



The Official Newsletter of the All British Classics Car Club of Vic Inc

Your ABCCC News

Front Cover

Photo on front cover –

Photo taken by Shirley Craven at the AOMC British & European Motoring show.

Great to see the flag flying for the All British Classics Car Club. See more photos and event report.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –

Sunday 24th March 2024

This year we will be once again at the Crown Hotel, 273 Main Street, Lilydale.

The meeting will be preceded by lunch at 12.00pm and the AGM will commence at 2.00pm. Cost of lunch, which is two course alternate drop is \$20 p.p and drinks are at bar prices.

If you intend to join us for lunch for catering purposes please advise Maxine Pettigrew of your attendance on 0425 789 997 or email tonypettigrew@bigpond.com

If you wish to place any items on the agenda please contact the secretary Peter Flavelle on 0434 193 243 or email secretary@abccc.com.au

Please note, payment for the lunch is CASH on entry and last call is Tuesday 19th March (for the lunch not the meeting)

If you are unable to attend and wish to appoint a proxy, there is a form available on our website in the members area.

Peter Flavelle
Secretary



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Think about being involved: If you have access to a computer, the internet and an interest in being an active member of the ABCCC, as well as having some fun and providing a connection to all our ABCCC members, then I encourage you to take on the Editors role for the ABCCC News, as I need to handover.

Please contact President Tony Pettigrew to discuss this position and to make your nomination.

Vale Tony Hodges

It is with great sadness that we heard the sad news of the passing of Tony Hodges of Anglesea. Tony was a Foundation Member of the Club and the first Treasurer - a position he held for 12 years from 1997 to 2010.

Our condolences go out to his family & friends at this time.

CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's Website for information about how club matters are conducted. This Website also features information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) is operated by the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc.

Our club does have one explicit rule – for those motor cars operating on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), using the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc., for the ongoing benefit of the VCPS, their owners must continue to be a financial member for the duration of the permit period, and attend a minimum of three club events during the permit's active year. Failure to respect this rule will result in the VCPS renewal being insupportable and void.

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The Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Clubs Website http://www.federation.asn.au/			

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. is \$45.00 per annum. This subscription fee also includes the club member's partner. In addition to that, there is a once-only \$30.00 Joining Fee. Please address membership enquiries to: Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Telephone Number 03 9739 1879.

LIFE MEMBERS

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19th September, 1997. The Club is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.

Current Life Members are: Pat J Douglas, Mike Allfrey, Tony & Maxine Pettigrew

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

ABCCC is a VicRoads authorised Club to participate in the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme (CPS)

The ABCCC has set rules & conditions for operating a motor vehicle [twenty-five (25) years old and older on the CPS, for further information about how the CPS is conducted by the All British Classics Car Club please visit the club's Website Link [ABCCC Club Permit Scheme information](#) All the information is available online.

1. **Initial contact** should be made with the club's Vehicle Logbook Club Permit Scheme (VLCPS) Applications Officer, currently Wally Thompson. He will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the ABCCC. He must also provide a first inspection of the vehicle.
2. **PERMIT RENEWALS** VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VLCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VLCPS renewal should be sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria 3770. Enclose with it a stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads, along with a cheque/money order for the VLCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC, and then forward the permit renewal on to VicRoads. The form also requires YOUR signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder as well.

Both Wally & Colin's position are entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting them.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Payment of ABCCC Annual Fees of \$45.00 are due by 1st January each year.

Please post or transfer money to: All British Classics Car Club, Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Tel 0438 508 235

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your surname and "dues" as reference.

Please note that, should you be unfinancial and driving a classic car under the auspices of our club on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, you are effectively driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Renewal Form can be downloaded from the ABCCC Website if required to update information.

Thank you, Ed Bartosh

Weird Expectations of some travellers - THESE ARE ACTUAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY "THOMAS COOK VACATIONS" FROM DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS:

1. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
2. "On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."
3. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."
4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."
5. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
6. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."
7. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallartato close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time -- this should be banned."
8. "No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."
9. "Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers."
10. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."
11. "The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."
12. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."
13. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."
14. "The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort.' We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."
15. "When we were in Spain, there were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners."
16. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning."
17. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."
18. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."
19. "My fiancée and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."


ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. Only those events scheduled in this Directory qualify for Victorian Club Permit Scheme requirements. All events are also listed on the club website.

ABCCC Calendar of Events for 2024

If you are attending any of these events please contact the Organiser, as numbers are often required
Further details will be provided closer to the event



				Wed. Mar. 13th	Leigh's Grand Prix Leigh Wishart Event Cancelled
				Sun. Mar. 17th.	Eskey Run with the Birkett's
				Tues. Mar. 19th-20th	Erica /Walhalla Lance Brazier
				Sun 24 th Mar	Annual General Meeting - AGM Venue: Crown Hotel Lilydale
Sun. April 7th	Out for lunch with the Tootells	Sun. May 5th Fed.	Scoresby picnic at the Steam Centre info Jack Craven	Fri. June 7th-10th	Hamilton Kings Birthday Rally Tony Pettigrew
Wed. April 17 th	Craven Classy Dayout Jack Craven	Wed. May 8th	A big kids day out. The 3 G's Geraldine, Greg and Gary	Wed. June 19th	Coffee with the Cravens
Sat. April 27th	Lunch and Music at the Emerald Hotel Sth. Melb. John Provis and Dawn Shoppee	Sun. May 19th	Heritage Motoring Day Rex's Big day out	Sun. June 23rd	The inaugural Jervis-Read run. Robin and Anne
Sun July 7th	Annual lunch Colin Brown	Sun Aug. 11th.	Observation Run Brian Aitken	Tues. Sept.10th-12th	Sandra's September Sandra Wishart
Wed. July 17th	Coffee with the Braziers	Wed.Aug. 14th.	Coffee with the Braziers	Wed. Sept. 18th	Coffee with the Braziers
Sun. July 21st	Pub run Tootells	Sun. Aug.25th	Historical Lilydale John and Jennifer Mason	Sun. Sept. 22nd	Rainy day in a Morgan Phil Cook
Sun. Oct.6th	Visiting Healesville. Ian and Lyn Terry	Wed. Nov.6th	A day out with the Anglin's		
Sun. Oct. 20th.	Gippsland drive, Graham Talmage	Thurs Nov. 14th	Visit to Beleura in Mornington. Robyn and Robert Joiner	Sun. Dec. 15th	Christmas lunch Maxine Pettigrew
Mon.Oct.28th-31st?	Trip to Mildura Lance Brazier	Fri. Nov. 22nd-24th	Indulgence weekend Peter McKeirnan		

Website: www.abccc.com.au/calendar

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link.....<https://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub/>



2024 Calendar dates from Federation and AOMC that might be of interest



- 24th March 2024 Mortlake Picnic
- 30th & 31st March 2024 Wunghnu Picnic
- 26th, 27th & 28th April 2024 Florence Thomson Tour – Ladies get ready!
- 19th May 2024 Murrabit Picnic
- 9 June 2024 Peter Mac Fundraising Display Day (Bendigo)
- 25th Aug to 1st Sept 2024 Golden Oldies Tour

More details on websites

- <https://www.aomc.asn.au/events>
- <https://www.federation.asn.au/events>



Reminder for upcoming ABCCC Events

Wednesday 13th March 2024 Leighs Grand Prix **Cancelled**

Leigh & Sandra regrettably advise that after careful consideration they have had to cancel this event. Unfortunately due to the low numbers & low interest in the event. Contact has been made with those members who had expressed an interest.



Sunday 17th March 2024

ESKY RUN WITH THE BIRKETTS #2



Bring along your Esky again for an enjoyable day out visiting Bassine Cheese for morning tea, scrumptious scones with jam and cream, or choose from tempting baked cheesecake and other goodies. A fine selection of cheese available for purchase, plus their magnificent pure cream and bottled milk (the old way, with the cream on top).

