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Your ABCCC Newsletter

Front Cover

Barry Collett's 1960 Jensen 541R, which he has owned for 16 years.

The vehicle has a 4-litre inline 6-cylinder Austin engine.

The transmission is a 4 speed Moss gearbox with overdrive, and it has a coil sprung Austin front end.

It also has 4-wheel disc brakes which Jensen introduced in 1957, which was unique for the time.

Before Barry purchased the vehicle it had previously spent a lot of its life in America, so it is well travelled.

Editor's Note

Activities are starting to build up so be prepared as time does whip by without you realising it!

If you send me something to place in the Newsletter, I would appreciate it if you would provide it as a Word document and not write protected. Otherwise, I can't edit nor easily transfer the article into the Newsletter. I would also appreciate it if you could send photos separately rather than in the body of the text then I can manipulate them a bit easier.

Cheers,

David Cook

President's Report

Tony and Maxine are having a well-earned break in Tasmania at the moment, so there is no President's Report for this month.

However, I'm sure he will have plenty to say when he gets back from his sojourn.



Just in case you have forgotten what he looks like, here he is!

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What we have been doing

British and European Car Show – Sunday 15th February

Once again, our Club participated in this annual event. The weather could not have been kinder, with lovely sunshine throughout the whole day.

Disappointedly, we only had three cars on our site and taking part.

The three cars of note were Jack and Shirley Craven's lovely Jaguar, Ray and Pat Kendal's beautiful Rolls Royce and 'Yours faithfully' my Morgan.

As per normal, the rest of the show was exceptionally busy with hundreds of other cars of various manufacture on display.

Please, next year can we allocate more support to this wonderful Victorian event. It ranks as one of the biggest, if not **The Biggest** in Australia.

Phil Cook







Anglin's Coffee and Cars Run – Thursday 19th February



Sandra's Pub Run - 25th February 2026

Attendees:

Leigh & Sandra Wishart, Terry Grigg & Gayle Minter, Garry & Glenda Prewett, Peter McKiernan & Joan Clements, Gary Dickensen, Greg & Geraldine Anglin, Jan Brown, Robin McCann, Barry Collette, Terry & Elwynne Sully, Greg & Phyl Howe, Richard & Barbara Wellard, Brian & Annette Aitkins, Ray & Patricia Kendall

A good turnout gathered at the BP/McDonalds at Calder Park, we headed off around 11.00am. After several days of storms, the sky was still heavy and grey, but thankfully the rain held off.



The run covered roughly 90km, taking us through Woodend, Tylden and Trentham before turning toward Blackwood. This part of Victoria is classic Macedon Ranges country rolling hills, tall forests, winding roads and that unmistakable cool-climate feel. And of course, it wouldn't be a proper trip through that area without a drop of rain.

Passing through Newbury, the group admired the magnificent hedge Sandra pointed out its long, sculpted lines running along the roadside. It's an impressive landmark and one that would have made Tony our President, more than a little envious.

A little history along the way, each of these small towns has strong goldfields connections and their old-world charm still reflects that era. Greendale, our lunch destination, was settled in the 1850s and became a service town for miners and travellers. The Greendale Pub itself dates back to the 1860s and remains a classic country pub warm, welcoming and full of character.



The pub was a perfect stop for a good natter, hearty meals and a relaxed break. Sticky date pudding proved the runaway favourite for those who indulged. We missed a few regulars who couldn't attend for various reasons, especially John Mason, who was reportedly still trying to get his car out of the garage. Hopefully next time, John!

A big thank you to Sandra for organising the day. The route, the scenery and the company made it another memorable ABCCC outing.





Thanks to Glenda Prewett for the text and photos

NOTICE TO ALL ABCCC MEMBERS

Annual General Meeting – Saturday 11th April 2026

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 the lunch, which is a two-course alternate drop will be \$25 per person 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 maxinepettigrew2@outlook.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 7th April (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



Crown Hotel interior

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.

YOUR COMMITTEE

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

CONTACTING THE ABCCC VIC INC.

On The Web <http://www.abccc.com.au>

On Facebook www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub

Postal Address PO Box 190, Coldstream, Victoria, 3770



Website: www.abccc.com.au/calendar

Facebook - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook



MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

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. Our membership form can be obtained from our website forms page. Please address membership enquiries to: Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Telephone Number 0438 508 235.

