



## All British Classics Car Club (Vic)

A Friendly Family Social Motoring Club

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Your ABCCC News

### *WE INVADE RUPERTSWOOD MANSION*



*Our group arriving at Rupertswood Mansion in keen anticipation of fresh scones, strawberry jam and just a dollop of whipped cream. This was the commencement of a most interesting visit.*

#### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Inc. is \$35.00. There is a once-only joining fee of \$30.00. Please send membership subscriptions to Pat Douglas, PO Box 201, Chirnside Park, VICTORIA 3116.

**Please Note: Membership subscriptions are due by end of December.**

*Life Member: Pat J Douglas*

**THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB (VICTORIA) INC.,  
FOUNDED 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 1997.**

**Club Founder – The Late Frank E Douglas**

**“OWNING AND/OR APPRECIATING THE SPIRIT OF FINE  
BRITISH CLASSICS”**

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### IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

The All British Classics Car Club (Victoria) Inc., (ABCCC) is a fully incorporated club in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act. Accordingly, any publication or document officially issued by the ABCCC must carry the ABCCC's Association Incorporation Registered Number: A00035462V.

#### The Official Club Magazine – *Your ABCCC News*

*Your ABCCC News* is the official magazine of the ABCCC (Vic) Inc. The magazine's issue date is during the week of the 25<sup>th</sup> of every month. To make the Editor's task a little easier, it is requested that articles, event information and photographs are with the Editor prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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All correspondence should be addressed to the Editor *Your ABCCC News*, 59 Rowson St, Boronia, Victoria, 3155. Other Editorial contact information is listed above.

It is club policy to have the right to refuse placement of advertising material in *Your ABCCC News*, from those who are not members of the ABCCC Inc.

#### The Victorian Club Permit Scheme

The ABCCC Inc. is a club that is authorised by VicRoads to operate vehicles under the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS). On the Committee there are two VCPS Officers and their contact details are listed above.

Club members will be kept up to date with respect to changes and improvements to the VCPS. However, it cannot be stressed enough, that a vehicle operated on the VCPS, must carry the VicRoads Logbook and Permit (current) and proof that the permit holder has a current membership in the auspicious club (e.g., your ABCCC membership card). All enquiries should be addressed to the VCPS Officers.

# THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

## NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS

For members wanting to operate a motor car on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) under the auspices of our club, please contact Nello Mafodda on (03) 9719 7949, who is the ABCCC VCPS Officer In Charge. Nello will be able to provide all the information required to operate a motor car on the VCPS. Nello's position is entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting him.

The ABCCC has the following conditions for operating a motor vehicle [twenty-five (25) years old and older] on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme:

1. Initial contact should be made with the club's VCPS Applications Officer, currently Nello Mafodda. He will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the ABCCC.
2. A club member who proposes to place his/her motor vehicle on the VCPS under the auspices of the ABCCC must have been a ABCCC member for more than one year.
3. A Roadworthy Certificate must accompany an application for the Victorian Club Permit Scheme under the auspices of the ABCCC.
4. A club member who operates a motor vehicle on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, under the auspices of the ABCCC, must attend a minimum of three (3) club events per year. The car does not have to attend three events, just the owner. Excluded from the count are the Annual Winter Luncheon and the Christmas Luncheon events.
5. VicRoads requires a permit holder to be in good financial status in order to drive the car under this Permit.
6. The ABCCC will notify VicRoads when a permit holder becomes an unfinancial member.
7. The ABCCC will maintain a Register of those Motor Vehicles operated on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme under the club's conditions. Such Register will be submitted to VicRoads upon request.
8. The motor vehicle operated under the Permit Scheme should be used within the spirit of the motor vehicle club scheme.

## PERMIT RENEWALS

VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VCPS renewal should be sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria 3770. Enclose with it a stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads, along with a cheque/money order for the VCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC, and then forward the permit renewal on to VicRoads. The form also requires YOUR signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder as well.

Colin's position is entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting him.

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## ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY 2011/2012

**Note: All events listed in this directory are placed in good faith. Events for inclusion here, must be provided to the magazine editor prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month. Official ABCCC events are those with 'ABCCC Inc.' shown after the event's title. These events are recorded for the Victorian Club Permit Scheme's Register. Events organised by other clubs or associations have their own telephone number to use prior to the event.**

**The Registrar for ABCCC Inc. events is Sue Allfrey. Event organisers, please send attendance lists to [sue.allfrey@bigpond.com](mailto:sue.allfrey@bigpond.com) as soon after the event as is practicable.**

