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**THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB VIC INC.**

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## **Richard Hogg's 1947 MG TC**



*Thanks for sending the picture Richard. Anyone else want to see their BRITISH car on the front page?  
Send a picture and description to [webmaster@abccc.com.au](mailto:webmaster@abccc.com.au)*

**The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1997**  
**The ABCCC Vic Inc. is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.**  
**Life Member: Pat J Douglas**



**Victorian Incorporated Association Number: A0035462V**



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### CLUB PERMIT SCHEME INFORMATION

In order to use the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) through the ABCCC you must be a financial member and attend at least three (3) Club events during the calendar year. There is also a one year membership requirement BEFORE you are eligible to enter the Scheme. If you are not compliant, your permit will not be renewed.

REMEMBER: IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGISTRATION SCHEME, YOU MUST ATTEND AT LEAST 3 (THREE) EVENTS.

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership dues are due the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of each year. A once only fee of \$30 is due with an application. The annual dues are \$45. For additional; information please refer to the Web Site. Dues can be sent directly to Gordon.

Please address membership enquiries to: Gordon Lindner, 9 Hagen Drive, Berwick, Victoria, 3806 or 0418 540 920.

**REMINDER: YOUR SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL WAS DUE BY JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> - The form is on the web site.**

### NEWSLETTER ORGANIZER – Issue N<sup>o</sup>. 212

Please remember if you are having an event I need to have information about the event for the newsletter. Also, if you have HAD an event, please send me an article and some pictures. Cut off time is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. I would appreciate the notes and articles be written in complete sentences and not in all caps. It makes my job much easier.

*Betty*

### ABCCC EVENTS CALENDAR

#### February 2018

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Phil's Fantastic Day Out – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – car park outside Harvey Normans on Whitehorse Road in Nunawading, Mel 48; G9	Phil Cook 9842 5449
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	AOMC Classic Showcase – An ABCCC Supported Event Show Venue – Yarra Valley Race Course, Yarra Glen.	AOMC 9558 4829



**March 2018**

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> ABCCC Annual General Meeting – An ABCCC Event Pat Douglas 9739 4829  
Venue – Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park, (Mel 37; K3).
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> to Fly the Flag Friendship Tour – A Major ABCCC Event Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Touring Central and Western Victoria (Including Mt. Gambier).  
Start Venue – Ultima Function Centre, Corner of Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court, Keilor Park.  
(Mel 15; B8).

**April 2018**

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Grand Children's Day Out – An ABCCC Event Marj Pepper 9439 7875  
Special Activity – A Visit to the Zoo.
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> A Pleasant Outing – An ABCCC Event Russell Simmonds & Eve Glenn 0433 212 056  
Start Venue – TBA

**May 2018**

- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> A Day out to Whoop Whoop – An ABCCC Event Tore Panuzzo 0413 941 502  
Venue – Castlemaine, Victoria.
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Rex's Big Day Out – An ABCCC Event Rex Hall 9795 7669  
Start Venue – TBA

**June 2018**

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> Hamilton Rally – An ABCCC Visit Event Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Rally Base Venue – Hamilton Showgrounds, Cnr. King and Gordon Streets, Hamilton, Victoria.
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Mid-week Lunch Run – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023  
Start Venue – TBA

**July 2018**

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday Run – An ABCCC Event David Cook and Joan Reid 0447 563 859  
Start Venue – TBA
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to The Tootell's Weekend Away – An ABCCC Event Anne and Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Destination – TBA.

**August 2018**

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> A Special Day Out – An ABCCC Event Christopher Constantine 9898 4431  
Function Venue – TBA
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> A Day out in Gippsland – An ABCCC Event Tom and Heather Cannon 5659 0264  
Details – TBA 0450 580 892

**September 2018**

- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> A Scenic Drive – An ABCCC Event Phil Cook 9842 5449  
Start Venue – TBA
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> A Mystery Outing – An ABCCC Event Anne and Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906  
Venue – Find Out and See.
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration of Our Club – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown 5964 9291  
Venue – TBA.

