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- ◆ *Estia and Sandpiper Lodge visit*



MGA of Phil De Courcey

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CHOPPER'S CHATTER



Hello fellow Members.

The British Classics Tour was held on Sunday 17th March.

Overall a very successful event and the inclusion of the MG Car Club of S.A. during their Centenary year was a sound decision. Entrants were treated to fine weather and an enviable, eclectic collection of vehicles.

The time and expertise contributed by our volunteers was exceptional and appreciated. I have sent a letter of thanks to them all.

Public events would not happen at all if it wasn't for our team of dedicated volunteers who put up their hand every year.

The underwhelming response from HMVC members to enter the event was a little disappointing but I understand that the \$30 entry fee was unacceptable for some, but as soon as we co-hosted the event with another club, the reinstated entry fee was inevitable. What we were able to do with the entry monies and sponsorship was give \$21 of the entry fee back in the form of gifts, tea/coffee, scones etc. However, we were only able to attract 16 members from HMVC and when you consider that we have in excess of 160 British vehicles with log

books, that represents less than 10% of eligible vehicles.

Loris and I take full responsibility for the downturn of the BCT We have run the event for the past 5 years with declining numbers from HMVC.

Therefore, this was the last British Classics Tour that Loris and I will be part of the organising team.

I hope someone else takes up the reigns and continues this worthwhile event but I suspect that the growing negativity will spell the end of an event that has put our club in good stead for over 10 years with Victor Harbor Council, Shannon's Insurance, Collectible Cars Strathalbyn and Spectators.

Your Committee discussed the future of our involvement in the BCT and it was agreed that members should be given the vote as to whether HMVC involvement in the event continues or not, however bear in mind, you will need an entirely new organisational team.

Please give it some thought over the next month during which Loris and I can have a meeting with Steven Marlow and Ken Burke from the MG club and gauge their response to continuing the event, either solo or with the cooperation of HMVC The matter will then be discussed and put to a member's vote at the May General Meeting.

On a brighter note, Vic and the event team have some new and exciting outings coming up and I hope that you will support the team with your participation.

Please see "Coming Events" for the latest information.

From the Committee meeting last week. Our hard-working Librarian Leigh Blackett has had some new book shelving donated by the Lions club at Goolwa. This shelving will be fitted into the library for the minimal cost of the screws, brackets and fasteners so was unanimously accepted by your Committee.

The Trustees have been notified accordingly.

A reminder that several Committee positions will become vacant at the end of the club year, at the Annual General Meeting in August 2024.....

Steering Column Magazine Editor

Treasurer

President

If you have the required skills and enthusiasm to fill one of these positions and help guide our growing club into the future, please obtain a nomination form for eligibility.

Just for information, the April Committee meeting date falls on Anzac Day so the Committee voted to convene the meeting on Wednesday 24th April at 7 p.m.

See you at an upcoming event.

Bob Durant

President

president@hmv.org.au

2024 CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS

HMVC CLUB MEETINGS AT VICTOR HARBOR

General Meetings now have no covid restrictions regarding numbers, so please consider attending to build the attendance back up.

General Meetings - held at HMVC Clubrooms starting at 7:00pm on the first Thursday of the month.

Committee Meetings - held at HMVC Clubrooms starting at 7:00pm on the last Thursday of the month.

◆ 24th April, (**Note is a Wednesday due to Anzac Day holiday Thursday**), 30th May, 27th June, 25th July.

Newsletter Nights - held on the following Thursdays at the HMVC Clubrooms at 6:30pm.

◆ 13th June, 8th August, 10th October, 12th December.

HMVC COMING EVENTS

MAY

Wednesday 1st May: MAYDAY– MAYDAY RUN

Start of the run, assemble at the Goolwa Aquatic Club Car Park 9.00am for 9:30 start.
Smoko at Clayton Pier 28 \$8.00 Coffee and Cake.

Lunch at Bridge Hotel Langhorne Creek \$20 meal and drink has been negotiated.
Test your observation skills on the run with a few questions to answer.
There will be very good prizes offered.

Bookings essential with: Jan Dunk on 0408897237 or email: assistreasurer@hmvc.org.au.
and close off on Sunday 28th April. As the venues need to be informed of numbers.

Sunday 5th May: cyber security talk see bottom of this page.

