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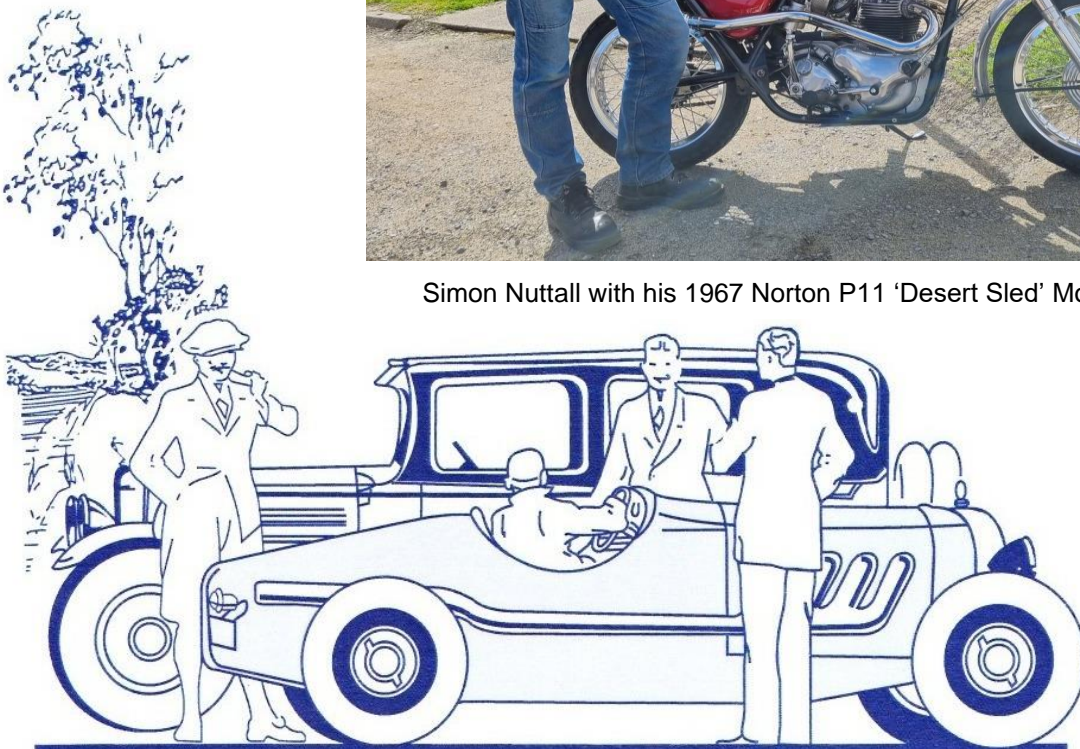
Member Club



Working for Motoring Enthusiasts



Simon Nuttall with his 1967 Norton P11 'Desert Sled' Motorcycle



Meetings held on the 3rd Friday of each month at Clubrooms, Humffray St. Sth. (Cnr Gladstone St.), Ballarat

## Note - Meeting Start Time will be at 8.00 PM during Daylight Saving Time

**NOTE:** The next General Meeting will be held Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the VCCC clubrooms

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### Newsletter

Articles for the **March 2023** newsletter are required no later than 5 pm **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

All contributions should be in MS Word with photos in JPG format and emailed to [npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com](mailto:npbackhouse.a30@gmail.com)

*All contributions acknowledged.*

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Any Club event which falls on a day designated as **Code Red** is automatically cancelled, and Members and Guests are advised to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan

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**The Club Library** will be open 10am until 12noon – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month –  
next **8<sup>th</sup> February**, then **8<sup>th</sup> March** and **12<sup>th</sup> April**

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

Where did January go? I blinked and suddenly it's February! That means the Begonia Rally is not far away. In the meantime, there is plenty for you to read in this newsletter; featured this month is Peter and Judy Fitzgerald's trip to Busselton, and the cover story of the Norton. Thank you to all the contributors this month.

Nerene Backhouse

## HEALTH MATTERS AND CELEBRATIONS

### Celebrations

We congratulate **Graeme and Robyn Musgrove** on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary in late December. We apologise for the lateness of these congratulations, but that does not detract from our very best wishes. We hope you had a great time reminiscing your wedding day.

### Bereavement

Our condolences have been conveyed to **Darren Duffin** on the passing of his mother, Beverley just after Christmas. Bev and her late husband, Barry, were former members, who many of our current members remember with great fondness.

Some of our members will be interested to know that former member, the late Quinton Wilkinson's wife, **Josie (Jo)** passed away last month.

### Get Well

We have sent our get well wishes to **Eddie Shuttleworth** following his hospital stay with abdominal issues. He is now home and recovering well.

As always, we are thinking of those who may be having good days and bad with their health issues; and to any others on the sick list that we have not heard about – we wish you well for a speedy recovery.

## SECRETARY'S NOTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023

1. 3 applications for Membership have been received from –

**Phillip Hunter** from Alfredton who has a 1957 Velocette Motorcycle solo L200, 1990 Jaguar XJ40 Sedan. Phillip was nominated by Tony Braggion and seconded by Alan Rogers

**Tracie Spicer and Deane Bird** from Sebastopol who have a 1976 Holden Kingswood SL. They were nominated by Merv Sherlock and seconded by Graham Lambourn

**Michael and Ansalie Hanrahan** of Alfredton who have a 1970 Citroen Sedan. Michael and Ansalie were nominated by Mike Simpson and seconded by Brendan Stevens.

Providing no objection to the above applicants is received by the President prior to the February General Meeting, they will be accepted as Members.