**IMPORTANT: TEXT IN RED INFORMS OF CHANGED OR CORRECTED EVENT INFORMATION.**

### April 2013

Saturday/Sunday 20 – 21	Como Gardens Open Weekend – <a href="#">An ABCCC Assist Event</a> Venue – Como Gardens, 79 The Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin.	George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> .	RACV Classic Showcase – An AOMC Event Formerly the British And European Motoring Show. Venue – Members' Car Park, Flemington Racecourse.	AOMC (03) 9555 0133

### May 2013

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> .	Rex's Big Day Out – <a href="#">An ABCCC Event</a> Start Venue – Stud Park shopping centre, corner Stud and Fulham Roads, Rowville at 9.45 am	Rex & Deanna Hall (03) 9795 7669
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> .	National Heritage Motoring Day – The Association of Motoring Clubs Inc.	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> .	Geoff and Judy's Day Out – <a href="#">An ABCCC Event</a> Venue – The Kyneton Mineral Springs Area.	Geoff & Judy Birkett (03) 9755 1772
Saturday/Sunday 25 – 26	Historic Winton – Austin 7 Club Inc. Venue – Winton Motor Raceway, Winton.	Noel Wilcox (03) 5428 2689

### June 2013

Friday/Monday 8 – 10	Hamilton Rally – An ABCCC Invited-To Event Themed – Wind, Stones and Waves! Organised by the Hamilton Veteran, Vintage & Classic Car Club Inc. Venue – Hamilton and Victoria's Fabulous Western District.	TBA
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## June 2013 (continued)

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Pub Lunch Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) (Mid-Week) Brian & Marjorie Pepper (03) 9439 7875  
Venue – Clarkeville Pub, now known as The Coach and Horses Inn, Station Street, Clarkefield.
- Thursday/Sunday 27 – 30 Great Escape To The Country – [An ABCCC Event](#) Bryan & Anne Tootell Mob: 0412 549 906  
Destination – TBA.

## July 2013

- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. Visit To The Morris Minor Garage – [An ABCCC Event](#) Colin Oberin & Craig Douglas (03) 9817 3182  
Venue – Start Point TBA. Touring the Harcourt Area.
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. Xmas In July (Annual Lunch) – [An ABCCC Event](#) Colin & Joy Brown (03) 5964 9291  
Venue – TBA.

## August 2013

- Friday/Sunday 9 – 11 Indulgence Weekend – [An ABCCC Event](#) Peter & Rosalie McKiernan (03) 9787 6003  
Touring – TBA.
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. Mystery Charabanc Outing – [An ABCCC Event](#) Ray & Lyn Higginson (03) 9336 7306  
Venue – Moonee Valley Bus Lines, Tullamarine.

## September 2013

- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. An Overseas Trip – [An ABCCC Event](#) Peter & Lorraine Lester (03) 9795 0033  
Sailing To – Phillip Island.
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. Phil's Fantastic Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449  
Venue – TBA.

## October 2013

- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Social Calendar Planning – [An ABCCC Event](#) Tony & Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146  
Bring along your ideas for 2014.  
Venue – 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream.
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. A Very Special Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Kevin & Jenny Watt (03) 9734 6040  
Venue – TBA.
- Saturday/Sunday 19 – 20 Como Gardens Open Weekend – [An ABCCC Assist Event](#) George & Pat Hetrel (03) 9761 1341  
Venue – Como Gardens, 79 The Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin.
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>. Run To Beleura – [An ABCCC Event](#) Robert & Robin Joiner (03) 5956 8105  
Meeting Point – Peninsula Lifestyle Centre, Corner of Nepean Highway & Bungower Road, Mornington.

## November 2013

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. British Classics Exclusive Display & Picnic – [An ABCCC Event](#) Colin & Joy Brown (03) 5964 9291  
Venue – Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen.
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. Frank's Super-Mystery Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Frank Sawyer & Val McRae (03) 9770 0904  
Venue – TBA.
- Saturday/Sunday 16 – 17 Bendigo National Swap Meet – Veteran, Vintage & Classic Club Bendigo [info@bendigowswap.com.au](mailto:info@bendigowswap.com.au)  
Venue – Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Holmes Road, Bendigo, Victoria.
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. Driving Melba's Yarra Valley – [An ABCCC Event](#) Wal & Sue Thompson (03) 9761 9192  
Meet Point – TBA.

## December 2013

- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Luncheon – [An ABCCC Event](#) Tony & Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146  
Venue – TBA.

## Sometime In 2014

- TBA A Very Special River Cruise – [An ABCCC Event](#) Brian & Marjorie Pepper (03) 9439 7875  
Cruising the South Australian Murray River (Two, Three or Five Days)  
Departing From – Murray Bridge (or Morgan).

