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Your ABCCC News

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Front Cover

Photo on front cover – Kings Birthday weekend at Hamilton Gordon Patterson offering his very well kept & compact Co2 tyre inflator kit to pump up Ian's tyre on the Citreon at Clunie woolshed.

Below John Pass fellow Citreon owner has a 18V Ryobi digital pressure inflator (very portable indeed) which gives the tyre some pressure, then they drive the car to a flat ground before changing to the spare wheel.

Great teamwork!

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This is what happens if your car breaks down, it's not about just leaving you on the side of the road or back in the car park . someone comes and offers to help. Classic cars not only appeal to car enthusiasts, but also to enthusiasts of engineering, design, art and history.

It also pays to have RACV Total Care!



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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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 <u>ABCCC Club Permit Scheme information</u> 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! Name Car Model Year

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Brian & Margaret Berwick	Jaguar	X300 3.2 sport	1994	

Ed Bartosh– Membership Secretary

Vale – Val Jefferyres

We sadly the note the passing of Val Jefferyes after suffering from Parkinson's disease for many years.

Val was one of the first members of this club and held Secretary position from January 1999 and later took on the role of Membership up until 2008.

Our sincere condolences to her 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					
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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 RSVP see the flyer in this newsletter	Fri.22nd Sept Sun.24th Sept.	Sandra's September
		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

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Reminder for upcoming ABCCC Events

Wednesday 5th July Christmas in July Lunch at King Henry Restaurant in Sassafras

Christmas merriment brought forward to our wintertime of July 5th at King Henry's restaurant – 320 Mount Dandenong Tourist Road in Sassafras. An early practise for our summer festivities, but in our colder July. Just perfect for a hearty hot Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, or an alternative preference. They are kindly opening the doors for ABCCC on my allocated day, which finds them generally closed.

The restaurant is a short way out of the Sassafras township, heading toward Upper Ferntree Gully, on the left-hand side.



There are a few parking spots roadside with the main car park to the side/rear (turn into the driveway just before the building). For those members that have booked pls meet at 12 midday.

Deb Beal 0458274252 or workllife2@bigpond.com

Sunday 9th July 2023 Cravens ABCCC drive day 9/7/23 to Gembrook " the Motorist" and Noojee Hotel

Short overview. The roster point is Rowville Stud Park -leave for Gembrook to "The Motorist " - museum and shop open for us 10.00 am -David Peck is owner and a member of ABCCC We expect to be in Gembrook for about 1 hour 15 mins so time for morning tea and chat.

Leaving Gembrook we will travel through Launching Place to Noojee for lunch at the "Nooj". Lunch table booking 1pm.

For members who would like to join us there will be more information provided including route instructions. For those that have never been to Gembrook it is a country village worth the visit and well known for Puffing Billy and of course for car people -" The Motorist "

Our route from Gembrook to Noojee is great for drivers and passengers, scenic and few traffic lights 😊

Hope to see you Jack Craven 0425 881 449 jarcraven@gmail.com Shirley Craven 0413 795 504

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Sunday 6 August 2023 – Brian's Pub Run

You are invited to join us at the "Warby" Hotel, Wesburn, on Sunday 6 August, for Lunch at midday.

After leaving Lilydale, turn Right onto the Warburton Hwy and proceed for just over 30kms to Wesburn.

Please respond by August 1, so catering can be finalised.

Bryan Tootell, 0412 549 906 <u>annbry@optusnet.com</u>



ABCCC ANNUAL CLUB LUNCH

Sunday August 20th 2023 Eastwood Golf Club 332 Liverpool Road Kilsyth South Time: 12.00 noon for 12.30pm



A change of venue and menu for the Annual Club Lunch. I am sure all members will enjoy the club subsidised lunch and drinks at this new location, a three course menu has been selected. We have also booked "Pete Bel Air" a solo artist who entertained us brilliantly on "Rex's Big Day Out", dancing shoes should be worn. Cost of this luncheon is \$40 per person, <u>a member's only event</u>.

