



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

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an incorporated club

A friendly family social motoring club

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Your A.B.C. News

Extract from Australian Classic Car – June 1998

Neil Wakeman visits a club who do not believe in formalities

From time to time, even the most enthusiastic of car club members have their bad days, days when they wonder if it's all worth it. Often the cause of problems is the annual Concours, or somebody starts a quasi legal argument about constitutions, or points of order, or something equally trivial. Well, a new club formed in Melbourne aims to simplify car club membership by eliminating all the likely irritations. Called the All British Classic Car Club, the Club is unique in that there are no regular formal meetings, other than the AGM each year, there's only fortnightly club runs to enable members to socialize and to use their classic vehicles. Convenor of the new Club is Armstrong Siddeley Enthusiast Frank Douglas. Frank tell us that the ABCCC, which caters for British vehicles from all eras, is not intended to compete with existing one-make Clubs, Which he acknowledges are vital for the preservation of the various marques. Frank says that the Club was formed in response to number of enthusiasts who want more variety than their one-make Club can provide. "The main reason for forming the ABCCC is to provide additional opportunities for owners of British marques to actually use their vehicles," Frank says. "The Club is mainly a social Club, very low key, with formalities kept to an absolute minimum. Its only business is to run events." Since its formation late last year, the Club has been incorporated, its has joined the AOMC and is currently negotiating for the right to participate in the Victorian Club permit (red plate) scheme. Fees are \$25 per year, plus a \$10 joining fee which includes the cost of name badges and a monthly newsletter. If this approach to classic motoring appeals, contact Frank on 03 9801 3977, or write to Box 1, Bayswater 3153 for further info.

**JOIN A NEW
MEMBER NOW**

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The Truth about Unleaded Petrol

This is a synopsis of an unattributed article appearing in the May AOMC magazine .

....the truth is that unleaded petrol has even nastier properties than leaded petrol, and is capable of doing even greater harm to the atmosphere and the environment, and its continued use even has the capacity to adversely affect local weather patterns...

Original combustion engines ran very low compression ratios compared to today. With the advent of high the high compression engine a point was reached where cars would not run satisfactorily on the product being supplied by the oil companies. An engine under load would develop a condition known as "pinging", where the fuel mixture would explode prior to timed ignition causing rough running, stalling going up hills etc.

Common lead was found to have all the right properties to avoid "pinging" and so leaded petrol was born. In the early years this was refined from high grade, low sulphur, low nitrate oil. By the late 60's supplies of this oil were becoming scarce., and refining sulphur and nitrate out of oil was difficult and costly. This in turn led to higher levels of sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxide in vehicle emissions, the main cause of smog banks over major cities. The oil companies were once again faced with the dilemma of cleaning up their product, or finding another solution that did not affect profits.

Eventually the blankets of smog grew so thick and unbearable that America's legislators made the use of catalytic converters ,using platinum, mandatory. However, platinum reacts readily with lead very quickly rendering the converter useless. What was needed was a campaign to convince people that "leaded" petrol was a grave danger to the environment, and that the only solution was to cease using it, replace it with the "unleaded" variety, and then run the emissions through a catalytic converter. Virtually the entire campaign against leaded petrol was financed by the oil companies, as was the campaign to enforce the fitting, as standard equipment, of catalytic converters.

Today, instead of cars filling our atmosphere with lead (which is relatively inert) they spew out hydrogen sulphide and cyanide as a result of processes within even a healthy catalytic converter.

MEMBERS CARS



Ray & Lyn Higginson's very nice Mk10 Jaguar

MODEL: Mark 10 Jaguar 1966

ENGINE: 6 Cylinder 4.2 litre 3SU Carburettors – Automatic

OWNERS: Ray and Lyn Higginson

HISTORY This car was delivered new to Toorak on the 27th September, 1966 for the full price of \$8,592. It was purchased by Ray Higginson at Shannons Auctions in 1997 and was restored and repainted in the short time of 6 months, ready for the inaugural Birdwood Classic in September, 1997.

CHARACTERISTICS: It is a very nice car to drive and we have had a lot of fun taking it out on day trips with the All British Classic Car Club, and look forward to many more. Trips for the future: we hope to be able to take this car on the Andamooka Safari in 1999.

OTHER CLASSICS: 1981 Silver Rolls Royce fully restored and I am currently restoring a 1956 S Model Bentley. Also under restoration (but not British) is a 1924 Model Super Six Essex which I hope to enter in the Bay to Birdwood Car Rally this year.