## EVENT ORGANISERS!

PLEASE ENSURE THAT EVENT INFORMATION IS WITH THE EDITOR THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT. FREQUENTLY, SCHEDULES CAN BE A BIT TIGHT. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO INSURE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP BE INFORMED OF EVENT MEETING POINT AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION IN A TIMELY MANNER SO THAT MAXIMUM EXPOSURE PROVIDES GOOD RESULTS.



## EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE NUMBER 159

The preparation of this issue included a couple of glitches. Firstly, while gardening my back gave way in a most painful manner. Initially, the discomfort was such that the computer could not be operated. Slowly the situation became a great deal better and at last, computer operation is just about back to normal.

Secondly, and this is a little bit baffling, the coming together of the magazine experienced, hopefully, a bit of an information drought due to a shortage of information relating to coming club events. Both of these conditions were, in part, resolved by issuing an edition of *ABCCC Newsflash!* So, hopefully our membership are properly informed about events of the immediate future. This second glitch was responsible for the green panel on Page 4.

Event organisers, please get the information to me in good time for maximum exposure. Production of *Your ABCCC News* is a virtually continuous activity. As soon as an issue goes out, preparation work commences on the following issue. This year, for some reason, there was a bottle-neck of activity for the RACV Great Australian Rally and for the RACV Fly The Flag Tour. Therefore, for next year, we need to make a greater effort in getting event information to the membership in good time. Events scheduled for the immediate post-Tour period need to be on my desk before the January issue of *Your ABCCC News*.

We do have some great events planned, so please support the organisers and book yourselves to take part in them. Hopefully the issuing of *ABCCC Newsflash!* has helped with support for events such as the visit to the Stanton Collection and the very special RACV Classic Showcase (formerly, the British Motoring Show). I look forward to being with you at these events, see Pages 7 and 14.

Mike Allfrey – Editor.

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## VALE – RAYMOND JAMES HIGGINSON, VICE PRESIDENT

“Put it in the magazine, Mike!”



The sub-heading above was Ray's frequent call used if there was an occasion or humorous incident that he felt should be recorded for other club members to read about. That call went out frequently, right from the start, after I had been 'ganged-up-on' by Ray and Frank, to take on the ABCCC's Editor's position during our first refreshment stop on our way to Andamooka in 2004.

*Left: In a special moment at Ferny Creek CFA after a 'Cream Sponge Run', Lyn and Ray caught by my camera.*

It is with great sadness that I have to report that Ray passed away peacefully at 5.00 am on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013. With such wonderful memories of his company, I feel that this can only be written in one way – a sort of cheerful way. When I first met Ray on an ABCCC run, just after joining the Club, I really wondered who I had encountered. There was instant friendliness with great companionship which made

me feel really welcome into the ABCCC. There was also immediate humorous banter about our 'little' Jupiter, that was also of a friendly nature. No matter what the situation during a Club event, Ray was always there to provide suitable advice, help and a fair degree of good humorous repartee of the wonderful old style.

Ray was a very enthusiastic worker for the RACV Great Australian Rally and his advice at the Advisory Committee meetings was always a great help. He was a great problem solver, very practical, and frequently, came up with new ideas for promoting the Rally or making it more desirable for the public to attend. Ray was also a keen supporter of our RACV Fly The Flag Tours and truly enjoyed a bit of chit-chat with Tour entrants while marshalling and directing them along the way. This was, to me, a very pleasurable aspect of working with him on our Tours.

Once a year Ray and Lyn, very generously gave ABCCC members a mystery tour in one of his most modern, powerful luxury motor coaches. Initially this caused a bit of concern with some members, because they felt they should be contributing with a nominal coach fare. I did broach the subject with Ray by offering to contribute to the event. His response was that he received so much fun and pleasure from ABCCC membership, that his mystery tours were only a very small way of putting something back into our club for all of that pleasure gained.

My only regret, and I suppose it is a sort of compliment, is that I first met Ray far too late in life. Throughout the ten years I have known him, I always enjoyed his company and his great sense of humour. I can well imagine him, up there with Frank Douglas enjoying a spot of good humoured difference of opinion over some technical virtue of a classic British motor car, with of course a glass of VB in hand!

Our sincerest condolences go to Lyn, Pam, Garry, Julie, Craig and the family. Ray was extremely special to us and will be remembered with great affection.

Michael Allfrey – Editor.

## ATTENTION ALL ABCCC EVENT ORGANISERS

If you organise an event for this club, it is your responsibility to supply a list of all attendees so that the Club Permit Scheme Attendance Record can be accurately kept up to date. Failure to do so could result in a fellow member being excluded from the Scheme. We wouldn't want that to happen, would we?

The easiest way to do this is by E-mail to [sue.alfrey@bigpond.com](mailto:sue.alfrey@bigpond.com).

