

Your ABCCC News



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Front Cover

Photo on front cover –

Tony & Maxine's Tassie Tour 2023, 15-28 Mar 2023. Melbourne to Davenport, our accommodation spots were Smithton, Launceston, Orford, Hobart & Davenport. All great spots that enabled us to explore. It was certainly the ultimate tour of Tasmania with a grant of \$110pp from Tourism Tasmania that enabled us to go on the Arthur River Cruise, one of the highlights on our tour.

Taste, forage, learn, cruise, lots of roundabouts & some roadworks that kept us on our toes, with lots of fun touring!

Thank you, Tony & Maxine, everyone had a wonderful time. Some snippets of the tour later in this newsletter.



Thank you

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New distracted driver road rules

New driver distraction road rules will come into effect in across Victoria **from 31 March 2023**.

New road rules are being introduced that will extend existing mobile phone road rules to cover modern devices including:

- inbuilt systems,

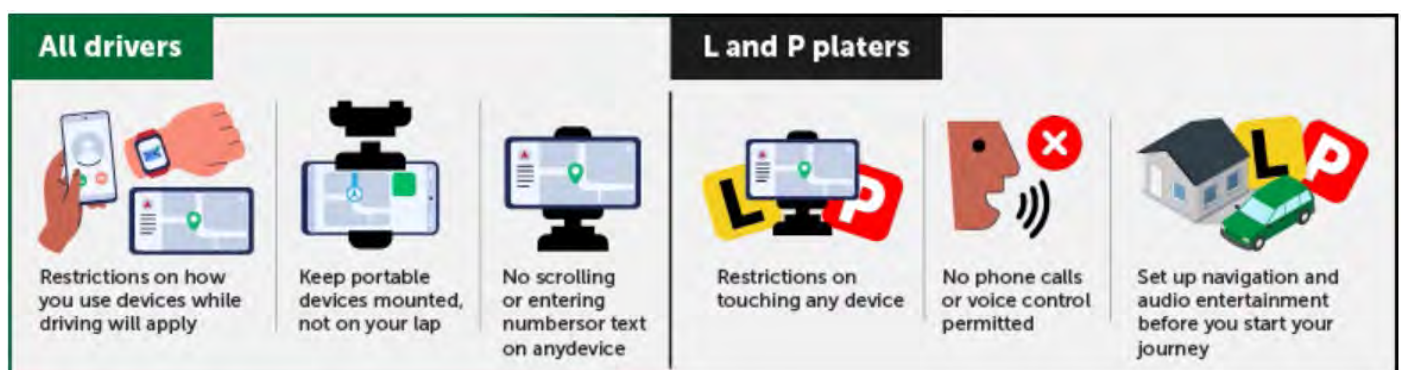
- mounted devices,
- wearable devices such as smartwatches and
- portables devices such as loose phones and tablets.

Consistent with existing rules, the updated rules are applied to drivers, riders of motorcycles, bicycles, electric scooters, and people travelling in or on wheeled recreational devices such as skateboards and rollerblades.

New mobile phone and seat belt cameras are also being introduced. • The updated road rules take effect from 31 March 2023 and are enforceable by Victoria Police.

Couple of links:

- Detail of the new road rules is at vicroads.vic.gov.au/drivingdistractions
- Detail of the new cameras is at camerassavelives.vic.gov.au



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

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On Facebook www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub

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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

Vale – Helen Apps

We sadly note the passing of Helen Apps (22nd March 2023)
Helen & Terry Apps have been members for 11 years.

