



# ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

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An incorporated club

*A friendly family social motoring club*

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*Your A.B.C. News*

## The RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY

Was an outstanding success..

**THANKS to all who assisted.**



**The Lord Mayor starts the rally**

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# Events Events Events

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

**Sunday 13th - PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK** meet at the Calder Highway on the Western end of the Calder Park Raceway at 9am, we can then travel as a group and park together.

**Saturday 19th - AGM at Shannons, Warrigal Road, Cheltenham at 2.30pm** for a quick look at the cars before a 3pm AGM. If you would like to take part in running the Club - this is your chance, put your hand up.

**20th Feb. Early morning run. 7 am at Nunawaddin Civic Center.**

**Inquiries, contact Neil Wakeman 0411 456 047. Or 98417773.**

**Sunday 27th. Visit to Yuulong Lavender Farm, Yendon Rd Mt Egerton.**

**Meet at Bacchus Marsh opposite the Shire Offices at 10.15 am for morning tea & then travel in convoy to the Lavender Farm, arriving at about 11.30.am. Fee is \$2.50 per person & lunch is available starting at about \$8.00 per person.**

**THIS SHOULD BE A GREAT DAY OUT>> DON'T MISS IT>**

## Four Ladies.

Four older ladies are sitting around playing bridge. The first lady says.

"You know girls, I have known you all for a long time there is something that I must get off my chest.. I am a Kleptomaniac. But don't worry, I have never stolen from you and I never will, we have been friends for too long."

The second lady says, "Well, since we are having confessions here, I must get something off my chest too.I am a Nymphomaniac, but don't worry I have never had relationships with your husbands. We have been friends for too long."

"Well, says the third lady, I must confess too, I am a Lesbian. But do not worry, I will never approach you. You are not my type & we have been friends for too long for me to ruin a friendship."

The fourth lady stands up and says. "I have a confession to make also..I am an uncontrollable gossip, AND I HAVE SOME PHONE CALLS TO MAKE....."

**Join in & ENJOY life**

**You will only have ONE LIFE.. This is it, use it or lose it**

**FOR.EVER**

# The RACV Great Australian Rally Report

Some 400 cars & motor cycles took part in the year 2000 rally. 300 assembled at the MCG & then officially started at the Melbourne Town Hall. The Lord Mayor, Peter Costigan, Dr Max Lay, Chairman of the RACV & Professor Peter Chandler, Rally Chairman jointly started the cars by waving a RACV flag.

A further 100 cars started at Frankston Pier and joined in the with the Melbourne cars for the run to Mornington where they split up. The Melbourne cars stopping for a pit stop. Then onwards along the beach road and finally arriving at Red Hill.

It was a tight squeeze getting in all the cars plus some 60 market stalls & lots of visitors vehicles. All went well & many happy entrants took home an assortment of prizes.

The Jazz festival will require some modifications for next year but will probably be a fixture & feature of later rallies.

It is too early to say how much money the Rally will contribute to the Hospitals as yet and we hope to be able to report this figure in the March magazine. Early indications are that both the RACV and the Hospital Network, the Mornington and Frankston Councils together with the Melbourne City Council want to build this Rally into the Premier Rally in Victoria.

Many people in the All British Classics Car Club gave their time and their experience willingly to make our contribution to this Rally an outstanding one and I would like to thank each and every member who assisted for their help.

YEAR 2001 RALLY HERE WE COME.

FRANK DOUGLAS  
President

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OVERHEATING            an article by Doug Spencer

Some of you may have experienced overheating in your car this summer, as I did in my Bristol 406 recently. Soon after getting the car on the road for the first time it overheated after a short run and a 10 minute carby tune at idle.

This car has a poorly designed cooling system. For a start, the radiator is set over at 20 degrees and the header tank intrudes on the fan. So what we have is a fan 5 inches away from radiator core with little chance of drawing air through the core when it is most needed, either at slow speed or when idling. Secondly the water pump does not circulate sufficient water around the engine.

After spending many years restoring this beautiful car which included a new radiator core and cap, flushing our engine plus recondition water pump, I decided at this stage (and not wanting the embarrassment of having trouble during a club event) to invest in a thermo control electric water pump. This gives better fuel saving and improves general performance, because if you take out the impeller and fan you have less drag. But I still had trouble - no worse, no better. I think this situation is due to the way water is circulated around the engine and not the fault of the electric water pump, because it has the capacity to pump 15 gallons per minute. I decided to return the fan and impeller to the engine. Now with both pumps working in tandem, the overheating problem was solved.

# A young girl has just received her drivers licence & her "NEW" 1973 Austin Kimberley

Rebecca Williams

## ENGLISH : UNIT 4 "Writing Folio"

### Topic: The Adventures of Austin Kimberley.

Never has there been such a mischievous four-wheeled vehicle as the Austin Kimberley. Her defining age has not prevented her hunger for freeway romps or city escapades, leaving mass-produced, production line vehicles in her wake. Her fierce six-cylinder engine, does not merely transport her passengers from the proverbial A to B, rather she delights in delivering her charges with speed and comfort. Just relax in total comfort in her bucket style seats and you will soon be reminded of lazy days spent in luxurious armchairs. Whilst her bronzed leather remarks on a by-gone era of ultimate comfort and class, the Austin Kimberley 1973 Sedan continues to ride the freeways, highways and suburban streets in high class, regardless of her apparent ageing splendour.