The shop also has an interesting stock of locally made products for sale.

Travelling from there via delightful back roads (fully sealed) to the Poowong Hotel for lunch.

Meet at the carpark BP Caldermeade 4465 Sth. Gippsland Hwy, which is just past Caldermeade Dairy.

DEPARTING PROMPTLY 10AM.

Due to ongoing roadworks in the area, you would be well advised to avoid joining the South Gippsland Highway via Koo Wee Rup. Please advise us by 10th March 2024 if you wish to attend so numbers can be confirmed with both venues.

We look forward to your company.

Geoff and Judy Birkett Email: greengem3@bigpond.com
(email preferred) Ph. 9755 1772



Tuesday 19th March to Thursday 21st March 2024 Erica/Walhalla Overnites

Accommodation at Erica (very reasonable rates)
There are 7 rooms or Cabins reserved at either

- Erica Hotel
- Erica Caravan Park

Wednesday travel to Walhalla

Train (optional) Leaves at 11am (group booking \$25pp will need numbers)

Dinners:

1st night BBQ at Park . BYO Food & Drinks (meat packs available from the Park or BYO)

2nd night Meal at the Hotel



Please contact Lance Brazier 0403 032 158

lbrazier@hotmail.com

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Sunday 7th April 2024 – Out for lunch with Tootells

We will meet at Lilydale Lake at 9.30 for 10,00am departure to Healesville for morning tea, and then onto the Home Hotel, Launching Place.

NOTE: the proposed route includes approx 500metres of 2nd class road.

If you would like to join us, please respond by 1st April so catering can be confirmed.

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



Wednesday 17th April 2024 – Cravens Classy Dayout

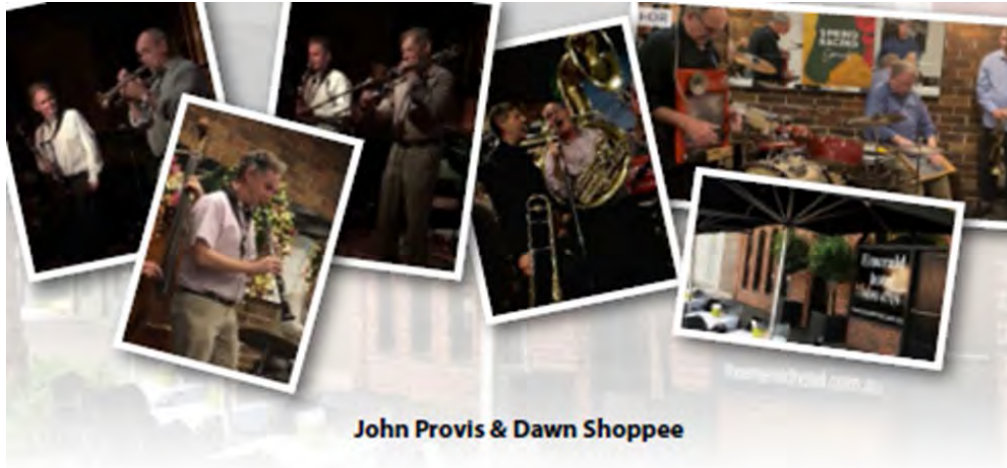


More information to come

Saturday April 27th 2024 – Lunch & Music at the Emerald Hotel, Sth Melb **Please check have you have booked to this great upcoming event?**

If you have not booked but love music and great food. Better act fast & make a booking as spaces are limited!

Call John on 0418 564 082



Want to thank the ABCCC and it's members for the joy & pleasure we have experienced from our membership over the past years.

We are going to sponsor an event quite different to others. A big band concert performed by six wonderful musicians - not amateurs, but professionals who have played in Europe, USA, on cruise ships and Hamer Hall etc.