Our sincere condolences to Terry & family



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 2023

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 or updated on the website



		Wed. 10th May	Morning Cuppa in the Hills Deb Beal	Fri.9th - Mon.12th	Hamilton King's Birthday Rally Tony Pettigrew
Sun. 16th April	Birketts Esky Run	Sun 21st May	Heritage Day with Rex's Big Day Out	Wed.21st Jun.	Lunch at The Naked Racer. Trevor Beaumont
Sun.23rd April	Picnic in the Park Greg and Geraldine Anglin			Sun.25th Jun.	Liberator Museum Werribee, Peter Lester
Wed.5th July	Christmas in July lunch at King Henry Restaurant in Sassafras Contact Deb Beal	Sun.6th Aug.	Pub Run Brian Tootell	Wed.13th Sep.	Morning Cuppa in the Hills Deb Beal
Sun.9th July	Event organised by Jack and Shirley Craven	Sun. 20th Aug.	Annual Lunch, Colin Brown	Fri.22nd Sept.- Sun.24th Sept.	Sandra's September
Sun.23rd July	TBA	Wed. 30th Aug.	A day out with the intelligentsia. Anne Tootell		
Sun.1st Oct.	Castlemaine Market and lunch Ian Terry	Sun.12th Nov.	A day out with the warm weather man Phil Cook	Sun. 10th Dec.	Christmas Lunch Maxine Pettigrew
Wed.18th Oct.	Morning tea at Como Gardens then visit private collection in Highett followed by lunch. Pat Hetrel	Fri.24th.- Mon.27th	Indulgence weekend Destination Echuca Peter McKiernan		
Sun.29th Oct.	A day out with a Morgan Phil Cook				

Website: www.abccc.com.au/calendar

Facebook - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook link.....

<https://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub/>



Reminder for upcoming ABCCC events

SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 2023 THE BIRKETT'S ESKY RUN

Your day out has been designed not only to enjoy morning tea and lunch, but to purchase ingredients for an easy supper that night or the next day. Just bring an Esky!!

Leaving from the carpark of the Olinda Community House on the Olinda/Monbulk Road, which is next to the Olinda Swimming Pool. Melways Ref. Map 66 K8 at 9.30am.

Our morning coffee will be at the Gladysdale Bakery which is just past Yarra Junction. They make the best French vanilla slices and strawberry tarts, so pop some extra in your cooler for supper.

We continue along the Warburton Highway through Warburton to travel the back way to Marysville and then on to the Buxton Hotel for lunch.

As the majority of you will be going home via the Maroondah Highway, call in to the Buxton trout farm and get the main course for supper. Smoked trout fillet or a whole smoked trout to make a delicious quick smoked trout pasta.

Final numbers are required by Sunday 9th April and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

Geoff and Judy Birkett 9755 1772 email greengem3@bigpond.com



SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 2023 Picnic in the Park

Meet at 12.30 at Wattle Park. Enter from Riversdale Road between Elgar Road and Warragul Road Surrey Hills (Melway 61A2) and follow the access road to the end car park and proceed to the picnic ground behind the Swiss Chalet. Bring your Picnic Lunch/ drinks and chairs and your smile.

After lunch plenty of time for a walk amongst the gum trees and wattles before the free Melbourne Tramways Band- Brass Band Concert commences at 2.30pm (duration approx. 2 hours weather permitting)



Further details contact Geraldine Anglin 0418502202

Friday 9th - Mon.12th June – Hamilton Kings Birthday weekend



WELCOME BACK TOUR HAMILTON & DISTRICT VETERAN VINTAGE CLASSIC DRIVERS CLUB

You are invited:

To attend our first Tour back after a 3 year break due to the Covid pandemic. Strap in for a weekend full of fun, socialising and touring. Put the date on your calendar and don't forget to register when the forms come out in the next week or two. We look forward to catching up with old friends and making new ones.



