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**Your ABCCC Newsletter**

## Front Cover

Some of the attendee's vehicles at the Arthurs Seat chair lift on the Flinders Run organised by Peter McKiernan,

Photo courtesy of Shirley Craven

## Editor's Note

This month there is a report from our erstwhile President regarding the Hamilton Rally and the significant improvements from last year. The Annual Lunch at Eastwood Golf Club was a success thanks to Colin Brown. About 90 members attended with a pleasant 3 course meal and plenty of chat around the room. I would like to thank Shirley and Jack Craven for providing reports and photos for at least two of the recent runs.

David Cook

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## President's Report

Refer to Tony's Report below on the Hamilton Rally for his update.



President Tony and Maxine at the Annual Lunch

# What We Have Been Doing

## Hamilton King's Birthday Rally 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025



We woke up Friday morning to a cold rainy start to the weekend with a forecast of more to come, and off onto the Ring Road and then the Western Highway to Beaufort, our normal meeting place for lunch. Being only six members, Ian & Mary Hodge, Leigh & Sandra Wishart and Maxine and I, we had decided not to make a booking only to find the Golden Age Hotel was closed and all windows covered. All was not lost however, a visit to the Op Shop next door revealed the Beaufort Hotel around the corner was a good option. After we all had a bowl of homemade vegetable soup and a slice of garlic bread, we headed off to Hamilton.

After checking in at the Motel I headed off to the Exhibition Centre to register, where I was given a warm welcome by a few old friends from the Hamilton Club and served a coffee and homemade cakes and biscuits just like it used to be, off to a good start. That night we met up with Kevin and Jenny Watt and grandson Mathew our Hamilton members for our usual Friday night dinner at Alexander House.

Saturday morning Maxine and I, because we were driving a Modern (after Hamilton we went on a three week long second honeymoon) we went visiting Maxine's favourite shops before joining everybody at the Exhibition Centre around 11.00am. All the cars had been parked in the Sheep Pavillion out of the rain for a Show & Shine with the hope of attracting the Public, which partly because of the weather didn't turn up. Eventually we left for a short drive to Cavendish, where we were directed to the local hall for a talk by the local historian who had lived in Cavendish all his life and after a slow start he was just getting interesting when a couple of people from the local drama society rudely told him to shut up and get off the stage!

Next, we had a performance from the local drama group, I can only say it reminded me of the couple of times we tried amateur theatre on the Fly the Flag Tour, enough said.

That night was BYO with excellent nibbles supplied by the Club followed by a good meal catered for by Alexander House. If you were a Ford fan the after-dinner speaker was an Australian who worked in the US selling cars and was very entertaining and a good choice by the organisers.

Sunday was an early start for our drive to Warrock Station, the purported birthplace for the Kelpy breed or at the very least the start of the family tree. The drive was well planned and in better weather would have been magnificent and brought back many happy memories for me having taken 400 people there on the 2008 Fly The Flag Tour (hate to keep harping on FTF) and remember well the friendship we had with Gavin and Carol Larkin, the custodians who related the history and the ghost story. After queuing for our coffee and scone, we wandered around the many buildings and decided to give the sausage sizzle a miss and head for Hamilton. I could nitpick but overall, I would have to give it a pass.

Sunday night another good dinner and also BYO which was very popular, especially with me. The trophy for the most members attending went to the Rover Car Club who were sitting on the adjacent table and vigorously gave us the "up you" sign, they are of course friends and in reality, only had five cars attending. The people's choice award went to a Mustang owned by Pam the organiser. The raffle was three major prizes, a big change on the past couple of years, with a hundred prizes, showing the organisers are listening.

Monday morning over to the Club House for breakfast and say our farewells to organisers and friends, but I have to have a whinge about something- no apple, orange or banana to eat along the way.

In summary, I have to say this was a big improvement on last year and all my complaints have been addressed and the country hospitality and local fund raising is creeping back in. My advice to the organisers, and I know they will read this, there is a lot of interesting places in the Western District, but don't be afraid to copy some of the earlier events, most of those participants are no longer with us.