Sunday 26th May lunch by the lake, BYO or purchase, Further details soon.

Events Coordination team Phil De Courcey/Vic Dowling/Rob Makin/Martin Thornhill

Andy Moffett's son, Brett, has offered to do a talk on Internet and Cyber Security in the club rooms at 11.00 AM on Sunday 5th of May.

This will be followed by a free basic BBQ (snags on bread).

Brett is currently touring South Australian regional areas conducting Commonwealth Government sponsored Cyber Security Workshops for local businesses and is able to bring his expertise in these fields to club members, for free.

If you are interested in attending, please book a seat via Andy Moffett on email admin@hmvc.org.au or Mobile: 0409676617 by April 26 so we can organise BBQ provisions.

CARS 'N COFFEE

Please be aware of any cut-off dates as these are important for planning/catering.

Hi everyone. Here is the info for the next 'Cars 'n Coffee'.

Tuesday 14th May: Tin Shed, 168 Main Road, McLaren Vale. 9:30am for 10:00am

Booking cut off date - Evening of Friday 10th May.

Tuesday 11th June: Finniss General Store, 3 Railway Tce, Finniss. 9:30am for 10:00am

Booking cut off date - Evening of Friday 7th June.

Please be aware that bookings are essential and need to be made through Jan Dunk

on mob 0408 897 237 or email: assisttreasurer@hmvc.org.au

Unfortunately George is quite unwell and is unable to continue to do CnC so I will be taking over for the time being at least until the AGM.

Regards

Jan

ATTENDANCE LIST FOR CARS AND COFFEE AT BELICIOUS

Doug & Vivienne Hill
John & Carolyn Reid
Martin & Gill Thornhill
George

V.W.
Modern
Jaguar
BMW

Deidre Solly
Penny & John Hutton
Heather & Richard Dodd
Joanne & Russell Hermann

Singer
1926 Dodge Bros
1927 Dodge Bros
350SL Merc

Dave & Jenny
Mal & Lyn Hancock
Bridgid & Thor
Peter Jones

Toyota 86 GTS
100S L/Cruiser 2004
DeSoto
Jaguar

Neville & Lorraine Merritt
Bob & Elaine Sellar
Chris & Sue Sier
Bill & Margaret Ellis

Model T Ford
Alfa
BMW
Valiant

Peter & Ann Krichauff
Andrew Nicholls
Tim Dunstan
Doug Sweetman

XK120 Jaguar
Clubman
MGB
DeSoto

Billy Rodgers
Marj & Chris Rowley
Milan
Ron Parker

V.W
Cressida
Bellett
Commodore

Bob & Shirley Anderson

Visitors from Sydney L/Cruiser Club

SOUTH EAST SAFARI UPDATE

The South East Safari has been mentioned briefly at general meetings.

It is a tour of the South East organised by a committee on behalf of the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs of SA. The tours have taken place every two years from 2001 to 2017 until a National Tour to Albury in 2019 was cancelled due to Covid.

Over the years tours have travelled to all areas of South Australia as well as two trips to Canberra.

The first few tours were organised by Arthur and Nola Clisby (HMVC Life member) and Bill and Joy Watson.

The idea behind these tours was for entrants (mainly from the city) to meet country car clubs.

It is a way for the Federation to support country clubs.

The tour takes place from the 13th to 24th May, 2024. It begins with morning tea at Strathalbyn with the Strathalbyn Auto Collectors Club where Glen Dix will flag us off to lunch at Murray Bridge with the Auto Collectors Club. Then onto Bordertown where we join their club for meals and local trips to see tourist sites.

Next is Naracoorte we visit the caves and have dinner at the Naracoorte Historic Vehicle Clubrooms.

Then onto Penola for a look at the historic sites and then to Mt Gambier for five nights.

While there we tour to Pt MacDonnell, Nelson and Portland.

We have meals with the Mt Gambier Veteran and Vintage Car Club, one being a pizza night at their clubrooms.

Next we head up to Kingston for two nights visiting Millicent, Beachport and Robe on the way.

The Sothorn Ports Vehicle and Motor Restorers Club (Kingston) are starting up the engine in the park and having a meal with us at the Crown Inn. Meningie is next where we have a BBQ lunch at their clubrooms and a opportunity to visit the Meningie Cheese Factory Museum and coffee shop next door.