For any extra information please contact Pam

JUNE LONG WEEKEND

9-12th of June 2023

9th- Early Registrations

**10th- Car display &
Activities**

**11th- Highlight of the
weekend: visit to the
historic town of Harrow;
the first inland settlement
in Victoria**

**12th- farewell breakfast at
HDVVDC Club Rooms**

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Pam (Secretary):
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pam@hdvvdc.com.au
[https://hamiltondistrictvcd-
riversclub.webs.com/](https://hamiltondistrictvcd-riversclub.webs.com/)

**Please note: Entry form and
details in the March 2023
Newsletter**

Friday 22nd September to Sun 24th September – Sandra's September weekend

Sandra's September will be on the 22/9/2023 till the 24/9/2023 & we will be going to Maffra. We have 18 rooms available at the Maffra Motor Inn so if your interested in coming along get in quickly.

The contact details are Maffra Motor Inn 184 Johnson St Maffra.

Phone number is 5147 2111 Ange & Dave.

Please contact us when you have made your booking so that we can confirm your place.

There will be a lot more details in the coming months.

Leigh 0403243700

Sandra 0402215367



The indulgence weekend will take place in November.

This year we will be travelling to Echuca in Northern Victoria with the format being somewhat different and more relaxed than that of previous events.

We will meet at McDonalds Tullamarine travelling via Romsey and Lancefield to the Northern Highway, proceeding to Elmore for lunch. After lunch we'll continue to Echuca and our accommodation at Moama where we can enjoy drinks and nibbles on the banks of the Murray prior to visiting our dinner venue at a local club.

Saturday morning you are free to visit Echuca and enjoy some retail therapy. At 11.30am, we will be collected by bus to travel to the Cape Horne winery, where we'll have grazing platters and stone oven pizza along with samples of their wine.

After a relaxing afternoon, we'll return to our hotel for more social activity on the river bank followed by a selection of sandwiches, chicken and salads for dinner.

On Sunday, we'll return home and to our regular diet routine.

Only few place remain. If you would like to be part of this event, please contact

Peter McKiernan on 0407 876 023.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING

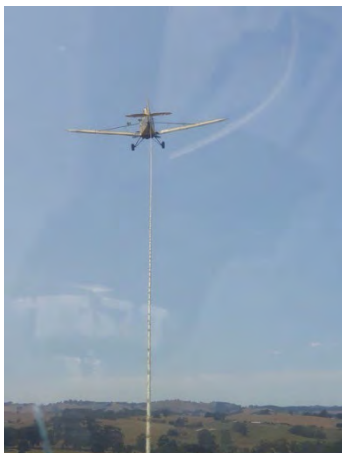
Sunday 24th February 2023 – Gliding South Gippsland

ABCCC participants; Gordon Patterson, Peter Lester, Debbie Beal, Rob Nolan, Teya Broadbent. Kate Senko and Graham Talmage, non-flyers” John Broadbent and Gillian Hutchinson
Guest of ABCCC: Graeme Martin Singer Club, Sue Griss, Ian Whiting, John & Patsy Scales

With a forecast of 30 degrees for our gliding experience on Friday 24th Feb with a promise of rising thermals what more could one wish for. Our participants were split into two groups with the first 6 arriving for the 9-30 am for a (the second group of 4 arriving at 12-30 pm) briefing on the history of the South Gippsland Gliding Club and a safety briefing, with refreshments provided by Kate, it was then into the vehicles and head out to the side of the runway where the Gliding Club had already set up a shade structure and gliders in place ready for the first tow.

The tow plane was flown by Ben a volunteer pilot who normally teaches aerobatics at Moorabbin Airport, it was formally a crop duster which now has a Commodore V8 engine fitted. Once the two-seater glider is attached to the tow plane by a reasonable length of cable canopy's closed and traditional thumbs up the tow plane tow's the glider up to a height of approximately 2,500 feet where the glider pilot releases the tow rope, with the glider dropping right and the tow plane to the left to return to the runway to set up for the launch of the next glider.

Each flight lasted about 25 minutes of soaring with the eagles although none showed up, we had two participants who elected to be taken up to 3,000 feet and experience a couple of loop the loops.