2. The work on the extension to the Library room is continuing
3. Lake Bolac Campout - Nerene Backhouse will be sending out invitations to other Clubs to join us at the Lake Bolac campout in May. Dates will be published in a later edition of the newsletter. The campout again clashes with the Heritage celebrations in Ballarat
4. A light is to be installed in the walkway past the library extension, as this area is now very dark.
5. The TV from the Clubrooms is being assessed by John Thomas, and if not repairable, the Committee has authorised the purchase of a new TV.
6. The Vale Board in the Clubrooms will be updated after the Begonia Rally. The Tribute Book will also be updated. Members will be able to contribute items (funeral service or other mementos). This is another way for us all to remember those who have departed this life.
7. Guest Speaker for the February Meeting will be Daryl Crawley

Nancy Jackson  
Secretary



Lunch time - enjoying the ambience of Cairn Curran Reservoir on the Country Canter



Bruce Kerr, Tony Newman and Mike Simpson caught up with Ralph Ballard (in hi-viz) at Lunch at Cairn Curran

## **My Spontaneous Purchase – Cover Story**

My Norton is a model not known by many.

It is a 1967 Norton P11 (Project 11) 'Desert Sled'. Norton or AMC (Associated Motorcycles) used a Matchless G85CS (competition scrambler) 500cc single frame and squeezed a Norton Atlas 750cc parallel twin engine into it. It was aimed at the American market for desert racing and to do battle with its rivals the BSA Hornet and Triumph TR6C.

Only 2,500 were made over a 3-year period, the later ones being renamed 'Ranger'. The P11 won the heavy weight championship in 1968 but after this, 2-stroke machines began to dominate the race scene.

Evil Knievel used one as his stunt bike for a period. Dennis Hopper rode one in the film Easy Rider. Clint Eastwood could be seen on sets riding his.

This was a spontaneous purchase at last year's All British Motorcycle Rally weekend. On the morning after a typical socially excited evening, I helped a fellow remove his bikes from a toy hauler and noted a small For Sale sticker on the Norton he named 'Priscilla'. With a foggy brain I bought the bike!

I knew nothing about them, didn't know they existed but knew the owner to be a serious collector of fine machines. He was having trouble kicking it into life - reckon I should be able to manage.

Later in the weekend the owner approached me bearing a trophy 'Best Norton at Rally'. Jokingly saying the price has just gone up! RIP Roger Klobe.

You won't see me riding it flat out in the desert but when I do ride it, it is guaranteed to 'Make my day'.

Simon Nuttall

## **COMING EVENTS – February - March 2023**

Also see the Calendar on page 15

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Club Library Open**

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Twilight Sports Car Run**

Assemble at Dan Murphy's car park, DTC to leave at 6.30pm. The run will be about 120kms on all bitumen roads. We will finish at a café in the Ballarat area.

Contact John and Gayle Pickering 0408 914 943

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Ladies Crafternoon – 1.30 – 4.00pm**

This month we will be making the begonia flowers for the Begonia Rally, followed by trying our hand at card making.

Contact Jenny Ure – 0409 954 077 for further information

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Rustless Wanderers Lunch – 12pm - Trotting Track Ballarat**

Make your own way there. Bookings required by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770

### **THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February – Club General Meeting – NOTE: change of date due to the Begonia Rally**

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Begonia Rally**

We're in countdown mode now for this very special event. Even though the closing date for entries has past, we will still accept late entries if you would still like join us, but there will be a few limitations.

Please ring the Event Secretary, Nerene Backhouse – 0427 348 060 – and have a chat about what you can still do to enter.

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Committee Meeting – 7.30pm**

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Breakfast On The Mount – 3 Bobs et al Tour**

This event is usually held on the first weekend in March, but it has been brought forward due to the Re ReLiving in the 70's weekend the following weekend.

We will depart from the clubrooms at 8.30am to arrive to the aromatic smells of bacon and eggs on the mount. Following breakfast, El Presidente, Andy Burns, will lead us on a mystery drive. So, pack a picnic lunch and all the necessaries – because who knows where we will end up? Should be fun . . .

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Newsletter Deadline**

### **Weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Re- ReLiving in the '70s - Mornington Peninsula Tour**

As advised in the January Newsletter, we are off to re visit our Re Living in the '70s Tour, which we did way back in 2010. We've had a few shaky moments with arranging accommodation for this one as most of the Motels down Dromana way are looking for a minimum of two nights booking but the mighty Ray Broatch has come to the party and organised rooms for us at the Peninsula Motor Inn at Tyabb.

The motel has pretty much everything including a private airstrip and a large Barbecue area so we might do a bacon and egg cook up for Sunday breakfast. It's around a 20 minute drive from the motel down to the Dromana 3 Drive In on the Saturday night.

Departure time remains at 0800 on the Saturday morning from the Melbourne Road Bus Exchange. May be able to organise a couple more rooms if anyone else is interested in coming – for more info please give me a call ASAP.

NOTE cars from all eras welcome although the event is more suited to post 1960s vehicles as we will be travelling at highway speeds. Daryl Crawley 0417 351 827

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Newsletter Folding and Labelling**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Club Library Open 10am – 12 noon**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Rustless Wanderers Lunch -**

Make your own way there. Bookings required by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Contact Rick Thege 0428 518 770

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Club General Meeting – 8pm**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Monthly Club Run (Trophy Points)**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 - Tony's Tour – "South Eastern Corner SA Tour 2023"**

Update: Entry to the tour is now closed.

Due to the number of entries for the tour, the first night in Warrnambool we need to split the group in two for accommodation. An updated itinerary will be available on departure of tour.

Contact Tony Taranto 0400 641 619 or Lynda and Paul Tracy 0407 518 285

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Federation Picnic at Mortlake**

### PAST EVENTS

**Country Canter – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

On a glorious Saturday morning, 42 members in 29 cars met at the clubrooms for the Country Canter. With everyone signed off, and navigation sheets in hand, the Canter convoy loaded up and hit the bitumen, only 10 minutes late.

On exiting the carpark though, the cars scattered like cats in a mouse plague, hopefully all made it to the regrouping in Latrobe Street some 10 minutes later. Heading out Carngham Road, it was a leisurely drive onto our first stop, Beaufort Smash Repairs.

