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Your ABCCC News



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Front Cover

Vale Queen Elizabeth II

8 September 2022 Queen Elizabeth II died peacefully at Balmoral aged 96, leaving behind her an extraordinary life and legacy. May she rest in eternal peace.

The Queen's favourite cars & how she earned nickname

'Princess Auto Mechanic'

Part of an Article found on Daily Mirror \ written by Jack Clover News reporter 10 Sep 2022

Queen Elizabeth II loved driving British-built cars and owned dozens of Land Rovers and Range Rovers in her lifetime - but didn't legally have to hold a driving licence.

The Queen liked to be in the driving seat throughout her reign – and could even fix cars.

During the Second World War, the then Princess Elizabeth joined the Army aged 18 and learned how to drive and maintain ambulances and trucks.

Newspapers dubbed her 'Princess Auto Mechanic' and she even gave her father, King George VI, a tutorial in engine maintenance at The Mechanical Transport Training Section in Camberley, Surrey, in 1945.

The Queen's passion for motoring never died and she was often pictured happily behind the wheel into her 90s. And she was reportedly the only person in the country not legally obliged to have a driving licence.

Her Majesty's cars came in all shapes and sizes but they all had one thing in common – they were built in Britain.

A countrywoman at heart, the Queen owned around 30 Land Rovers and Range Rovers, whisking the family off for picnics and shooting parties on her country estates for decades. Her favourite was said to be the 2002 Defender 110, featuring a TD5 diesel engine with raised suspension and heated seats.

Her beloved husband, Prince Philip, famously had a Land Rover modified to create the hearse for his funeral in April last year. For more ceremonious occasions, the Queen relied on iconic luxury cars such as the Rolls-Royce Phantom VI she acquired at her 1977 Silver Jubilee, complete with Royal Standard, and two official Bentley limousines. But our down-to-earth monarch was not always one for pomp and show, and was often seen driving vintage family classics like a Vauxhall Cresta estate or the Rover P5B saloon.

It is believed that Queen Elizabeth II had the Vauxhall Cresta spec'd back in 1961 to suit her outdoorsy lifestyle, with bespoke modifications that included fishing rod holders built into the roof, a dog guard for her corgis and a gun rack, as well as custom Imperial Green paintwork. It remains in the royal garage at Sandringham today.



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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

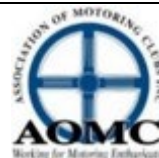
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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

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

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.

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your details as a reference. Renewal Form can be downloaded if required to update information, from the ABCCC Website. 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!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>
Julian & Sarah Cross	Lotus	Elan Plus 2	1969
Richard & Carole Simpson	Triumph	Dolomite Sprite	1976
	Leyland	Moke	1975

Ed Bartosh – Membership Secretary



Did you watch last month's recommendation?
Links (copy & paste)

Rare Footage Queen Elizabeth's coming of age during Second World War

<https://youtu.be/EZpbrjQd3OI>

2015 Fly the Flag The Murray River Tour

<https://youtu.be/v5drA1f5PCU>

(thanks Gordon Lindner's collection) - Great memories

A TALE ABOUT SELLING A CLASSIC CAR

Or - How to please the Ladies !

Article by David Horrocks our QLD correspondent

Now those of you gentle readers who are of an age to remember black and white television programs and particularly American Cop Shows will remember probably the most iconic show of all - "Dragnet" starring one Jack Webb. His famous quips and quotes were legend. I bring this up because of one such quote, "this is a true story, the names have been changed to protect the innocent". When I mentioned to El Supremo that I was going to write this epistle she reminded me of the possibility of backlash from mentioned parties so suggested I take Mr Webb's advice and do the same; so I have. The other relevant quote from Jack was his given advice to witnesses "just the facts Ma'am, just the facts". So, with that in mind here goes.

The time had come to depart our beloved old Blue Mountains home and to relocate to Bribie Island to be close to our newly arrived grandson, plus to relieve the cold of the winters which when one becomes a little older can wrack a constitution somewhat. When I put in a request form for advice about the classics (I had garaging aplenty available in the old house) the response came back curtly "They've gotta go". Not liking the retort I was however somewhat appreciative of the matter of where I would keep them. So, feeling a bit similar to how Neville Chamberlin must have felt in 1938 (remember him – peace in our time?), and with a plan hatching in the little grey cells for future action I decided to sign off on the instruction and proceed to find homes for the two units I still owned.