Thursday 2nd March 2023 - Leigh's Grand Prix Phillip Island 2 March

The inaugural ABCCC Grand Prix was organised by Leigh and Sandra Wishart and set to run on March 2 – obviously so as not to clash with that competing event – the Formula 1 thingy at Albert Park! Since Leigh and Sandra were to be lounging around on a cruise to New Zealand arriving home only a few days prior to the event, they asked Brian Aitken to be the contact for any last-minute issues associated with the day.

In the event, it transpired that not only did the ship NOT go to New Zealand (in fact in the exact opposite direction – to Cairns!) but the much-anticipated luxury accommodation disappointed and the food proved to be ordinary! As if this wasn't enough, both our intrepid travellers came down with Covid a few days before the ship docked back in Melbourne!

Despite this catastrophe, they determined to support the event and not only dropped the prizes at the morning tea venue (whilst wearing masks and staying inside their car!) but led the way around the old 1936 Grand Prix track – thank you both and well done!

Now, onto the event details. 15 of us assembled at the Churchill Island tea rooms for morning tea during which the situation with Leigh and Sandra was explained. Following on from this, we all followed Leigh on a lap of the old 1936 Grand Prix route – originally on public dirt roads, all of which still exist but in paved form thankfully!

Leigh then led us to the Go Kart track before peeling off to resume lonely isolation – sob.

Six of us choosing to brave the track (one car shared between Peter and Janet) filled in the necessary registration paperwork and made ready for the driver's briefing. When our turn came, the track staff gave us a stern briefing about what was and was not allowed in terms of overly enthusiastic driving (immediately filed in "to be ignored" of course!) and then fitted all the drivers with crash helmets and shoe horned us into our race cars. We then enjoyed a 10 minute qualifying session which determined the grid positions for the following standing start 10 minute race.



Our supporters of course observed (and jeered!) from the grandstand as events unfolded and at the conclusion, full of adrenalin, we assembled in the car park to drive to our lunch and prize giving venue at the lovely Foreshore Restaurant at Rhyll.

Prior to enjoying our lunch, prizes were awarded for the podium places based on timing results issued by the track staff. Based on overall average lap times, the results were first, yours truly (Brian) followed closely by Greg Howe and then Terry Grigg.



A great fun day and thanks to poor Leigh and Sandra for their organisation and support not to mention sourcing the prizes!

Report provided by Brian Aitken



We want to bring to everybody's attention the brilliant job Brian & Annette did at the last minute taking over and running Leigh's Grand Prix and running it so smoothly.

We can't thank them enough " thank you Brian & Annette "

Leigh & Sandra

SUNDAY 5TH March 2023 65th Kalorama Vintage and Classic Car Rally

Great day out with all proceeds going to the Kalorama CFA. Thanks to Shirley Craven for these great photos





Congratulations to John Mason – Best Pre War vehicle

SUNDAY 19TH March 2023 Rob Roy revival



Following a refurbishment of the track with a major grant from the Victorian Govt a festival style event was run by the MG Car Club - Saturday was cancelled due to Total Fire Ban. This time an upgrading of the format included on line booking and attendees encouraged to dress in vintage 50 and 60's fashion - though there was certainly some much older cars doing multiple climbs on the day. Each year for the Revival “feature a classic marque” and in 2023 it was Elfin and John Bowe was the Patron. He drove a 1965 Shelby AC Cobra for the day with gusto and lots of V8 rumbling and growling- surely these historic cars sound terrific- just listening to them waiting for the start is exciting - not sure if electric cars will ever meet the criteria.

Due to the changed length of the track all winners for the day become new record holders and the old track winners are there for history. So it was a milestone.

Parking on the day for the public was in a different location (Classic Hill Car Park) overlooking the start line - lines drawn for cars and car park attendants assisting and on the day grass short and even ground -short walk down to the track and entry by showing your ticket reference.