Finally we visit the Tailern Bend Auto Club for lunch and on to Victor Harbor.

As I said in the last newsletter there is an opportunity for club members to meet the tour entrants and to see their vehicles. The tour entrants will be dropping in at the HMVC Clubrooms for afternoon tea between 3 and 5 pm on Friday 24th May.

The tour concludes with a dinner at the Middleton Tavern (**Friday 24th May**) and there is the opportunity for a limited number of HMVC members (40) to have a meal with tour entrants.

To attend the Middleton Tavern members **MUST** book with Deidre by Friday 19th April.

You will need to pre order and pre pay (Deidre will give you all the details)

You may be interested in some of the vehicles on the tour which includes Plymouths, Cortina's, Holden's, Volkswagens, Datsun, Sunbeam Alpine, Ford Thunderbird, Dodge Phoenix, De Sota, Mercedes, Ford Fairlane, Rover, Riley, Mercedes and Rolla Royce.

I have been on a few of these tours both on my Singer and Austin and find them thoroughly enjoyable, but this time it is the Datsun's turn.

So something for you all to think about in the future – touring with your historic vehicle.

Deidre 0422078127 deidresolly@gmail.com

NEW HMVC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM

Ian McKinnon from Hayborough with a BMW 2002tii and a 1987 Toyota Land Cruiser

John Brownsea, Victor Harbor, his vehicles, '62 Humber Super Snipe and Mercedes SL380, E300, CE300, E320.

Peter and Margaret McGinity from Onkaparinga Hills, with a 1988 Toyota Landcruiser.

Guy Saunders from Goolwa Nth, with a 1999 Mitsubishi Magna Advance.

David Paparella and Meagan Brougham, Cape Jervois, with a 1976 VW Kombi and a 1997 Holden Rodeo.

David and Helen Goodall from Glenelg East with a 1997 Honda CRX

CARS AND COFFEE AT BELICIOUS

The first Cars 'n Coffee morning for 2024 was blessed with a most beautiful, sunny day making it a very pleasant drive to Belicious cafe at Inman Valley.

43 members attended with their immaculately prepared vehicles. It was nice to see some new members with their vehicles attend as well.

We were served with good coffee, cakes and waffles.
Many thanks to management and staff for their great service.

See you at the next one.
Cheers & Happy motoring,

George Meola



CARS AND COFFEE AT BELICIOUS - Cont'd



'OUT and ABOUT' or Valentines Day including Oz Day



On a lovely summer morning 17 cars arrived for morning coffee at Kent Reserve Victor Harbor for 9:30am. There were red balloons around the covered eating area and trays of Valentine heart shaped biscuits to tuck into with your coffee.

By 10:30 am those of us taking the drive were given a printed sheet with directions, and we drove along Franklin Parade before turning into Tabernacle Road and headed in the direction of the Inman Valley road. This is a very scenic route passing through Inman Valley Village towards Yankalilla. Before reaching Yankalilla our direction took a left turn onto Torrens Vale road and we started a gentle climb towards the Parawa area and still climbing came to the junction with Range Road.

Another left turn took us towards Victor Harbor, passing Vic and Franca's property (couldn't call in as they were on the run) Within a short time we were treated to the magnificent view of Victor Harbor, and took a right to travel along Battye Road and the very steep switch back part of the road before turning into Jetty Road towards Franklin Parade. We had another detour to view Granite Island and onto Petrel Cove before once again turning onto Jetty Road and Franklin Parade to drive along the sea front to arrive back at Kent reserve ready to unpack our lunches.

Lunch gave us plenty of time to chat and enjoy everyone's company including some new members, before Vic called order, and gave us a story about the origins of Valentines day, he then gave a bottle of Champagne and red rose to the best decorated table, also the longest married couple and the youngest couple who were present.

A most enjoyable morning came to a close, farewells were said until the next time.

MARTIN & GILL THORNHILL



BRITISH CLASSICS TOUR



The 12th edition of the British Classics 2024 tour was held on the perfect spring day of March 17th, classic British cars took centre stage at Warland Reserve in Victor Harbor after completing a majestic coastal and scenic tour through the Southern Fleurieu Peninsular.

