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A Friendly Family Social Motoring Club

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### *THE RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY*



*The Rob Nolan and Mary Cheng's Hillman Hunter – a rare British Classic on display at Mornington, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014.*

**Your ABCCC News**

#### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Inc., from October 2014 will be \$45.00. There is a once-only joining fee of \$30.00. Please send membership subscriptions to Pat Douglas, PO Box 201, Chimside Park, VICTORIA, 3116.

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

*Life Members: Pat J Douglas, Ross Wolstenholme.*

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

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

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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 - or, using e-mail – [michael.allfrey@bigpond.com](mailto:michael.allfrey@bigpond.com). Other Editorial contact information is listed above.

# THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

## NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS

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.

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 un-financial 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

**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 Event' 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.**

### March 2014

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| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                    | A Club Run – <a href="#">An ABCCC Event</a><br>Start Venue – Harvey Norman Store car park, 400 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (Mel 48; G9) | Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906    |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>to Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | RACV Fly The Flag Tour – The North Eastern Tour – Organised By The ABCCC<br>Start Point – 550 Princes Highway, Noble Park.              | Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146 |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                                   | Blokes' Day Out 2014<br>Venue - Sandown Racecourse, Melbourne   | Steve Bridges 0407 498 400    |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>                                   | RACV Classic Showcase – ABCCC Members to make a big effort.<br>Conducted by The Association Of Motoring Clubs Inc.                      | AOMC Office (03) 9555 0133    |

### April 2014

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| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>                               | Kalorama Rally – for the Kalorama CFA<br>Venue – Kalorama Recreation Reserve, Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, Kalorama (Mel 120; B9). |                              |
| Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> | Como Gardens Open Weekend – <a href="#">An ABCCC Assist Event</a> .<br>Venue – 79 The Basin To Olinda Road, The Basin               | George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341 |



Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Tour of ACE and The Fox Auto Collection – [An ABCCC Event](#) Mary and Rob Nolan 0488 547 499  
Start Venue – To Be Advised.

#### May 2014

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> The Big Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Rex Hall (03) 9795 7669  
Start Venue – Todd Road Service Area, Port Melbourne (Mel 56; G1).

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> AOMC Heritage Motoring Day – An AOMC Fostered Event AOMC Office (03) 9555 0133  
Gates open at 10:00 am Contact (03) 9890 0524  
Venue – Yarra Glen Racecourse. Use Your Classic Car and Be Seen.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Historic Winton – Austin 7 Club Enquiries (03) 5428 2689  
Venue – Winton Motor Raceway, Near Benalla.

#### June 2014

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Rally – Hamilton & District Car Club Inc. Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146  
Venue – Hamilton, Victoria.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> An Interesting Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Peter Lester (03) 9795 0033  
Start Venue – To Be Advised

#### July 2014

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Run To Point Cook – [An ABCCC Event](#) Colin Oberin (03) 9817 3182  
Start Venue – To Be Advised

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Weekend Away – [An ABCCC Event](#) Bryan Tootell (03) 9891 6905  
Details – To Be Advised

#### August 2014

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> The ABCCC's Annual Luncheon – [An ABCCC Event](#) TBA  
Venue – To Be Advised

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> A Mid-week Run With A Difference – [An ABCCC Event](#) Marj Pepper (03) 9439 7875  
Start Venue – To Be Advised

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> A Run Put On For Us – [An ABCCC Event](#) Greg Anglin (03) 9876 3293  
Start Venue – To Be Advised

#### September 2014

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Run To Maldon – [An ABCCC Event](#) Torre Panuzzo (03) 9764 2276  
Start Venue – To Be Advised

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> A Phantastic Day Out To Mount Macedon – [An ABCCC Event](#) Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449  
Start Venue – To Be Advised

#### October 2014

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Australian National Show and Shine [www.australiannationalshowandshine.com.au](http://www.australiannationalshowandshine.com.au)  
Venue – 7 Creeks Park, Clifton St, Euroa – Rotary Club of Euroa

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> A Most Enjoyable Outing – [An ABCCC Event](#) Lyn Higginson (03) 9310 5286 (BH)  
Start Venue – To Be Advised