The affectionately named "Kim" still makes a bold statement in safety for she was well advanced for her era. Whilst the engine may rattle and hum louder than your conventional lowly Commodore, her power and strength is not to be taken lightly. Of all the undertakings of the Kim, perhaps her most arduous and defining moment came one chilly evening when her present owner (one exhausted salon assistant who is more than renown for her lead foot at the best of times) proceeded to challenge Kim with a 6ft. by 6ft. iron rectangle. As the 1973 Mark II sedan faced her most death defying challenge of overthrowing an undefeated opponent – an industrial Dumpster, the Kim stared down the barrel of inevitable defeat. However, the steadfast factory built Austin was hardly going to lie down like a timid kitten in the face of the solid and overwhelming challenger. As she began to be propelled towards the transwaste bin – *backwards*, she gathered all the strength she could muster and with one mighty rev she took on the iron clad opponent, as her parkers lit up the area she could concentrate only on the fast approaching stationary object with horror. She knew inevitably that one of them would walk away bruised and scarred – and perhaps leave the arena with a proverbial tail between their legs!

The loyal and steadfast Kim did not want to let her owner down – in those few seconds before the defining blow, her entire life flashed before her eyes. There were her infantile memories of the early seventies – her construction and birthplace on the garage floor of Austin UK, her completion and immediate migration to the great land downunder by ship. She recalled her modifications in the Leyland garages to fit Australian road safety standards and her sale as a luxury mobile to the proud Douglas family of Templestowe. While her permanent address varied over the following years as the family business grew, she recalled the joyous memories of life with loving owners. She reminisced over regressed memories of frightful experiences with the family's three children as they grew and began to use her services to gain practice whilst on Learner plates. She fondly recalled hot summers without the new "mod cons" of air conditioning etc., basking in the memories of her four windows wound down completely and of the fresh breeze whooshing through her cabin. She could hardly forget the cold winter mornings when she could not find it in her heart to fire

up and cruise the streets. Her most recent memories came hammering home as she recalled her latest owner, the Grand daughter of the initial Douglas family ownership, and Dani's way with her. Dani would encourage her up the seemingly relentless Ferntree Gully Road hill "...C'mon Kim, you can do it!" as she lent forward to lighten the load. The way she squealed with delight and excitement when she beat newer generation Holdens off the line and left them for dead as she powered up the road.....

SMACK!! Bang!! C-R-A-S-H!!! There were screams from bending metal as the oppressive bin faced off with the cream coloured Kimberley Sedan. As she pulled away from the Dumpster the damage was plain to be seen. She had sustained a hefty indentation to her rear; her bumper bar had been bent irreparably, however, to Kim's delight she had left quite an impression on the formidable Dumpster, indeed, it appeared as if the iron clad rectangle had come off second best!

As Kim hurtled off down the road she was proud of her efforts, even given that she required some panel beating, painting and a new bumper bar, she was infinitely pleased with her efforts. It seems they just don't make them like they used to.

Today, the Kim continues to carve up the roads and can be seen as one of only three Austin Kimberleys registered in Victoria. Whilst the completion of the repairs is in its final stages, with her new paint job and bumper bar set to be fitted in the next few weeks – she is still in fine working order. Not bad for a car that is older than her two previous "P" plate drivers.

At 26 years of age Kim still outshines, out performs and cannot be compared to other vehicles in terms of comfort and safety. Every time she passes another mass produced, tin can Hyundai or Toyota, she laughs with glee as she overtakes from the right lane.

*"Becky" Williams*

Ken Russell in his Silver Ghost Rolls Royce chats to the Chairman of the RACV Dr Max Lay at the start.



# Annual Report. Treasurer A.J. Hodges

ABC CAR CLUB VICTORIA INCORPORATED

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 1999

Cash book balance at start of period (1 Oct 98) 469.79

Add receipts

Members subs and joining fees	1565.00	
Sales of club merchandise	1129.50	
Donations received	2528.00	
Interest received	.87	
Andamooka receipts	1812.00	<u>7035.37</u>

Sub total

7505.16

Deduct payments

Bank charges	25.31	
Printing postage&stat.	929.35	
Andamooka expenses	1812.50	
Name badges	396.32	
A.G.M. fee	32.00	
Purchase of decals	640.00	
Purchase of hats	75.00	
Purchase of club banner	225.00	
Public liability insurance	419.10	
Subs to AOMC	135.00	
Purchase of car badges	810.30	
Club functions	190.00	<u>5689.88</u>

= cash book balance 31.12.99

1815.28

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank statement P.29 2225.63

Less unrepresented cheques:

No. 27	50.00	
51	36.25	
52	274.10	
53	<u>50.00</u>	

= balance as per cash book

410.35  
1815.28

INVENTORIES

150 cloth badges @ 2.95 442.50

142 decals @ 1.06 150.52

19 car badges @ 20.51 389.69

982.71

**~~ANNUAL SUBS ARE NOW DUE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOU PAYING THEM NOW.~~**

**Please pay to John Gardner, Membership Officer  
2 Clink Rd Pakenham Upper. 3810.. Pne 59427535**

**Do not forget that the Annual General Meeting  
is at Shannons in Warrigal Rd Chelternham  
on Saturday 19th Feb at 2,30 pm for 3 pm. Start..**