Location: Emerald Hotel 415 Clarendon St, South Melbourne

Date: Saturday 27 April 2024

Time: 12 Noon for lunch and drinks at own cost. Musicians will arrive and setup during lunch, and play until we finish eating. When lunch is over, those not facing the band will stand and turn their chairs around. Then the fun starts. The music will finish just after 4:15pm. There will be two fifteen minute intervals. The band is our guests and will play numbers we know and like - music to suit us with lots of variety.

The Music: What a wonderful world... Eidelweiss (Sound of Music)... Teddy Bears Picnic... When the Saints Come Marching In... Basin Street Blues... Alexanders Rag Time Band... Georgia... Sweet Georgia Brown... High Society... Down By the Riverside... and so on... Plus your requests.

The Musicians Steve Grand - Piano
Ian Smith - Trumpet, Sousaphone, Drums, Washboard and Vocal
Chris Ludowyk - Trombone
Call Duffy - Drums and Washboard
Mark Elton - Double Bass
Jo Stevenson - Clarinet and Saxaphones

This will be an outstanding event but numbers are limited.

**To reserve your place please phone John on 0418 564 082
or email: johnprovis@blgpond.com**

What have we be doing?

Sunday February 4th 2024 - A Gliding day experience at Leongatha

Come Soar with the Eagles

The day arrived to soar again with the eagles in the clear blue skies of South Gippsland. It was a little warm that day, luckily, we had shade to sit under on the edge of the runway.

As there was only two people wanting to fly from ABCCC we invited additional people from Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club, South Gippsland Walking and Adventure Club and Strzelecki Bush Walking Club, what a mixture but most keen to soar the clear blue skies of Gippsland.

The club used two separate gliders which was launched individually by the South Gippsland Gliding Clubs tow plane, which is a bright yellow Piper Pawnee PA-25, 1970 model (yes it could be on club plates) its powered by a GM 5-7 litre engine and it has a beautiful exhaust note

Those attending from

ABCCC was Ian Hodge, Leigh Wishart, Sandra Wishart, Peter McKiernan, Kate Senko and Graham Talmage.

From Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club; Ray Watson

From South Gippsland Walking and Adventure Club; Clive & Marg Lyn and Ilse Ardt

From Strzelecki Bush Walking Club; Jim Rowley

We must thank South Gippsland Gliding Club for yet another excellent experience to take to the skies.

Acknowledging the Photos & Report from Graham Talmage



Tuesday 6th to Thursday 9th February 2024

SUMMER SEASIDE ESCAPE 2024

Three nights adventure in and around the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula, based in the Point Lonsdale / Queenscliff area. Our hosts: Marj and Brian Pepper

Thank you to Marj & Brian for a great event and the weather was perfect.

Marj & Brian welcomed us at the Flying Brick Cider in Wallington and lovely introduction to Henry, new addition since we last caught up their new Shih-

poodle & he was gorgeous. As Marj mentioned that we were spoilt for choices and this was only day one.

Marj & Brian were looking pretty relaxed and everyone was enjoying the chatter 😊

Attendees:

Brian & Marj Pepper
Peter & Sandra Hibbert
Lance & Adele Brazier
Robin & Robert Joiner
Darrell & Peter Jones
John Provis & Dawn Shoppee

Richard & Barbara Wellard
Leon & Judy Cousins
Robin & Anne Jervis-Read
Jack & Shirley Craven
Peter & Michelle Flavelle

Brian & Anne Tootell
Ian & Mary Hodge
Barry & Margaret Collette
Garry & Glenda Prewett
Nello & Dianne Mafodda





After we all checked in to the lovely Point Lonsdale Guesthouse and found our rooms, time for a quick happy hour then it was off the Ripview Bistro Bowling club in Queenscliff.

Marj & Brian had set up the dinners for the 3 nights & provided a sheet of places of interest and lots of good eateries.

So during the days we could all explore the beautiful Southern Bellarine Peninsula. Our days were busy, hopefully the photos give you a snippet of how we filled in our days. There is so much to explore.

Thanks to the members who sent me their photos.