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> *Proud Mary* River Murray Cruise – [An ABCCC Holiday Event](#) Marj Pepper (03) 9439 7875  
Meet-up Point – To Be Advised

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Como Gardens Open Weekend – [An ABCCC Assist Event](#).  
Venue – 79 The Basin To Olinda Road, The Basin. George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341

#### November 2014

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Gordon Lindner (03) 9707 1294  
Start Venue – To Be Advised

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> The Famous Indulgence Tour – [An ABCCC Event](#) Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003  
Start Venue – To Be Advised

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> **An Escape to Allambie** by Ian Hodge and Robert Nolan – [An ABCCC Event](#) 0488 547 499  
Start Venue – To Be Advised  
Lunch Venue – Near Yarragon in Gippsland

#### December 2014

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch – [An ABCCC Event](#) Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146  
Venue – To Be Advised

### EVENT ORGANISERS!

PLEASE ENSURE THAT EVENT INFORMATION IS WITH THE EDITOR THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT BEING PROMOTED. FREQUENTLY, SCHEDULES CAN BE A BIT TIGHT. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO BE AWARE 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 169

Those of you who attended the club's AGM will have seen most of what follows. During the Editorial Year ended February, 2014, we produced twelve (12) issues of *Your ABCCC News* for club members.

The provision to our membership of a regular newsletter is largely due to the assistance provided by Betty Taylor. Betty does all of the hard work – checking the documents that I have put together including grammar, ensuring that the page layout is appropriate, printing the newsletters for those who do not receive an E-mailed copy, addressing envelopes, filling and posting them in a timely basis.

In addition, special thanks are due to those who have contributed items for placement in our magazine. Thanks to Tony Pettigrew and Pat Douglas for their guidance and for their patience in handling my misunderstandings. There is also a special thank you to the membership for the support given to me over this past year. Thank you for that.

It is possible that I have missed, items that would have updated the formal portion of *Your ABCCC News*. I have some suspicions about the current panel of Committee Members being out of date with respect to who was on our Committee during the year. Also missed were some event notifications. This forgetfulness highlighted the need for organisers to get their event information to the Editor as early as possible.

Below are listed some statistics related to *Your ABCCC News*:

Number of newsletters produced in the club year	12
Number of issues E-mailed to our membership	155* (each month)
Number of issues printed and posted	54 (each month)
Average number of words per issue	8,375.0776
Total number of words for the report year	125,660
Total number of newsletter editions since taking on task	103
Number of words typed since taking on the task	862,633

\* **Note:** A few are sent to other clubs' Secretaries.

Quite useless information, I know, but it was fun sourcing and compiling the information! All of this year's achievement was in spite of two computer breakdowns which required lengthy repairs, and regardless of those hold-ups, there was a *Your ABCCC News* each month.

As your Editor, within such obligations I feel I am close to being burned out, and becoming more reliant on contributions from our membership. I am happy to stay on in this position until the 2015 Annual General Meeting, when I hope to stand down. I am however prepared to provide any assistance required by the new appointee, for the following twelve month period.

Mike Allfrey – Editor. E-mail: [michael.allfrey@bigpond.com](mailto:michael.allfrey@bigpond.com)

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## FROM THE AOMC

### Victorian Club Permit Scheme Advice

Although not a VicRoads requirement, it is most desirable (given the errors in VicRoads' records) that Clubs should *regularly* check their records for:

- Non-Financial Members, Members who have departed the Club, Members who have sold their vehicle, etc. to advise VicRoads of changes.
- If possible, it would be most useful for Clubs to remind their members of the impending expiry of their permits - say at least 3 weeks beforehand.

### Anniversaries In 2014

Here is a selection of anniversaries for some iconic car brands in 2014:

110 years of Hispano Suiza, Rolls Royce, Rover, Crossley

100 years of Dodge, Willys-Knight, Aston Martin, Maserati

90 years of Bentley Le Mans victories, Bugatti Type 35, Frazer Nash

80 years of Simca, Citroen Traction Avant, Chrysler Airflow, Lagonda Rapier, Austin 7 Ruby

60 years of Borgward Isabella, Ford Thunderbird, Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint

50 years of Ford Mustang, Sunbeam Tiger, Rover Car Club of Australia Inc.