This year, the event was a collaboration between the Historic Motor Vehicles Club and the MG Car Club of SA, with MGs as the featured cars in recognition of the marque's Centenary Year.

There were three esteemed judges, Ben Finnis from Collectable Classics, Glen Haythorpe from HMVC, and Anthony Pearson from the MG Car Club of SA, each were assigned two distinct categories to evaluate, ensuring a thorough assessment of the vehicles on display.

Amidst the sips of tea, and consumption of tasty scones jam and cream, attendees shared stories of their own encounters with classic cars, swapping anecdotes about restoration projects and memorable road trips. As the day unfolded, it became clear that the joy of classic car appreciation extended far beyond mere observation—it was a celebration of heritage, camaraderie, and the simple pleasures of life.

Adding to the prestige of the event this year, was the Navigators Award, carefully adjudicated by Leigh Blacket of HMVC. The Navigator's challenge was designed to recognise the delightful variety amongst classic British cars entered on the day, each with their individual nuances, their charm, and eccentricities, which no doubt added to each navigator's challenge, from the quaint quirk of having instruments marked in miles or kilometres to the occasional calibration error or instrument reading problems. The mix of imperial and metric measurements sparked playful conversations and friendly debates.

Whether marvelling at a speedometer frozen in time or chuckling at the occasional discrepancy in calculations and, dare I say it.. "Take a u turn" or "go round again" direction from a navigator, all contributed to the light-hearted atmosphere of the Navigators Challenge.

Indeed, the spirit of camaraderie and celebration, embraced at the 2024 British Classics Tour is a part of the rich tapestry that makes the day enjoyable fun and worth the effort.

After all, what's a British classic without a dash of whimsy and a touch of good-natured jest?

From Media release



BRITISH CLASSICS TOUR - TROPHY PRESENTATIONS



Most Collectable British Classic Vehicle - Luigi Anton Lippis - MGA Twin Cam Presented by Ebony Nash for Ben Finnis Collectable Classics



Best British Classic Family Car - Nigel von Sanden - 1956 Jaguar XJS Presented by Ebony Nash Ben Finnis Collectable Classics



Best British Classic Commercial Vehicle - Jim Pearse & Jackie - Morris ICV RAA (Utility) Presented by City of Victor Harbor Mayor Dr Moira Jenkins



The Navigators Award - Presented to Navigator - Jess Hearse - Rolls Royce Presented by City of Victor Harbor Mayor Dr Moira Jenkins



Best British Convertible - Geoff Barnes Triumph 1800 Roadster Presented by Stephen Marlow (Co Host MGCCSA)



People's Choice – Brian Triplow-Morris 8/40 Tourer Presented by Robert Durant - (Co Host HMVC)



HMVC Revs Up Nostalgia: Classic Cars and Motorcycles Shine at Estia and Sand Piper Residential Care Homes

Under the enthusiastic guidance of Event Coordinator, Rob Makin, HMVC members gathered at 10:30 am on Wednesday 3rd April, to showcase their vintage, classic cars, and motorcycles for the residents of Estia Residential Care Home in Victor Harbor.

While at times the sky looked threatening, the sun continued to peak through and shine over the grounds of Estia, transforming it into a scene of nostalgia, with a group of twenty-seven vintage, classic cars and motorcycles gleaming with pride alongside their forty-two proud owners under the trees. There were three impressive motorcycles, each with its own unique charm and character. A roaring Harley-Davidson, a sleek BMW RT1200, and a classic BMW K100. each with their timeless design and craftsmanship. Adjacent to the motorcycles, were a stunning array of classic and vintage cars, each with a story to tell. From sleek convertibles to rugged muscle cars, every vehicle seemed to evoke memories of a bygone era.

Amidst the gathering, conversations flowed effortlessly, with enthusiasts sharing stories of restoration triumphs and road trip adventures. For Rob and the HMVC members, the event was more than just a display of classic vehicles; it was a celebration of community spirit and shared passion.

"It's incredible to see the joy these cars and motorcycles bring to everyone here," Rob remarked, surveying the scene with pride. "They're not just vehicles; they're time machines, transporting us back to cherished memories and simpler times."

The display of vehicles morphed into a delicious BBQ lunch supplied by Estia. The echoes of laughter and the rumble of engines filled the air, leaving a trail of enjoyment for the residents of Estia.