The blue Benz coupe I owned was one sale but that can wait for another time to tell. This story concerns a 1982 white Peugeot 505GTI. Maybe not a 'classic' in the sense of the word when thinking of exotic marques in automotive history but it was the last of the rear wheel drive 'real' Peugeots. She carried the Tassie rego PUG505, having been used there over a few years. I truly loved driving that car. My wife christened it 'Le Camion' – French for truck. She thought it heavy in the controls but it was a joy, with ride and road holding of the highest order. She did also call the car 'a lounge room on wheels' because of its luxurious velour armchair like seats and dance hall dimensions in the rear. I often thought how I would have loved owning such a machine in my courting days. Oh, be still my beating heart!



Now for value the Pug was not of great worth even though it was in lovely condition but I was concerned that it should not go to some hoon who would bush bash it and leave it to rot somewhere. It deserved better than that. I advertised it on line with a medium price on it to discourage would be hoons. I immediately received an enquiry from a guy who had a 'watch' out on carsales.com for when such a Pug became available. He was located in the NSW central west. He told me on the phone that his grandad had owned one that he remembered so he coveted one for himself. Now this sounded promising but he asked me would I drive it out there for him to inspect. Now I became a bit suspicious – he wouldn't come to see the car because he was too busy. If I drove all the way there to be told 'Oh I thought it was a different model', or, 'I wanted the one with green wheels' or whatever else; he would try to offer much less money. I got cold feet and demurred.

Soon more enquiries then started to come in from more local buyers. To shorten the story I got fed up of giving test drives with responses like “Its much better than I thought it would be and as I can only keep it on the street in central Sydney where I live I shouldn’t buy it – it would be a shame to waste it” or “It’s great, I really do want it, I’ll check with the wife and get back to you” – wife said no – wouldn’t you think that he would have checked first before driving two hours to view it?

So after much nonsense of this kind I thought that I’d try to compromise with my country buyer. I phoned him back and suggested that we meet half way somewhere. That way he’d have put an investment into the deal.

He said “sure where”? Bathurst in central NSW was agreed upon. “What about at the airport there” said he. “OK, I know where that is,” said I. “How will I know you” said I. “I’ll be wearing blue Jeans and a blue shirt” said he.

El Supremo, the font of all good sense advised me not to go alone and use the train to get home, but to take someone with me ‘just in case’ – we could be dealing with ‘a bad lot’; so, a day or so later I headed off, accompanied by two friends in their own car, namely Jack and Suzanne (not their real names – remember Dragnet?).

Now for those who don’t know it Bathurst airport terminal is about the size of an average house so it’s not difficult to find someone in there – right? We walked around inside, glad to be out of the nearly 40 degree heat outside. No sign of just about anyone, blue shirt or otherwise. A few cars were in the car park but there was an absence of actual people. “Oh no”, methinks - a wild goose chase.

Then as we watched through the big terminal windows a Cessna aircraft rolled to a standstill. Out through the door stepped a very tall guy wearing you guessed it, a blue shirt and blue jeans. After alighting he donned a ten gallon hat. Suzanne (not her real name remember) looked at him and exclaimed “Oooooohhhh”.

When we got home hours later she excitedly told El Supremo and a visiting English lady friend “He was a Calvin Klein model”. The UK visitor looked distressed that she’d turned down the offer of a ride out to Bathurst.

We walked to meet William Prince (not his real name remember) in the car park where he and his car expert friend stood alongside the car awaiting us. I turned to Suzanne telling her “why not wait inside for us in the Air conditioning”. “Oh no, I’m quite alright here”, she replied whilst leaning back over the bonnet of the car with a lovely smile on her face. In all the time I’ve known the lady I’ve never her seen her so animated.

We took the car for a spin with William driving then his expert friend having a drive who then declared the car a buy. It took a little hint for Suzanne not to try to join us, well a bit more than a little hint really.

With a minimum of haggle the deal was done and my Peugeot drove off into the sunset with the expert at the wheel. William returned to his airplane and set off in pursuit. Seems he wasn’t a ‘bad lot’ after all. I climbed into Jack’s car for the journey home where Suzanne eagerly regaled the other two ladies with descriptions of Prince William (note the reversal of the name here to better suit the descriptions).