**October 2018**

- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> An Alternative Way to Geelong – An ABCCC Event Greg and Geraldine Anglin 9876 3293  
Start Venue – TBA.
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Car Display at the Men's Shed (date to be confirmed) Mike Allfrey 9729 1480  
Venue – Croydon Hills Baptist Church, Cnr Bemboka and Plymouth Roads, Croydon Hills.
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> to The Legendary Indulgence Tour – An ABCCC Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Touring – TBA.

**November 2018**

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Celebrate the Melbourne Cup at Yarra Glen – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown 5964 9291  
We will be putting on a car display at Yarra Valley Racecourse.  
Start Venue – Meet at Coldstream, Victoria.
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Touring the 'Apple Isle' – An ABCCC Holiday Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Information Kit – TBA.
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> A Day Out and About – An ABCCC Event TBA.

**December 2018**

- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Luncheon – The ABCCC End of Year Event Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146  
Venue – TBA.

**Please Note:** Those members who are organising club events, please be sure to verify your telephones, and event details to reduce the number of 'TBA' entries on the calendar.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Where did 2017 go? It went so fast I can't help feeling I may have passed the half way mark of my life. 2018 looks like it will be a busy one for the Club. We will be celebrating our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September with a dinner and entertainment. We are looking for a suitable venue, preferably with accommodation or accommodation close by. If you know somewhere that fits the bill let Colin Brown know. Colin has put his hand up to organise things.

February 25 will see the Classic Showcase (British & European Day) at Yarra Glen Racecourse which is much easier to get to than Flemington for most people. Let's see if we can have a good showing from the Club.

Queens Birthday weekend in June is the Hamilton Car Club Rally which we will be attending once again. If you intend going please let me know so I can make a group booking at the Grangeburn Motel.

We leave for Tassie on January returning 10<sup>th</sup> of February. During these four weeks we will organise accommodation and itinerary for the club holiday in November.

All things being equal we should be on the first event for 2018, Phil Cooks run on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. Hope to see you there.

*Tony Pettigrew*

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. Our club is one of the fastest growing motoring interest clubs in this country. We hope to be able to welcome you and your British classic motor car at one of our events soon. Our club aims to have two motoring events each month, so there are plenty of fabulous events for you to select from. Welcome!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Model</u>
Fred and Maureen Rossi	1970	MG	B

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## UP COMING EVENTS

### PHIL'S FANTASTIC DAY OUT- Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

We will meet at the car park outside Harvey Normans on Whitehorse Road in Nunawading, Mel 48; G9. Time 9.00am for a 9.30am drive off.

After driving through Warrandyte and Panton Hill, we will drive up the hill to Kinglake. Then it's on to Pheasant's Creek where we will stop at the Flying Tarts Bakery for Morning Tea/Coffee. After a short break, we will drive to a lovely Country Pub where we will have lunch. Meals will be at a nominal charge of \$15-\$20. Drinks are at bar prices.

As catering needs to be confirmed, will those members who are interested in participating on this event, please let me know. Full route details will be given at the start of the event

*Phil Cook on 9842 5449 or 0468680538*

### AOMC CLASSIC SHOWCASE - Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

The RACV Classic showcase - incorporating the MG car club concour d'elgance will also be held at Yarra Glen Race course on Sunday 25th February. This is one of the best shows for British and European Cars as well as one of the state's most anticipate show. For those British and European Clubs please make sure this is in your calendar for the year. For more information [www.aomc.asn.au/classicshowcase/](http://www.aomc.asn.au/classicshowcase/)

*AOMC Secretary*

FOR MEMBERS of ABCCC: Tony would like a big showing from our Club. Please let Tony know if you plan to attend.

### ABCCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. will be conducting its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Chirside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirside Park (Melway Map 37; Ref: K3/K4). There will be a lunch commencing at 12:00 noon, with the meeting commencing at 2:00 pm. The lunch will cost \$10.00 per person. Please advise the Secretary that you will be attending the lunch and AGM before Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. Should you decide to only attend the meeting, plan to arrive before 2:00 pm. This information is required for printing and catering purposes. Payment for lunch will be received as you enter the country Club, please do not send payment in advance.

The Annual General Meeting follows the protocol that only financial members of the ABCCC Vic. Inc. are eligible to cast votes. Protocol also rules that there can only be one vote per member couple.

Nominations for Committee positions will be called for at the Annual General Meeting. The Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting will be distributed a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting date. If you have items that you wish to have placed on the agenda, please notify the Secretary prior to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Late requests cannot be placed on the Agenda.

*Pat Douglas 9739 4829*

## EVENT REPORTS

### ABCCC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

About 125 members attended the Annual ABCCC Christmas Luncheon held at the Chirnside Park Country Club. A very special meal of Atlantic salmon and delicious chicken was served. After some repair to his suit, Kris Kringle arrived to share gifts with the guests. A good time was had by all.



*Betty Taylor*

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## VALE PAT WOLSTENHOLME

It is with deep regret I have to announce that Pat Wolstenholme passed away peacefully on 23rd December. Pat was wife of past life member Ross Wolstenholme, and both were strong supporters of the Club. Our condolences to Ian, Bruce, Brad and the rest of the family.

*Tony Pettigrew*

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## THE ABDUCTION OF A POLICEMAN

by Mr. George Lanchester

The Abduction of a Policeman is an epic story in the annals of motoring, which rightly belongs to Dr. F.W. Lanchester's biography, since he was the principal actor in the comedy.

It is a true story, and the episode inspired Kipling's story of the 'Octopod' in 'Steam Tactics'.

The episode took place in 1902. The occasion was a Rally of a Midland Automobile Club Season. Being the season when days were short and the evenings chilly, a venue was chosen, easy of access to most members, who either lived in the residential parts of Birmingham or in the nearby countryside.

A luncheon party was arranged at the George Hotel, Solihull. Fred and I both attended the Rally in different cars. Fred, in a car on final test ready for delivery to a customer, had equipped himself and his passenger for comfort with a couple of cosy Chenille carriage rugs.

I had been driving a new car, the first 10-hp Lanchester to be delivered to the War Department for the newly constituted Mechanical Transport Corps. It was finished in glossy Khaki (none of your camouflage in those days), upholstered in natural pigskin beloved of the Army, and had the King's Cypher in red, emblazoned on the panels; and being on test run I had no doubt been exceeding the speed limit several times.



*Left: A Lanchester similar to the car that featured in this story.*

Not being satisfied with it, on leaving the hotel, I asked Fred to pass his opinion on it. He took it over and I took his car. As Fred and his passenger, Sidney Pinsent - our chief draughtsman, got into the War Office Car, a policeman who had been waiting nearby asked Fred for his name and address, and the usual conversation followed.

Fred: "What for?"

P.C.: "Never mind what for, I want your name and address."

Fred was within his rights to refuse it, and after some argument Fred started to move off, with the remark, "You can come and fetch it". The P.C. scrambled over the side of the tonneau and, in doing so, badly bent one of the rear wings and scratched a panel with his boot.

Instead of driving homeward Fred turned down Blossomfield Lane debouching on to the Birmingham to Stratford-upon-Avon road, south of Shirley and from thence away through Henley-in-Arden, Stratford-upon-Avon and on to the Cotswolds, by Moreton-in-the-Marsh and Stow-on-the-Wold.

As every town or village was passed the policeman stood up, shouting "Stop him", and as a counterstroke, Pinsent stood up and shouted "Are we right for . . .?", naming the next town. Folk signalled straight on, evidently thinking the policeman had commandeered the car to pursue some miscreant.