After the successful showcase at Estia, the group of cars and motorcycles, under the leadership of Event Coordinator Rob Makin, continued their journey, with engines humming and tires rolling, the convoy made its way to the Sand Piper Residential Care Home in Goolwa.

Upon arrival, the residents and staff of Sand Piper eagerly welcomed the HMVC members and their impressive collection of vehicles. As the sun continued to shine, the classic cars and motorcycles once again took centre stage, captivating the residence with their timeless charm and beauty.

The classic BMW K100 motorcycle alongside the stunning array of classic automobiles, created an atmosphere of admiration. Residents and their carers marvelled at the restoration craft and history behind each vehicle, reminiscing, "I owned one just like this".

Before bidding farewell, Rob and the HMVC members expressed their gratitude to the staff of Sand Piper for their warm welcome and the delicious afternoon tea that just added delight and enjoyment to the visit.

With hearts full of pride and joy, the group departed from Sand Piper Residential Care Home, knowing they had brought happiness and nostalgia the residents.

This event was a testament to the timeless allure of classic automobiles and motorcycles.

Bob Durant



ESTIA AND SANDPIPER VISIT - Cont'd



LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

Life members certificates were presented by club President Bob Durant
From the left., Jeff Farmer, Peter and Ann Krichauff, Deidre Solly, Dean Solly, Doug Sweetman and Len Oxenham. Carleen Oliver, Rudy VanDerbrock and Bill Ellis certificates will be posted as they were not at the meeting.



Deidre winning her trophy & the other half of the HMVC display at All British Day 3.3.24



COLLECTABLE CLASSICS



EST. 1989

Collectable Classic Cars & Bikes

5-7 RANKINE ST STRATHALBYN
5255 .

Ben Finnis 0411 744 190

collectableclassiccars.com.au

HMVC REGISTRAR'S REPORT

I have some statistics about our HMVC Cars on Historic Registration

When I first joined the club 40 years ago most of the vehicles were from the 1930s and 1940s. Now the majority are from the 1970s with 132 vehicles.

Then we have 84 vehicles from the 1960s, 64 from the 1980s, 58 from the 1990s, 26 from the 1950s, 12 from the 1940s, 13 from the 1930s, 11 from the 1920s and 1 pre 1920.

And as our club is a multi-make club there is a vast variety of makes and models.

Holden's are the most popular with 54 followed by Ford with 41, Mercedes with 24, Toyota with 21, Volkswagen 21, MG 19, BMW 18, Chrysler 18, Morris 12, Austin 12, Triumph 12 and Jaguar 11.

Then there are 25 makes with between 2 and 7 vehicles.

And finally 35 vehicles being the one and only make in our club eg Fiat, Singer, Riley, Lincoln, Chic, Renault, Crossley, Alvis, Reo just to name a few.

With such a wide variety of interesting vehicles it makes our club quite unique and quite spectacular when we are travelling our Fleurieu Roads.

DEIDRE SOLLY.

CLUB CLOBBER PRICE LIST

There has been a small price rise in the goods which we have the logo embroidered on.

Please remember that we make no money on club clobber, it's sold to you at cost.

Vehicle Windscreen Banner. Black on Silver 2.0m long with print over 1.0m	\$10.00	Sew on Badge	\$7.00
Ladies Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve (teal) Sizes - 12/14,16/18, 20/22	\$33.00	Stick on Badge	\$1.00
Mens Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve (teal) Sizes - S to 3XL Larger sizes available to order	\$33.00	Lapel Pin	\$6.00
Jacket - Unisex - All sizes to 5xl available to order. Pay on order and collect next meeting. All prices include GST and are 'each' prices.	\$83.00	Metal Car Badge	\$25.00
		Bucket Hat	\$18.00
		Black Cap	\$19.00
		Number Plate Surrounds (pair)	\$8.00

Clobber is available by
contacting Marj Rowley
ph: 0401 085 950

Marj's Back to Summer Gear!

Pricing on the Black Cap
and Bucket Hat noted to the
left.



I have added the option of a
pocket for the polo shirt.
These are available for \$41.