At Queenscliff Fort



Fort Queenscliff, in Victoria, Australia, dates from 1860 when an open battery was constructed on Shortland's Bluff to defend the entrance to Port Phillip Bay. The Fort, which underwent major redevelopment in the late 1870s and 1880s, became the headquarters for an extensive chain of forts around Port Phillip Heads. Its garrison included volunteer artillery, engineers, infantry and naval militia, and it was manned as a coastal defence installation continuously from 1883 to 1946. The other fortifications and armaments around the Heads were completed by 1891, and together made Port Phillip one of the most heavily defended harbours in the British Empire. *(extract from the History of Fort Queenscliff)*



This one caught Peter Hibberts attention. Lots of talented toolmakers came from the motor industry





Introducing Henry..... and Shirley wanted to take him home!



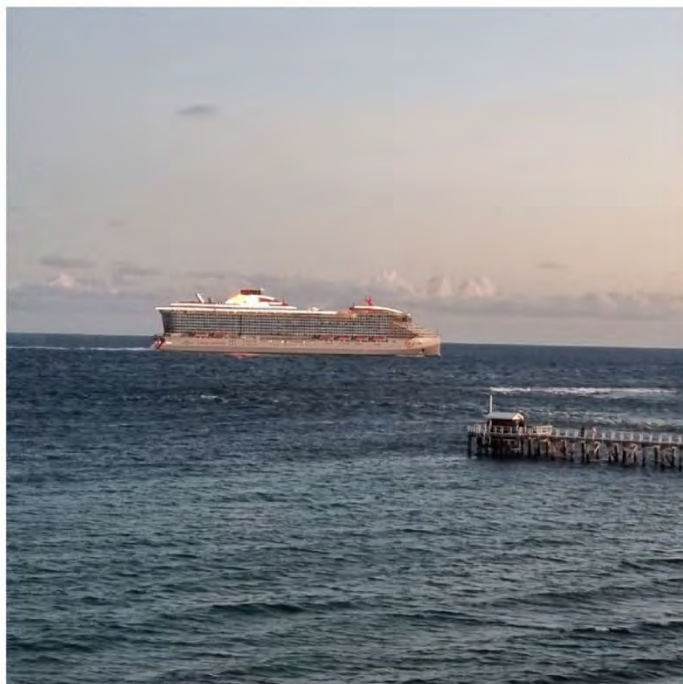
Brian spoke about The Heads and The Rip, so we all went down to see if we could catch a ship or too! The views were spectacular. We weren't disappointed!



Yes later that evening we were lucky enough to see the Virgin Cruise Ship Resilient Lady heading to Burnie

Extracted this information from the web: The 110,000 gross tonnage (gt) Resilient Lady cruise ship can accommodate 2,770 passengers and 1,160 crew members. It has an overall length of 278m, a width of 38m, and 17 decks. The cruising speed of the ship is 20 knots, with a maximum speed of 22 knots.

Certainly a great sight to see!



Lance was the only brave one to take a dip in the pool and get caught by the camera anyway 😊

Marj & Brian organised a special tour of the lighthouse.



Inside we all climbed the spiral staircase - 125 steps, they are pretty confined and when returning in some places you need to come down backwards. Secret is not to look down! Once you get to the top, the views are spectacular.

Well worth it and well done to everyone!

Added this bit of [History on the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse](https://lighthouses.org.au/vic/point-lonsdale-lighthouse/) as it is amazing more information can be read from [Lighthouses of Australia Inc.](https://lighthouses.org.au/vic/point-lonsdale-lighthouse/) <https://lighthouses.org.au/vic/point-lonsdale-lighthouse/>

The Lighthouse celebrated its centenary in 2002. Point Lonsdale Lighthouse looks over the narrow entrance to Port Phillip Bay, The Rip as its is known, is one of the most notorious entrances to any bay in the world.

As shipping increased with the development of Melbourne in early 1800's the need for guidance to mariners was recognised.

Point Lonsdale received a private signal station in 1851 consisting of a pole mounted oil lamp on top of a sand dune to help ships negotiate its dangerous waters.