CLUB EVENTS FOR JULY

- 5 July This is a visit to the Science Works at Newport. A wonderful display of intriguing scientific experiments and items of interest together with a nice café that sells hot and cold food and we get in **FREE**. Provided that you attend with your car and your passengers and that we meet at the South Gate of Science Works which is in Craig Street, Newport and we would like you to be there by 9.45am. We all enter at 10am and your car would be put on display in the centre arena for the general public to look at, but it must stay there until 4pm. In the meantime you and your passengers get **FREE** access to the facility,
If for some reason you can't put your car on display, park outside and show your current ABCC membership card and you will be given **FREE** access.

This is a good one - don't forget to come.

- 19 July A visit to the Pine Ridge Motor Museum at Arthurs Seat. For those who would like to go as a group we will meet at 10.15am at the McDonald's Restaurant on the corner of Springvale Road and Wellington Road, Mulgrave and will depart at 10.30am following the South Eastern Freeway, then on to the Dandenong/Hastings Road to Hastings. We will stop at the Hastings Jetty for a short break and to pick up any other members who have decided to meet us at that location. From there we will proceed via Dromana Road, Red Hill Road to Arthurs Seat and then along Purves Road to the south for approximately 1½ kilometres and then you will see the Pine Ridge Car Museum. There is a snack bar at the Museum where you can purchase light food but if you want something better than that I suggest that you bring a picnic basket or a BBQ. If you want to go direct see you there about 12.30pm.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Daryl and Lynette Howard to the fold and hope that they enjoy their time with us as members of our Club.

QUEENSLAND ABC CAR CLUB FIND A NEW HOME

As the result of the establishment of the new Brisbane Airport the old Airport is looking a little on the empty side these days. The Queensland ABC Car Club has been able to obtain rooms in effect for free to use as a Clubroom.

There first schedule meeting was on the 8 June, 1998 and they are looking to putting time into decorating the Clubroom and filling it up with interesting memorabilia.

Good luck Queensland.



Tom Verney & Ross Wolstenholme enjoy a chat at a recent ABC outing.

Treasurers Report

For the 6 months ending 30 June, 1998

RECEIPTS

| | |
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| Members subscriptions | 1160.00 |
| Joining Fees | 455.00 |
| Sale of cloth badges | 125.00 |
| | 1740.00 |

Less PAYMENTS

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|----------------------------|--------|
| Advertising | 183.06 |
| Public Liability Insurance | 165.00 |
| Subscriptions to AOMC | 80.00 |
| Name Badges | 501.70 |
| Cloth Badges | 410.75 |
| Bank charges | 38.33 |

1378.84

=Cash book balance 30.6.98

361.16

A J Hodges
Treasurer

SEARCH FOR DECALS

We are looking to have made a transparent decal type Club logo so that this can be put on to car windows of Club members.

However we are finding that this is an extremely expensive past time so if anyone has any contacts or any ideas as to how we can economically get these decals printed we would like to hear from you

Scratch you head and think about your friends and contacts or business associates who may be in this particular area and lets see if we can come up with a reasonably priced decal stick on logo for your ABC Car.

THE COCKY'S LAMENT

or is it the Politicians Lament after the recent Queensland elections

This was stolen from the Queensland A.B.C. Newsletter

Now I ain't a one fer whingein'
But it's no wonder I look troubled,
Fer since they switched ter dollars
Me flamin' overdraft has doubled!

But they couldn't leave it there,
Oh, don't it make yer laugh!
Fer then they brought in kilograms
And me wool clip dropped by 'alf.

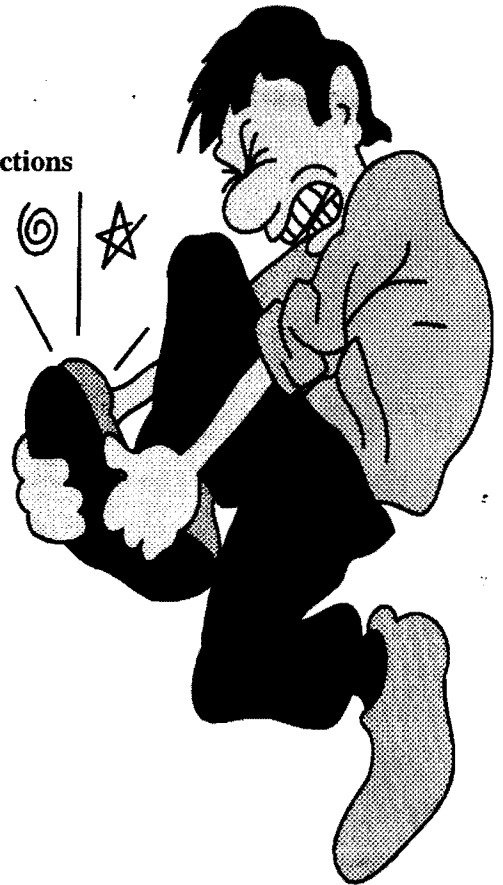
Then they metrefied the weather,
Which just added ter me pain.
Since they turned it inter celsius
We ain't 'ad a drop o' rain.