(A micro fleece sleeveless
vest with club logo is
available for \$40.00 as well)



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FOR SALE

2006 Mazda MX5 Roadster. 24,000km since new. 1 owner. Excellent condition. Best Offer.
Marilyn Clark Ph: 0408 690 926

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Aluminium head, Intake manifold, 2 x Zenith carbs to suit 1725 Rootes Motor, Alpine etc. **Ph: 0403 153 161**

Various parts to suit Kawasaki 250, 350 and 400cc 2 stoke triple. **Rob Williams Ph: 0418 904 430**

Does anyone want to buy my Pilot? Call me. **Ray Klecko Ph: 0438 364 870**

1946 Buick Straight Eight. **Steve Hall Ph: 0418 826 028**

WANTED

1930's REO hubcaps. **Kip Newbold Ph: 0407 728 099**

Holden GTS Steering Wheel to suit 1977 LX Torana **Bruce McAndie Ph: 0412 959 380**

GIVE AWAY

2 x new 700-16 Tyres (out of date). **Dean Solly Ph: 8552 1042**

You can contact the Editor direct if you have items for sale or wanted, and they can be included here. Please advise the Editor when you have sold your 'for sale item' or found your 'wanted' item. Advertisements will now be run for two consecutive editions then withdrawn unless an extension is requested.

BUSHMANS RALLY EASTER WEEKEND 2024



On Thursday morning, we packed the 1978 Lincoln Continental and headed north to Jamestown, where we stayed overnight with NARC friends, Merv and Aileen Robinson. The next morning, they, in their 1936 Auburn Cabriolet, joined us and we travelled together to Broken Hill, to take part in the Bushmans Rally hosted by the Broken Hill Vintage and Veteran Car Club. We registered at the Club Rooms where we enjoyed afternoon tea. There were 72 entrants in the Rally. Our accommodation at the Crystal Motel was within walking distance of the evening meals and activities so was very handy for us.

Saturday morning, we gathered at the Plaza car park, enjoying a Maccas coffee before going to the Perilya Mine Museum and a tour of the mine windings shed. The weather was very warm and sticky so the shade on grassy surroundings was very pleasant, while we had our morning tea, and met with other entrants. A running board lunch was supplied, and the rest of the day was free, but several of us followed a leader to see where Turks shot up a picnic train in 1915, killing 4 people and wounding 7. Dinner that night was held at the Musicians Club.

Sunday Morning we followed the leader from Central Plaza to the Sulphide Street Railway and Historical Museum, and what a massive collection of historical memorabilia! We could have spent the rest of the weekend there and still not have seen everything, it's the best railway museum I have ever seen! Morning tea was served. From there we went to Zinc Lakes for a "Show and Shine" and lunch. It is a beautiful lawned picnic area, and while the weather was very hot and humid, after lunch it started raining – heavily!! Everyone scattered, and we decided to drive

out to Silverton. Most of our vehicles have been photographed in front of the Silverton Hotel, so we took the photo of this one, and had a coffee at the Bakery and decided to go head back as the showers continued as there was water on the road on our way out!

Presentation Dinner on Sunday night included a quiz, all about cars, and it's amazing how much we DON'T know even though we were a team of 8! Merv and Aileen's car was voted best in it's year and best overall, which amazed them as it has done 40,000 miles since restoration!!

Monday morning, we enjoyed breakfast at the Car Clubhouse, said our goodbyes and made our way back to Jamestown, where we again stayed overnight (so Lynne could visit the patchwork shop next morning!!!) then came home via Clare. We had a very enjoyable Easter.

Kip and Lynne Newbold

HMVC LIBRARY NEWS

Our Club Library is now OPEN after a brief period of closure in February to remove and replace the lovely old side windows of the Hall. Thanks to a small 'gang' of hard-working Members, the removal/replacement and restocking of the shelving was completed in just a few short days. The new windows look great and should now last for another 100 years. SO, everything is now 'back to normal'? ... *or is it?* ...

Well, actually, *no*. We have lately become quite concerned that the Library's present shelving space has reached its capacity. In recent weeks we have been cleaning and restoring a quantity of DEXION steel shelving which was rescued from the scrappie after Goolwa Lions had to vacate its 'Bookmarket'. But, that is another story which doesn't really concern us. In the very near future, the Club hopes to remove the older, wooden, 'box-shelving' and replace it with 'Dexion' shelving. The Library will gain approx 20% more book capacity through the availability of another row of shelving per bay, and a generally more efficient useage of wall shelving space which only dedicated 'Library-shelving' can provide.