Four years later, a red pillar beacon was built to warn of Lonsdale Rock. The first lighthouse was a wooden structure relocated from Shortlands Bluff in 1863 which remained in use until replaced by the present tower which was built in 1902.

22 metre concrete tower is 2 metres thick at the bottom tapering to 1 metre thick at the top.

In 1928 a foghorn was constructed in a shed below the lighthouse to warn of the approach in times of fog.

In 1915 the lighthouse was passed from the Victorian State Government to Commonwealth control with the formation of the Commonwealth lighthouse service. it was handed back to the State of Victoria in 1934 and classified as a harbour entrance light rather than a 'Coastal Highway Light'.

1934 also saw the light converted from Kerosene to electric illumination, now of course the modern LED lights have replaced the old electric illumination, lasting longer.

The light was automated in 1999, the signal station continues to be staffed and controls the movements of commercial shipping within designated areas both outside and inside Port Phillip Heads, making it possibly the last staffed lighthouse in Australia.



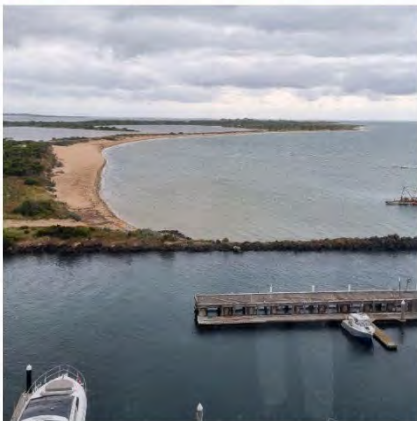
Wednesday night dinner was held at The Brewhouse Distillery in Queenscliff



A visit to the Queenscliff harbour.

We didn't climb to the top of the 42mt observation tower, thankfully the stairs were cordoned off and there was a lift!

The boardwalks, marina, retail precinct near the Maritime Museum was certainly a lovely spot to explore.



Stunning views of the bay and looking down to the ferry terminal, where some of our ABCCC friends crossed to either get to Point Lonsdale or travel home.



Barry & Margaret with their 1985 Land Rover

Our final night dinner, Marj & Brian organised a great BBQ at the camp kitchen at the Guesthouse.



Special Guests were Brian & Nayda Kelly, a great surprise. Brian & Nayda are close neighbours now to Marj & Brian. Everyone would remember the Kellys from the Fly the Flag, Brian was the Manager RACV Motoring Interests.



Wednesday 14th February 2024

Coffee with the Cravens at Café Otto

Attendance:

Lance and Adele Brazier, Chris and Geraldine Constantine, Jack and Shirley Craven, Peter Flavelle, John Mason, Ron Rogers and Glenda Duncan .

Very pleasant morning coffee at Cafe Otto a cosy 10 of us and seating together with the usual swap around for a chat. Nice bright surrounding and music over the sound system blended well. Thanks for the attendance. Jack and Shirley.”



Sunday 18th February 2024

AOMC Event British & European Motoring Show

Although we only had a small, allocated area, the ABCCC contribution proved to be just great.

In total we had six (6) cars on display.

It must be noted that a number of ABCCC members were also in attendance, but were showing of their cars which were located on their specific manufacturers marque.

The weather started off as a cool overcast day, but by lunch time the clouds had gone and the Sun was bright and warm.

It was reported that over 1000 cars participated in the show.

Overall, everyone had a great day. It was fun catching up with some long lost friends, some of which were from “Fly the Flag? Tours. Well done to the AOMC for organising this wonderful event.

Thanks to Phil Cook & Shirley Craven for the great photos





NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION



REPORT ON THE FEDERATION DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 10th FEBRUARY 2024.

The above Meeting was hosted by the Maryborough District Historic Vehicle Club and was held at the nearby Carisbrook Senior Citizens Centre. Our Club was represented by Delegate Bill Allen.