> Pre booking and payment is required by Friday 4th August Please include member name and ACL23 on deposit slip. Bank details: CBA BSB: 063-863 A/C: 10013709

> Please confirm payment and any dietary requirements to: colin.brown@hotkey.net.au

Tear off here For payment by cheque: Please booklunches @\$40 \$...... For: Mail to: Colin Brown PO Box 40 COLDSTREAM 3770

Wednesday 30 August 2023 Day out with the intelligentsia.

Visit to 'Market Fair', Ferntree Gully, followed by Lunch at Paradise Valley Hotel, Clematis. Market Fair is a large modern building which we found pleasant to browse through. They stock an extensive amount of second hand wares, clothing and Hand Crafts. Also a large amount of Old LP's for those who collect same.

Market Fair is located at 2/794 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully (approx 200 m. on the Melbourne side of Ferntree Gully Rd intersection. Look out for the bright orange "Pet Barn" which is nextdoor.. If you arrive by 10.00- 10.15,(for ease of Parking) and it should give ample time to firstly drop in next door for an excellent coffee at the Aroma Lily Cafe in the Wholefood building. We plan to leave around 11.30am and drive to Clematis.

If you would like to attend, please contact us by 25 August so catering arrangements can be finalised.

Anne Tootell 0412 549 906 annbry@optusnet.com



Wednesday 13th September 2023 Cuppa in the Hills More details to come Deb Beal 0458274252 or worklife2@bigpond.com

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

Sandra's September is the 22/9/2023 until the 24/9/2023 in Maffra.

As we have mentioned we are meeting in Lang Lang at 10am were we will have morning tea at Wendy May's, then wandering across the road to Aunt's Place which has 6 rooms of memorabilia & nicnacs there is also an Op Shop a little further down the street.

We plan to leave Lang Lang about 11am taking a very picturesque & interesting drive on excellent roads to Trafalgar where for \$25pp a BBQ plus tea & coffee including entry to the Holden Museum will take place.

After having, our BBQ lunch at the Holden Museum in Trafalgar we will continue on to Maffra.

After checking in to our motel and freshen up we will have dinner at the Sportsmans Club which is a 2 minute walk.



Saturday morning we will go to the Maffra Motor Museum where the theme is going to be cars from the 70s. There will be show bags supplied to give you some ideas of the things you can do in the area Saturday afternoon.

Saturday night we will be having dinner at The Farmers Arms Hotel about 12 Kim away.

We have only 2 rooms left so the response has been great.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Leigh 0403243700 or Sandra 0402215367

Indulgence 2023 Friday 24 to Sunday 26 November 2023



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 <u>Kings Birthday – Hamilton 9th June to 12 June</u>

THE WELCOME BACK TOUR

Conducted By The Hamilton & District Veteran, Vintage, Classic Drivers Club



The much looked forward to Welcome Back Tour (WBT) was at last upon us and plans were laid for driving to Hamilton in three stages. The first stop would be the BP petrol stop in Braybrook, the second stop at the Golden Age Hotel in Beaufort for lunch, and then the final jaunt to the Grange Burn Motel in Hamilton. It was a plan that went well, arriving in Beaufort at about 12:00 noon, I immediately noted that I was a bit 'late', because most of our group were already seated, had ordered their lunch and were in lively conversation. A small serve of an open steak sandwich and the response was that all menu items were the same size. What arrived was an enormous

was requested at the bar, and the response was that all menu items were the same size. What arrived was an enormous serving that was completely covered in battered onion rings!

After lunch, we set off for Hamilton, cross country, *via* Streatham. As Dunkeld was approached, Mount Abrupt disappeared from view in an instant and soon after there was a quick downpour of rain that soon cleared and the beautiful view returned. I had planned to stop at Dunkeld to shop at *Only Ewe* to find that the place, at 3:10 pm, was firmly closed – that was a disappointment – was looking for a nice pullover. Check-in at the Grange Burn was rather damp due to more rain. The Western District looked rather soggy, but the situation cleared a little before dinner at the Alexandra House Club. The meal, for me was better than the last one I had there. A no-alcohol beer was tried, it was from an unknown brewery and was just plain ***** awful – never again!

Right: A special treat, a rare Bristol with Zagato body, on display next to a normal drooping Wilmott Breeden door handle!

