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Your ABCCC Newsletter

# Front Cover

Gordon Paterson and his 1980 Leyland Moke, which he has owned for about 13 years, and he has put his stamp on it.

The Moke has a four-speed manual gearbox with no overdrive. The original engine was a 998 cc 4 cylinder unit but its capacity is now about 1310 cc with a larger 1.5-inch carburettor with extractors on the exhaust.

The reason that the club permit plate indicates it is modified is because it has another two seats installed in the rear.

The Moke does not have a heater or any other creature comforts, so it is real seat of the pants motoring.

## Editor's Note

There probably will not be a newsletter for May as Joan and I will be away for more than a month travelling with the camper trailer. The duration of that trip could very much depend on availability of diesel. Unless of course someone else would like to step in and do a newsletter!

Cheers,

David Cook

## President's Report

We have been home nearly two weeks now from our annual pilgrimage to Tassie and still managed to do the things we do and enjoy despite Maxine hobbling around with her stick. Unfortunately, she couldn't climb the rocks at the end of our secret beach, where for nearly twenty years we sat with a bottle of Champagne and nibbles, watching the birds and listening to the waves crashing onto the rocks. In all those years we never saw another person, though there was the odd footprint in the sand, until about three years ago another couple climbed the rocks and encroached on our privacy, and she said to her partner why can't you do something like this? It turned out to be Valentines Day and Maxine didn't know.

We had a committee meeting yesterday where it was decided that seeing the Club has outgrown everyone wearing the same Polo shirt and merchandise sales have dropped off over the last few years, so we have decided to go out of clothing and have a half-price sale at the AGM, so come along and grab a bargain, cash only.

I know by now you have received an email from Ed asking for expressions of interest for positions on the executive and committee, this was a proposal put up by Colin Brown and endorsed by the committee to give interested members time to think about it prior to the Declare All Positions Vacant at the AGM.

This doesn't mean the present management is stepping down though there will be positions available, we are just trying to set up a line of succession.



Take care, Tony Pettigrew, President

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# What we have been doing

## Phil Cook's Sunny Day Out – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

We could not have wished for a better day. The sun was shining when 28 members assembled in Nunawading for the commencement of our run to Flowerdale. Our run took us through Warrandyte and then up the winding road to Kinglake. Then on to Kinglake West where we stopped for our coffee/tea break at the Flying Tarts Café. Following our short rest, we travelled on and beyond to our waiting lunch at the lovely Flowerdale Hotel. The lunch was enjoyed by everyone and then it was the return journey home with the weather still warm and sunny. A great day was had by all!

Phil Cook (Photos courtesy of Shirley Craven)







## Jenny and John Mason's Run – 29 March 2026

**Attendees:** Shirley & Jack Craven, Peter McKiernan & Joan, Sandra & Leigh Wishart, Geraldine and Greg Anglin & Gary, Glenda & Ron, Lily Margetts, Sandy & Peter Hibbert, Terry Sully & partner, Maxine & Tony Pettigrew, Gill Hutchings and Gordon Paterson.

Thanks go to Jenny and John Mason who selected an event at the Blue Mini Café on 29 March. Unfortunately, they were unable to attend on the day, but Shirley Craven ticked off all the starters. The drive for most of us was on the toll way heading towards Frankston and moving on to Peninsula Link to Rosebud and then the café. The drive was a good one because there are barely any traffic lights there and back. Nice weather and the traffic was smooth and enjoyable – and the same going home! From the photos of the Blue Mini Café and the ABCCC group it really reflected what a different and enjoyable place it was to eat and chatter. Food was good and the conversation was as always enjoyable.

Regards,

Jack Craven (photos by Shirley Craven)





# NOTICE TO ALL ABCCC MEMBERS

## Annual General Meeting – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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<b>The Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Clubs Website <a href="http://www.federation.asn.au/">http://www.federation.asn.au/</a></b>			

## CONTACTING THE ABCCC VIC INC.

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Postal Address PO Box 190, Coldstream, Victoria, 3770



## 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. 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, 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

No new members this month.