Following a photo shoot of the Delegates by the local Maryborough Newspaper the Meeting was opened at 1.00pm by Federation President, Neil Athorn who welcomed Delegates and Visitors and thanked the Club for providing such an excellent lunch and invited all to afternoon tea following the Meeting. He then introduced the Club President, Russell, to give a brief overview of the Club.

After a round of applause Russell gave a rundown of the Club. The Club was formed in 1989 and has around 120 Members with approximately 30 being active. It will be holding its 35th Anniversary at the next Meeting and it is expected that a larger than usual number of Members will attend. The Club has a diverse range of vehicles, with a couple being over 100 years old. Maryborough is a great place to live and currently its population is expanding.

Neil then advised Delegates that Delegate from the Hamilton Club, Doug Palmer had passed away in December 2023 and invited Hamilton's other Delegate, Graham Ralph to give a eulogy on Doug's behalf.

Graham reported that Doug had experienced many health problems in recent years and had spent his last three months in hospital. He was a Foundation and Life Member of the Hamilton Club which was founded in 1970. His contribution to the Club was enormous and he was instrumental in attracting many Members to the Club. He also organised many of the Annual Queen's (now King's) Birthday Events. Doug had also been a Delegate for the Federation for many years. He will be very sadly missed. Following Graham's Eulogy a Minutes Silence was held.

Neil then advised this was the first Meeting of the year and that any Member of a Club can represent the Club at Meetings. He called for any additional apologies and advised the 51st Begonia Festival will be held at Ballarat next week. The Humber Club applied to rejoin the Federation after a lapse of some years. As their Application was accepted the Humber Club was welcomed back. They initially joined the Federation in 1996.

Treasurer, Brett Holloway gave a detailed report on the Federation's financial position. As many Member Clubs had already renewed their subscriptions and that \$10,000.00, loaned to the Bendigo Swap, had been repaid, the Federation finances were in a healthy position, especially for this time of year. Cheque for last November's Swap is yet to be received.

Several Grant Applications have been received. The Mildura Club has requested a Grant for Computer to centralise their records, they have also purchased a printer. The Antique Motorcycle Club have requested a Grant for a Defibrillator which they hope they will never need to use and the Early Ford V8 Club have requested \$1,000.00 for a portable Public Address system plus a request for a trophy. All applications were approved and passed for payment.

Neil presented his President's Report. Events included for 2024 include Mortlake Picnic on 24th March 2024. This event will be bigger than ever with the Moyne Council providing a \$3,000.00 Grant. The Wunghnu Picnic will be held on 30th-31st March 2024. There will be sheep dog trials, tractor displays and tractor pulls. The Scoresby Picnic will be held on 5th May 2024 at the Scoresby Steam Park Centre, with all parts of the Park open. The Murrabit Picnic will be held on the 19th May 2024, the National Motoring Heritage day and the day after the Kerang Delegates Meeting. The Baw Baw Picnic is proceeding satisfactorily and will be held on 20th October 2024, the day after the Delegates Meeting.

The Golden Oldies currently has 45 entrants with a capacity of 60, so there is still space for more to join the event. Entry forms can be found on the Federation website.

Peter Mac tins have to date raised more than \$6000.00.

Neil then spoke about the Bendigo Swap Meeting, held last November 2023. He advised the large sheds in the Showgrounds were again taken over by the Government in January 2024 due to floods once again. It appears that construction of the large building for the now cancelled Commonwealth Games is not proceeding. There may not be a Show and Shine next year. The behavior at Meeting was not too bad. However the ladies shower facilities experienced blocked drains which caused a lot of problems and, to date, have not been rectified.

It was very disappointing that around 80 Stallholders failed to attend. It appears a lot of dispatched mail was ignored by recipients. The Ballarat Swap Meeting has been cancelled due to lack of venue.

There are arguments about supplying drinking water, which apparently need to have Security twenty four hours. This has still not been resolved. It was suggested that a free bottle of water be given to each entrant upon arrival, however refilling the bottle would be a problem. It was also suggested that sunscreen should be supplied as well!