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 Alfrey, Tony & Maxine Pettigrew, 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 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

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the well-oiled machine that is the All British Classics Car Club. We hope to be able to welcome you and, in actual fact, your British classic motor cars, 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
Steven & Katya Pas	1973	Rover	P5B Coupe
	1970	Jaguar	420G


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Club Calendar

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 2026					
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					
January 2026		February 2026		March 2026	
				Sun. 15 th Mar	Phil Cook's Sunny Day Out
				Sun. 29 th Mar	Jenny and John Mason's Day Out. RSVP 24 Mar.
April 2026		May 2026		June 2026	
Sat. 11 th Apr.	AGM at Crown Hotel, Lilydale. Lunch from 12.00 pm	Sat. 2 nd May	Dawn and John's Big Band Concert	Fri. 5 th to Mon. 7 th June	Hamilton Rally ABCCC Contact only Tony Pettigrew
Thurs. 16 th Apr.	Prewett's Run to The Living Legends at Greenvale	Fri. 8 th to Wed. 13 th May	May Over the Mountain Tour with Graham and Katie	Sat. 27 th June	Graham Talmage Run to MG Museum in Geelong
Sun. 19 th Apr.	Tootell's Lunch at Langwarrin Hotel Anne & Bryan 0412 549 906	Sun. 17 th May	National Motoring Heritage Rex's Big Day Out Rex Hall		
		Wed. 27 th May	Lunch with the Anglin's		

July 2026		August 2026		September 2026	
Sun. 12 th July	ABCCC Annual Club Luncheon Colin Brown	Tue 11 th to Mon. 24 th Aug	Proposed Club holiday in West Australia. Details Lance Brazier.	Tue. 1st Sept to Thurs. 10 th Sept.	Joint event with QLD ABCCC to the Entrance. Leigh and Sandra
Sun. 26 th July	Lunch with the Tootell's			Sun. 20 th Sept	Lunch in the Yarra Valley with Ian and Lyn Terry.
Fri. 31 st July to Sun. 2 Aug.	Weekend in Shepparton. Glenda and Gary Prewett.				
October 2026		November 2026		December 2026	
Sun 4 th Oct	Get Lost in Gippsland with Graham Talmage	Fri 6 th Nov to Sun 8 th Nov	Alice Anderson Tribute Tour. Inaugural event, commemorate the life of Alice Anderson. Contact Tex Conway	Sun. 13 th Dec (Final Numbers by 8th Dec.)	Christmas Lunch Maxine Pettigrew
Wed. 14 th Oct	Coffee with the Cravens TBA	Wed. 18 th Nov	Visit including lunch to Mont de Lancy. Contact Darrell and Peter Jones.		
Tue. 27 th Oct	Afternoon Tea with the Anglin's	Fri 20 th to Sun 22 nd Nov	Indulgence Weekend with Peter McKiernan		

Look at what events are coming up soon?

Phil Cook's Sunny Day Out – Sunday 15th March

We meet in the car park outside Harvey Norman located on Whitehorse Road in Nunawading, opposite the Civic Centre.

Time 9.00 am for a 9.30 am drive off.

After driving through Warrandyte and Pantom Hill, we drive up the hill to Kinglake.

Then on to Pheasants Creek where we stop at the Flying Tarts bakery for morning tea/coffee.

After a short break, we will continue our drive to the charming country pub in Flowerdale to enjoy our lunch.

Hopefully the weather will be good enough for us to enjoy the lovely garden at the rear of the pub.

Full route details will be provided at the start of the event.

As catering needs to be confirmed, will those members who are interested in participating on this run, please let me know.

Contact Phil Cook on 0468 680 538



Jenny and John Mason's Day Out – Sunday 29th March

Please join us for a run to Rosebud West. Meeting at the Blue Mini Café for lunch at 12.30.

The address is: 3 Colchester Road
Rosebud West

For any that are familiar with the area it is situated in the old pool and bowling alley complex and has a nice gift shop attached.

We hope you can join us. RSVP by 24th March.

Jenny Mason 0418 319 898
Jennymason12@hotmail.com



ABCCC AGM – Sunday 12th April

Details on Page 10 of this newsletter.

Prewett's Living Legends Visit – Thursday 16th April

Join us for a day with the Living Legends at Woodland's Homestead in Greenvale, just 21 km from Melbourne. It's an easy run up the Tella with plenty of parking on arrival.

Living Legends is celebrating 20 years of caring for retired champion racehorses. Much like our classic cars, we can celebrate both the historic homestead and the Legends.

Meet at Living Legends Woodlands Homestead at 10.30 am with an option to do an 11.00 am tour (tickets on arrival). The café offers light meals and their well known Devonshire tea can be arranged if there's sufficient interest.

Please let Glenda know by 10 April (Mob. 0466 997 362)



TOOTELS RUN – Sunday 19th April

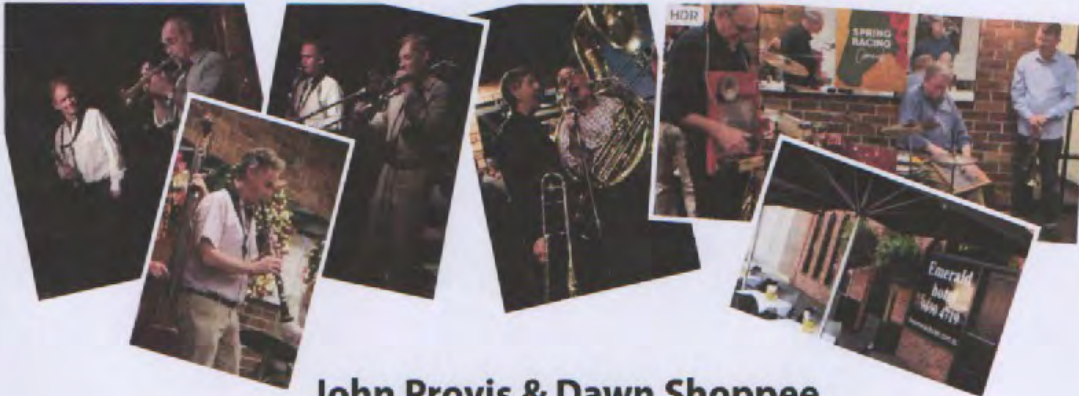
We will meet at 10.30 am for coffee at BP Eastlink (outbound) and then proceed to the Langwarrin hotel for lunch.