Tony Pettigrew - President



Show and Shine undercover

## Run to Flinders with Peter McKiernan – Wednesday 18 June

**Attendees:** Frank Sawyer, Jack and Shirley Craven, Leigh and Sandra Wishart, Trevor and Jil Beaumont, Brian and Annette Aitken, Debbie Beal, Rex and Deanna Hall, Arie and Valerie Vermass, John and Jenny Mason, Greg and Lily Margetts, David Peck and Pam Telford, Ron Rogers and Glenda Duncan, Greg and Phil Howe, Leon and Judy Cousins, Greg and Geraldine Anglin, Joan Clemens and Peter McKiernan.

A good start – we the ABCCC crew that turned up for the run found us gathering at Eastlink/McDonalds servo and a warm up and chat before the lunch run 90 kms or so to the Flinders Hotel.

I guess we are all familiar with the drive - it's a good one. The Eastlink toll works well up to the Frankston area and then we have no charge taking the Peninsula Link. Fortunately, years ago The Victorian government spared us from the cost of tolls on the Link. One of our members commented that he did not have an eTag, but he knows the "no cost roads" and still manages to get there without a problem and on time!

Most of us have been on the peninsula and like a drive through the treescape and it works well for those who enjoy a run with like-minded people. Some of the group gathered at the Chair Lift at Arthurs Seat, which was good for a chat and then off to Flinders Hotel for an enjoyable lunch.

Thanks to Peter McKiernan – we appreciate his efforts in getting us out for an ABCCC event.

Jack Craven



# Annual ABCCC Lunch - Sunday 6 July 2025

Wow – what a great day and many stars for our Vice President Colin Brown in organising the event for those of us who were able to attend.

It seemed that the mingling and the chatting was working as well as ‘we’ could make it. Terrific group and these events are really important to the club. The photos are evidence of people having a good time and looking their best.

If you want a copy of a photo, send a message to Shirley and she will send it via a message.

Jack Craven



## 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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## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Alfrey,  
Tony & Maxine Pettigrew and Colin Brown**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the well-oiled machine that is the All British Classics Car Club. hope to be able to welcome you and, in actual fact, your British classic motor cars, one of events soon. Our club aims to have two motoring events each month, so there are of fabulous events for you to select from. Welcome!



We  
at  
plenty

Name	Year	Car	Model
Marty & Lynne Sutherland	1966	Hillman	Super Minx

**Website:** [www.abccc.com.au/calendar](http://www.abccc.com.au/calendar)

**Facebook** - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook



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**More photos from Annual Lunch courtesy of Shirley Craven**



**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.**

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# Look at what events are coming up soon?

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July ABCCC Inter Club Gathering

QLD & VIC ABCCC clubs are looking to gather around Orange NSW



Lance has advised that this tour was previously fully booked with 15 vehicles from Victoria (30 people) and 15 vehicles from Queensland attending. However apparently there are still some places available if anyone is interested. See Flyer below from ABCCC Queensland Branch.

Victoria ABCCC Contacts are Leigh Wishart 0403 243 700 & Lance Brazier 0403 032 158

The flyer has a warm, orange-to-red gradient background. At the top, a white banner with red floral icons on either side reads 'YOU'RE INVITED'. Below this is a row of three photographs: a red classic convertible, a dark green classic coupe, and a dark green classic convertible. The main text is centered and reads: 'ABCCC QLD' in large, bold, dark red letters; '2025 ORANGE NSW RUN' in smaller, bold, dark red letters; 'JULY 13<sup>th</sup> to JULY 19<sup>th</sup>' in bold, dark red letters; 'IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INTER CONTINENTAL CLASSICS CLUB AND THE ABCCC VICTORIA BRANCH' in bold, black letters. Below the text is a small photograph of a green classic car. At the bottom, there is a block of text in white and yellow.

**YOU'RE INVITED**

**ABCCC QLD**  
**2025 ORANGE NSW RUN**  
**JULY 13<sup>th</sup> to JULY 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE**  
**INTER CONTINENTAL CLASSICS CLUB**  
**AND THE**  
**ABCCC VICTORIA BRANCH**

Come along and enjoy this rare event where the two ABCCC Clubs join in together for the first time since 2007.  
Book your place and bring your Classic or Modern for 6 days of fun and exploration of the regions around Orange including a legendary run around the Bathurst Mt Panorama track.  
For more information please contact Club President Mark Pace on 0419751836.

# The Wesburn Lunch

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July**

You are invited to join us at the 'Warby Hotel', Wesburn for lunch at midday.  
After leaving Lilydale, turn right onto the Warburton Highway and proceed just over  
30 kms. to Wesburn.

