



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

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An incorporated club

A friendly family social motoring club

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Your A.B.C. News

British & European Car Show report.

One group of members arrived early so as to help with the marshalling & others arrived later, some with the ABC Club & others with their one make clubs. The turnout was good and the weather perfect.. We tried our our recently purchased KABANA (which we call Camelot because it fits the part). Thanks to Chenelle & Tom Vernay for constructing same. We spent a lot of time chatting & exploring the various car displays prior to pulling down Camelot & heading for home.

Our thanks to the A.O.M.C. For a great day

Remember the Annual Dinner on 17th June

Make a note of the date now.

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1972 MGB Mk 2 For Sale

Very good condition

Over the last three years considerable work has been done to upgrade this RED MGB.

Work includes... New clutch, rebuilt overdrive, new gaskets in engine and gearbox, new exhaust extractors, new exhaust sports system, new Bosch distributor, reconditioned radiator. new clutch master & slave cylinders, new Dunlop aquajet textile radials, complete metal re-spray { approx 4 years ago} all rust cut out & re-sprayed, including foot wells, new griplight steering wheel, new oil & temperature gauge, etc etc.

All this work & the wife has got a new car & wants the garage space to park her car in, so we have got to sell the MGB.

Price...\$19000 ONO. Incl. Roadworthy.

Ring Craig Douglas on 97612522 Bus & 97884329 Hme



Open letter from the RACV Chairman to all Clubs

As the result of considerable work & discussions we are opening a new era in relationships & services between the RACV & the Historic Car Movement. Much more work needs to be done to bring all these services & facilities on line & we will be continuing to work with the RACV to bring this about.

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20 April 2000

Dear Motoring Enthusiast

RACV is an organisation built on the needs of Victorian motoring since 1903.

As we approach our centenary in 2003, our commitment to this heritage has never been stronger.

RACV is also committed to building relationships with all interested parties especially those with a direct link to motoring. To that end, we were pleased to recently have been approached by your organisation, particularly Mr Frank Douglas, to work together co-operatively in the future.

After a useful meeting between RACV and your Association, RACV has agreed to fund a liaison officer to help us strengthen and enhance our relationship with the Association of Motoring. The liaison officer will for example, suggest new initiatives to us on joint work groups and assist you in areas such as RACV insurance, road service, advocacy, technical advice and social facilities.

On behalf of the RACV Board I look forward to seeing this initiative grow in the years to come for the mutual benefit of the RACV and all motoring enthusiasts.

Yours sincerely

Dr Max Lay
RACV Chairman

Members cars

Frank & Pat Douglas have sold their XJS V12 Jaguar convertible to new members Dr & Mrs Alan Baker and have raided the piggy-bank to purchase a Silver Spur Rolls Royce

Originally imported by Rolls Royce for the British High Commissioner & used in Canberra this car recently came up for sale & was noted by Tony Hodges who in turn knew that Frank was looking for a Spur. The car is in very good condition & a delight to drive. It is intended that along with other ABC members cars will be driven to Glen-Innes for the meeting with the Queensland ABC Club.



Coolart's Historic Buildings

The house was F.S. Grimwade's country home from 1895 to 1907. The Grimwade photographs and letters downstairs recall the style and prosperity of those early days.

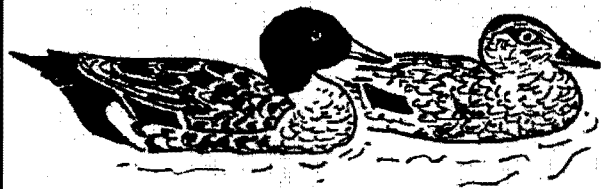
Next to the homestead is the "Barracks" built in the 1850's or 1860's as a workmen's bunkhouse. This building, along with the buttery, meathouse, smokehouse and part of the Stables were built of hand made bricks. In the farmyard is a century old machinery shed, recently restored, which houses some interesting farming implements.

Gardens

By the 1900's a formal garden had been added to the earlier orchards and vegetable gardens, with a croquet lawn, tennis court, geometric paths and flower beds. The present layout was designed in 1938 by David Mathews but Mrs. Luxton chose the trees and shrubs.

Wetlands Observatory

The Observatory was built in 1985 with one-way glass for sweeping views of the wetlands and the birds that live there. Look for ducks, swans, swamphens, grebes amongst many other species. You may even see a Marsh Harrier on its daily hunting routine, or during summer long necked Tortoises basking in the sun.



Things to see and do

Slide Shows in the Wetlands Observatory

1.30pm weekday - Introducing Coolart and audio-visual on Coolart's history and wildlife.

2.00pm weekends - Ranger's Slide Show. Learn more about Coolart from one of Coolart's rangers

Birdwatching

The best areas for birdwatching are the Coastal Woodlands, the garden, among the native trees around the Visitor Centre and from the observation hides. Binoculars may be borrowed from the Visitor Centre. A bird list is also Available.

Walks

Guide notes for the woodland walks are on the reverse side of this sheet.

Picnics

You are welcome to picnic on the lawns, or use the barbecues, in the picnic area. A solar hot water service unit has been installed for your convenience. If it is cold or wet, please enquire about the Stables.

Refreshments

Tea, Coffee, juices and snack food are available every day.

Sundays: Devonshire teas are served in the Homestead by the Friends of Coolart.