### Response to Federation Letter to Clubs

The Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Clubs (Vic Fed) recently circulated a letter to the president and clubs of the AOMC. One of the points they make is an assertion that the AOMC executive requested that VicRoads meet separately with AOMC and Vic Fed on the topic of modified vehicles on the Club Permit Scheme. The AOMC executive committee refute this claim. If individual meetings are being organised by Vic Roads for further discussions relating to a review of the scheme, then this is a decision of Vic Roads.

The Association has at all times attempted to achieve a consolidated position representing the views of the majority of the movement. In fact a request for an off line meeting prior to the last meeting held with Vic Roads was rejected out of hand by the Federation president. I doubt that this intransigent position is reflected by the wider movement.

*From The AOMC Newsletter – With Thanks.*

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4 February 2014

Mr Colin Brown  
All British Classics Car Club  
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COLDSTREAM VIC 3770

Dear Colin.

I am writing to sincerely thank the members of the All British Classics Car Club for their longstanding leadership of passion and generosity for the RACV Great Australian Rally.

I was thrilled to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> RACV Great Australian Rally again this year. To see so many thousands of devoted people enjoying a fantastic day out was a delight, and is a reflection of the organising committee's hard work and dedication. It was clear that a great day was had by all.

Colin, while thousands of people take action to support Peter Mac each year, the RACV Great Australian Rally is one of the most successful and important support events on the Peter Mac calendar. This achievement, of course, is a direct result of the enthusiasm and dedication of the All British Classics Car Club along with your fellow organising committee members. I thank you for your continued commitment. Thank you for rallying your community to help raise funds for Peter Mac's life-saving cancer research.

The funds raised at the RACV Great Australian Rally are incredibly important to the work of Peter Mac. We are home to Australia's largest cancer research group, and with your help, we will be able to provide these world-leading cancer researchers the specialized tools and state-of-the-art equipment needed to discover cancer cures. While our researchers are internationally recognised for their lifesaving work, little funding is available for this vital equipment. The support of organisations like the All British Classics Car Club really is critical and gives new hope to people facing cancer. Thank you.

Colin, I also wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that after a period of transition (a result of maternity leave changes), we have now appointed a dedicated and experienced person to support groups like yours on a permanent basis. I will be delighted to introduce you to Ally Pekin in the future. Should you require assistance, Ally can be contacted on [Alexandra.pekin@petermac.org](mailto:Alexandra.pekin@petermac.org) or via her direct line on 9656 2764. Ally is very much looking forward to meeting you.

Congratulations once again on a tremendous event Colin. Please convey my grateful thanks to every All British Classics Car Club member involved in the event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennifer Doubell  
Executive Director  
Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation

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## EVENT REPORTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

### PAST EVENTS – WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

#### BMS MEGA RUN – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014

The happy BMS Team enjoyed putting on an enjoyable and well thought out run for everyone. The thing that cannot be controlled, however, is the weather, as any event organiser will tell you. Despite the heat of the day, in excess of 30 Members assembled at Koo Wee Rup for an unknown destination, but most were in their 'moderns'. Leaving the South Gippsland Highway at Lang Lang, the tour took us via pretty scenery to Loch and on to Kernot. The idea of tying red and white warning ribbons at the more difficult turns proved a good idea provided:

- a) That the metal poles were not too hot, (the ribbons hung sulkily down, glued to uprights); and



b) That the person tying the ribbons is not vertically challenged and has to shinny up the poles like a koala, whilst his better half splits her sides with laughter!

That said, the half-way point to our coffee stop at Kernot was pleasantly received by everyone where the rest of the tour notes to our luncheon destination were handed out. Geoff and I left ahead to tie more ribbons. At this point I was sorry I did not bring a camera to record Geoff's antics up even more difficult road signage. The views along the ridge to the ocean with the rolling hills were breathtaking. Hopefully even the drivers of the cars managed to sneak a glimpse. At the Mills Road turnoff, a large round bale of hay had fallen off a truck and was in the centre of the road. We waved at the traffic to slow them down, and an obliging local nudged the bale to the side of the road. Not being able to reach our luncheon destination would have been a major disaster! Mills Road took us again briefly up into the hills for more views and past the Wonthaggi Racecourse to the Bass Highway.