*Tony Pettigrew – President.*

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## AN EXCEPTIONAL PRESENTATION

After the March 2013 RACV Great Australian Rally Advisory Committee meeting, there was a ceremony where the cheque for \$68,000.00 was presented to Professor Robert Thomas, CEO Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation. Also in attendance from Peter Mac, were Professor Lester Peters, Chairman Peter Mac, and Rhonda Oliver, Peter Mac's Event and Third Party Fundraising Manager.

It gave the Advisory Committee a great feeling of achievement when our President, Tony Pettigrew, handed over the all-important cheque.



*Above: Left to right – Tony Pettigrew (ABCCC President), Ross Herron (RACV President and Chairman), Professor Robert Thomas, (CEO) and Professor Lester Peters (Chairman), from the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation, Colin Brown (Organiser – RACV Great Australian Rally) immediately after the Rally proceeds cheque had been presented.*

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## A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the well-oiled machine that is the All British Classics Car Club. Our club is one of the fastest growing motoring interest clubs in this country. We hope to be able to welcome you and, in actual fact, your British classic motor car, at one of our events soon. Our club aims to have two motoring events each month, so there are plenty of fabulous events for you to select from. Welcome!

Name	Car	Model	Year
John and Barbara Moir	Jaguar	E Roadster	1970
	TVR	Burnt in Black Saturday Fires	1961

*Pat Douglas – Membership Secretary.*



## EVENT REPORTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

### CLUB RUN TO RUPERTSWOOD – Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2013

#### A Most Enjoyable Day Out – Northwest of Melbourne

We assembled at our meeting point at the viewing area just off the Sunbury Road - at the northern end of the north-south runway at Tullamarine Airport. While we paused for all starters to gather, we saw quite close-up, the undersides of various Boeings and Airbuses. The local flies, obviously able to cope well with burnt kerosene fumes, soon found us to be of interest. They also persuaded us to get moving on our day out in an efficient and quick manner!

Andrew and Pat Swann had provided us with comprehensive touring notes before we motored on to Rupertswood Mansion. Rupertswood was owned by Sir Rupert Clarke and much of the area driven during this run was originally part of his property. The property originally had its own R&R station where visitors invited to the property from Melbourne would be picked up and taken to the mansion.

We enjoyed an hour's pause at the mansion and partook of a pleasant scones, jam and whipped cream morning tea. We also looked at the gardens and the interior of the house. As a part of the tour, we were told the story of how The Ashes cricket story came about. Then it was time to leave and continue our tour. We set off towards Riddells Creek and drove on quiet minor roads through Hesketh and on to Woodend on the Calder Highway. Our lunch stop was at the Victoria Hotel where an upstairs room had been provided for us. The lunch menu was *a la carte* and in my case, the steak was excellent.

After a lengthy lunch, it was a simple journey down the Calder Freeway and on home. Our collective thanks are due to Andrew and Pat for putting together a most enjoyable day out for us.

*Mike Allfrey.*

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## FAST-APPROACHING ABCCC EVENTS

### RACV CLASSIC SHOWCASE – Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013

#### Formerly The British Motoring Show – Conducted By The AOMC

It is on again! Organised by the Association of Motoring Clubs, RACV Classic Showcase at Flemington Racecourse is the venue for showing your British Classic. This year there is a celebration for 100 years of Morris cars on our roads. It will be staged by the Morris Register and other specialist Morris clubs. Other activities will be celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the P6 model Rover 2000 and the Hillman Imp. In addition to all of that, there will be the MG Annual Concours which is always an interesting activity to observe.

*Right: Setting up our display in 2012.*

There will also be a big display of European-origin motor vehicles as part of the show. The Mercedes-Benz Club's Annual Concours will, very likely, be even more interesting to watch. This would be the most detailed Concours event in this country!

Tony Pettigrew has a number of tickets available for club members.

The gates at Flemington Racecourse will be open from 9:00 am till 11:00 am. Entry for display vehicles is just \$15.00 per vehicle. Enter from Epsom Road, just south of the roundabout for Racecourse Road, Flemington.



*Mike Allfrey.*

### COMO GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND – Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013

#### An ABCCC Assist Event

Over the years, our club has provided assistance with the running of this very popular event which is in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade - a most worthy cause. This year, the Como Open Garden weekend clashes with the RACV Classic Showcase at Flemington on Sunday. Hopefully, our club can provide assistance on that day with some of those members not taking part in the Showcase event. This will help George and Pat Hetrel with their fund raising garden day at Como Gardens. See details on Page 14.

*Mike Allfrey*

### REX'S BIG DAY OUT – Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Meet at Stud Park shopping centre, corner Stud and Fulham Roads, Rowville at 9.45 am for departure at 10am. We will be visiting the Royal Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne to view the Gardens and for morning tea at the Café.