During the journey the policeman had taken out his notebook, and kept asking Fred for his name and address. Speaking in French to Pinsent, Fred said, "Tell him you will write the name and address in his book, and if he gives it, slip it into your pocket."

This ruse succeeded and the address was not forthcoming at that stage.

Driving at well over the legal limit (12 mph) Fred took his unwilling passenger several miles beyond Stow-on-the-Wold. He explained to the constable that having exceeded the speed limit he must wait an hour or so, so that a charge of excessive speed could not be proved.

Whilst waiting Fred and Pinsent discussed what they would do with him. Of course this was pure play-acting.

- 1) Should they take him to Scotland Yard and report him for irregular behaviour and damaging the King's property? Fred drew his attention to the King's Cypher, which rather shook the fellow's nerve.
- 2) Should they leave him on the road to find his way home on foot?
- 3) Should they knock him on the head and leave him in the ditch?

During this piece of acting the policeman was getting very nervous and fingered his truncheon in case of trouble. However, after waiting long enough to bring the average down to within the legal speed limit, they agreed to take him back to Solihull. It was then well on towards evening, and as it was by no means warm Fred, forgetting that he had left his rugs with me in the other car, told the constable to wrap himself up in a rug. The P.C. took a poor view of the jest.

Arriving at Stratford-on-Avon about 9 p.m. and feeling that a meal was indicated, they went to the Shakespeare Hotel. As the constable accompanied them to the doorway, Fred reminded him he was still on duty and was therefore prohibited from entering licensed premises. Whereupon he had to remain outside and mind the car until Fred and Pinsent finished their meal, which they managed to spin out for nearly an hour.

About 10 o'clock or after, the drive to Solihull was resumed and the P.C. was given some sandwiches and a bottle of beer.

As Solihull was approached, Fred said, "You'd better throw that bottle away."

"I have, Sir", was the response.

They arrived at Solihull Police Station somewhere about 11 o'clock, and as the P.C. ought to have reported at the Station at 6 p.m. the affair would no doubt involve disciplinary action.

Fred then returned the notebook with his name and address duly written in, and he said: "Now perhaps you will tell me what offence I am charged with?"

"Exceeding the speed limit between Olton and Solihull."

"But", said Fred, "I did not drive this car on that road nor, as my friend here is witness, was I in the car. Some other driver was in charge of the car before I took it over."

The constable's absence without leave was in due course explained, but as no charge against Fred could be made, no police action was taken.

*From Lanchester Motor Cars by Anthony Bird and Francis Hutton-Stott.*

The trip can be followed on Google Maps quite easily, although I understand that The George Hotel is one of the Ramada chain.

*Contributed by Mike Allfrey*



# GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY 2019

Plan ahead for the 2019 Great Australian Rally at its new venue: CRUDEN FARM, former residence of Dame Elizabeth Murdoch, at 60 Cranbourne-Frankston Road Langwarrin.



## GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY

**“RALLYING FOR A CURE”**

Organised and conducted by the  
All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc.

**AFTER A 12 MONTH BREAK, WE WILL  
RETURN BIGGER AND BETTER**

**ON**

**20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**

**AT OUR NEW VENUE:  
CRUDEN FARM**

**60 CRANBOURNE-FRANKSTON ROAD  
LANGWARRIN**



The Great Australian Rally “rallying for a cure” has grown to become Victoria’s largest veteran, vintage and classic car rally

The rally is designed to promote the pleasures of heritage motoring and providing much needed funds to Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation.

Please note the Rally’s date of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in your events calendar and give consideration to holding your club’s Concours, your Club’s promotional display or a display of your ‘special’ vehicles.

Starting locations will stay the same at Melbourne, Rowville and Hastings.

Entry forms with full details will be available towards the end of October

Please contact Rex Hall on E-mail [rex@abccc.com.au](mailto:rex@abccc.com.au) for further information