Our hosts Stuart and Louise Cowley happily showed their work from the beautiful 1925 Rolls Royce Phantom (for the Rolls aficionados, I don't know the Series number) through to more modern vehicles including a red Porsche and red MG.

To the right as we entered was the body of a 1925 Lancia Lambda which had recently been completed. Louise told me that the car had come with its owner, a female court judge, all the way from the US for a rally, only to play up during the event. So, she went home to the US and left the Lambda for necessary repairs, and while it was here, a redo of the bodywork. The car arrived in Beaufort in September and after having the old paint, along with lots of hidden bog, blasted away, the bodywork has been realigned, repaired and repainted ready for its return to the US in February. Thank you for opening your shed and information to us Stuart and Louise.



Guess what Daryl Crawley is taking a photo of?

Morning tea was enjoyed in the Beaufort parks, with many sampling the wares Beaufort has to offer visitors, including the great iced coffee we got at Cafe 56, highly recommended! By now it was noon, so Brendan called us to order and it was time to be on our way for the rest of our tour and lunch spot.

About half the group returned to Ballarat from here for a number of reasons, while the rest of us headed up through Lexton, Talbot and Carisbrook to Baringhup and the shores of Cairn Curran Reservoir.



All arrived safely, including a late 1920's A Model. Thank you to Brendan leading in the front, and to Ron Damen rounding up any stragglers at the rear.

With the warmer day now at its hottest, what a glorious place for a picnic lunch, under shady trees watching sailboats and water skiers take full advantage of the beautiful day with fishermen around the shoreline and some swimmers frolicking nearby.

Thank you to Brendan for a great tour, we had an absolutely wonderful day.

Cyndy Allison

### Attendees Country Canter

Moyle Bunworth	1928 Model A Ford	Graeme Musgrove	1972 LJ Torana
David Clarke	1929 Model A Ford	Tom Quinlan & Mike Simpson	1972 Mercedes Benz
Mark Richmond & Ron Harris	1938 Pontiac	Tony Newman & Bruce Kerr	1974 Rover P6B
Graeme Bell & Roy Littlehales	1940 Dodge Sedan	Daryl Crawley & Ian Watson	1975 Ford Coupe (Goss Special)
Dale & Junie Collins	1941 Packard	David Barclay	1983 Nissan Camper
Ray Allen	1949 MG	Tony & Lyn McDonald	1984 Jaguar XJ6
Ron Gay	1960 VW 1200	Daryl & Barb Mitchell	1986 Mercedes Benz 300 SL
Frank Tamis	1965 Mustang	Ray Drury	1986 Jaguar XJ6
Merv & Maree Sherlock	1966 Rover P5	Brendan Stevens	1986 BMW 320i Convertible
John Stevens	1966 Ford Fairmont	Barry & Cyndy Allison	1987 Nissan Skyline Silhouette
Michael Hanrahan	1970 Citroen ID20	Nerene Backhouse	1988 Nissan Skyline
Rod Gardiner	1970 Datsun 1200 Coupe	Wayne Harrop & Brian Drennan	1988 Porsche 944S
Noel Trengove	1970 Rover P5		
Ron Damen	1970 Valiant Coupe		
Daryl Meek & Rick Thege	1970 Rover 3500		
Mark Border & Brendan Collie	1971 XY Falcon Ute		

Modern - Bob Bennetts, Les & Yvonne Cole, John Peart, Ivan & Helen Tarrant

### Kirk's Reservoir Picnic – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Monthly Club Run

It was so great to see a good size gathering at our annual Kirks Picnic with approximately 100 people and 50 or so club registered vehicles out enjoying a lovely evening. The crowds started to roll in at 4pm, and it wasn't long before there were chairs, tables and plenty of food and drink spread around the lush green grass and shady trees of the beautiful public parkland. The cars ranged from Mal's 29 Chrysler Sedan through to modern classics of the 80's with a great cross section of American, European, British, Japanese and of course Australian models thrown among the mix. A couple of bikes also made an appearance and everything was shining nicely in the late afternoon sun.



The Octo- and Nona-generians with their birthday cake

Annette Moodie with Frank & Carolyn Whitfield  
Midway through the session, President Andy Burns was called on to continue the tradition of wishing all the members that had turned 80 or more in the last year or two (due to the Covid break) a very happy birthday. Thanks to the cooking skills of Wendy Pitcher, they were presented with 2 large sponge cakes appropriately decorated for the occasion. The choir wasn't quite in tune but a hearty version of Happy Birthday echoed through the trees and the cake was divided up and handed around.

A big congratulations must go to Jim Kellett who turned 91 on the actual day, and had spent the morning feeding the tigers in Ballarat Wildlife Park to start off his celebrations.



It was also terrific to see “Watto” (Ian Watson) back on his feet, although be it a bit slow at the moment. His wit is sharp as ever and look out - because he will be selling the Rotary Car Raffle tickets as strong as ever.

As the sun got lower the number of mosquitoes and other flying insects amongst the grass seemed to increase, and by about 7pm the procession of vehicles out the gate was underway. Thanks to all involved in the organisation and to Central Highlands Water for keeping this fantastic outdoor venue neat and trimmed and available for group events like ours so close to town.

Let’s hope 2023 is a great year and the C----d word gradually disappears from our vocabulary. To all members keep safe and well, and we will see a lot of you on runs or at meetings over the year.

Keep the wheels on the black stuff . . . . .  
Brendan Stevens

To redeem itself for being naughty,  
Richard English’s MG got a job.