We are not sure what happened to Colin and Val at this point, but the instructions were clear (we thought), somehow they ended up on Phillip Island instead of carrying on through Bass. Luckily the ocean stopped them from going too far. Eventually, they did find their way to the finish.

Our lunch stop at *La Provincia Ristorante* on the Coronet Bay/Corinella Road was memorable with fine and friendly hosts, good service and good food. Even an attached fruit and vegetable shop full of local produce to purchase was great. The restaurant was cool and welcoming, and as organisers, we could not have wished for better.

Pat Douglas and the Anglins won a prize for being the first two drawn with correct answers to the questions on the run sheet. Thank you all so much for coming, see you next year on another Mega Run,

*THE BMS CREW, Geoff and Judy Birkett, Ken and Karen McDonald, Frank Sawyer and Val MacRae.*

### THE BMS (BIRKETT, McDonald & SAWYER) MEGA RUN – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2014 (Version Two)



For those of you who did not take part in the inaugural BMS Mega Run, you missed out on a very special day's motoring. The weather forecast for about ten days prior to the event, suggested a maximum of 41 °C – or more, and that may have deterred some from taking part. A few of us who did take part, sort of chickened-out and drove moderns. Well, in our case a Rover 75 is British and is fast becoming a much loved classic, so its use was somewhat justified. A high performance air conditioner was also a major reason why we went modern on this run.

*Left: Ladies to the left! BMS Mega Run organisers at head table enjoying a superb lunch.*

Before the big day, Google Maps were consulted to find just where the 'supermarket' was located in Station Street, Koo Wee Rup. It was easy to remember the IGA supermarket from a number of years ago, but a large enough car park to meet in was not remembered. The Internet implied that there was a Woolworths supermarket, but Google Maps' Street View showed the IGA building. The map legend informed that the journey from Boronia would take fifty-two minutes and the in-car TomTom GPS system told us similar timing. By the time we reached the Princes Freeway, the Rover's speed control was gingerly set to the heady speed of 104 kph. Hopefully, we could make up some time in getting to our rendezvous at Koo Wee Rup. Along that stretch of freeway there are numerous maximum speed limit (100 kph) signs to keep us reminded not to speed. Well, at our chosen speed, we were the greatest nuisance on the road. Both the car's speedometer and the TomTom device confirmed our speed and, because I have recently been 'booked' for exceeding the posted speed limit by 2 kph (*rounded down from three over*) twice, I was not at all keen to tempt 'road safety' camera fate. The speed of the other freeway users did make me wonder just how they kept their licences!

*Right: Some of our cars getting very hot at the lunch stop.*

We did arrive at such a time that we thought we were quite late. The Mega Run participants who had arrived before us were in the adjacent coffee shop enjoying a morning caffeine fix. Good planning folks! Soon we were handed Run Instruction sheets to the *de rigueur* mid-morning coffee stop. We were advised that, at some intersections where a turn would be taken, there would be a bunch of red and white ribbons to assist us on our way – but certainly not at all route-change points. Someone must have been up early in the morning!

Just after 9:30 am we set off towards Lang Lang and onwards through Nyora. We then motored on towards Loch Village where we were asked to find out which Saint gives his name to the Uniting Church in Loch? It was a little bit strange, because we could only find a Catholic Church! Skip that one. Soon after, a ribboned turn was missed and a classic three-point turn was made in a deserted stretch of road. When we found the turn, we had to wait until most of the Mega Runners negotiated turn it. Polite we were.



From there, it was an easy run behind a sprint racing Ford Falcon XD on a trailer to the Kernot General Store for our much needed coffee break. Even though it had become very hot, the store with its high ceilings, was a pleasant place to rest and have a chat. Outside, the flies were in twin-engine supercharged mode. After being given our second-half set of directions, we set off along Stewart Road. Our next turn was into a strangely named Shutoff Road. We noted that, from Kernot to Woolamai the roadway was covered in wasted rubber – wheel spin marks that impressively went on for long distances at a time. What a waste of tyres!