Please respond by 14 July to the Tootells so catering can be finalised.

Bryan and Anne Tootell 0412 549 906



Before and after of the Warburton Hotel

# A Pub Run to Beaconsfield with Greg and Geraldine

## 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Morning tea or afternoon tea your choice tour which can be enjoyed before or after lunch with a cuppa.  
Lunch will be at Cardinia Park Hotel, 200 Beaconsfield – Emerald Road, Beaconsfield. (Melway 212, A7)  
Lunch is booked for 12.30 pm and if you wish to join us, please let us know by 13 August.

Geraldine and Greg Anglin 0418 502 202



The Bush Inn - early days of Beaconsfield Park



Entrance to bistro



View of bistro interior

## A trip into Gippsland in your favourite classic on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Take a trip for lunch into the wilds of Gippsland, meet at the Lilydale Lake at 9-30 am for departure by 10 am. We will drive to our lunch spot via such places as Neerim South, Ripplebrook, Loch for a loo stop and stretch those muscles and on to the Cape Patterson Tavern where Michael is waiting to welcome you into his restaurant.

I have invited members from Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club who will join us at Loch.

I need to confirm numbers by the 10<sup>th</sup> of September as Michael is opening specially for us.

Please either ring my mobile 0419 399 752 or e-mail [hydewood@bordnet.com.au](mailto:hydewood@bordnet.com.au)

Graham Talmage



# Sandra's September Run – 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025

This year we are off to Tocumwal for the Air Show, and we only have 17 rooms available. Starting point will be McDonalds on the Hume Highway, Wallan @ 9.45 am for 10.30 am departure on the Friday.

We will be going through some lovely little towns following the Art Silo Trail on the way to Barooga and we will be stopping for lunch at Goorambat Railway Hotel where a booking has been made for 12.30 pm.

On Saturday George and Lorraine have put together some ideas for us, one being a visit to a property where the owner has some very interesting machinery. One is a tractor that he installed an aircraft engine into for a tractor pull. In Berrigan the Op Shop will be open from 10.30 to 12.30. The bakery will be open until 1pm and the book shop will be open until 4pm. Lorraine mentioned that the book shop has 18 rooms of all kinds of books with chairs and couches in various spots to sit and peruse the books.

Of course on Sunday we will be off to George and Lorraine's to watch the Air Show.

At the moment there are 3 spaces available for anybody wanting to come along. If you want any more information, please don't hesitate to call either Leigh 0403 243 700 or Sandra 0402 215 367.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



**Events of interest: Calendar dates from Federation and AOMC, All the details of these events are published on AOMC or Federation websites**



2025

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| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024                    | Federation – Delegates Meeting – (Woorineen)   |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 | Federation - Open Tour **  |
| • 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025                   | Federation - Marong Picnic   |
| • 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                  | Federation – Delegates Meeting – (Llanelly)  |
| • 2026 August/September 2026                     | Golden Oldies Tour <a href="https://www.aomc.asn.au/events">https://www.aomc.asn.au/events</a> |



\*\* Open Tour Entry form available from [Federation website](#) 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025

# Minutes of the AOMC May Delegates Meeting

Monday May 19, 2025, at 7.45 pm.

Venue: Penrites Lane 88 Auto Museum.

There were 69 attendees representing 58 clubs and 1 visitor (Guest Speaker). Chair: Iain Ross, Vice President AOMC, welcomed delegates and guests and thanked Penrite for allowing us to use their premises and making us welcome.

**Guest Speaker:** Brendan Hughes (National Technical and Training Manager Penrite Oils) Brendan started with a background on Penrite. It is a family-owned Australian business since 1926, turning 100 next year. Penrite services Australia, New Zealand, the Asia/Pacific region, the UK, Europe and USA. As well as engine oils Penrite produces coolants, additives, gear oils, greases, etc.

Company started in 1926 by Les Mecoles who was only 16 at the time and started by blending oils on his mother's stove in St Kilda. First deliveries were done by wheelbarrow. The name Penrite was thought up by Les, as he used Pennsylvania Crude and rite was Les' way of saying 'buy the right oil'. In 1979 the company was purchased by John & Margaret Dymond. John came from the UK where he was an auto engineer for Vauxhall and came to Australia for BP in the mid 60's to help develop lubricants for the Australia Pacific region.

