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COLIN'S 1949 MG Y-TYPE



THE STORY OF WENDY (See page 7)

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19th 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 1st 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.

NEWSLETTER ORGANIZER – Issue N^o. 215

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 25th 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

May 2018

Sunday 20 th	National Motoring Heritage Day – An ABCCC-supported Event Cruise to Kilmore: Kilmore Racing Club (see flyer)	AOMC 9890 0524
Fri 25 th - Sun 27 th	42nd Historic Winton Winton Motor Raceway, near Benalla, Victoria	leanne@sirenmarketing.com.au 9583 2001

May 2018 (Cont'd)

Sunday 27th Rex's Big Day Out – An ABCCC Event Rex Hall 9795 7669
Victoria's Newest Theme Park at 2705 Princes Highway, Tynong North

June 2018

Fri 9th to 41st Hamilton Rally – An ABCCC Visit Event Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146
Mon 11th Rally Base Venue – Hamilton Showgrounds, Cnr. King and Gordon Streets, Hamilton, Victoria.

Thursday 28th Peter's Mid-week Lunch Run – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023
Start Venue – Settlement Hotel, corner of South Gippsland Highway and Camms Road, Cranbourne

July 2018

Wednesday 4th Tour of the Victorian Desalination Plant – An ABCCC Event David Cook 0447 563 859
Note: This has changed to a mid-week run.
Possibly a very interesting destination – some may call it a folly!

Fri 20th to The Tootell's Weekend Away – An ABCCC Event Anne and Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Sun 22nd Destination – TBA.

August 2018

Sunday 5th A Special Day Out – An ABCCC Event Christopher Constantine 9898 4431
Function Venue – TBA

Sunday 19th A Day out in Gippsland – An ABCCC Event Tom and Heather Cannon 5659 0264
Details – TBA 0450 580 892

September 2018

Saturday 1st A Scenic Drive – An ABCCC Event Phil Cook 9842 5449
Start Venue – TBA

Wednesday 12th A Mystery Outing – An ABCCC Event Anne and Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Venue – Find Out and See.

Saturday 22nd ABCCC's 21st Birthday Celebration – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown 5964 9291
Venue – York on Lilydale, Cnr York & Swansea Roads, Mount Evelyn

Saturday 22nd VACC Centennial Cavalcade <https://vacc.com.au/News/Events>
Venue – Melbourne to Bendigo, with "Show 'n Shine"

October 2018

Sunday 14th An Alternative Way to Geelong – An ABCCC Event Greg and Geraldine Anglin 9876 3293
Start Venue – TBA.

Saturday 20th 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.

Fri 26th to The Legendary Indulgence Tour – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023
Sun 28th Touring – Gippsland.

November 2018

Tuesday 6th 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. Meet at Coldstream, Victoria.

Thur 15th to Touring the 'Apple Isle' – An ABCCC Holiday Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146
Thur 29th Information Kit – TBA.

Sunday 18th A Day Out and About – An ABCCC Event TBA.

December 2018

Sunday 9th 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.

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!

Name	Year	Car	Model
Adrian & Maree Hill	1973	Rolls Royce	Silver Shadow
	1980	Datsun	280C

President's Ramblings May 2018

Just arrived home from Woop Woop and what a wonderful, enjoyable day it was. We had such good company. How did Tore and Connie find this gem stuck in the bush with no main road signage is anybody's guess, but well done to you both.

For me the highlight of the day was twenty-six people led by Deanna Hall playing a peeano (set of three stainless bedpans) and everybody else playing an assortment of cow bells (milk bottles full of marbles), waffle boards, spoons, thong tubes and anything that made a noise all singing Waltzing Matilda. It made me feel what it must be like living in a nursing home. A lot of pictures were taken (see later in this Newsletter), but I can tell you Woop Woop is as Oze Oze as it gets.

A matter that concerns me, a little, is our limited number of events. I don't have any solutions. Maxine put her hand up for a trip to Tassie limited to twenty rooms. She didn't want to spread people all over the place. Outside of Hobart and Launceston, motels with more than twenty rooms are hard to find. At the calendar planning meeting when it was proposed, ten places went to event organisers, and the rest went within three days of the calendar being published. The same applies to the Tootell's and Peter McKiernan's Indulgence Weekend. I can only suggest get in quick.