Following a viewing of the Gardens and morning tea we'll continue on to our lunch venue at Gypsy Creek Winery/Restaurant Labertouche via a scenic drive through the Baw Baw shire country side.

Detailed travel notes will be provided at Stud Park

In order to lock in numbers for catering, Please let Deanna or Rex know on 97957669, Rex 0408 303 129 or email [rha41579@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rha41579@bigpond.net.au) by Monday 22nd April 2013





## LUNCHEON MENU

**NOTE: A Special Lunch Menu Has Been Prepared For Us – Cost \$30.00 per Person**

### Starters

Homemade dips per table to share served with hot crusty Turkish bread

### Mains – Alternate Drop

Smokey marinated chicken breast fillet served on mash with a chorizo and red capsicum crumble and vegetables.

Scotch fillet steak (cooked medium) topped with garlic butter and served with saffron roast potato and vegetables.

### For Vegetarians / Coeliac

Caramelized leek & mushroom risotto with tarragon and goat's cheese.

### Dessert – Alternate Drop

Traditional apple pie served with fresh whipped cream

Individual pavlova served with fresh whipped cream and berries

Local "Jindi" cheese platters per table to share

Tea / coffee bay set up for self-serve.

*Rex and Deanna Hall.*

## A SPECIAL RUN FOR MOTOR HERITAGE DAY – Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

### Bring An Empty Bottle Or Two!

Meet at BP Service Station/McDonalds car park on the LHS of Calder Highway just past Calder Thunderdome circuit, at Mel 354; G3. Please be there at 9.30 am for a 10.00 am sharp departure. If you wish, have your morning coffee fix at "Maccas" before we travel on the mineral springs at Kyneton. Alternatively you may choose to have a late cuppa at the mineral springs park under the oak trees if the weather is favourable. BYO morning tea if you wish to take this option. Please remember to bring your bottles to fill up with delicious mineral water at the hand pump in the rotunda to take home. We then travel back to Kyneton to visit the Kyneton Museum on Piper Street to view a fascinating collection from Victoria's colonial past which includes farm machinery, carriages, household items and an 1830's squatter's cabin.

Lunch will be at the Piper Street Hotel. There is plenty of parking behind the hotel and we have reserved a room especially for Club Members. Choose off the menu or specials board, there is a wide selection and you can pay individually for food and drinks.

Please advise us by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May for numbers for the Pub. Contact Geoff and Judy on (03) 9755 1772 to make your reservation for this Heritage run.

Look forward to seeing as many Club Members as possible and their special cars on this Motor Heritage Day.

*Geoff and Judy Birkett.*

## THE 34<sup>th</sup> HAMILTON RALLY 2013 – Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> to Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013

### The Western District's Finest Rally

The ABCCC has elected to participate in the Hamilton Rally this year, so that we can enjoy a weekend away on a historic motoring event in a superb country atmosphere. The Hamilton Rally features traditional Western District hospitality, fabulous roads, scenic tours and local attractions. To make a firm booking for this very popular rally, contact Tony Pettigrew on (03) 9739 1146. You are advised to get your booking in early because accommodation can be very tight in Hamilton over the holiday weekend.

**ORGANISED BY THE HAMILTON VETERAN, VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.**

**'Wind, Stone and Waves'**

**Annual Queen's Birthday Weekend Rally: June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Featuring traditional Hamilton hospitality, scenic tours and local attractions.**

The weekend includes a drive through the largest wind-farm in the Southern hemisphere. The Sunday run will be a scenic drive to picturesque Port Fairy with a visit to Bamstone – a local industry utilising Australian Bluestone – and a pleasant afternoon that will take in the delights of this pretty sea-side village. A highlight of the weekend are the dry-stone walls made by the first settlers of the area. Monday's run is through the countryside to the township of Penshurst nestled under Mount Rouse.

*Tony Pettigrew.*





## **AN INTERESTING AND INTRIGUING MID WEEK LUNCH – Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

### **Do you believe in ghosts and things that go bump in the night?**

We would like to invite you to lunch with us at a country pub with a difference – or three. We are going to visit the famous, or infamous, Clarkeville Pub, now known as The Coach and Horses Inn, Station Street, Clarkefield.

The Inn was first built in 1857 and has a very interesting past. We will be given a talk about the history of the Inn over lunch whilst enjoying the open fires and cosy decor and may take a look around the stables and outer buildings as well. The hotel is classed as one of Australia's most Haunted Hotels and is believed to be occupied by three ghosts!!!!!! The lunch menu has a wide selection of small or large meals at reasonable prices. Gluten-free and Vegetarian meals are also available.