So, that was the last I saw of my Pug. She is now ensconced where she will be cared for to live a long life. William it seems was planning to spend big on a care package. I’ve done the right thing by ‘Le Camion

Note from the Editor: In retirement David Horrocks writes for a local magazine in his home town of Bribie Island.

David has kindly offered to share his four part series of his Healey articles. these will be featured in the next four editions. I would like to personally thank David for his kind offer and hope that our ABCCC members enjoy his articles.

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. There have been other events that, due to constraints, have been deleted from this issue. Only those events scheduled in this Directory qualify for Victorian Club Permit Scheme requirements. All events are also listed on the club website.

ABCCC Events Directory		
If you are attending any of these events please contact the Organiser as numbers are often required		
<p>Calendar Planning Saturday Oct.8th</p> 		
<p>October 2022</p>	<p>November 2022</p>	<p>December 2022</p>
<p>2nd Ned Kelly Run, Phil Cook</p>	<p>1st Cup Day Car Display and Picnic Yarra Glen Racecourse Colin Brown 0408 343 176</p>	<p>11th Christmas Lunch Chateau Wyuna 170 Swansea Rd, Mount Evelyn</p>
<p>21st - 23rd Indulgence weekend to Pt Fairy Peter McKiernan</p>	<p>3rd - 16th Third Time Lucky Sapphire Coast Tour Tony 0425 789 997 (if you're Lucky) 27th Paradise Run, visiting Vietnam Museum and lunch at the RSL at Philip Island. Ian Terry. Details in this edition</p>	

Assistance: If you are attending any of these events pls consider writing a few quick lines or comments and send to the editor, we can include in the next edition! Email editor@abccc.com.au

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[.https://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub/](https://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub/)



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING

August

7th September - "Terry's Magic Island Mid-week Run"

ATTENDEES

Debbie Beal,
Darrell & Peter Jones,
Leigh & Sandra Wishart.

Teya & John Broadbent,
Greg & Lilly Margetts,

Judy & Leon Cousins,
Peter McKieran

We were lucky to have beautiful weather for our trip to Phillip Island.

Meeting at the BP at Caldermeade we enjoyed a coffee (and the odd sausage roll) at a warm corner table at McDonald's.

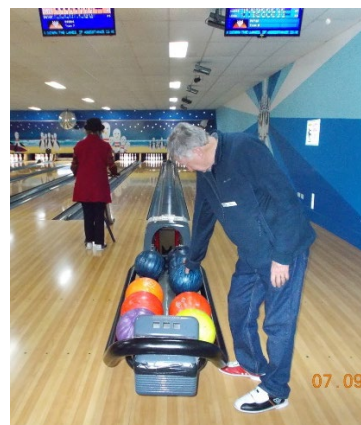
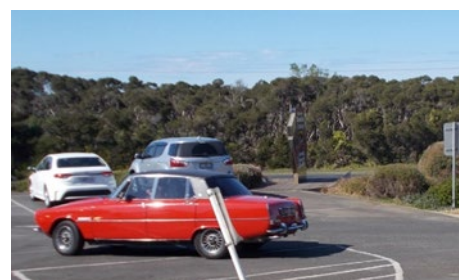
We travelled on to the Phillip Island Chocolate Factory at Newhaven. There were a vast range of beautiful chocolates and tastings and quite a few purchases were made. It was also a very popular venue for a lot of very excited school children on an excursion, probably on a sugar high for the rest of the day.

Judy & Leon left us there to visit a friend on the Island but rejoined us for lunch. The rest of us travelled on to the Phillip Island Bowl where Sandra & Leigh met us. Greg ,John,Teya, Leigh, Peter , Darrell, Debbie and Peter Mc K. all bowled 1 game. It was great fun with a number of strikes achieved. The standout performer was Greg having previously bowled in a team.

Onward to lunch at the RSL where we enjoyed both good service and good food. A lot of choice on the menu. We all moved then to a large table in a lounge area to enjoy our coffee.

Good venues, good food, good company. Enjoyed by all. Thank you Ian for organising the day.