Next morning, early, we checked in at the Welcome Back Tour headquarters where one of the locals informed that for Friday and overnight, they had 84 mm of rain in the rain gauge. This news bode well for us later. Until 1:00 pm it was car display time, probably due to the weather there were more modern cars than usual. It was a cold windy day, but the rain held off – sort of. The afternoon called for three groups to form up:



Group 1. Departed just after 1:00 pm for a scenic

drive to Wannon and Nigretta Falls. We took the quiet roads that the locals know well, following a blue 1927 Austin tourer which was riding the WBT on a trailer, for some reason. Part way, along our tour, we were led into the John Clark Lookout parking area, off Morgiana Road. What a view of the Wannon Falls from there! The huge volume of water flowing over the edge was some-thing to behold, there was even spume thrown up into the air reaching the rim line.

Right: Wannon Falls as never seen before by the writer, from John Clark Lookout.

Even though the light was wintry, this was the glorious Western District, but the camera coped reasonably well. We do not have to travel overseas for grand scenery, we have it all here, and it can be enjoyed when driving a classic British motor car.

The group then motored on to the 'close-to' viewing platform at the Wannon Falls Park. Here there were a number of tourists and, after a good look at the water flowing into the rocks strewn bowl below the lip, it was time to follow the blue Austin to nearby Nigretta Falls which were also impressive. After spending time there, it was time to motor back to WBT headquarters at the Hamilton Entertainment & Conference Centre. *Page 10*



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Group 2. This group, with a number of ABCCC members lining up behind a tan vintage Dodge, set off for Penshurst, *via* a scenic route to view the Volcano Discovery Centre. Listening to comments, this was a very interesting part of the WBT. The group set off at about the same time as Group 1. It will be left to someone who took part in this excursion, to write about it for those who did not take part in it. For me it was a difficult choice, but after the heavy rains, the waterfalls won me over.

Group 3. This is a bit of a misnomer because the group departed at about 9:30 am for the Kelpie Muster at Casterton. This important event is growing in popularity and is well worth getting up early for. The group followed a Ford 4-door and, right after the Glenelg River bridge, a right turn was made to pass the Glenelg Inn into Murray Street and then parking was sought along this street that runs parallel to Henty Street, the venue of the Muster Parade. The Kelpie Muster Parade and the special Kelpie activities in Glenelg River Island Park is a must-see event, as the dogs show off their considerable skills negotiating challenging obstacle courses.

After all of this activity, it was time to get ready for Happy Hour and the dinner at tour Headquarters – those of us who were not partaking of alcoholic beverages were pressed into a form of taxi service for those who wished to imbibe a bit (lot). This was, for a spell, a comedy of musical chairs, until cars were filled. After dinner, it was cold and damp, the demister soon cleared the Rover's fogged up windows and it was off to bed after a satisfying day's activities.

Sunday morning was, again, quite cold and damp. We were scheduled to meet at Tour HQ for the drive to the historic town of Harrow. Our tour leader took us *via* Cavendish and Balmoral to the historic Clunie Woolshed where a sumptuous morning tea with scones, jam and whipped cream was copiously provided for us. It was just as well that breakfast had been skipped.

Right: Tour participants parked at the Clunie woolshed, under a bright sky.

The Clunie Homestead complex is of great historical significance as one of the earliest, most intact and extensive homestead com-plexes surviving in Western Victoria and particularly for its association with James Blair. The Clunie run was



initially established in August, 1840 by Thomas Ricketts and acquired by James Blair in October, 1844. A house, woolshed and outbuildings were built by 1853 and the present single storey house was apparently erected on a different site in 1864. The date of construction of the woolshed is not known but is believed to be within these dates.

The house is constructed of granite blocks quarried on the property and it has been subject to some alterations and additions over the last 170-odd years. Some stone stables built closer to the home-stead are also constructed of stone but of a different type from the house. Their origin is not recorded. The woolshed, to which we gained access to, is some distance from the house and is T shaped in plan, built from granitic stone, stained by iron oxide, laid as coursed random rubble and with well constructed stone arches. There are nine stands in each of the two wings of the board. Within the shed and the processing area in the centre, original equipment is retained including several wool presses. The shed would have been busy in its heyday with 18 shearers on the board.