Drivers cars were all accommodated in the pits with tents for all the vehicles and gear. This was a plus for drivers and all spectators who can walk along and view the cars at close quarters. There was a short track to the start point and always interesting watching and listening to the vehicles waiting for starts- and of course some spinning of wheels for a bit of heat at least for some. Drivers of course do multiple runs in the day all looking to getting better results.

There were trade stalls, food stalls, undercover sit down for food and drink and a local brewery bar set up. Bringing your own alcohol was discouraged but your own picnic is one's own choice including a folding chair or shooting stick if useful. The style was “a festival type”.

Entry cost was certainly higher than the previous events but there was an overall improvement and it will be interesting to see what happens next year for this event.

Shirley and I enjoyed the day sitting opposite the time clock so we could jot down the driver's times in the Souvenir Programme and compare the times throughout the day.

report from Jack Craven & photos by Shirley Craven





Tassie Tour 23

Wed 15th – Tues 28th March 2023

report provided by **Glenda Prewett**

Our adventure began in Geelong at the new facility Port of Geelong. 37 travelled over on the Spirit of Tasmania and we meet up with Peter & Joanne Schneider from USA (New Jersey) the next morning, as they flew into Davenport. Here are some highlights & snippets from the tour. I am sure there were some other great moments and photos that others may like to share in future issues!

Bill Allen
Trevor & Jill Beaumont
Clive & Helen Benoy
Lance & Adele Brazier
Leon & Judy Cousins
Tony & Maxine Pettigrew
Garry & Glenda Prewett

Ian & Mary Hodge
Greg & Phyl Howe
Robert & Robyn Joiner
Peter & Darrell Jones
John & Virginia Rowe
Peter Vat & Janet Fields
Leigh & Sandra Wishart

Phil Cook & Ann Carty-Salmon
Christopher & Geraldine Constantine
Howard & Wendy Hutchins
John Provis & Dawn Shoppee
Richard & Barbara Wellard
Peter & Joanne Schneider



The important advice before we left, was don't miss the ship! So, everyone was pretty well organised and early, giving us plenty of time to look around the new Port of Geelong facility or look over other vehicles. Ian had a great chat with this fellow on his motorcycle.



Phil & Anne parked their vehicle on level 6, it was front row on a mezzanine level with a row of steel rope cable as the barricade. Phil was very relieved the next morning to find his car in once piece & not fallen over the edge!



After finding our rooms, the group meet up on level 7 and made ourselves comfortable ready for the sailing. It was such a lovely calm evening some spent some time on the outside deck.



Our first day was Davenport to Smithton for the first leg. As we night sailed we got in early and meet for breakfast. Everyone set off after breakfast and most headed for Ulverstone, Penguin, Burnie, Wynard & Stanley for lunch. We grabbed our first scallop pie at Smithton

We stopped at the Wynard motor museum to see the Francis Ransley Veteran Car Collection with over 14 vehicles including the equal oldest Ford in the world, a lovely Oldsmobile and one British veteran vehicle oddly named Alldays & Onions.



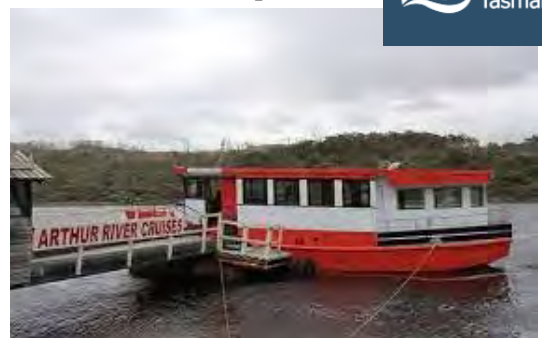


Friday, Ian & Howard were up early with the chamois & microfibre cloths, as was a few others.

Today we headed for the Arthur River Cruise, Tony announced that Tourism Tasmania had provided a grant, it was to be used for the cruise, everyone one was very appreciative as we all headed off for our wilderness cruising experience.