Peter Jones, Tour Leader Thanks for photos, John & Teya Broadbent, Leigh Wishart & Lilly Margetts



Sandra's September Run 16th, 17th & 18th September 2022

Leigh & Sandra Wishart
Greg & Geraldine Anglin
Peter McKiernan
Terry Grigg Gail Minter
John & Jenny Mason

Tony & Maxine Pettigrew
Trevor & Jill Beaumont
Graham Talmage & Kate Senko
Peter Vat & Janet Field
John Provis & Dawn Shoppee

Leon & Judy Cousins
Peter & Michelle Flavell
Brian & Annette Aiken
Jack & Shirley Craven
Alan & Kathy Saul





It was much more than a Hat Shop at the Gordon Hat Shoppe

Lunch at the Wallace Pub



Yep, that's a W-Class Tram, alright!

At the Maryborough Highland Society



I can't believe the price of lettuce! That's just a tip of the iceberg

Happy Birthday Judi



Down at the Maryborough Railway Station: When there is nothing else to do on a wet Saturday, most shops closed/ local footy grand final, you head for the station for coffee and cake by the open fire in the refreshment room privately run before explore exploring the deserted station/ no rail services on weekends.



Great weekend thanks Leigh & Sandra, its was great to get out & about and back on the road.

Photos thanks to Shirley Craven, Greg Anglin and Leigh Wishart

Timeout for a giggle... or two

The rain was pouring down outside O'Connor's Irish Pub.

There standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water.

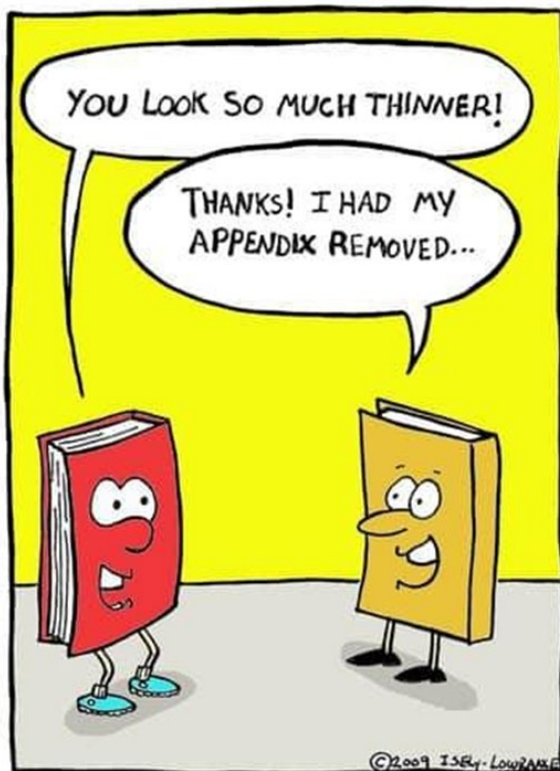
A passer-by stopped and asked him, "What are you doing?"
"Fishing" replied the old man.

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me."

In the warm ambiance of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman, being a bit of a superior smart ass, cannot resist asking, "So how many have you caught today?"

"You're the 8th", replied the old man.

Acknowledgement to Jill Beaumont



Thanks Peter Hibbert

Reminder for upcoming ABCCC events

October 2nd 2022

Ned Kelly's Birth Place Run -

Phil Cook 0468 680 538

Start Venue: The car park outside Harvey Norman located on Whitehorse Road in Nunawading, Melway Map 48;Reference: G9. Time 9:00 am for a 9:30 am drive off.



After driving through Warrandyte and Panton Hill, we will drive up the hill to Kinglake. Then on to Pheasant's Creek where we will stop at the Flying Tarts Bakery for morning tea/coffee. After a short break, we will drive to a lovely country pub where we will have lunch. Meals will be at a nominal charge. Drinks will be at bar prices. As catering needs to be confirmed, will those members who are interested in participating on this event, please let me know. Full route details will be given at the start of the event.



October 21ST to 23rd 2022

The Justly Famed Indulgence Tour - . Contact: Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023 unless advised otherwise, meet at BP Little River (Geelong Bound) at 10:00 am.

Lunch will be at Mortlake prior to proceeding to Port Fairy. The format for the weekend will be in-line with that of previous years. If you wish to be part of this weekend extravaganza, would you please confirm your intent to Peter.