There was then a discussion about supplying a Card Reader for entrants who did not have or wish to pay cash. The cash versus card argument continued with each Card Reader costing about \$140.00. This matter also to be resolved. Handicapped Parking is currently provided. Some problems were encountered with phone system, also not resolved.

Neil is keen to reduce his involvement with the Swap Meeting, which is owned by the Federation and run by the Bendigo Club, and concentrate on the Federation, so far he has not had a lot of success in this regard.

David Berner spoke briefly about the AHMF and their desire share an alliance with a number of similar organizations in an endeavor to gain more knowledge. The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is causing some difficulties regarding the carriage of Petrochemicals. David is also requested further input for their Magazine. The question was raised are cars unroadworthy or are roads unroadworthy - food for thought. South Australia is considering allowing replicas to go on their CPS, currently Victoria is the only State allowing this. Website is running well.

Joint Meetings with the AOMC are going well. Joint approach to VicRoads regarding numerous matters including ownership of early Vic number plates is progressing. It is hoped to organise a joint vehicle display, possibly at Werribee Park in a couple of years. Hopefully after roadworks in that area have been finalised. Both organisations jointly hope to assist non Member Clubs. Further discussions covering conditions certain vehicles such as tractors to be discussed with VicRoads. The CPS Handbook, previously arranged by the AOMC, is being revised and will be available to both organisations. No outcome as yet from VicRoads regarding LPG Vehicles. There are reports that some CPS Renewals are being sent out without the appropriate Log Book.

Review on Taxation implications of Clubs has been requested but not resolved as yet. The situation is still being discussed with the ATO, who have provided a form which is not very clear. A Public Relations Pack is being prepared but not yet released. Brett H is still working on it and advised that there are over 200,000 not for profit organisations currently. He also recommended that if your Club does not have an ABN - DON'T GET ONE!

There was some discussion on attracting younger people to our hobby. One delegate advised some children, under suitable supervision, had restored a tractor which is now located at the Lake Goldsmith Steam Centre.

Graham Ralph advised that Hamilton King's Birthday event will be held once more on the weekend of the 8th to 10th June 2024. Further details will be available shortly.

The best car at the Meeting was awarded to Max Hobson for his 1938 Ford V8 Roadster complete with period Teardrop caravan. Max spoke about his car about his car and caravan. He stated that he can't restore cars and bought these two example from deceased estates and only did a bit of tidying up.

MEETING CLOSED:- 3.00 PM.

DATES FOR REMAINING MEETINGS FOR 2024 :-

18th May 2024.	Kerang & District Vintage Motor Club.
3rd August 2024.	Mildura Vintage Vehicle Club
19th October 2024.	Baw Baw Old Engine & Auto Club - at Darnum.

Bill Allen, Delegate.

[Spotted at the recent Begonia Rally in Ballarat:](#) Dawn Shoppee with John Provis in Dawn's new purchase a Jaguar XJ Sports



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 <p>SLOW DOWN Arm extended straight out with palm facing down while swinging arm down</p>	 <p>SPEED UP Arm extended straight out with palm facing up while swinging arm upward</p>	 <p>HAZARD IN ROAD On left point with left hand On right point with right foot</p>
 <p>FOLLOW ME Arm extended straight up with palm facing forward</p>	 <p>COME AROUND/ TAKE THE LEAD Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from back to front</p>	 <p>PULL OFF Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from left to over head</p>
 <p>SINGLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger pointed up</p>	 <p>DOUBLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger and middle finger up</p>	 <p>RIDE STAGGERED Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up</p>
 <p>FUEL STOP Point to fuel tank</p>	 <p>COMFORT STOP Arm extended with clinched fist with short up and down motion</p>	 <p>REFRESHMENT STOP Fingers closed with thumb to mouth</p>
 <p>TURN SIGNAL ON Extend arm while opening and closing hand</p>	 <p>POLICE AHEAD Tap top of head or helmet with palm of hand</p>	 <p>CYCLEFISH BIKER & MOTORCYCLE NETWORK</p>