The Fly the Flag has been and gone. To me, personally, it was the best ever. I didn't have to report to anybody beyond the Club Committee and the response from the participants was overwhelming in their support for it to continue. But as I have said at the AGM in 2016, 2017, and 2018 this is my last. I cannot keep doing it without a plan of succession in place. At this time nobody has put their hand up.

On the up side, without the encumbrances of the FTF, I have found the time to finish a few projects around the property. I also have a 1928 Triumph Super 7 awaiting my attention.

Enjoy your club

Tony

UP COMING EVENTS

REX'S BIG DAY OUT - Sunday, 27th May 2018

We will meet at Victoria's Newest Theme Park at 2705 Princes Highway, Tynong North at 10.00am for an "introduction" to [Gumbuya World](#).

Tea & Coffee/scones jam/cream or savory @ \$9.50 per head.

This visit is seen as an introduction to Gumbuya World and the opportunity to tour the present range of activities; view the amazing job the new owners have done so far; and see what's planned for the future.

Following morning tea, we will travel 10ks to the nearby township of Garfield where the ladies can enjoy a visit to Impodimo Living and Giving at 101 Nar Nar Goon - Longwarry Road, Garfield and maybe make a purchase or two!

After our visit we travel 35ks to the Neerim South Hotel <https://www.neerimsouthhotel.com/> at 91-109 Main Neerim Rd for lunch at around 1pm.



The menu is detailed at <https://www.neerimsouthhotel.com/menu> at hotel prices with drinks available at bar prices. Seniors 2 course meal @ \$20.95.

Please let Rex or Deanna know if you would like to join us on this "Rex's Big Day Out";

- 1- "Introduction" to Gumbuya World morning tea @ \$9.50pp;
- 2- Impodimo Living & Giving visit and
- 3- A good old country lunch at the Neerim South Hotel.

by Monday 14th May in order to allow for the venues to cater for our visit.

Mobile 0408 303 129 Rex – 0408 520 729 Deanna - Preferred E-mail rha41579@bigpond.net.au

Thank you,

Rex and Deanna.

PETER'S MID-WEEK LUNCH RUN – Thursday 28th June 2018

Previously this has been our mid-week twilight run, but due to ageing headlamps (on our classics) and the increase in peak hour traffic, it was decided to change it to a daytime event.

We will meet at the Settlement Hotel, corner of South Gippsland Highway and Camms Road, Cranbourne (park in the car park at the northern end adjacent to the South Gippsland Highway). Meeting time is 10am and after a coffee in the hotel café we will depart on our journey.

The route follows the South Gippsland Highway south to Devon Meadows The Baxter-Tooradin Road through Pearcedale, Langwarrin South to Baxter onto the Frankston-Flinders Road, Peninsula Link and the Mornington Peninsula Freeway to Dromana where we turn off passing through Arthurs Seat, Red Hill, Bittern and Hastings reaching our luncheon destination "The hart of Tyabb", a boutique café located in the Tyabb antique complex.

If you intend being part of this event, contact Peter to confirm your participation.

Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023

VISIT TO THE DESAL PLANT - Wednesday, 4th July 2018

Our plan is to start from Stud Park shopping centre in the car park adjacent to the Pet Barn departing at 9.30 am. Obviously if people are coming from further afield, say Gippsland, then they can meet us at the plant between 11 and 11.30 am. Following the tour, which takes about an hour, we will then proceed to Cape Paterson for lunch. I don't believe we will have time to stop for morning tea as we're planning a more scenic route to Wonthaggi.

We will provide route details on the morning of the departure and will try to make it as interesting as possible.

David Cook and Joan Read

THE TOOTELL'S WEEKEND AWAY - 20-22 July 2018

We will be heading into the golden triangle so bring your fossicking gear .We also have other plans in store for you. As accommodation is limited to 12 Couples, please register your intention to attend. **(Update: Still 2 vacancies left)**

Anne and Bryan Tootell, 0412 549 906 or annbry@optusnet.com

21st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF OUR CLUB – Saturday, 22nd September 2018

EARLY NOTICE

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19th September 1997, and it is planned to hold a special night time dinner to celebrate in style the 21st Birthday of the foundation our club.

Venue: York on Lilydale Cnr York & Swansea Roads Mount Evelyn

Dinner: Entrée - Main - Dessert - \$40.00 (subsidised by club)

Drinks: Provided by club

Time: 5.30pm for 6.30pm dinner

Entertainment: Gavin Lydell

Dress: Party

Accommodation: If any members would like to make this a weekend away, rooms are available at the York on Lilydale. Please book directly at (03) 9736 4000 or at the venue.