We were driving through some of Gippsland's most scenic country and, as we crested a long climb, the view to our right was magnificent - with a sweeping view of the Bass Coast and the farming land in between. Wind turbines – which wind turbines? Then, we anticipated the turn left into C436 a bit too soon. We found it strange that the road we had turned on to, had no number. It would have taken us to Coronet Bay, so another about turn was executed and we returned to the Bass Highway, and found our turn a short distance further along. Then another miss-hearing of my navigator, took us all the way into Corinella, where, at the Post Office, we asked for directions to our lunch venue, *La Provincia Ristorante*. We were not quite the last to arrive, but there were seats still available on the head table. The slow-cooked lamb dish from the specials board was superb and some of the entrées were very tempting, too. By the time we had finished our lunch and said goodbyes, our Rover had become very hot indeed. This really tested the air conditioner's performance and, more importantly, the engine's new electric cooling fan motor.

Our run home was easy, getting out of the impatient rat race of the main highway and onto calmer roads from Koo Wee Rup to Berwick via Clyde. Just after leaving Koo Wee Rup, on a particularly rough stretch of road, the rear interior light assembly fell out of the headlining. It turned out that the two retaining lugs had broken off the light's plastic body. Strangely, the broken pieces have not yet been found! We were amazed at the amount of housing development between Berwick and Cranbourne – sadly, all of it is on what was good farming land – what was.

Our collective thanks are due to Val McRae, Karen McDonald, Judy Birkett, Frank Sawyer, Geoff Birkett and Ken McDonald for putting all that preparation in for our benefit. The rolling hills of South Gippsland make perfect scenic motoring a pleasure - because the roads can be quiet and the view changes continually. This was a wonderful team undertaking for all of us to enjoy. How about some other groups getting together to organise other events for us? The team have suggested that they are happy to prepare another BMS Mega Run next year. That would be great! There could also be a simple 'Back To The Kernot Store' for an enjoyable morning coffee, once a year – how about it?

*Mike and Sue Allfrey*

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## **FAST-APPROACHING ABCCC EVENTS**

### **CLUB RUN – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014**

We will meet at the Harvey Norman Store car park at 400 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (Mel 48; G9) at 9.30 am for 10.00 am start. After a short drive, we will stop at a renowned Gallery for viewing an exhibition of brightly coloured fabrics, etc. and morning tea. Our drive will then continue across the Dandenongs to a fine 'country pub' in the Yarra Valley.

As numbers of participants are required for catering purposes, please advise us of your intentions by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

*Anne and Bryan Tootell (0412 549 906) [annbry@optusnet.com](mailto:annbry@optusnet.com)*

### **BLOKES' DAY OUT 2014 (Not an ABCCC Event, but could be interesting) – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014**

#### **A Pro-Active Men's Health Event. Venue – Sandown Racecourse, Melbourne**

An alcohol-free event proudly presented by the Victorian Divisional Council of the Australian Street Rod Federation (ASRF) and supported by the AOMC. The ASRF in Victoria has decided to do something pro-active to support men's health.

The historical handbrake on men's health has been to get the blighters to go for a check-up, so we decided to take the check-up facilities to where the men are certain to congregate . . . a Blokes' Day Out!

First we'll try to cover the basics such as checks for:

Diabetes, Stroke Risk, Glaucoma, Heart and Vascular Issues, Obesity and Skin Cancer

We'll also try to provide awareness campaigns for:

Prostate Cancer, Depression, Alcoholism, Drug Dependency and Sexual Health.

From our investigations, a men's health event on this scale has never been tried before. It's a fairly ambitious task, but with the support of the Victorian health agencies, it's by no means impossible. This is not a car show. It's much, much more. We're actively trying to muster anything and everything that would be of certain appeal to the male population. We are aiming high: Get blokes in the gate, give them a good day out, and potentially save lives.

Corporate booths and commercial displays will be encouraged.

We are confident that March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at Sandown Racecourse will be the first of what will become an annual event. Any money raised will be donated in its entirety to Men's Health Services providers. Is this something your organisation believes is worthwhile?