When the property was first taken up by Ricketts it was described as being of 32,000 acres of land running 50 head of cattle and 12,000 sheep. James Blair took over the property in 1844 having arrived in NSW from Ireland in 1835. He held various important positions such as the first Police Magistrate in Portland, then only 6 years old. Blair was also a Commissioner for Crown Lands between 1843 and 1846, a local director of the Union Bank and later the Bank of Victoria. He was also the patron of many charities. He died in Dublin in 1888 after returning there in 1884.

During his tenure Blair actually lived near Portland and later in Toorak visiting the property once a year. William Moodie, the then owner of Wando Dale Station recalled, "Mr Blair was a good magistrate but a bad bushman, and in coming up once a year to look at his station he was sure to lose his way and find himself at Wando Dale, and I had to put him so far on the track that he could not go wrong again". Moodie was also critical of the station management during most of Blair's tenure.

After Blair's death the property passed to his son who died a short time later. The property was then held by his wife who returned to England in 1906. It was subsequently sold to James Daly who had arrived in Australia from Ireland at the age of 10. His father was killed by a falling tree and James went to work at a very early age in a dairy. He came to work at Clunie as a teenager and although illiterate, determined that he would one day own the property, subsequently

purchasing it in 1909. Daly was an important member of the Harrow Catholic Church and donated the land for the church in Harrow.

Daly's son James inherited the property in 1927. He and his wife had two daughters one of whom married into the McGennisken family who still own and run the property.

Description from the tour notes – With thanks.

After a goodly fill of scones, we continued on to Harrow where, like on our Fly The Flag Tours, we sort of took over the town. The drive from Hamilton had been through some of Victoria's most scenic country. Harrow is situated, like Casterton, on the Glenelg River – it is a most historic township with the oldest building being The Forrester's Arms, dated 1840. The Hermitage Hotel was built in 1848 and licenced since 1853 shows that Harrow (formerly Upper Glenelg) got their priorities right! The jail, built of logs was erected in 1859 at the cost of £296. It is one of just a few remaining in Victoria. Just as fascinating is the St. Paul's Anglican Church, located on the hill above the river and accessed by a long stairway – the congregation must have been exhausted by the time they could rest in their church. The township had a pleasant well used look about it.

Right: Robin and Anne Jervis-Read heading back to Hamilton in their Jensen 541R.

Lunch was served by the local people in the Mechanics Institute Hall, quite modern and the lady at the counter, on being asked if she was a local, replied, "I have lived here for forty years and love the place, but I am not yet a local!" I chose a mug of pumpkin soup, there was also leek and potato soup, but those mugs were filled to the brim and I did not want to spill any on my doddery old feet on the way to our table. The sausage rolls were a complete meal themselves, and the sandwiches were excellent. After lunch, most of us took a walk along the main street (Blair Street) viewing the old buildings and the less old cars parked thereon. It was then learnt that a Ford Model T had



succumbed to a broken crankshaft and was collected by John Wilken, the tour's tail-end Charlie with a suitable trailer. Someone mentioned that such crankshafts are readily available, which is good to know about.

Then we set off for Hamilton, *via* Nareen and Coleraine, arriving in time for a change of clothing in readiness for dinner. A large number of raffle prizes were handed out and it was suspected that Leigh Wishart may have purchased a whole book of raffle tickets, he scored that many prizes. The ABCCC was awarded the trophy for a club's participation. Tony Pettigrew collected the trophy, said thank you to those who had organised the WBT and informed that Hamilton's Rally is now a firm annual event on the ABCCC calendar.

Right: At the Monday breakfast/brunch, Shirley Craven, master operator of the sometimes disinclined toasters, concentrating on homemade marmalade – delicious!



It was a good fun night and we were entertained by Daffy Steer, but the only part of the performance I understood was his rendition of *Return To Sender*, the rest was sort of too booming for hearing aids! After all of the awards were presented, it was time to head back to the Grange Burn for bed.

Right: The well preserved Bamfords hay loader wedged in a crowded shed.