If you would like to join us, please advise prior to Monday 13 April so catering can be finalised.

Anne and Bryan Tootell (0412 549 906)



John and Dawn's Big Band Concert – Sunday 2 May



John Provis & Dawn Shoppee

MORE DETAILS ABOUT OUR BIG BAND CONCERT - 2nd May 2026

Emerald Hotel - 415 Clarendon Street, South Melbourne Vic.

Our aim is to get lunch over ASAP to enjoy this music concert.

- Arrive:** 12 noon - enter through the Clarendon Street door
- Seating:** Quickly find a table
- Drinks:** Order at the bar inside the entrance door
- Meals:** A waiter will take your order at the table and collect payment.
Our aim is to get lunch over ASAP to enjoy the music
Hopefully meals will be finished by 1:30pm
Members not facing the band will then turn their chairs for best view.
- Band:** Music will start at about 1:45pm
The band will play three sets with two 15 minute breaks. The concert will finish at about 5pm.
- The Music:** Tunes that we all know
- The Musicians:** Steve Grant - Piano
Ian Smith - Trumpet, Sousaphone, Washboard and Vocal
Chris Ludowyk - Trombone and Double Bass
Cal Duffy - Drums and Washboard
Jason Donovan - Clarinet and Saxophone

Special Request: This is quality musical concert and most if not all members want to listen to the music.
Please do not speak when the band is playing - It spoils the experience for everyone else.

NB It is critical that we know the attendance numbers.
A. If you have said yes and it is now no or
B. If you have not said anything and want to come
Then please phone John 0418 564 082 (The reason being Dawn & I have to guarantee 60 to get exclusive use of the bistro)

We do have many non members who want to come but we must know at two weeks in advance to let them know if we are short in numbers.



Come join us on an ABCCC Over the Mountain Tour Friday 8th May to Wednesday 13th May



The expectation will be a fleet of classic cars, with drivers who enjoy driving on the back roads of Victoria. We have reserved 10 rooms at each of our stop over towns, morning break and lunch is up to your individual taste. Our dinner location will be advised closer to our departure date. A detailed route will be supplied prior to our departure on Friday 8th May 2026.

Please advise Graham or Kate when you have booked your motel, or if you have any questions.

Graham Talmage can be contacted on 0419 399 752

Kate Senko can be contacted on 0412 126 369

Day 1 Benalla Friday night 8th May 2026

Day 2 & 3 Yackandandah Saturday night 9th May 2026 and Sunday night 10th May 2026

Day 4 Omeo Monday night 11th May 2026

Day 5 Bairnsdale Tuesday night 12th May 2026

We will depart from Lilydale Lake meeting at 10 for a 10.30 am start on Friday 8th May departing for Benalla.. We have reserved 10 rooms at the Comfort Inn at 48 Bridge Street Benalla, phone number 57624088. The quoted cost for a double room is \$159.00 per night.

Departing Benalla on Saturday 9th May 2026 after checking out we head to Yackandandah. We have reserved 10 rooms at the Yackandandah Motel at 18 High Street Yackandandah ph. number 02 60271467 for two nights at a quoted cost of \$150.00 per night.

Departing Yackandandah on Monday 11th May 2026 after checking out we will head to Omeo. We have reserved 10 rooms at the Omeo Motel at 43 Park Street, Omeo phone number 51591297 for one night at a quoted cost of \$170.00 per night for a Queen room.

Departing Omeo on Tuesday 12th May 2026 after checking out we will head to Bairnsdale. We have reserved 10 rooms at the Mitchell On Main Motel at 291-294 Main Street, Bairnsdale phone number 51525012 for one night at a quoted cost of \$160.00 per night.

Bairnsdale on Wednesday 13th May 2026 after checking out it will be the end of the organised tour, you can of course choose to spend a few days at Metung or Paynesville or both, enjoying the Gippsland Lakes.

Inter Club Run - September 2026

Yes, we are off on another Inter Club Run, from the 1st of September.

We will be starting in Lakes Entrance for the first night, second night will be in Bega, third night Berry then onto the Entrance for 3 nights.

Each day will be just under 300 kms travel.

In the months to come we will give you more information on the stops we are making, otherwise you're very welcome to call me if you're interested in the details.

Regards,

Leigh Wishart Ph. 0403 243 700



View of The Entrance