For the Disabled

Wheelchairs may be borrowed from the Visitor Centre. The Minsmere Hide and Wetlands Observatory have been designed for use by the disabled. The Observatory is best approached by the path opposite the stables.

Information

Information about Coolart is available from the Visitor Centre or calling Parks Victoria on 131963

Coolart is open: 10am to 5pm daily

Except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Good Friday

Melways reference Map 193 J9



Welcome to Coolart Wetlands
& Homestead

We hope you enjoy your visit

The logo for Parks Victoria, featuring a stylized mountain range above the word "Parks" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with "VICTORIA" in a smaller font below it.



This is stretching things a bit

This 50 foot plus, long Limo was sighted in California during a recent visit.. Just imagine trying to turn this little gem if you went up a court. Its probably perfect for a married couple who are not talking to each other unless they used a phone. It would just love some of our speed humps etc.& It would need a good fuel pump to get fuel to the engine.

Treasurers Report up to 4.4.2000

Treasurers report from 1 Jan 2000 to 4 Apl 2000.

Cash book balance 1 Jan.		1815.28
Add receipts.		
Members subs.	505.00	
Sales of merchandise	185.00	
AOMC	42.00	
Donation received re RACV		
Great Australian Rally	2555.00	
Sub total.	5102.28	
Deduct payments		
Printing & Postage	211.20	
AGM costs	32.00	
Club shade house	269.00	
Advertising	38.70	550.90
Cash book balance 4.4.2000		4551.38



Welcome to new members

Bob & Jan Poole

Tim & Susan Maslin

Brian Rawson

We look forward to enjoying your company at club events. The hand of friendship is extended to you.

Report on our joint rally at Glen Innes NSW

Some 25 members from Queensland NSW & Victoria got together at Glen Innes NSW for a very enjoyable Easter meeting. Cars ranged from a 1924 Standard to a Silver Spur. The weekends program was most enjoyable & included a bus trip to Emmaville and a visit to King Range Castle..

We had a number of entertaining evenings with the grand event being the last night when different members & groups put on items of entertainment for all present. What a spectacle that was. All in all a very pleasant meeting with our fellow interstate ABC members.

Our next joint easter get together will be in 2002. It is our turn to make the arrangements. Any body want to take this on as a challenge . Ring Frank on 9739 4829.

Events Events Events

May 6th. Saturday afternoon economy run (with a twist)
Meet at Shell / Hungry Jacks, cnr Maroondah Hwy and Mt Dandenong Rd Ringwood, Melways 49 K 7. First car will depart at 2 pm & the run should finish about 5 pm. At the finish there is a hotel bistro if you would like food. Suggest you are at the start from 1.30.pm. On.....

May 21. Picnic/BBQ at Coolart Homestead. Melways 193 G8
Meet at Mc Donalds, Melways 96 C10. 10 am or at Coolart stables 11 am. Concession price of \$4ea for the club as a group. Don't miss this one.

June..

4th.. Visit to Ford Discovery Center, Geelong.

17th.. Annual Dinner at Mooney Valley Harness Racing Course.

October..

15th Combined event with the Antique Airplane Association of Australia at Riddells Creek..

November..

4th to 7th. Melbourne Cup long weekend visit to EDEN. Including an opportunity to go Whale watching..

Annual Dinner at Mooney Valley Trots will be a night to remember????????????????????
So mark your calender and ring Tom Cannon on 9791 2949 to reserve your places..\$35.00 ea.
Just trot along and enjoy yourselves, you can bet on it.

Join in & ENJOY life

You will only have ONE LIFE.. This is it, use it or lose it

FOR.EVER

Group shot of the "Glen Innes Mob"



Visiting one of the local tourist vista points



Next early morning run will be on May 14..
Starting at the Nunawading Civic Center 7 am .
Dont be late because we will be gone by 7.15 am.
Inquiries.. Ring Neil Wakeman.. 0411.456.047

Vincent Van GOGH'S (pronounced GO) Family Tree

After much research it has been discovered that the Artist, Vincent Van GOGH {GO} had many relatives. Among them were.

His wife

His prune eating brother

His bus driver brother

His magician uncle

His Mexican cousin

His cousin from Illinois

His nephew who drives a stage coach

His constipated uncle

His South American dancing aunt

His bird loving uncle

His fruit loving cousin

His financial genius uncle

His bouncy little nephew

His disco loving daughter

His niece who travels in a van

His Aussie dog breeder nephew

His explorer brother

His Red Indian cousin

His inventor son

His dole cheat other son

His traveling father

His clock watcher brother

His dopey Aussie nephew

His boring brother

His girlfriend

His car dealer son

His Professor brother

Verti-Gogh

Goto-Gogh

Stop-n-Gogh

Wherediddy-Gogh

Amee-Gogh

Chicar-Gogh

Wellsfar-Gogh

Cant-Gogh

Tan-Gogh

Flamin-Gogh

Man-Gogh

Wayto-Gogh

Poe-Gogh

Go--Gogh

Winnie-bay-Gogh

Din-Gogh

Off-l-Gogh.

Wonto-Gogh

Hava-Gogh

No-Gogh

Willie-Gogh

Time -to-Gogh

Dron-Gogh

Willu-Gogh

Don't Gogh

Car-Gogh

Know-Gogh

Enough is enough...

I-gotto-Gogh.

Why did the cowboy buy a DACHSHUND...???

Because he wanted to GET ALONG LITTLE DOGGIE..