Meet at BP Service Centre, Corner Holden Road and Calder Freeway, Calder Park (Mel 354; H3) at 10.30 am, to catch up before continuing our tour prior to lunch at 12 o'clock.

We will need to confirm booking and numbers attending by 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Please contact us on 9439 7875 or 0407-392 330 to book.

*Brian and Mar Pepper*

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

### **Visit To Beleura House – Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Contact has been made with the staff at Beleura House and an exclusive booking for Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> October has been made. The cost per person will be \$33.00 (concession rate) which includes a short bus ride, morning tea and a light lunch. The event starts at 9:30 am and goes to 2:30 pm.

The maximum number of people that can be handled is forty-eight. Beleura House must be informed one month prior to the visit about definite numbers taking part.

*Robyn and Robert Joiner*

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## **PANEL FABRICATION WORKSHOPS**

### **For Those Who Are Interested In Vehicle Restoration**

The ABCCC has received the following, edited notification about training workshops from the Historic & Vintage Restoration (HVR) services group. The HVR team is preparing to conduct a series of tailored weekend workshops, aimed to introduce enthusiasts and hobbyists to the lost trade of panel fabrication. With a mixture of hands on skills and theory based learning, students will be guided under the instruction of one of Australia's leading panel fabrication masters, Vince Panozzo.

Students will learn on HVR's premises, so the class sizes will be limited to ensure individualised tutoring opportunities over the course of the workshop. Their goal is to give participants the confidence and hands on skills needed in order to embark on your own projects.

Included in the workshop fee will be:

*Morning and Afternoon Tea, BBQ Lunch, Safety equipment - ear plugs & glasses.*

#### **Proposed Dates:**

April – 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>, May – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, and/or 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>, June – 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> **and/or** 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>

If you are interested, please e-mail Dominique via [info@historicvintagerestorations.com](mailto:info@historicvintagerestorations.com) to register your interest.

Details about course fees will be finalised within the next few weeks and e-mailed to those who have expressed an interest.

For more information, visit Historic And Vintage Restorations at [www.historicvintagerestorations.com](http://www.historicvintagerestorations.com)

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## PREPARING FOR THE RACV FLY THE FLAG TOUR – 2013

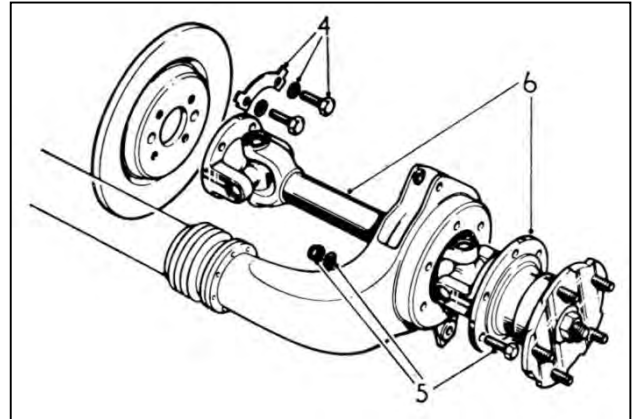
### A Breakdown-free Tour – Hopefully

After the acute embarrassment of having *Pea Soup* flat-topped home from Mount Gambier because of a seized front wheel bearing during last year's Tour, this time around steps were taken well in advance for ensuring a reliable Tour. *Pea Soup* was booked in for a service. This escalated to a major repair as well as the service.

Increasingly, the left hand side rear wheel bearing noise had become intrusive and something had to be done. A set of wheel bearings and special collapsible spacers were ordered. The kits soon arrived and the job was scheduled to be carried out during the main service. Graham Ratcliff motors in Ringwood discovered an interesting situation. A small amount of grease was found in both hubs, however, on both sides of the car, lubricating grease was found to be virtually non-existent at the outer bearings. In fact, the outer bearing on the car's left hand side, was found to have just the merest trace of grease and had, as a result, severely pitted rollers and outer race – hence the noise inside the car. The inner bearings on both sides, were found to be in reasonable condition for their reputed age of thirty-seven years.

This condition was interesting. Had the hub bearings lasted thirty-seven years with just the small amount of grease being present? Or, had the hub bearings been serviced at some stage and the applied grease migrated to the inner bearing at each side of the motor car? A quick word with Tom Cannon revealed that, during the car's re-build, the rear wheel bearings had not been a part of the job.

*Right: Layout of the rear hub (RHS) for Rover 3500.*



For the time being, these questions are a bit academic. Longer life for the rear hubs has been assured by the provision of a grease fitting in each hub. From now on, a regime has been introduced whereby each hub receives two good strokes from the grease gun, every twelve months, just to ensure peace of mind. Since last year's fiasco in Mount Gambier, all four hubs now feature grease fittings! This latest episode reveals how important it is for us to apply grease, regularly, at the hub bearings on our classic motor cars.