Andy Burns’ HJ Monaro and Whitbourne’s 1975 Torana



Tamis’ 1990 Bentley and Mitchell’s 1974 Rolls Royce



**Attendees at Kirks Picnic**

Malcolm and Judith Bandy	1929 Chrysler Sedan	Ron and Sue Damen	1970 Valiant VF Coupe
Damian & Ruth O’Doherty	1932 D8 Delage	Kevin Huggins	1970 MGB
Ken & Therese Hart	1934 Ford Sedan	Mark & Gayle Border	1971 Falcon Ute
Rick Thege & Heather Gingell	1937 La Salle	John & Gayle Pickering	1971 Ford XY Fairmont
Dale and Junie Collins	1941 Packard Clipper	Graeme & Shirley Mitchell	1974 Rolls Royce
Roger and Fay Burnett	1948 Ford Mercury	Glen & Pauline Whitbourne	1975 Holden Torana
Bruce Davis	1948 Morris 8/40	Andy Burns	1975 HJ Monaro
Bruce Kerr & Ann	1952 Morris Minor Tourer	Karen & Ian Lawrence	1979 HZ Ute
Graham & Kerryn Quemard	1954 Austin A40	Rodney & Linda Featherston	1984 BMW 323
Ron Gay	1960 VW 1200 Coupe	Frank & Carolyn Whitfield	1985 Mercedes Benz 380 SE
Bill Pearce	1962 Thunderbird Convertible	Daryl & Barb Mitchell	1986 Mercedes Benz 300SE
Pam and Gordon Roberts	1962 Jaguar Mk 2	Brendan Stevens	1986 BMW 320i Convertible
Jim and Narelle Kellett	1963 Studebaker Hawk	Warrick & Wendy Pitcher and Gabrielle Tourancheau	1988 Honda Goldwing
Colin & Laurelyn Hill	1964 Zephyr Zodiac	Wayne & June Harrop	1988 Porsche 944S
Tom Quinlan	1965 Peugeot 404	Nerene Backhouse	1988 Nissan Skyline
Peter & Karen Grose	1965 Chev Belair	Annette Newell	1989 Mazda Eunos Roadster
Mike & Lyn Simpson	1966 Ford Cortina	Barry and Cyndy Allison	1989 Nissan Skyline GT52
Merv & Maree Sherlock	1966 Rover P5	Frank & Jan Tamis	1990 Bentley
Barb & Lee Mills	1967 Ford XR GT	Ian Watson & Ruth (Sister)	1992 Ford LTD
Richard & Ann-Marie English	1967 MGB	Andrew & Julie Brown	1992 Holden Statesman
with visitors Phil and Julie Stark		Karen Otto	1997 Ford Mondeo
Mark & Judy Richmond	1969 Rover P56 Saloon		
Ross & Robyn Wootton	1969 Falcon XW GT		
Norm & Heather Darwin	1970 Firebird		
Noel & Glenis Trengove	1970 Rover Coupe		

Modern - Rod MacDonald, Bob & Tracey Bennetts, Darren, Louise & Jono Miles, Bill Taylor, Michael Dulfer, Brendan Collier & Leonie Souied, John Peart, Ian Wells, Bob Cole, Simon Nuttall, Barb & Warren Harris

## Australia Day – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – We were involved in three events -

### Haddon Lions Club Breakfast - Australia Day 2023

The annual gathering at the Haddon Lions Reserve for breakfast on Australia Day morning continues to attract a great turnout. There were around 80 Vintage, Veteran, Classic and Modified vehicles turn up from 7:30 in the morning along with general public and community members all looking forward to a beautiful egg and bacon roll and a cuppa prepared by the Lions and Lioness's of the Haddon Club.



The funds raised from donations for the delicious start to the day are all put back into the Haddon community to support the maintenance of the shedding and reserve and any other special needs that may arise over the year.

A little bit of early morning drizzle didn't put anyone off the pleasant drive out from Ballarat. Some of the top-down mob may have kept covered up for the first hour or so. The range of vehicles always surprises with everything from old military vehicles through to our 40 or so members range of

An FX ute (not one of ours) needed assistance vintage and classics to some very modified street rods courting high rise manifolds erupting through their bonnets. One stand-out was a beautiful Ford GT40 (kit would assume) that looked low and sleek sitting among the other treasures. There was patina right up to magnificent polish.



Glen and Pauline Whitbourne's nice Austin A35

The feast runs until about 9:30 or so or whenever the queue of food runs out and the band of volunteers are to be congratulated for keeping the flow of food and traffic running smoothly. There was even the brass band on hand to keep the toes tapping.

We will see them all again in 2024 we hope.

Brendan Stevens

### AUSTRALIA DAY CAR DISPLAY – GOLDEN CITY PADDLE STEAMER MUSEUM SOCIETY

Back in November, I was approached by my mate, Mick, to help organise a few cars to display at the Golden City Paddle Steamer Museum as part of the program that they were organising for Australia Day.

Now Mick's one of those salt of the earth blokes with a heart of gold – but he's not that big into detail and I was a bit apprehensive about Council allowing us to park cars on the grass outside the Boat Shed, hence I decided that I should go to the Society's meeting a week or so before the big day to confirm a few details.

Glad I went – firstly our display was to be at Durham Point, not outside the Boat Shed, secondly there was room for up to 20 cars, not 4 – 6 as I had originally thought, thirdly, we were required (after a bit of negotiation) between 10:30 and 3:00 and didn't have to have the cars in by 9:00 as I was originally told.

They also mentioned a media promotion that the Museum Society had arranged for the Friday prior to the event – so I volunteered Peter Fitzgerald and his 1912 Rover to attend (knowing how introverted Fitz is, I knew he was the man for the job).

Meanwhile, our Club Captain, Brendan Stevens, had organised 4 cars – 2 of Col Sargent's Veterans, his MG Mquette and Mark Border's Ford Model A A400 while I had commitment from Mal Bandy and one of mine. At last month's Club meeting, I put a call out for a few more cars and had about 10 members volunteer to display their cars on the day, while one of the aforementioned advised that he would rather go to South Australia than spend time with us.

I had planned to take the Galaxie as it's the oldest of my cars that is currently going, but decided at the last minute to take the Falcon as it felt more appropriate for Australia Day. Arriving at Durham Point at around 10:00am, I was a bit perturbed to find about 6 modern cars occupying the 20 spaces that we had been allocated. Ray Allen was already there with his beautiful MG TC and we'd already given up one of our spaces to my new friend with the Organ on a trailer (that's another story).