Please put this night down in your diary, a booking form will be included in the July edition of the ABCCC Newsletter.

Colin Brown

INDULGENCE 2018 - Friday, 26th – Sunday, 28th October 2018

It's on again the famous "Over Indulgence Weekend".

This year we are going to Paynesville on the Gippsland Lakes with a 3 ½ hour luncheon cruise on the water. There is only one motel in Paynesville and I have booked it out for the weekend. At this stage the event is booked out with previous participants, however if any members decide to attend, I will place them on a waiting list and will endeavour to arrange some alternative accommodation in the immediate area. The cost for the weekend is \$500 per couple or \$250 a single.

If you are interested in attending and being placed on the waiting list, please contact Peter.

Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023

Humour

Ed says that I have a strange way of starting conversations. He thinks I always begin by saying, "Hey, are you even listening?"

Colin Brown was the best door-to-door security alarm salesman for many years. He says the trick was to leave a brochure on the kitchen table if there was nobody home.

They just found the gene for shyness. They would have found it earlier, but it was hiding behind some other gene.

Melbourne has a new bar where people can try axe-throwing. So far, all the customers give it one-and-a-half thumbs up.

Reports of Past Events

PICTURES FROM OUR VISIT TO WOOP-WOOP – Sunday, 6th May 2018

Some snaps of the visit to the sculpture garden Woop-Woop. Thanks Tore and Connie for the trip and Liljana Margetts for the pictures.



THE STORY OF WENDY



The story of Wendy, the MG Y Type Saloon continues. Purchased in 2003 after being restored by her previous owner in Mildura, her first outing was in the 2004 Fly the Flag tour. After living a very secluded life under cover with other cars in my garage, she has passed on to a new custodian in Yarra Glen.

The new owner assures me she will now enjoy love and attention plus, more outings. At the time of acquiring her I wrote an article describing the circumstances of how she came into my hands. This is the story.

The 17th of July started out as most days do, get out of bed, shave, dress, breakfast, sort of a 'Ground Hog Day' event (love that movie); but man how things changed. The Wife and I left to go to the PO Box in Coldstream. While Wife was reading her mail (I only get window

faced envelopes - very little reading), I purchased a Just Cars magazine so that I had something to read. Ah-ha, I spotted a little MG next to a MG roadster. Wife said, "Let's go, I've read my mail."

"OK, Mrs Bucket, would you like to look at my new book?"

Now for the scary part, she picks up the book, flicks through it and stops at the MG photo. "That's cute," says she. Well, a nod's as good as a wink to a desperate car collector. Up with the phone, punch in a number and, guess what? Car is in Mildura, we are not. Wife then says we should go to Mildura as we hadn't much planned for the day. Violent braking, screaming of tortured tyres as a 'U' turn was completed to the dismay of the following and oncoming traffic. Up the drive, pack a bag - back in car - gone. Wife asks why do we need a bag? Driver shows map, points out Mildura. Wife says, "you're jokin?" Driver says "It's only 3:15 pm.

When it was very, very, dark and very, very, cold we arrived at Sea Lake. Peter Sellers would have loved it, sort of like Balhara, but without traffic lights. It was 7:30 pm and everything was shut, except the pub. We should have been earlier - food went off at 7:00 pm. Sea Lake does have a motel, however, no food at night. But with breakfast promised, we rented a room.

The next morning, we tossed back the blanket (which broke in half!, We thawed out under a lukewarm shower. e had to attacked the car with a meat mallet to shatter the ice (you could say it was a chilly nigh -- 4C) and drove off at high speed towards Mildura. Our enthusiasm increased as the sun warmed our bodies.

At last Mildura and the first glimpse of the MG. It looks great, and better yet, the Wife loves it! I test drove the car about 500 metres, then it was time to negotiate a price. I make an offer; the owner accepts. Bugger! I then realise my opening offer was his advertised price (note - must get new reading glasses). The previous owner reveals that the car was named Wendy by his wife after a car in a TV series. We haven't tracked down the show, but the name has stuck. So, the little thing was trucked home, and now lives very happily with our other MGs.