The rear end of the car is now remarkably quiet, however, the staff did detect some noise coming from the bearing at the front of the rear axle pinion extension housing. Research, since that report, has found that none of the dozens of Rover servicing contacted on the subject, have ever heard of this bearing being replaced. The oil seal, yes, that has been a reasonably common culprit for oil leaks, but the bearing – no. The research into this is ongoing.

This saga should serve as a reminder for all of us to check our cars' wheel bearings, periodically – all four of them.

*Pea Soup* was as ready for this year's RACV Fly the Flag Tour as it could be – new front wheel bearings, new radiator hoses, new drive belts, fresh lubricants right through, carburettors adjusted and those new rear hub bearings installed, we were ready for a reliable Tour.

That was until, on a pleasant sunny afternoon when I decided to do some driveway pruning in the garden and then quickly mulch the cut branches to tidy up. All of this went well, until the electric mulcher required moving. While re-setting it into place, a 'right old twinge' was felt in the lower back and hip area. That was it! The discomfort was such that our entry in the Tour had to be cancelled. It has also meant that this magazine will be a little bit late.

Sincere apologies!

*Mike Allfrey*

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# RURAL AUSTRALIAN COMPUTER TERMINOLOGY

## A Little Bit Of Aussie Culcha . . . .


LOG ON:	Adding wood to make the Barbie hotter.
LOG OFF:	Not adding any more wood to the Barbie.
MONITOR:	Keeping an eye on the Barbie.
DOWNLOAD:	Getting the firewood off the Ute.
HARD DRIVE:	Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.
KEYBOARD:	Where you hang the Ute keys.
WINDOW:	What you shut when the weather's cold.
SCREEN:	What you shut in the mozzie season.
BYTE:	What mozzies do.
MEGABYTE:	What Townsville mozzies do.
CHIP:	A bar snack.
MICROCHIP:	What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.
MODEM:	What you did to the lawns.
LAPTOP:	Where the cat sleeps.
SOFTWARE:	Plastic knives and forks you get at Red Rooster.
HARDWARE:	Stainless steel knives and forks – from K-Mart.
MOUSE:	The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.
MAINFRAME:	What holds the shed up.
WEB:	What spiders make.
WEBSITE:	Usually in the shed or under the veranda.
SEARCH ENGINE:	What you do when the Ute won't go.
CURSOR:	What you say when the Ute won't go.
YAHOO:	What you say when the Ute does go.
UPGRADE:	A steep hill.
SERVER:	The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
MAIL SERVER:	The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
USER:	The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.
NETWORK:	What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.
INTERNET:	Where you want the fish to go.
NETSCAPE:	What the fish do when they discover the hole in the net.
ONLINE:	Where you hang the washing.
OFFLINE:	Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.

*From – Colin Brown.*

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## Your ABCCC Now on Facebook

Slowly keeping up with the ever-changing electronic world, your club now has a home on FaceBook. See about upcoming events, comment while on the road (when it is safe -and legal - to do so), and post your Club event pictures for all to see.

Give us a  and share with your friends.

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## RACV FLY THE FLAG TOUR – THE NORTHERN TOUR



*Peter Lester in his stunning Singer Le Mans pauses for a break in the main street in Lockhart. With him are, left to right. Rey Oaks, Deirdre Pownall and Lorraine Lester.*