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

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

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

## Look at what events are coming up soon?

### ABCCC AGM – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Details on Page 7 of this newsletter.

### Prewett's Living Legends Visit – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> April

(SORRY – CANCELLED)

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)  
Langwarrin Hotel



## John and Dawn's Big Band Concert – Saturday 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.



## Join us on a **ABCCC Over the Mountain Tour** Starting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May



A restored Stoewer

After leaving Yackandandah we have been invited by John Stanley to view his collection of Stoewer vehicles along with a presentation by John of the complete history of the Stoewer motor vehicles. The collection is situated in Tawonga Victoria. Should you wish to learn more click on [www.stoewer-cars.com](http://www.stoewer-cars.com)

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Day 2 & 3 Yackandandah Saturday night 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and Sunday night 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Day 4 Omeo Monday night 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Day 5 Bairnsdale Tuesday night 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

We will depart from Lilydale Lake meeting at 10am for a 10-30am start on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> May after checking out we head to Yackandandah.

We have reserved 10 rooms at the Yackandandah Motel at 18 High Street, Yackandandah phone number 02 60271467 for two nights at a quoted cost of \$150.00 per night.

Departing Yackandandah on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May after checking out that 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.



View of Metung



Lakes Entrance

# Rex's Big Day Out.

## Celebrating National Motoring Heritage Day Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

From positive feedback from members with the visit and lunch at the Stamford Park Homestead in May 2025, we have decided to revisit the Historic Stamford Park Homestead for Lunch and to display our Classic/Vintage cars on the lawns just in front of the historic Homestead. An opportunity for a photo of the vehicle's celebrating National Motoring Heritage Day with the Historic Homestead in the background.



Stamford Park Homestead 8 Emmeline Row, Rowville.

Further details will be provided but in the meantime, please let Rex or Deanna know by email [rha41579@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rha41579@bigpond.net.au) (preferred) or Rex 0408 303 129, Deanna 0408 520 729 by 10th May.

If you would like to attend and if so, what Classic/Vintage you will be driving in order to participate in the vehicle display at the historic Homestead, promote our club and celebrate in style, National Motoring Heritage Day

Thank You Rex and Deanna – Rex's Big Day Out.

# Visit to the MG Museum in Geelong Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026



The Museum showcases an exceptional exhibition of over 45 MG vehicles, tracing the remarkable journey of William Morris—from his humble beginnings as a push-bike mechanic to becoming Britain’s leading industrialist, later honoured with the title 1st Viscount Nuffield (Lord Nuffield).

The exhibits also celebrate the illustrious career of Cecil Kimber, MG Garage Sales Manager and pioneering sports car designer.

You will be taken through the evolution of the MG marque, from the early “bull-nosed” Morris through to the iconic MG sports car division.

Each vehicle on display includes a detailed historical summary spanning 1914 to 2005, supported by 65 wall photos and posters, which will leave us spellbound by the heritage, innovation, and smart marketing behind the MG name.

Meeting location and time, along with lunch details will be available in the next newsletter. Please contact.

Graham Talmage on 0419 399 752 or Kate Senko on 0412 12 6 369



# Inter Club Run - September 2026

Just an update for our Inter Club Run,

Night 1 Staying at the Lakes Entrance RSL and having dinner there.

Night 2 At Bega, staying at Bega Village Motor Inn, dinner is at the Hotel Commercial, Bega.

On the way to Bega, about 5 km this side of Eden we recommend a stop for coffee/lunch at the Seahorse Inn – Boydtown Two Fold Bay.

Night 3 We are off to Berry staying at the Berry View Motel and having dinner at the Berry Hotel.

Night 4 We arrive at The Entrance.

In June we are doing a dummy run where we will meet up with a local British Car Club, and they are looking forward to catching up with us to assist with looking at things to see and do and make our stay more enjoyable.

More to come on the run after June and please don't hesitate to call if you want any further information.

Regards,

Leigh 0403 243 700

Sandra 0402 215 367



View of The Entrance

# Alice Anderson Tribute Tour

## 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2026

Firstly, thanks to the actions and support of the women from the Alice Anderson Memorial Fund at Boroondara (Kew) cemetery, Alice Anderson's biographer Loretta Smith will now be accompanying us on the tour.

This being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alice's passing the members of the Alice Anderson Memorial Fund are raising funds to build a statue of Alice outside 88 Cotham Road, Kew where her workshop was located.

The ladies of Kew have also informed me that the ABC is intending to make a documentary about Alice's life and asked me if they could interview tour participants and I have said yes unless I hear anything different before the time.

Lastly Loretta has sold the film rights to her book so there will be a movie coming up sometime in the future.

I am still waiting on finalisation of a payment portal for participants before the full information and invitations are made available, hopefully soon.

Cheers,

Tex Conway 0428 278 707



Alice Anderson