The Humber was just chilling!



Members and their cars began to arrive and fortunately over the next half hour or so, five of the six moderns moved on. Mike had rounded up a few other members with cars at Haddon and we easily filled the 20 bays with a display of 18 Club Cars ranging from Col's Veterans at one end (next to the Organ) to my Falcon at the other end of the age range (and parking bays) with a modern KIA mixed in the middle. Brendan and a few others arrived so they parked opposite reducing the traffic flow to one lane (well it's not a highway).

Other members, and non-member car enthusiasts, dropped in with various cars during the day while Fitzy provided the highlight taking many people for rides around the lake in the Rover. We didn't see him for quite a while as he had a pick up and drop off point, with a queue waiting, at the Boat Shed as well. At around 2:00pm Fitzy told me he was calling it a day and proceeded to take at least another three car loads of people for a ride!

Some of us hung around with our cars all day, while others jumped on the free bus to go and check out some of the other activities on offer at other parts of the lake. Brendan Stevens and Ron Damen put me to shame by going for a walk around the lake.

Despite there being no other activities on Durham Point, we had a pretty steady stream of viewers and a lot of interest throughout the day. Just as we were packing up there was a put-put-put sound approaching and President Andy Burns and Lee arrived in the 1908 International Motor Buggy – everyone crowded around this unique piece of machinery like bees to a honey pot!

Thanks to Brendan and Mike for helping round up some cars on relatively short notice, and to all of the members who brought their vehicles up for display.

Daryl Crawley

### Event Number 3 – Show n Shine at Mill Markets at Warrenheip

A few of our cars were displayed – but the main job was an invitation from Ian Watson to assist him with selling the Rotary Raffle tickets there. This was a handy little exercise as about \$400 worth of tickets were sold, so it was quite successful.

Many thanks to Ian and his helpers – Warrick and Wendy Pitcher for transport and shelter, Andy Burns, Jenny Ure, Nancy Jackson, Tracey Bennetts – a really great effort. Andy had come his Motor Buggy (as above), and Jenny in her FC wagon.

### Other events members have been to -

### 2023 Inaugural Colac Motorfest Weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January

This first-time event included a drive-in night on the Friday with Ford v Ferrari screening, Saturday was a cruise day with Red Rock being visited and lunch at the Beeac Hotel. Tom Quinlan, in his 1972 Mercedes Benz, Merv and Maree Sherlock in their 1966 Rover P5 and Lyn and Mike Simpson in their 1964 Mercury Comet travelled down for the Show n Shine on Sunday. We arrived at about 9.30am and parked



Tom Quinlan and Merv Sherlock enjoyed their day at Colac (Mike Simpson took the photo)

in the oval with about 300 - 400 other cars, bikes, trucks, off roaders, vintage caravans etc.

Our first stop was the coffee van with food and then the memorabilia vans dotted about the place. In the pavilion was the Elite Display. These were mainly modified and customised vehicles and bikes including Ford Model A, Zephyr Mk 1 Conv, XW GT Falcons, Cadillacs, Holden Utes and Sedans. The quality of these vehicles was so good the officials were unable to decide specific winners so the names were put in a hat and chosen that way.

It was a great day and we are looking forward to next year's event.

Mike Simpson



...and then Andy Burns arrived with Lee Day

## Ballarat to Busselton with a Veteran car in the trailer

We started the journey on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, with a new fridge installed in the motorhome, ready for the adventure.

On day one, the fridge refused to operate. Hence, we crossed the Nullarbor without a fridge like Burke and Wills on expedition! Mind you, I do not think they actually crossed the Nullarbor; they went north from Adelaide, not west.

It took seven camps to arrive in Busselton; all but one was free-camping. These were very pleasant power-free stops in the scrub. We were amazed at the amount of Mallee like vegetation for the greatest part of the journey. Many of the trees were quite large.

We went through serious border checks for raw or unprepared vegetables, fruit etc. at Renmark and Eucla going over.

We were okay, but we saw some vehicles getting virtually dismantled.

Do not try to smuggle, as it would not be worth it. One couple did not use the bins at the S.A border but offered it to the inspectors at Renmark. They were told they were supposed to use the bins further back! This meant the driver was escorted to an interview room, where, among other things, he was fingerprinted and photographed with the fruit. They were considering fining him. All because he handed them a small plastic container of chopped fruit through the driver's window. Not on!

Once we climbed the pass at Madura, we encountered strong cross winds and rain. While at Madura having breakfast and a cappuccino prior to ascending the pass, we were told we would meet the Cannonball Motorcycle Riders Run further down the road going east towards Queensland.

They were all pre 1949 motorcycles. Boy, were they getting wet, and the road trains were drowning them with heavy spray. We passed a group towards the end that had pulled over and were looking for trailers and shelter. The wind can sure blow across that flat plain, straight from the Antarctic!

We arrived earlier than planned in Busselton due to three long driving days, to try and get the fridge fixed - had to have it there by the Wednesday afternoon. We were planning a Saturday arrival. More on that story later!

The Busselton Veteran Car Club have a fantastic modern club room and facilities built with funds provided by both state and shire grants. Amazing! They are regarded as an excellent tourist attraction! Pity about our Ballarat VCCC club, eh??

The rally started on the Sunday night with welcomes and a veritable finger food feast. Beautifully presented and heaps of it.

There were three cars and a motorcycle from Victoria. Not a lot, but for us it was around a 7000km. round trip. Diesel got up to \$3.19 a litre across the Nullarbor. Not so good with a strong cross wind but we managed. Saved money by not buying perishable food!

The rally was extremely well organised including the catering at the different venues. It was a friendly rally with the West Australians and the Queenslanders going to great lengths to period dress. They were quite a sight!