The boat is named the MV George Robinson it is a beautiful old boat with lots of timber and brass, affectionately known as “The Red Boat”. Once we boarded we could sit down inside or move freely around the vessel, front and rear viewing decks. The Skipper was Emma and her assistant was Boris (Daughter & Father). The river was calm and there was no hurry, it was just magical to watch the reflections and look into the forest.



We stopped at Turks Landing, this is deep within the Tarkine Wilderness. Also this landing was to be our lunch spot. Whilst the Skipper organised the lunch, a small walk was organised with Boris who provided a great commentary of all his learnings on the forest & trees, such as the blackwoods, leatherwoods, sassafras, silver wattles and some endangered gums, we turned around at the giant stringybark (Tassie Oak) tree. (there was so much more to know about this, than we had expected)

Lunch at Turks landing was amazing: sausage, burger, homemade coleslaw, homemade potato salad, lettuce, beetroot, cheese, tomato, fresh bread roll followed by homemade fruitcake. There was wine, water, hot & cold drinks, very well prepared out in the middle of nowhere. It was delicious and no one went hungry.





Photo on the left, Maxine & Geraldine strolling through the Tarkine Wilderness. Yep with their handbags and all!



On the cruise back, Boris entertained us playing his guitar and signing.

We spotted a white breasted sea eagle feeding, the skipper threw out some food and it was quickly picked up by the sea eagle. Everyone was out watching and trying to get the best photo.

We all had a wonderful day!



Then from Smithton to Launceston, taking in all the little towns along the way.

Another Motor Museum with some great British vehicles at the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania



This 1974 Holden Monaro HQ GTS was involved in one of the most shocking chapters in the States recent history, the 1975 Tasman Bridge disaster. The Monaro occupied by the Manley family, was left hanging on the edge of the bridge on the evening of the 5th Jan 1975 when a bulk ore carrier travelling up the Derwent River collided with several pylons of the Tasman Bridge.

The Manly family were saved by the Monaro's automatic transmission pan, which caught the edge of the bridge. Frank Manly never sold the car and it remains in the original condition (as displayed)

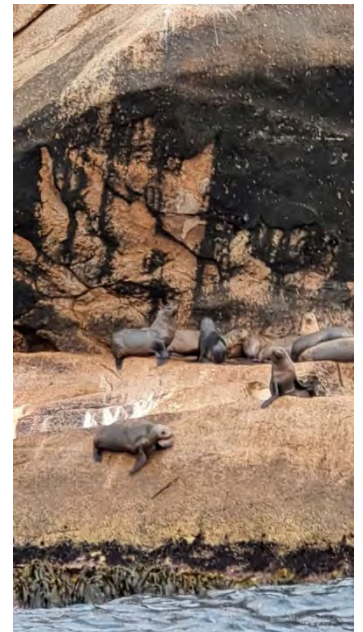


YouTube: <https://youtu.be/H6r9sBMFPPw>

From Launceston to Orford. Maxine & Tony had arranged a cruise to Maria Island. We were not disappointed, this was a great cruise and day. The Skipper Michael & assistance Zoe were great hosts and provided excellent commentary throughout the day.



Maria Island is now a National Park, the cruise there was combined with viewing wild seals, dolphins, wombats, kangaroos, wallabies, Cape Barren geese, sea eagles and the UNESCO World Heritage convict history. Lunch was in remote cave aboard the boat.