Next morning it was breakfast at the Hamilton Club's clubrooms. This is a real treat for all of us lovers of egg and bacon sandwiches on a cold morning. Heaps of chatter and laughter, just the way it should be. I went out and asked a chap who was painting one of the historic buildings if the Hamilton Pastoral Museum was open? He had the keys and we walked across the road for a look at the Ford tractor I had been working on, using E-mail instructions. The tractor is nicely restored, but requires a new hydraulic pump. Another exhibit I was keen to see, was the Bamford Hay Loader that the museum folk had asked me for advice about. The machine was crammed in a corner, so a



whole photo was not possible. There is a story about the timbers used for the machine, the Bamfords company provided garden allotments for their workers, also supplied were lengths of long timber offcuts for bean sticks from the wood workshop. All timbers were cut to size in the shop and the offcuts made good poles for runner beans. There was a plentiful supply! Apparently, the museum wants to build a larger shed, but the council says "no". Seems strange.

The drive home from Hamilton took me through Ararat and straight through to Braybrook and on home. The run to Ballarat was easy and traffic was light, however from Ballarat on, the traffic was heavy and impatient. The Rover's speed control was set at 111 kph and slotted into its space in the left hand lane. At that speed there was a continuous stream of overtaking impatient **** passing at rather high speed. It became alarming when a quite violently swaying high ground clearance caravan was spotted in the rear vision mirrors. The side of the Rover came rather close to being side swiped, but I took to the hard shoulder, too close to the Armco for comfort. It kept going in that manner without any sign of slowing. Expected to see it floating in Pykes Creek Reservoir, but it had either sunk or continued on its drunken way.

Interestingly, for the entire 995 kilometre round trip, there was no sign of any police presence, at all.

Our thanks to Tony and Maxine for putting together this Tour from the ABCCC's aspect. Also, thanks are due to those in our Club who were such good company during all aspects of the event.

Special thanks are also due to the members of the Hamilton and District Veteran, Vintage, Classic Drivers Club for making the Welcome Back Tour such an enjoyable event for us to join in with total enthusiasm – thank you all, and to those who kept us well nourished – we really appreciate the work put in. It was good to be back in God's Own Country!

Mike Allfrey.



Peter & Theresa Hargreaves were great hosts at our accommodation in Hamilton

Grange Burn Motel 142 Ballarat Road Hamilton

Below is Mike Allfrey at Harrow in his Rover or is it Bill?



We had lots of great photos taken on the tour Happy hour at the Grange Burns Motel Day 1



Other shots - clubrooms, roundabouts and meeting places



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We have been to Hamilton on many occasions, its always great to visit the Ansett Museum & Campes Motor Museum. Always a pleasure to visit this motor museum, founded more than three decades ago with such a vast array of motor memorabilia. (something for everyone) This 1955 Ansett Clipper bus is a beauty! Peter & Sandra Hibbert









Peter admires the 1930 Ford Model A once owned by Alan Wilson from Rosebud



Theres s a great story on the VH UTO replica project, Ansetts first aircraft the Fokker Universal which was lost in a hanger fire in 1939. The task to rebuild occupied 3779 working hours.

More photos from Clunies woolshed, the hills were alive with people, classic & vintage cars and some Kelpies

















After the drive on the hills on the mud tracks and slippery grass after visiting the woolshed on the Clunie Property it was a quick trip to the car wash to remove all the mud.....



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At Harrow



At the Kelpie Muster, main in Casterton comes alive with the street parade.



Final Dinner



At the final dinner, it was a night of celebration:Tony -

Tony was presented with a trophy for the best represented club to attend the Rally It was also Tony & Maxine's wedding anniversary.

The Ups and Downs of motoring in a 53-year-old vehicle

I have an aversion to car electronics and am happy to endorse the people that say Joseph Lucas should have been drowned at birth. The hatred of auto electronics started early in my life when my dad asked me to hold the plug lead of his mower to check whether it was working. The shock of the spark gave me a sharp whack and my hatred has not improved since then.

We had a wonderful time travelling around the Western District. Following the Hamilton Rally, our plan was to stay in Warrnambool on Monday night to catch up with some friends and drive home on Tuesday. The morning arrived with a soft drizzle of rain, and we headed back home. About 5k from Terang our Mini decided that it did not want to proceed any further and we pulled to the side of the Princes Highway. RACV was called and the diagnosis was a 'Dud Coil'. The serviceman suggested a tow truck to get us to Camperdown. I had a better option; I had a brand-new coil in the boot, which was fitted, and we were on our way again.