We hope to embark on this important project within the near future. Stay tuned for more info!

Once again, thanks to our own Members' generosity, we have two magnificent new items to share the "BOOK of the Month" appellation for April:

e*BROWN, Roland. Classic motorcycles; the complete book of motorcycles and their riders. The cover photograph, alone, portraying a magnificent Triumph T120 Bonneville invites a more than cursory inspection of this authoritative work which will please all the many two-wheel fanciers in our Club!
On the shelf at f/629.2275/BRO.

***FORD v. HOLDEN: 1994-2012. The illustrated history.** The introductory words say it all: "*Those glorious 19 yrs from 1994 to 2012 the racetracks of Australia shook to the thunder of 5-litre V8 rear-wheel drive Falcons taking on 5-litre V8 rear-wheel drive Commodores!*" Can we ever forget those fantastic Bathurst 1000 races??
On the shelf at f/796.720994/FOR. Be quick!!

Leigh Blacket, [HMVC Library Coordinator](#).

MOTORBIKE RUN 27TH MARCH

Eleven club member's and one visitor gathered at the information bay in Goolwa for a leisurely ride. Travelling through Currency creek to Milang where we stopped for morning coffee at the Milang Bakery, from there, 10 rider's carried on to the Bridge Hotel at Langhorn Creek via Lake Alexandrina, where we all enjoyed lunch.
We had a perfect weather day.

People who attended...

Bob Durant, Ray Neal, David Gratton, Peter Mizzi, Mike Gilbertson, Lyn Miles, Kip Newbold, Merv Mortimer, Dave Nixon, Charlie Vince, Colin Francis and Martin Coomans (visitor).



JEFF'S JOKES

The local bar was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1000 bet. The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money. Many people had tried over time (weight-lifters, longshoremen, etc.) but nobody could do it.

One day this scrawny little man came into the bar, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a tiny squeaky voice " I'd like to try the bet" After the laughter had died down, the bartender said "Okay" grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man. But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass. As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1000, and asked the little man "What do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weight-lifter, or what?"

"The man replied "I work for the tax office".

The wife texts her handyman husband on a cold wintery morning: "Windows frozen—won't open"
Husband texts back:
"Gently pour some lukewarm water over the edges and then tap edges sharply with hammer"
Wife texts back 5 minutes later:

"Laptop really buggered now!"

A blonde is pregnant, and is practically 9 months along. She goes to see her doctor for a routine check-up, but she is worried. She asks "What if the baby starts coming, and I can't get to the hospital in time?" The doctor replies "Well, women have been having babies for a million years without an attendance by doctors. It's a very natural process. The first thing you do is to assume the same position you were laying in when you got pregnant". The blonde interrupts with

"Do you mean with the left foot in the glove compartment and the right foot hanging out the window?"

Confession..

"Did you give the prisoner the third degree?" The police sergeant asked the detectives.
"Yeah, we browbeat him pretty good," nodded the detective.
"We asked him all the questions we could think of."
"And did you get a confession?" asked the sergeant.
"Not exactly," explained the detective. All he'd say was:

'Yes dear,' and doze off.

Four old Catholic men and a Catholic woman were having coffee in St. Peters Square
The first Catholic man tells his friends,
"My Son is a priest, when he walks into a room, everyone calls him..... 'Father'."
The second Catholic Man chirps, "My Son is a Bishop.
When he walks into a room people call him.....'Your Grace'."
The third Catholic Gent says,
"My Son is a Cardinal. When he enters a room everyone bows their head and says..... 'Your Eminence'."
The fourth Catholic man says very proudly,
"My Son is the Pope. When he walks into a room people call him..... 'Your Holiness'."

Since the lone Catholic woman was sipping her coffee in silence, The four men give her a subtle,...."Well....?"
She proudly replies, "I have a Daughter,
SLIM & TALL.....40 D Breasts.....24" WAIST and,34" HIPS

When she walks into a room, people say",....." JESUS ! "

Somebody stole my identity last week.

Today, they showed up at my door and pleaded for me to take it back?

General Meeting (587) Minutes - 4th April 2024

Meeting 4/4/24 opened at 7.00pm by President Bob Durant.