November

Melbourne Cup Day @ Yarra Glen Race Track 1st November 2022

Yarra Glen on Melbourne Cup Day, what a great day this will be, those who have attended in the past will want to do it again, and any members who would like to join us please book with me.



INCLUSIONS

- Admission to the race course
- Race book for every guest
- Yarraview dining room and member enclosure entry
- Three course luncheons served to the table (set menu)
- Fully stocked Cash Bar. Exclusive TAB access. TV monitors

Package \$75.00 per person

If you would like to dress up, and attend this fun day with your fellow members, please advise me ASAP to secure a seat.

Any members who can pick race winners are most welcome!!!

Members may bring friends; I can secure extra tables if booked early. Payment details will be sent after booking received.

Colin Brown 0408 343 176 or colin.brown@hotmail.net.au

November 3rd to 16th 2022 ***Sapphire Tour***

Third Time Lucky Sapphire Coast Tour –

Tony & Maxine Pettigrew 0425 789 997

The Sapphire Tour: two nights Lakes Entrance, two nights Eden, two nights Narooma, three nights Batemans Bay, two nights Queanbeyan one-night Corryong and one-night Wodonga.

If you are interested or require more information call Maxine 9739 1146 or 0425 789 997 before we cancel the two rooms.



November 27th

The Paradise Tour: Phillip Island Sunday 27th November 2022

An ABCCC Event organized by Ian and Lyn Terry

Contact Ian for booking: 0409 097 496

Start Point Caldermeade Dairy Farm & Café

Map Ref: 96 A/5

Assemble at 9.30am and depart 10.00am for Phillip Island on the M420

At Newhaven we attend the National Vietnam Veterans Museum for bites and coffee: Time there is an hour to take all in.

Veterans Drive Newhaven- next to Airport

Map Ref: 95 G/10

We are booked into Phillip Island RSL for lunch as a group for 1.00pm

Map Ref: 95 E/9

After lunch return home or tour the Island at your leisure.

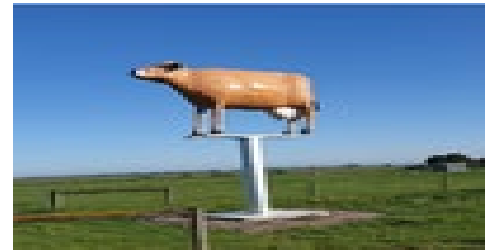
Penguins at Night, Nobbies Drive, Blow Hole

Shops and Pier Walks, Wineries, Ryll Drive

San Remo Bakeries, lots of choices!!!!

Directory Used This Trip is:

RACV VicRoads Country Edition 7



Federation Event



Bendigo Swap

12th and 13th November 2022

<https://www.bendigowrap.com.au/>

The Bendigo National Swap Meet is one of Australia's largest swap meets. Held at the Bendigo Showgrounds

Gates open: 6am Saturday and 7am Sunday \

Admission: Saturday \$15, Sunday \$5 Children under 16 free



**FLORENCE
THOMSON**
Tour

**FRIDAY 28th - SUNDAY 30th
APRIL 2023**
Based around Wangaratta

Is proudly brought to you by the
Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) on behalf of the RACV

To celebrate the pioneering spirit and
contribution of Women to Australian motoring
So, Ladies, please put the date in your diary so you don't miss out

Enquiries to
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AOMC News update

Applications with full details should be available by the end of October, early November 2022



Point Nepean Heritage

MOTOR SHOW



Rotary
Club of Sorrento



Entries Now Open

**Heritage Cars, Classic Cars,
Motorcycles & Hot Rods**

LOCATION

This inaugural community event is at the historic Point Nepean Quarantine Station.

DATE

Sunday 30 October, 2022

CLASSES

Veteran (Pre 1919) - Vintage (1920 - 1930) - Post Vintage (1931 - 1949) - Heritage (1950 - 1970) - Classics Post 1970 - Hot Rods - Motorcycles

PUBLIC ENTRY

10am-2pm, \$5 per person

HOW TO ENTER

Register now to exhibit your car or motorcycle via our website at PointNepeanMotorShow.com.au \$20 per car or motorcycle, exhibitor access 8am-2pm



PointNepeanMotorShow.com.au