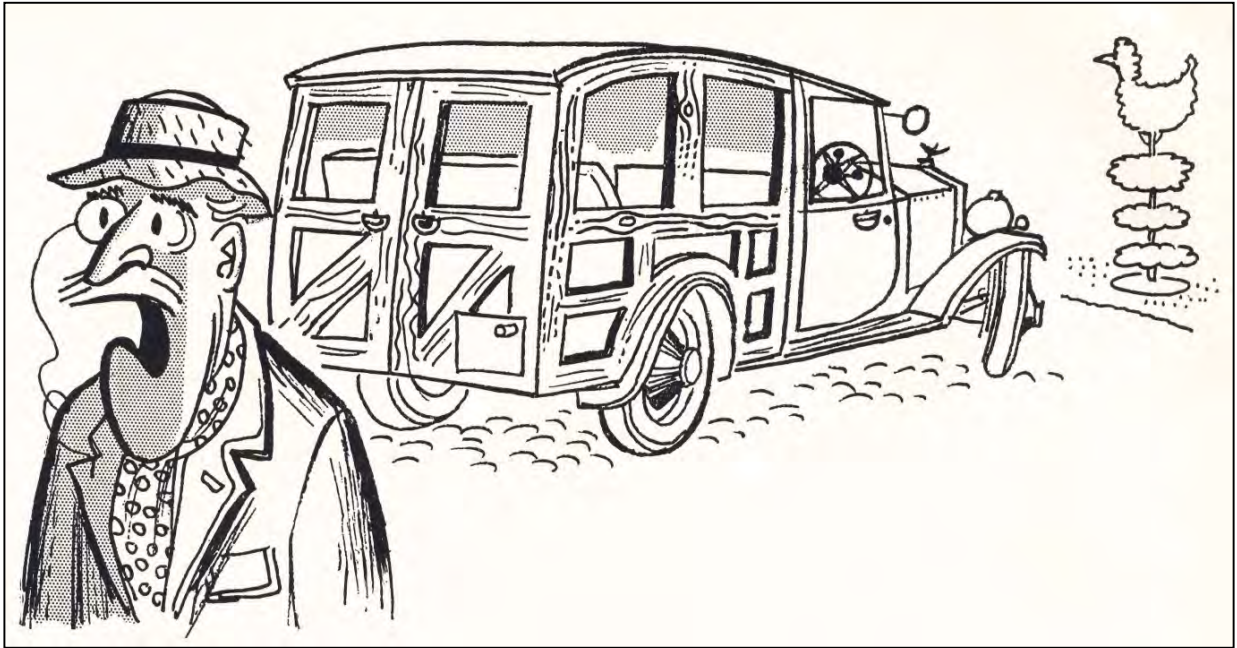
*Mater Dei Primary School children including this young lady, took the morning off school to admire our cars and wave us on our way. One lad remarked it was the largest used car lot he had seen! Chris and Lesley Avery's MGA works its charm.*

*Editor's Note: These photographs are wonderful examples of what the RACV Fly The Flag Tour is all about – will the young lady become a classic sports car enthusiast?*

**Be sure to read the supplement to this edition of *Your ABCCC News*, which is a comprehensive report of the Northern Tour, written by Sue Thompson. Our collective thanks are due to Sue for preparing the report for us to enjoy. Find the supplement on the web site at [www.abccc.com.au/FTF/Flytheflag2013aa.pdf](http://www.abccc.com.au/FTF/Flytheflag2013aa.pdf)**



## LITTLE GEMS FROM RUSSELL BROCKBANK



*"My God, Emily — we've got the Death Watch Beetle in the station wagon now."*



*"Flyovers, Motorways, and such! What's the matter with the roads we've got?"*

*With due thanks to Russell Brockbank's 'Over The Line'.*





## ***With Assistance From The All British Classics Car Club Inc.***

Please note that the Como Gardens Open Weekend is on again. Make sure that you mark your calendar for 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013 for this special event. You can join us as volunteer helpers on either day, or, simply come along as an interested visitor. Como Gardens are at 79 The Basin-Olinda Rd, The Basin, Mel 65, K8.

All money raised by the Open Gardens Weekend is donated to worthy causes in the local area. The ABCCC has, at past open days, helped to raise significant funds for the Knox SES and the St. Johns Ambulance Service, to name just two. There is also generous sponsorship and assistance provided by Bunnings Warehouse, RACV, Seasol, the Royal Horticultural Society and Radio Eastern FM 98.1



*Just a part of the beautiful Como Gardens, before the gates opened.*

In addition to the gardens, there will be the following attractions:

1. Working tour of the vintage car museum.
2. There will also be a number of visiting historic motor cars of distinguished significance.
3. Flyball dog relay racing put on by the Eastern Flyers.
4. The famous *Rainy Day* bookstall.
5. Horticultural ferns and deciduous plants for sale.
6. Conducted tours of the historic gardens.
7. On the large pond, there will be a display of model boats.
8. A *Teddy Bears' Picnic* feature on rainforest walk.
9. Children's activities under the Fairy Gum Tree.
10. Gordon Ross the ventriloquist and puppeteer on stage.
11. There will be an interesting display put on by the Knox Historical Society.
12. Devonshire Teas, Sausage Sizzle and other refreshments.

In addition to all of this, there will be a number of British classic cars on display. There will also be special train rides on George Hetrel's narrow gauge railway (a massive civil engineering assignment has made the landslip area safe again), demonstrations and information sessions about the numerous attractions.

Entry to the gardens is \$7.50 per adult, children under 14 free entry. Dogs on a lead are permitted.

If you wish to help, please contact George Hetrel on (03) 9761 1341. Go to: [www.comogardens.com.au](http://www.comogardens.com.au)

We ask you to join in and help, for one day will be enough, but please let George know that you will be there to help and which task you can assist with. Morning and afternoon tea along with a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided to those who help with this very special cause.