Notes – John Taylor selling raffle tickets at rear of hall. Please turn your phones to silent. Buy/Sell and Swap book to be circulated.

Apologies – Bruce McAndie, Phil De Courcey, Martin Thornhill, Meg & Ray Klecko, Steve Hall, Andy Hislop, Robin Puckridge

Visitors - President Bob welcomed visitors and asked them to introduce themselves and their vehicles, Ian McKinnon, John Brownsea, Peter & Margaret McGinty, Guy Saunders, David Paparella & Meegan Brougham and David & Helen Goodall

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Thursday 5th of March were moved for approval by Jeff Farmer, seconded by Leigh Blacket and accepted.

Business Arising from the minutes: None

Presidents Report: President Bob reported on the BCT, he reported it was a successful event although numbers were down with only 16 HMVC members enrolled to attend

He also reported that he and Loris would not continue next year on the organising committee, He stated the club needs to consider their future involvement and it will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

The committee had approved the new shelves for the library and Leigh would report further on this April committee meeting would be held on 24/4/24 to allow for Anzac Day

Treasurers Report: Andrew Nicholls - reported the financials They were moved for approval by Marg Rowley, seconded by Glen Haythorpe and accepted.

Loris reported on the BCT financials Actual profit was \$815 to be shared with the MG Car Club There were 115 vehicles on Warland reserve at the end of the run. Loris answered several questions from members, and she noted the dwindling numbers attending was disappointing

Secretary Report: Brett Haythorpe – incoming correspondence
Newsletters – The usual numerous club newsletters and if anyone wants a copy let Brett know. • Nothing further to report
Other Correspondence Outgoing; None

Membership Report: Andy Moffett - Family 192 Single 87 Life 11 Total members 484

Registrars Report: Deidre Solly – reported As the club is a multi make club there is a vast variety of makes and models.

Holdens are the most popular with 54 followed by Ford with 41, Mercedes with 24, Toyota 21, VW 21, MG,19, BMW 18, Chrysler 18, Morris 12, Austin 12, Triumph 12, and Jaguar 11

Then there are 25 makes with between 2 and 7 vehicles.

Finally 35 vehicles being the one and only in our club eg Fiat, Singer, Riley, Lincoln, Chic, Renault, Crossley, Alvis, red just to name a few

Federation Report; John Taylor – none

Events Co – Ordinator: Vic Dowling April 3rd Old folks day nursing home visit, was a successful run

April 9th Cars and coffee at softwood

May coffee and cars at the Tin shed

Sunday the 14th Rock hopper event at Vics farm

1st May Observation Run 26th May Lunch by the lake at Meningie

Welfare & Club Regalia Report; Marjorie Rowley – reported on the various Club Cobber available

Vehicle Inspection Reports; Glen Haythorpe asked all new members to meet with him outside a er the mee ng and he would explain the club car rego procedures and answer any questions

Editor Report; Bruce McAndie –Jeff Farmer finishing the April Steering Column for Bruce.

Building Maintenance Report; Chris Rowley Chris was preparing to help instal the Library Shelves

Library Report; Leigh Blacket Explained what was happening in the Library and has a heap of new books and highlighted a couple. He also updated the meeting on the new shelves and called for volunteers

General Business; Wayne Forbes addressed the meeting regarding the following motion- This meeting of the HMVC members question why services SA charges ongoing annual fees on some custom plates. Consequently we ask our federation representative to raise the matter with the federation requesting they negotiate with Services SA to see if such unjust fees can be abolished

This motion was discussed and put to the meeting moved Wayne Forbes seconded John Taylor and carried

Andy Moffett's son has offered a talk on internet security and Cyber Security in the club rooms followed by a free BBQ on the 5th of May.

President Bob stated that due to ill health George Meola has stepped down and the club is looking for a catering team leader
The club will also need the following positions filled at the next elections

A person to learn the PA set up from Jeff Farmer, a treasurer and a new President as Bob will be stepping down.

Bob asked all members to consider taking a leadership position in the club as it was very rewarding.

President Bob thanked the Ladies for supper

Raffle; The raffle was conducted by John Taylor.

Closure; The meeting was closed by President Bob at 8.25pm.

Next Meeting; Thursday 4-4-24.

JOHN HUTTON'S DODGE at the Sandpiper Lodge club visit



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