We travelled from Terang and at the intersection of Westall Road and Princes Highway, Clayton, we suffered the same electrical problem. Another Blown Coil. Ring RACV again, and after some discussion about sending a Service Van, a Tilt Tray Tow Truck was dispatched. RACV supplied a Limo Taxi for Gill to be taken home and I went home in the Tow Truck. All at no cost, thank goodness for RACV Total Care.

We will find a friendly auto electrician that can assist us with our electrical problem and be ready for another adventure in our vehicle. Ah, the roller coaster ride of Joy and Disappointment of owning and driving a historic vehicle.

Gordon Paterson and Gillian Hutchings



Wednesday 21st June 2023 – Naked Racer

Ian & Mary Hodge	Brian & Annette Aitken	Gary Dickerson	Peter & Sandra Hibbert
	Tony & Maxine		
Jill & Trevor Beaumont	Pettigrew Terry Grigg & Gail	Gordon Paterson	Mel Kitchen & Carol
Leigh & Sandra Wishart	Minter	Alan & Kathy Saul	Lance & Adele Brazier
Robin & Robert Joiner	Terry Sully	Teya & John Broadbent	Jack & Shirley Craven
Greg & Geraldine	Brian & Margaret	Peter McKiernan & Joan	Jack & Shirley Claveli
Anglin	Berwick	Clements	David Cook
Colin Oberin	Greg & Lily Margetts	Glenda Duncan & Ron Rogers	Darrell & Peter Jones
	Greg & Eny Margelis	Stenda Danean & Ron Rogers	

What was once a small motorcycle shop back in 1988 is now a classic and vintage motorcycles museum! With lots of really interesting collections for everyone. Then time for Lunch and catch up. It was a really good day, thanks for coming along we enjoyed your company Trevor & Jill Beaumont





















Sunday Sun.25th Jun 2023 Liberator Museum & Lara Hotel



The weather for our visit to the museum was by no means ideal but 19 brave members arrived rugged up for what was an amazing two hours.

On arrival we were provided with an enjoyable morning tea during which we were given an informative talk by Tony Muller on the history of the B 24 Liberator during the Second World War and the subsequent creation of the project to restore the only Liberator retaining in Australia.

After morning tea, we then proceeded to the rear of the museum where we witnessed an engine run of one of the magnificent Pratt and Whitney Rotary engines.

As well as having ample time to view the restoration, we finished with a very informative talk by Charles on bomb sites from the First and Second World Wars including that used in the Dam Busters which was later featured in a film.

I'm indebted to Paul Rourke, Secretary of the museum, for his assistance in making arrangements for what was a very successful and enjoyable morning

Following our visit we proceeded to the Lara Hotel where we enjoyed the usual ABCCC social time together before departing for home.

Many thanks to the members who attended and supported my event. kind regards Peter Lester







Coming event Sunday 23 July 2023 from 11:30 am - 4:00 pm



Come and show your support to Judi McGrath with dressing to impress.

Do you have a flash dress you have only worn once?

Have you always wanted to wear a tiara?

Have you inherited a set of pearls or a fur coat that need an outing? Do you need a reason to dress up to

the nines?

Ball Gowns Crowns and Classic Cars

will be an event to raise funds for Bladder Cancer in conjunction with the Olivia Newton John Centre. Arrive at 11.30am with your classic car, (if you have one), A quick meet and greet in the parking lot, then make your way upstairs to the function room by 12.30 for photos, a platter lunch, awards and display. Don't buy anything new.... Vintage, Second Hand, Op Shop and Hand me downs! Even wear what you already have in the wardrobe? Ball Gowns, Wedding Dresses, Debutante Frocks, Petticoats. Taffeta, Tulle, Satin and Silk. Pearls, Gloves and Finery. Top Hats, Tails, Shiny Shoes, Suits and Braces

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Just to end up with the funny page





" SO, THESE THREE LITTLE MICE ARE BLIND AND THE FARMER'S WIFE COMES ALONG AND CUTS OFF THEIR TAILS WITH A CARVING KNIFE!? WHO WRITES THIS STUFF, STEPHEN KING? "

