also part of the VSCC's 20th anniversary.

Up to 60 cars from the era, and a few a little younger, will be on public display on the reserve.

Doing a lap will be a group including the famous White

Mouse, now owned by Jack del Borrello, the Plymouth Special in which the late Clem Dwyer set fastest lap, the Bartlett Special and possibly the ex-Duncan Ord Bugatti.

Mayor Katherine Jackson will flag the group off at 11am.

"We encourage everyone to bring out any memorabilia and join us on the reserve," the VSCC's Mary-Ann Stewart-Richardson said.

"Any donations will go to the Cancer Council of WA.

"It will be a day of nostalgic family enjoyment and the raising of road safety awareness," she said.