They couldn't even leave the soil
That I've worked since just a lad.
Me acres changed to 'ectares and –
I've got 'alf the farm I 'ad.

Then daylight savin' came along
And now, I 'ave no doubt,
I worked at least an eight-day week –
So I decided ter sell out.

But then they really done me down,
The rotten bunch o' bleeders.
Me place is "too far out of town"
Since they changed to kilomeeders!

-John Angus



Don't miss WERRIBEE PARK 15th August

Meet at the Todd Street Service Station at the bottom of the Westgate Bridge at 10.00am for a 10.15am departure.

WERRIBEE PARK is the largest private residence ever built in Victoria. Built from 1874 – 1877 for Thomas and Andrew Chirnside – a prominent pastoral family in the Victorian times. Werribee Park features the Mansion, the Formal Gardens, the Farm, Werribee Riverine Grasslands and the Victorian State Rose Garden (which unfortunately the roses will not be in bloom when we are there.)

B.B.Q's are available at Werribee Park, but you may wish to bring your own if you want a B.B.Q. for lunch. There is ample car parking spaces available.

Tour of the Mansion costs:

Adults \$10.00 (which includes Mansion audio head set tour)

This takes approximately 1 hour.

OPEN RANGE ZOO

You may wish to catch the bus and tour the Open Range Zoo, which is run by the Melbourne Zoo. The Price for the bus tour is \$14.00 for adults.

If you wish to go on the bus tour **could you please let us know in advance so that** we can pre-book a time for a bus for our group. This will then guarantee us a tour of the Zoo.

Some of the many different varieties of animals at the Open Range Zoo includes Zebra, Giraffe, Ostrich, Rhinoceros, Monkeys, some big cats and Hippos.

We hope to see you at Werribee Park and have a most enjoyable day doing and seeing whatever takes your fancy. You may wish to see all the attractions or you may wish to do some or none of the above. Whatever you do, we hope that you will come along and have another good day, as we have had in past outings.

LATE ENTRIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP ARENA

After closing off for printing two couples have joined us:

Lynton and Dianne BOYLE
John and Kerrie McCALLUM

Both couples have M.G.'s

Welcome to our Club

**ALL BRITISH CLASSICS
CAR CLUB**



I WANT YOU TO JOIN US

On Saturday June 27th

At the Chadstone Bowl, 8 to 8.15 pm

For a real good night out with friends

And after

At the Chadstone Pancake Parlor

**Ring Chris Gardner on 5942 7535 to save Chris
Worrying on whether you are coming or not**

PLAN 'A'

HAS JUST GONE OUT THE WINDOW. Our outing planned for Saturday 19th July is cancelled. It was our intention to visit the Pine Ridge Motor Museum at Arthurs Seat **BUT** the owner has gone & got married & is heading off for Europe for 3 months & the Museum will ^{be} closed for our impending visit.....**SO**.....

PLAN "B"

Is to be put into action...

Tour of the Mornington Peninsula

19th July 98.. Meet at McDonalds cnr Springvale & Wellington Rds at 9.am for a 9.15am departure onto the South Eastern Freeway & then the Dandenong Hastings Road to 'THE BARN' 51 Old Bittern-Dromana Rd Merricks Nth for Morning Tea & a browse thru their CRAFTS. Then on to The FLINDERS PUB for what is reported to be a **SCRUMPTIOUS** feed for lunch.

If after lunch you are still adventurous we have more enticing **SUGGESTIONS**. We will discuss these over lunch. **IT WOULD BE NICE** to **TELL** the Flinders Pub how many are coming. Ring Frank Douglas & confirm numbers. Phone 9801 3411. Thanks.

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SUNDAY 19 JULY 1998

Good morning

Our run today takes us through the beautiful countryside of the Mornington Peninsula to our lunch stop at Flinders.

Exit McDonalds to travel east along Wellington Road and turn on to the south bound lanes of the South Eastern Freeway (towards Dandenong). Follow freeway and signs to Hastings (Dandenong – Hastings Road). This road joins Frankston - Flinders road. Time now to test your navigation skills, refer to the map and make your way to The Barn, Bittern – Dromana Road (Melway 162 D11) here we will stop for morning tea.

After morning tea we are dropping in at the Marion Rosetzky Gallery (we really are a cultured bunch!). Back to the map (Melway 160 J11).