The events were from Monday to Friday with the longest day involving 195km. of driving. Our 4cyl. Maxwell performed perfectly; however the rally director had the misfortune to put a piston through the side of his single cylinder Rover.

At the final dinner, a local troupe of performers presented acts involving the history of Busselton's many characters and the city development, beautifully performed from within the audience.

An interesting piece of history relates to the steam locomotive that traversed the Busselton jetty. It was the first steam locomotive built in the Southern Hemisphere for the 3foot 6inch rail gauge. It was the first steam locomotive to be used in West Australia. It was constructed in Ballarat; (balla-arat is aboriginal for rest place) and was named Ballarat by the then Lord Mayor of Melbourne. It was purchased new by a W.A. timber company to transport timber to the local wharfs. It was constructed in 1871. It is currently housed as an exhibition in Busselton. The current tourist train on the jetty is solar powered, carrying 90 passengers.

Back to the fridge saga! Parts required to do a fix were unavailable at that time in Australia. Most unusual, ha ha. They got it working so that it would not turn off by itself. On the way over - no go, on the way back no stop! I guess on statistical average an ideal run!



We came home via the Eyre Peninsula. Lovely oysters and prawns! In the middle of the Peninsula, is a route called The Birdseye Highway. An absolute must if you are sightseeing over there.

We actually got a good suntan on the rally but have lost it upon our return on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November - as a result of the Ballarat weather!

Hope you enjoyed reading this article.  
Peter and Judy Fitzgerald

### **GETTING CLUB PERMITS SIGNED** – once again a friendly reminder from our Permit Officer

Please follow this update re getting permits signed:

**First and preferred option** – Bring your permit renewal to the next club meeting for signing.

If you are unable to attend a meeting then:

**Second Option** – Mail to Club P.O. Box and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.

**Third Option** – Mail to Permit Officer address and include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.\*

**Fourth Option** – Drop into Permit Officer's letterbox for pick up the following business day (include your phone number to get a text to say it's ready for pick up) or include a stamped DL size self-addressed envelope.\*

**Fifth Option** – Contact Permit Officer and make other arrangements.

**NOTE\* re Options Three and Four – PERMIT OFFICERS ARE ALL RETIRED AND ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. ALWAYS TEXT OR PHONE BEFORE USING THESE OPTIONS TO ENSURE THE PERMIT OFFICER IS NOT AWAY AS YOU MAY NOT GET YOUR PERMIT BACK IN TIME.**

## FROM THE LIBRARY SHELF

February, 2023

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### **AMAZING LIFE STORIES DRIVEN BY CLASSIC CARS MAGAZINE.**

Colourful Journeys Through the Lives of 19 Much-Loved Cars,

Each Told by Owners from the First to the Latest

Published in 2021

98 Pages

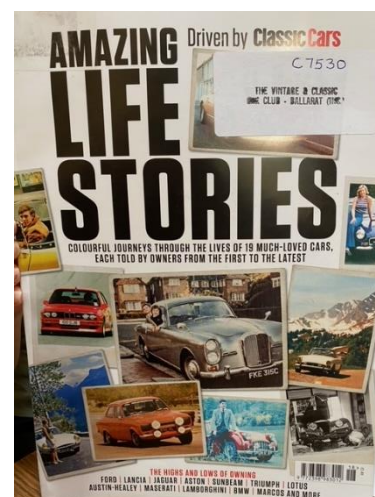
If you are reading this Club Newsletter you probably treat cars differently than most people. They are usually much more than just transport, a possession or even a status symbol that other people may see them, as many of our Club cars are like family members who share our lives over long periods of time.

Like us, our cars emerge into the world bright and fresh, then accumulate a fascinating variety of experiences as they progress through youth and middle age to classic semi-retirement. If only they could talk, but their owners past and present can, and also supply old photographs following the history of each individual car.

This magazine is a collection of 19 feature articles about 19 cars presently owned, or in some, many different owners, over the years. The stories are as varied as the make of car. No history of any individual car mirrors another, and some of the stories are very unusual.

I found reading this magazine very enjoyable, and could relate to some of the stories. Like many other Club members who obtained their drivers licences more than sixty years ago, we could probably produce a comparable magazine of our own experiences of having owned a large number of cars over the years.

My first car was a very original 1924 Rugby Sedan which had been purchased new and passed down through two generations of the same family. I purchased it in 1957 for fifteen pounds from the grandson of the original owner. A very reliable and usable car for a student, but after 18 months it was sold to another friend, who, in turn, sold it to another school friend years later. Unfortunately (but not altogether surprisingly) at this stage the Rugby was wrecked and the Red Seal engine was put into a boat!



The car really deserved a better end to its life, and I have never seen another one until recently when a restored one was advertised for sale in a New Zealand car magazine.

Of the 19 cars featured in the Classic Cars Magazine, only 2 are one-owner cars purchased new and still being used today. The first was a 1951 Jaguar XK120 roadster that moved around the world with its same hard-driving owner throughout its whole life, surviving being shot at, raced and rallied with modifications to it mechanically. The second car was a 1966 Alvis TE21 Coupe that has been the only family car based in England still being used today, although a company car is also being used over recent years. The Alvis has always been used for family weddings and special occasions, as well as everyday use.



I could relate to these two stories as I have purchased only one new car – our 1960 Volkswagen 1200 Deluxe Sedan – which we still use on Club Plates. Last month its speedo turned over 197,000 miles since the 17<sup>th</sup> November 1960. The VW was bought from the Melbourne dealership of Peck and Etheridge in Blackburn. The new car list price was 971 pounds, but it actually cost 1045 pounds because of all the extra accessories added to it. For most of its life it was the daily everyday family car, and ultimately our second car. The car is a family “heirloom” and, hopefully will remain part of the family forever.