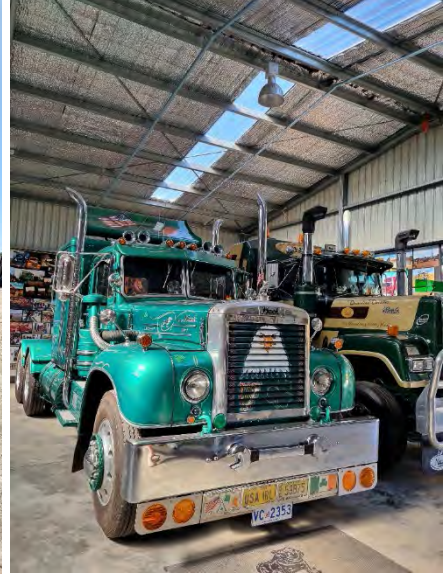
When leaving the island, a group of school kids returning to the island handed this little Joey to Sandra inside their beanie and asked Sandra if she could take back to the mainland for care. The little Joey had fallen out of the mother Kangaroos pouch. Michael & Zoe made several calls to get assistance, the Joey was put onto a bus and sent to Hobart for intensive care.

Becketts Private Truck & Tractor collection

Whilst we were in Launceston, Lance arranged a visit to see a great collection of Mack Trucks and some tractors.

Dick has an extensive collection of Mack trucks from early models to modern Mack trucks. He gave a new meaning of “I do” as he told us stories of how he purchased some of these big beauty’s. His collection included some vintage earth-moving machinery, including an Australian-built International bulldozer, manufactured in the 1940’s which contains world-leading technology and is still in working order. That was his real favourite. It was great to hear all the knowledge on Mack trucks and earthmoving machinery in general.

We all enjoyed wandering around the sheds and looking at this fantastic collection of trucks, machinery & memorabilia. Dick was very entertaining on his collection throughout the site tour. (thank you)



Did you know?

- Mack trucks arrived in Australia in 1919, with the first bulldog, a tried and tested AC Model which were used in World War 1. Shortly after this first truck arrived, Mack trucks were put to work all over the country.
- In 1988, Mack Trucks Australia made 16 special edition Super-Liner II Bicentennials. The special limited edition models were named after people influential to Australian history, including James Cook, Captain Bligh, Ludwig Leichhardt, Governor Phillip, Ned Kelly, Kingsford Smith and John Flynn.

There were so many other places that we visited, I have just added some great happy snaps along the way



At the horny cray café at Swansea



Removing the roadkill from Sorrell



Tony's feast for three



Can of 'Rover' ale (made in Melb)



Happy hour for Phil & Peter



The big Chevrolet at Salamanca Market



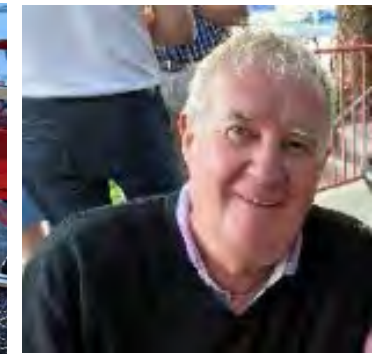
Big Cruise ship docks at Hobart



Maxine enjoying fine dining.