The premises we are in at present (Lane 88) used to be the blending plant and part of the administration and several adjoining factories were also part of the business. They are now based in Dandenong. Brendan then played a short video showcasing the new manufacturing premises at Dandenong. Where we are today was turned into the Lane 88 Museum.

Penrite run their own historic racing team and also have Penrite racing in the V8 supercars and support motorcycle racing as well. They have 250 brand ambassadors around the country.

Brendan then talked about oils. Base oils are what comes out of the ground. The oil is put through a refining process and ends up in 5 different groups. Groups 1,2 & 3 come from crude oil, whilst groups 4 & 5 come from man-made product.

**What goes into an oil?** A normal engine oil has about 75% base oil and the rest is additive. One additive is detergent, which is used to keep the engine clean. They also have dispersants, which attract the impurities in your engine. This is what causes oils to go dark after a while. When you change your oil, it takes out all the impurities with it. There were many other additives that he mentioned, each with a particular task.

**Different Oil Types.** Oils for cars need to be by specification, not viscosity. Viscosity is how thick the fluid is. The higher the number (ie 0W, 5W, 20W) the lower the temperature at which the oil will still pour. The second number is the Operating temperature viscosity of the oil, and it states 100 degrees. The higher the number here means a higher filler strength (W30, W40, W50). Standards for oils are set by industry bodies such as API (American) and ACEA (European).

**Have oils improved over the years?** Looking at an oil from 2004 compared to one from 2021, there is about a 20% improvement in wear protection, 30% better sludge protection, less thickening, better soot control, and in the later ones even better fuel economy.

**Can you use newer oils in older cars?** Some are designed for use in older cars and some are not. Engine tolerances are different. Older cars oil levels were measured by dip stick; newer cars are measured in microns.

**How do you find the right oil for your car?** Penrite have an app on their webpage that can be used to help you select the right oil. You can check via rego number, dating back to 1900.

**Questions from the floor:** What is the best oil to use when you only start your engine every two weeks or a month at a time.? The best oil is the one that is specified for that engine. Penrite's specialty oils for older cars have a tacky additive so they stick to the engine wall. That way, when you do start your car, you don't start it dry. What about veteran vehicles that have brass wheel bearings and chain drive that need specific lubricants? Penrite have a range of products in the classic range specifically for such needs. What is the difference between Shelsey oils and Classic oils in the range? Shelsey oils are designed for 1920s to 1940s era cars with low detergent additives. Classic oils are for post war classics with oil filters.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mark Fenton reported that AOMC has \$283,552 in bank accounts as of April 30, 2025. Slightly inflated figure as some expensed to be paid out for events. Significant loss incurred from the American Motoring Show, so this is being reviewed. AOMC has therefore not raised the budgeted revenue from events this year, but however have been able to complete a \$12,000 donation to RedKite Charity being the money raised from this year's Festival of Motoring. Clubs are reminded that AOMC currently has \$6,500 in bank accounts that is held on behalf of the RACV which is for small club grants for small clubs without an ABN. Process for applying can be done through the AOMC website. Tax return for 2023/24 has been completed with no tax payable, and BAS reporting is up to date. Invoices have been sent out to all clubs for 2025/26 membership and are due on July 1st. They have been issued earlier this year due to the introduction of the MembershipPLUS program for insurance. Overall, the AOMC is in a strong financial position and is able to fund the launch of MembershipPLUS and any other programs identified in our strategic plans.

**VicRoads CPS Report:** Tony Hall (AOMC Secretary) reported that tomorrow night AOMC & VicFed are having a meeting with VicRoads. This is a working group that was formed as the authorities concerned all preferred a one voice

approach, so AOMC & VicFed formed a subgroup to be that one voice. Has worked effectively over time. VicRoads is now 81% owned by a private consortium, which has raised a few issues. Meeting tomorrow is with John Lewis and several other members of his team. There is interesting news expected, but VicRoads have not clarified what it is. One thing we are trying to achieve is to improve communication, such as a request / complaint from a club that has trouble getting through to someone at VicRoads, so we are establishing a point of elevation that will be very closely held to get quicker responses. Any enquiries or complaints should be forwarded to Tony by email to: [-.secretary@aomc.asn.au](mailto:-.secretary@aomc.asn.au) and Tony will attend to them as quickly as possible.