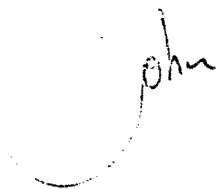
From the Gallery we are off to Flinders for lunch **HOWEVER** before we stop I have a little tour of Flinders for you. As you arrive in Flinders on the Frankston – Flinders road keep an eye out for Cove Lane (on left) turn left and follow me. Take it slowly, some very interesting houses along here.

Lunch has been booked at the Pub for 12:45. There are also antiques shops in Flinders to see.

After lunch your time is your own however I can suggest that on your return home you may wish to visit one of the many wineries in the area or stop at Tyabb where the Tyabb Packinghouse Antiques are located.

After all this I hope you have had a great day and have a safe drive home.

JOHN

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John', written in dark ink.

SERVICE BOUNDARIES
Outer Suburban Taxi Area
Electricity Supply

Port

Phillip

Cattery

40 km



50 km

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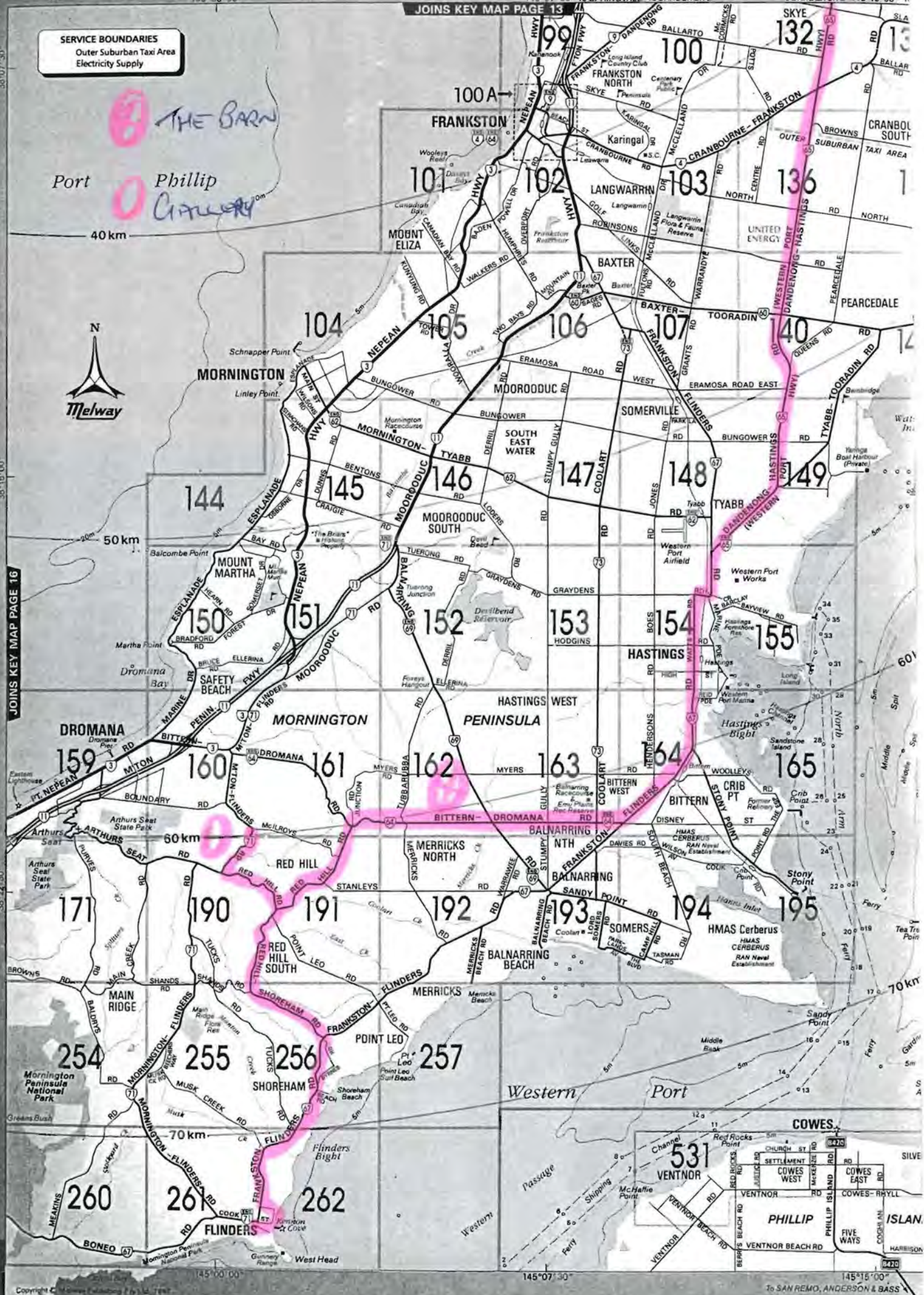
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