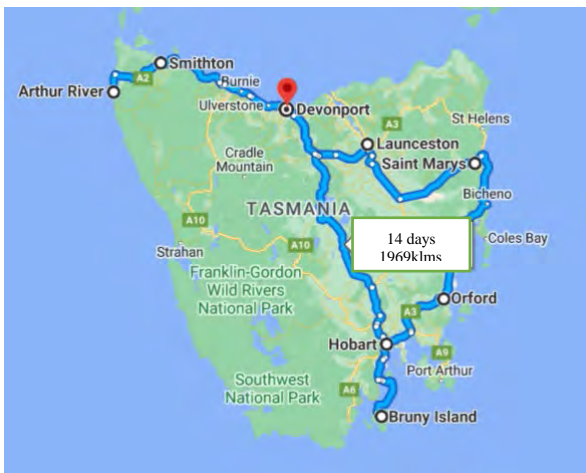
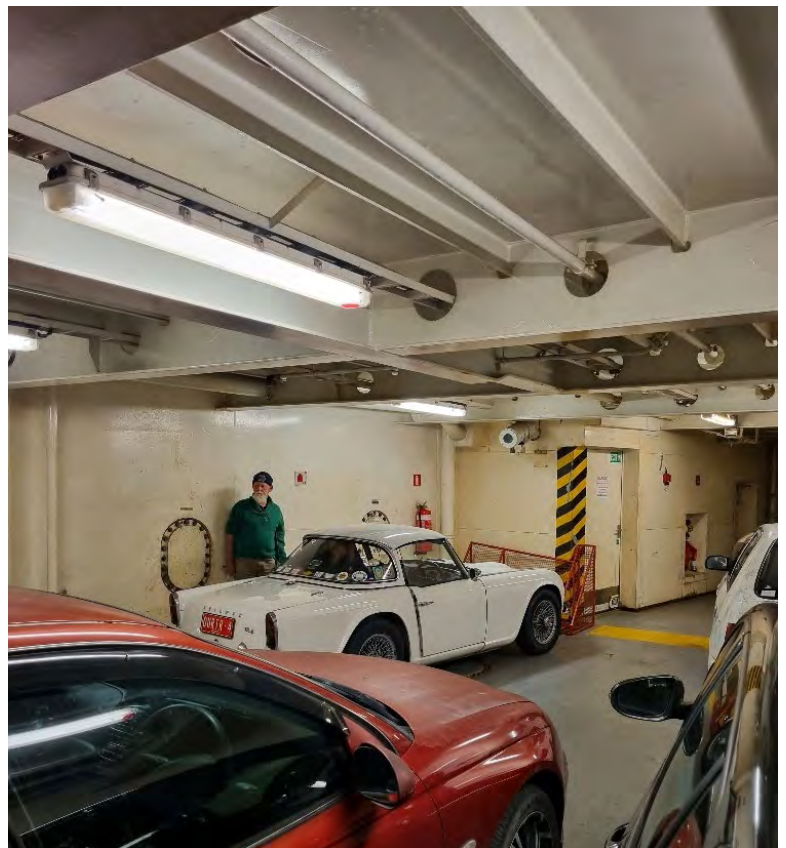
The attendees that travelled to Tassie





Jill and Trevor left us at Orford as Trevor had a trip to hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery & a very Happy Birthday!. Since learnt that Trevor is home and recovering well. Ready for his birthday celebrations!

On the return trip of the Spirit of Tasmania, Howard was parked on deck 1. (that's the lowest). He asked the attendant if he was going to drive straight out when it docked at Geelong. "No mate" was the reply. "you will be backing up and doing a U turn" It was a very tight spot indeed and last vehicle off the boat.



From our trip computer, we travelled 1969kms over the 14 days.

The cars



Breakdowns (only 2):

1. Peter Vat (Jag) at St Marys radiator over flow tank, Peter arranged a spare from Melbourne which arrived he next day. Jag was back on the road
2. Phil Cook (Morgan) at Latrobe, called RACT for assistance, Loose wire to the starter solinoid.

Snippet from Leigh Wishart: At Scottsdale when Leigh was filling the Cortina Lotus (1967) with fuel, the attendant admired the vehicle and asked Leigh about the authenticity. Leigh promptly advised that the previous owner was Jim Richards. Oh well said the attendant, see that BMW over there, that was the owner before Jim. Leigh tapped on the window of the car and the wife rang her husband. Leigh & Sandra were invited to their home and given the history of the vehicle along with key rings and workshop manuals. The guy was originally from Italy and raced the vehicle in Sydney. Leigh was very pleased with the unexpected acquaintance.



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Gotta get a laugh in.....

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patty Whack. "Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday." Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager. Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral. The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink, and perfectly formed. Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office. She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?" (You're gonna love this.) The bank manager looks back at her and says, "It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone." (You sang it, didn't you? Yeah, I know you did.) Never take life too seriously...🤪



**When you are stressed
you eat ice cream, cake,
chocolate and sweets.
Why?
Because 'stressed' spelt
backwards is 'desserts.'**