For the seriously technically minded:

- *The car is a MG 'Y' Type, designed in 1939 and was built in 1949. It is made of metal and other stuff. All metal is painted green (two-tone), tyres and other rubber parts are black.*
- *The engine is at the front, under side-hinged lid; it has four (4) pistons, wheels, gears, seats and doors.*
- *Windscreen winds out and does not leak on sunny days (ditto for sun roof).*
- *It runs on petrol (of the sort you can't get).*
- *All electric's are by the Prince of Darkness (Lucas, to people with French cars).*

The following do not exist:

- *Radio / CD / Tape Player*
- *Seat Belts*
- *Heater / Air Conditioning*
- *Power Steering*
- *Power Windows*
- *Power Brakes*
- *Windscreen Washers*
- *Headroom*
- *Leg Room*
- *Automatic Transmission*
- *Headrests*
- *Satellite Navigation*
- *Cup Holders**

For technical reasons, small cup holders are the only item from the list that are practical to fit

So, if anyone has some vintage cup holders (not leather gloves), Wendy would love them. Oh, and some cups would be good too, and coffee, and milk and sugar, and scones (sorry, getting a bit pushy now).

I'd lke to leave you with this thought - women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are beautiful.

Colin Brown.

MINUTES FROM THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB VIC Inc

21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Chirnside Park Country Club

4 March 2018

PRESENT: As per attendance book

APOLOGIES: Ed Bartosh, George Chrystie, Craig Douglas, Peter McKiernan, Patrick & Joan Swinchatt, Graham Talmage, Kate Senko, Tore Pannuzzo, Phil Squires, Len Butcher, Roger Stanley, David Cook, Peter Lester, Harry & Jean Cooper.

MINUTES: Moved Pat Douglas seconded Bill Allen that the minutes of the 20th AGM be accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Tony stated that the membership was growing and all events were well attended. Tony thanked those who had organised events during the year but was disappointed by the late responses by members to indicate that they would be attending. Sometimes this puts the organiser at a disadvantage because of numbers for catering. Tony asked in future could the members please reply earlier.

The volunteer work that our members do at Como gardens has finished as George and Pat are not be opening their garden up in future. They were very generous and gave the Club \$4,000 from their last weekend.

Events this year will be interesting with new organisers doing events. This year we will celebrate our 21st birthday with an evening at "York on Lilydale". There is accommodation so those wishing to stay and not drive home can do so.

Maxine is organising a trip to Tassie which has been well accepted and is full already.

The Great Australian Rally is on track and will be held at "Cruden Farm". Rex and his committee have been working to make this event a success in 2019.

Fly the Flag is on track though there have been some problems with caterers. Hopefully this has all been fixed now.

Tony has indicated that he will not be organising another Fly the Flag and asked those present for volunteers to carry on the event.

Tony thanked all the committee and volunteers for their work during the year.

TREASURERS REPORT: As at 31st December 2017 there was a balance of \$81,023.58 in the bank. Moved Gordon Lindner seconded Colin Brown that the Treasurers Report be accepted.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

All positions were declared vacant.

PRESIDENT: Tony Pettigrew – moved Sue Thompson seconded Wally Thompson

VICE PRESIDENT: Colin Brown – moved Tony Pettigrew seconded Rex Hall

SECRETARY: Pat Douglas – moved Tony Pettigrew seconded Frank Sawyer

TREASURER: Bill Allen – moved Tony Pettigrew seconded Colin Brown

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: (4) Rex Hall, Frank Sawyer, Wally Thompson, Greg Anglin

WEB MASTER: Ed Bartosh

MAGAZINE Editor: Betty Taylor

ASSISTANCE EDITOR: Rick Lloyd

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Gordon Lindner

MERCHANDISE: Maxine Pettigrew

GENERAL BUSINESS: The next event is a Children's Day Out to the Zoo organised by Marj Pepper and followed by a Pleasant Outing by Russell Simmonds. In May, Toré is organising an event to Woop Woop.

Phil Cook would like to swap his event with someone else as he will be away in September when his event is scheduled.

MEETING CLOSED 2.25 pm

Pat Douglas

Cruise to Kilmore KILMORE RACING CLUB

To celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day



SUNDAY 20TH MAY 2018

Kilmore Racing Club, East Street, Kilmore

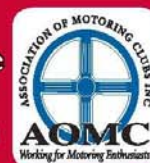
Gates open at 10am for Display vehicles (10.30am for spectators)

Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Historic and Commercial Vehicles.

- Club bistro plus an all-weather alfresco dining area
- Coffee cart
- Entry to venue by gold coin donation

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