All of my other cars have been purchased second-hand over the years. Our 1974 red Toyota Celica LT TA22 Coupe was purchased new in Mount Gambier, South Australia, by a local lady who purchased it new for her sixtieth birthday present to herself. When she died in 1996 with 86,000 km travelled and still in showroom condition, we were fortunate to purchase it. Currently, it has travelled 149,000 km and is still a lovely, reliable and cheap car to use on red plates or everyday use.



Our 1968 MGB Roadster was purchased new in Geelong by a young couple. Twelve months later they sold it to purchase their first home. The parents of the second owner purchased the white MGB for their son's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday present. By 1980, the son put the car on the market again as he was purchasing his first home as well. With 90,000 miles travelled, the car was still in excellent condition. At some stage, the two Geelong owners had a roll bar, front nudge bar and a towbar fitted. At 100,000 miles the car was handed over to the late Paul Seager who re-conditioned the motor and fitted a John Pitman Rear Suspension Kit. Again, it has been a lovely, very reliable car and currently has travelled a total of 126650 miles.

Some years ago, we purchased a 1954 blue Rover 90 Sedan from a VCCC Club Member who was selling the car with only 37000 miles travelled. It was being sold as a deceased estate. Again, an excellent car that travelled up to 70000 miles over the years before being sold to another VCCC Club Member. A few years later it was sold to an ex-student of mine and her husband. They still have the car and I am pleased to see that it is being really well looked after!



Since buying our 1974 Celica we have owned three other later versions, keeping each of them for around 5 years. The fourth one was a 1986 two litre Toyota Celica SX Coupe which was bought new in Melbourne by an active Riley Car Club member as his everyday car. Sadly, due to ill-health, he was no longer able to drive his cars, so fellow Riley Car Club members purchased both his 2.5 litre Riley cars. His Celica was advertised on eBay in 2015 with 242,000 km travelled. Due to his very meticulous ownership the car was still in mint condition and had a full-service history. Again, it turned out to be a very reliable and enjoyable car to use. However, after about 5 years of use it had to make way for the 1985 Mercedes Benz 190E Sedan purchased from another VCCC member. The Celica is still in Ballarat on red plates through the Light Car Club.

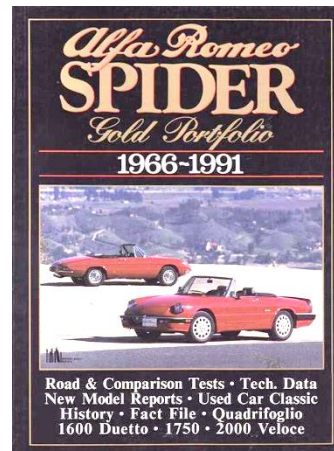
This has been just a snapshot of a few of the cars I have been fortunate enough to have owned and enjoyed. I have, however, two large photo albums depicting others that have come, stayed a while and gone. Altogether, I have had much more fun from my string of second-hand cars, than I would from a new car or two over the years.

Ron Gay

**Library Report – February**

Recent additions to the Club Library include:

- A3521/2 Alfa Romeo Spider 1966-1991
- A3824 If it Bears This Name It's Right  
Ronaldson Bros. & Tippett  
Master Engineers, Ballarat 1905-1971
- A3827 Alfa Romeo Giulia Spiders and Coupes
- A3828 Alfa Romeo Duetto Spider
- B3883 BMW 2500, 2800, 3.0 & 3.3 Owners Workshop Manual
- B3884 Alfa Romeo Giulia Spider Owners Workshop Manual
- B3885 Alfa Romeo 200 Spider Veloce
- B3886 Suzuki GS1000 Service Manual
- C2238/145 The Old Machinery Magazine No. 224, Dec 22-Jan 23
- C3601/136 Australian Muscle Car, No. 134
- C4479/42 Just Holdens, Issue 41
- C7535/3 Aston Martin Driver, Issue 3
- C7543 Mini Magazine, Feb 2022
- C7544 MG Enthusiast, Oct 2002



Many thanks to Ian Turner, Colin Anderson, Ian O'Donnell and Chris Matheson for their support in providing new editions for the library.

Last month we received several Alfa Romeo volumes from Ian Turner. The Club Library is very fortunate to receive, from time to time, donations such as this from our current and past members. The reasons vary. Sometimes it's because the member has previous owner has sold a particular vehicle or changed their motoring focus. Often, it's families wishing to continue a legacy of a past member, and sometimes it's a case of simple generosity on behalf of a member. The library will recognise any contribution, with the donor's approval, by including an acknowledgment inside the front cover on the flyleaf.

Thanks to all who have contributed in the past and to those who are likely to contribute in the future. Remember, it's your library and we want you to continue to make use of it.

Daryl Meek, Club Librarian

**Members who contributed to this newsletter:**

Nancy Jackson, Simon Nuttall, Brendan Stevens, Nerene Backhouse, Tony Taranto, Daryl Crawley, Cyndy Allison, Mike Simpson, Peter & Judy Fitzgerald, Ron & Margaret Gay, Daryl Meek, John & Gayle Pickering, Noel Trengove, Ray Reynolds, Peter Hibbert and Gareth Roberts - thank you everyone

**APPROVED SAFETY CHECKERS**

The Club's approved safety checkers for pre 1949 vehicle initial Club Permit applications are:

Neale Goad Automotive, 206 Burnbank Street, Wendouree	Phone 5339 2056	Contact Neale
Ballarat Roadworthy Centre, 35 Martin Drive, Delacombe	Phone 5335 8920	Contact Ian
Reptile Gulch Motors, 209 Doveton Street, Ballarat	Phone 53337206	Contact Henry

**NOTICE BOARD**

Here are a few Swap Meets and Events that may be of interest:

- |   |                                  |                               |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> | Glenlyon Swap Meet               | Glenlyon Recreation Reserve   |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b>                   | Snake Valley Swap Meet           | Snake Valley Sports Ground    |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b>                   | Annual Picnic Hanging Rock       | Hanging Rock Reserve, Woodend |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>                   | Daylesford Motorfest             | Victoria Park Daylesford      |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b>                   | Kingston Swap Meet               | Kingston Showgrounds          |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b>                   | British & European Motoring Show | Caribbean Park, Scoresby      |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>                       | 65 <sup>th</sup> Kalorama Rally  | Kalorama Reserve              |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>                      | Seymour Show n Shine             | Kings Park Seymour            |

**CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE AND WANTED**

*All advertisements under Classifieds must include a **registration number, engine number, VIN OR chassis number and cash price.** Vehicles advertised in this Newsletter must be 25 years or older in line with Club Policy. The advertisements will remain for three (3) consecutive issues unless they are re-advertised.  
**Please advise the Editor if you sell your item or obtain what you want.***

**WANTED**

I need parts for a 1981 Skoda 120L.  
Specifically, I'm looking for seats, body panels (especially the left front guard), bonnet, boot lid, front grille, trim pieces (hubcaps, bumpers etc) and mechanical parts.  
I've enclosed a picture of the car for reference - as you can see, it's a little sad at the moment!  
I'm hoping someone can help me.  
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**QUIZ - PARTS OF THE BODY – HOW GOOD ARE YOU . . . . ?**

Can you figure out which part of the human body that each clue below represents?  
Be careful, many of the answers are phonetic or trick spelling.  
Good Luck . . . .

- |                           |                                   |   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Tug boats do it        | 11. A part of a river             | 20. Add a 'P' to a great singer's name      |
| 2. Miniature General      | 12. To do with the sea            | 21. Character in 'Mid-Summer Night's Dream' |
| 3. Joins wood together    | 13. Humorous calcium callus       | 22. Pumping station                         |
| 4. Loser to the tortoise  | 14. Trendy                        | 23. A marionette pig                        |
| 5. Two students           | 15. Top Master                    | 24. Producer of veal                        |
| 6. Prepare for war        | 16. An accusing pointer           | 25. Bearer of coconuts                      |
| 7. Place of worship       | 17. Edge of a bowl                |   |
| 8. A large box            | 18. Something to cry on           |   |
| 9. Measures               | 19. Porcupines have more than one |   |
| 10. A number of negatives |                                   |   |

**Answers to Parts of the Body (cover if you don't want to cheat!)**

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|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Toe    | 8. Chest  | 15. Head     | 22. Heart     |
| 2. Thumb  | 9. Feet   | 16. Finger   | 23. Hamstring |
| 3. Nails  | 10. Nose  | 17. Lip      | 24. Calf      |
| 4. Hair   | 11. Mouth | 18. Shoulder | 25. Palm      |
| 5. Pupils | 12. Naval | 19. Spine    |               |
| 6. Arm    | 13. Corn  | 20. Pelvis   |               |
| 7. Temple | 14. Hip   | 21. Bottom   |               |

(Thank you Jim Stewart)

## CLUB CALENDAR – FEBRUARY - APRIL 2023

FEB						
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Sports Car Run	Leave from Dan Murphy's DTC	John Pickering	0408914943	6.30pm
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Crafternoon	Clubrooms	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1.30-4pm
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Snake Valley Swap Meet</i>	<i>Snake Valley Sports Ground</i>			<i>7am - 1pm</i>
Thurs	16 <sup>th</sup>	Rustless Wanderers Lunch	Ballarat Trotting Track	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
<b>THURS</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Club General Meeting – NOTE change of date re Begonia Rally</b>	Clubrooms			<b>8.00pm</b>
<b>Fri-Sun</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> - Club Run (Trophy Points)</b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Begonia Rally</b>	<b>Nerene Backhouse</b>	<b>0427348060</b>	
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Daylesford Motorfest</i>	Victoria Park Daylesford			
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms			7.30pm
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast on the Mount	Leave from the Clubrooms	Tom Quinlan	0405644696	8.30am
MAR						
Sut-Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	2 day overnighter on the Mornington Peninsula	Re reliving the 70's	Daryl Crawley	0417351827	
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter Folding and Labelling				
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	Club Library Open	Come and have a cuppa & chat	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10am-12noon
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Crafternoon	Come and try your creative side	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1.30 – 4pm
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Picnic at Hanging Rock</i>				
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Clunes Historic Truck Show</i>				<i>9am-4pm</i>
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Labor Day Holiday</i>				
Thurs	16 <sup>th</sup>	Rustless Wanderers lunch	TBA	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
<b>Fri</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>	<b>Clubrooms</b>			<b>8.00pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monthly Club Run</b>	<b>All Ford Day Geelong at Eastern</b>	<b>Brendan Stevens</b>	<b>0409018867</b>	
Wed-Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Tony's South Eastern SA Tour		Tony Taranto		
Sat/Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Corvette Nationals</i>	<i>In Ballarat</i>			
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Federation Picnic Day</i>	<i>Tea Tree Lake, Mortlake</i>	<i>Brendan Stevens</i>	<i>0409018867</i>	
APR						
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	Come/Try Gliding Day	Bacchus Marsh Airfield at 10am	Brendan Stevens	0409018867	
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Naked Radiator Run				
Fri - Sun	7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Easter				
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	Club Library Open	Come and have a cuppa, & chat	Daryl Meek	0407881288	10am-12noon
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Crafternoon	<b>Note: date change due to Easter</b>	Jenny Ure	0409954077	1.30-4pm
Thurs	20 <sup>th</sup>	Rustless Wanderers Lunch	TBA	Rick Thege	0428518770	12 noon
<b>Fri</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Club General Meeting</b>	<b>At Clubrooms</b>			<b>7.30pm</b>
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>All British Bike Day</i>	<i>Newstead/Maldon</i>			
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Monthly Club Run – Bertha Benz</b>	<b>Ladies Drive Day</b>	<b>Ruth O'Doherty</b>	<b>0419894001</b>	<b>TBA</b>

For Calendar information, contact Brendan Stevens Tel. 0409 018 867  
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