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*A friendly family social motoring club*

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**Your A.B.C. NEWS**

**A good day was had by all that attended the A.B.C. Christmas Lunch at the R.A.C.V. Country Club Healsville, catching up with old friends and making new ones. Welcome to new Members that joined us on their first outing with the club. Is the interest in Tony Pettigrews Lea Francis typical of an open Bonnet or helpful hint's for fixing a problem that contaminated his MG the next day, I think you need to separate your cars tony.**



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# EVENTS

**JANUARY 12TH RALLY BAG STUFFING DAY 10 am**

**Frank & Pats Place 12-14 Grandvalley Dve Churnside Park  
bring B.B.Q lunch, Drinks supplied.**

**JANUARY 18TH PRE-RALLY BRIEFING FOR OFFICIALS**

**& MARSHALS FOR G.A.R. 6 PM at Fox Collection Cnr Collins St  
& Stadium Dve-Docklands Ring Frank for more details**

**JANUARY 19th THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY**

**FEBRUARY 9TH WINERY TOUR YARRA GLEN**

**Meet at Coldstream at 10.00 am to be followed by two Winerys  
and a light lunch at the R.A.C.V Club (lounge lunch) Healsville**

**MUST BOOK FOR LUNCH PLEASE ADVISE FRANK**

**FEBRUARY 23RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT**

**GEORGE HETRELS 11.00 B.Y.O. Lunch we will be having the  
A.G.M after lunch, then a look at Georges Car Collection and  
Gardens something for everyone. Como Gardens 39 Basin-Olinda rd  
The Basin phone Frank for more details.**

**MARCH 2ND GET TOGETHER WITH ANTIQUE AIRCRAFT  
AT COLDSTREAM**

**MARCH 22ND to MARCH 28TH FLY THE FLAG TOUR**

**MARCH 30TH BRITISH AND EUROPEAN DAY**

**APRIL 6TH PICNIC IN THE YOU YANG'S**

**APRIL 18TH TO 21ST EASTER AT BEECHWORTH / BRIGHT**

**MAY 4TH VISIT TO ACE HI RANCH**

**MAY 9TH ANNUAL DINNER LOCATION TO BE ADVISED**

**MAY 31ST TO JUNE 15TH ANDAMOOKA OPAL SAFARI**

**JUNE 27 TH WINE TASTING & TRIVIA NIGHT COMBINED**

**JULY 13TH VISIT BOB CHAPMANS ROLLS ROYCE REPAIR WORKSHOP**

**OCTOBER 12th 2003 British Transport & Machinery day**

**Early morning drives. Ring Neil Wakeman on 9841 7773**

**15th December At 7.am to leave at 7.15 am Nunawading Civic Center..**



# EDITOR'S PAGE

Welcome to these new Members

Robert Laughton & Margaret Wilson  
Jaguar XK 140 & 120

If anyone would like to help out with the Great Australian Rally we need Marshals at Mornigton ( contact Ross Wolstenholme) or Docklands( Contact Frank Douglas) any help would be much appreciated .

Well another year has gone and another one has come, I hope you all have a great year enjoying your fine British Classics and hope to see you at events throughout the year.

Heather Cannon

## President

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Yes, its on again, Sunday 23rd February 2003 at 11:00, Lunch at 12:00 and the A.G.M. Will be immediately after lunch at George Hetral's Place Como Gardens 39 Basin- Olinda Rd, The Basin. B.Y.O Lunch.

What about considering taking a position or joining the committee..

**WE NEED AN GOOD EVENT ORGANIZER** so we can keep up the good work. More than one person is also a great idea.

This gives more input to finding ways to entertain our members.

**All other positions are available so come along & lets hear your voice.**

Tony Pettigrews new toy. An Austin Princess Van Den Plas.

Looks great with its new polish job & goes real well. Congratulations



## WOULD YOU LIKE A GLASS OF COKE

1. In many states of America, the Highway Patrol carries two gallons of coke in the truck to remove blood from the highway after a car accident.
2. You can put T-bone steak in a bowl of coke in the fridge and it will be gone in two days.
3. To clean a toilet: Pour a can of coca-cola into the "bowl and let the real thing" sit for one hour, then simply flush clean. The citric acid in the coke removes stains from vitreous china.
4. To remove rust spots from chrome bumper bars: Rub the bumper with a crumpled piece of aluminium foil dipped in coca-cola. It will also clean road haze from your windshield.
5. Clean corrosion from car battery terminals: Pour coca-cola over the terminals to bubble away corrosion.
6. To loosen a rusted bolt: Apply a cloth soaked in coca-cola to the rusted bolt for five minutes.
7. To remove grease from clothes: Empty a can of coke into a load of greasy clothes add detergent, and run through a regular cycle. The coca-cola will loosen the grease stains.
8. One of the active ingredients in coke is phosphoric acid. Its pH is 2.8. it will dissolve a nail in about four days. Phosphoric acid also leaches calcium from the bones and it is a major contributor to the rising rate of Osteoporosis.
9. To carry coca-cola syrup/concentrate the commercial truck must use the hazardous material placards reserved for highly corrosive materials.
10. The distributors of coke have been using it to clean engines of their trucks for about twenty years!

Let me ask the title question again: Would you like a glass of water or coke?



# Rally Bag **STUFFING** Day

Sunday 12th January from 10 am on at the home of  
Frank & Pat Douglas. 12-14 Grandvalley Drive  
Chirnside Park. Melways 37 K5.

You are not only welcome BUT we will be desperate if you  
do not attend.. BRING BBQ or Picnic lunch. Drinks supplied.

## RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY BRIEFING BBQ

This will be held at 6 pm Sat 18th Jan

At the  
**FOX COLLECTION**

DOCKLANDS

All officials & senior Marshals should attend to be briefed  
on happenings as well as collect, Radios, Safety Jackets,  
Briefing notes, Clothing etc for your troops. All are  
welcome and a BBQ with drinks will BE SUPPLIED for you.  
All finished by 8,30. Pm..Inquiries Frank Douglas 8704 2533.

## RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY Sun 19th Jan 2003.

This is the day that WE NEED YOU.. The club has undertaken this  
task to provide marshalls & officials for the Peter Mac Cancer  
Institute & the RACV. & to do our best to conduct this rally on the  
day.. We need ALL HANDS ON DECK PLEASE. Ring Frank Douglas  
on 8704 2533 to help.... A Sincere thank you. F.E.Douglas.

## Classic statements

Spotted in a toilet of a London office: TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store: BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office: WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office: AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN.

Notice in health food shop window: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park: ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE FIRST FLOOR

Notice in a field: THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES

Message on a leaflet: IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS

On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

Happy Now Lyn H.

### Eclipse in Andamooka

Andamooka was in the news recently the Adelaide Adviser read (about the Eclipse in S.A.) At Andamooka, 592km north of Adelaide, more than 200 people sat down to the biggest dinner feast the opal-mining town has ever seen. Stretching about 60m along the main street, the smorgasbord dinner was served about 9 p.m. with another 200 people setting up to join the festivities.





## Route Numbers

A state trooper spied a car puttering along at 22 MPH. So he turned on his lights and pulled the driver over. Approaching the car, he noticed that five old ladies were inside, and they looked wide-eyed and terribly pale.

The driver pleaded with him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit!

What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but driving slower than the speed limit can also be dangerous."

"I beg to differ, sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly: twenty-two miles an hour!" the old woman said.

The State Police officer, chuckling, explained to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car ok? These women seem awfully shaken," the officer asked.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."