**AOMC Events 2025:** Club & Trade Expo Saturday October 18th. Last year we had inaugural showcase at Shannons, with about 25 traders and 15 car clubs displaying. Was a bit of a challenge organising with only a few months to do. This evolved from the restoration seminars that the AOMC put on annually and was closed to club members only. The idea of expanding the seminar to a showcase was to open the event up to give clubs additional exposure and give the trades that support our movement exposure to our market. We have been talking with Penrite and have some very good discussions with them on how to take this format to another level, and it will be held at their plant in Dandenong on the 18th of October. We are still looking for trade's presenters, so clubs are asked to encourage trades they know could benefit to get involved. It will also be open to the general public. Iain Ross noted that Ariel batteries are now closing down as they cannot source the components they need anymore.

**AOMC Events 2026** Festival of Motoring at Cruden farm. January 16. British & European Show - Sunday February 15 at Yarra Glen Racecourse. Aussie Classic Car Show - Sunday March 29th at Manhattan NMHD - Sunday May 17 American Motoring Show - A meeting will be held in the next few weeks with representatives invited from all the American clubs to discuss the future of this event.

**MembershipPLUS Club Insurance Scheme:** Mark Fenton reported that MembershipPLUS affiliation scheme is up and running. Several seminars have been held with executives from clubs invited. 135 attendees representing 85 clubs over the 2 seminars. We have been putting out emails to keep clubs informed and the website has been updated with recordings of the seminar and the slide packs that were presented at the seminar. A handbook has been produced explaining all aspects of the scheme. It is just not insurance where you pay and do nothing else. The reason this scheme is significantly cheaper than other products is that the program is about reducing the risk of what the clubs are doing. Mark encouraged delegates and clubs to read up on all the information we have put out. The time lines are that the scheme will start from July 1st, 2025. This is the date the policy will be in place and clubs can join the policy. Clubs can apply earlier, and some have already. Do not be put off by the fact you have to do a bit of work, the savings to your club are well worth the effort. AOMC do not expect it all to be done by day one, this is a journey, and we will help clubs in developing their Risk management Plans over the next 12 months.

**Club Taxation Responsibilities:** Mark Fenton reported that 12 months ago at the Club Management Seminar, we had as a presenter the Assistant Commissioner for tax for not-for-profit organisations. That was to alert clubs that the tax office was making some changes to the way reporting has to occur. It didn't change the fact that not for profits still have to consider whether they need to pay tax, they are not automatically exempt which is an argument that has been going on for the last 12 months. Clubs have taken this information on board and realise that they do have a tax reporting obligation, or they do not earn enough income to pay tax, but we still have to inform the ATO. That process was going to roll out from July 1st last year. Deadlines are now that clubs that believe they have an exemption need to put in a return at end of March 2025, but reality is most of our clubs are not exempt, so they need to put in a tax return of some sort even if no tax is payable. Somebody has to put in that return, and it is up to clubs to arrange. If clubs haven't put in a return, they will start to hear from the ATO. Tony Hall added that we have had some enquiries from clubs about who AOMC would recommend for accounting advice, and we have an arrangement that if clubs approach Tony, he can put your club in contact with an accountant who is right across this topic who can give you some direction.

**Support Grants:** Mark Fenton reported that we have been looking for a way to support apprentices and businesses in trades that support our movement. Today we have launched support grants to facilitate this. The information is on the AOMC website. Two types of Grants available. Criteria for eligibility is on the AOMC website. Apprentice Support Grant. 4 x \$500 grants available for an apprentice to apply for. Business Support Grant: 3 x \$1,000 grants available for equipment or training. Both these are relatively small at this stage, but we are just starting off and will see where we go.

**Engine Number Records:** Philip Johnstone reported that during the normal course of weekly operations we get queries from Victorian and interstate people regarding the history of their vehicle. Some of these are trivial and may require the identification of vehicles from a photograph for family history. Some turn into a full search of the vehicle registration records. Over the past few months over 20 searches have gone through. 7 GT Falcons, a couple of Model T Fords, an International truck, a Benz and also a Mercedes Benz, Sunbeam Alpine, MG TC, Fiat 1100, Land Rover, Chrysler, Plymouth, Buick, plus the usual range of Holdens and Torana's. At the end of this year, Philip is retiring from the Engine Number Records which means any searches will be hard to produce unless someone takes over from him. So, anyone who has an interest flowing through on engine number records and history, see Phillip, Keith or someone on committee to register your interest.

Meeting Closed at 9.23pm

Next delegates meeting is on August 16, details tbc

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