If you'd like to know more, contact: Steve Bridges, Event Chairman on 0407 498 400 or John Jennings, Event Vice-Chairman on 0408 546 420.

*Steve Bridges – ASRF.*



## KALORAMA RALLY – Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Venue: Kalorama Recreation Reserve, Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, Kalorama (Mel 120; B9).

Start Time: Gates open at 10:00 am

Type of Event: Static Display of Older Vehicles (No commercial vehicles are permitted on the oval).

Entry Fee: \$8.00 per person. Children are free.

Lunch and Refreshments: Will be available to purchase and will be provided by the Kalorama CFA.

Awards: Best Club Display, People's Choice, Vehicle that most closely represents the spirit of the Rally. There will also be prizes for period costumes worn to the Rally.

Run to The Kalorama Rally: There will be a short run to the Rally venue, starting at the Manhattan Hotel car park at the corner of Canterbury Road and Heatherdale Road (Mel 63; D1). The organised run will commence at 9:30 am and timed to arrive at Kalorama at about 11:00 am. **Note: All funds raised by this event will be donated to the Kalorama CFA.**

## AN ABCCC MID-WEEK RUN – Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Please note that more details are to follow, but you can be assured that it will take in:

**Tour of ACE** (Automotive Centre of Excellence) and the **Fox Auto Museum** in Docklands. Parking and lunch will be provided. Cost TBA. A guided tour not to be missed.

*Rob and Mary Nolan.*



# BIG DAY OUT

## Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014

We will meet at the Todd Road Service Centre, Port Melbourne (Mel 56; G1), at 9:15 am for a 9:30 am start.

We arrive at Werribee Park Mansion at 10:00 am and have 1 hour 45 minutes to do one or all of the following options:

1. View the gardens, no charge,
2. Tour the Mansion – \$5.85 pp for Group/Seniors/Card holders
3. Enjoy coffee/tea, scone jam and cream in the Mansion cafe \$8.00 per person.

Depart Mansion at 11:45 am and travel approx. 1 hour to the Wallace Hotel where we will enjoy lunch. A roast 50/50 lamb/beef (gluten free/veg choice available) and mini sweet tasting bite at \$20.00 per person with drinks at bar prices. Live acoustic music as entertainment from 1:00 pm onwards.



Special car parking arrangements will showcase the variety of classic cars to the general hotel patrons.

For catering/staff purposes, numbers attending are needed by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please let Deanna or Rex know of your attendance, Werribee Park options: 1, 2, &/or 3 and dietary needs on 9795 7669 or Deanna 0408 520 729, Rex 0408 303 129. Email [rha41579@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rha41579@bigpond.net.au). Thank you!

*Rex and Deanna Hall.*

## TRIP TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA – 16<sup>th</sup> To 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 – Fully Booked

Should you need any ongoing information about the trip, please contact, Marj and Brian Pepper on:

03 9439 7875 or, mobile 0407392330, or [bmpepper1@bigpond.com](mailto:bmpepper1@bigpond.com)

*Marj Pepper.*

## CLUB VISITS TO PENRITE FOR TALKS – An Invitation



Penrite Oil Company is Australia's favourite oil supplier to the automotive industry, and is well-known for its in depth knowledge and technical support.

Penrite is dedicated to ensuring that enthusiasts are knowledgeable on using the right type of oils and lubricants for their pride and joys, and every day vehicles. The Penrite Oil brand is unique in that the oils you use today have been predominately tested and developed using the motor vehicles and motorcycles that the company's owners, the Dymond family, possess, drive, ride and race.

Penrite Oil Company is based right across Australia and is equipped in every state to offer clubs a chance to visit its offices to learn more about oils and lubricants, and hear about the company's history. Penrite staff can also attend your club meeting, too.

We are pleased to offer all interested clubs the opportunity to attend an evening at this facility where there will be talks on technical topics and on the 'moving' collection, too. Tuesdays and Thursdays are the available times for clubs to book, except December and January (subject to availability). Our facility can accommodate fifty guests comfortably, so multiple clubs can be scheduled at the same time. Penrite is also pleased to provide tea, coffee, and biscuits. A door prize will be offered to each club. Arrival time: 6:30pm, to conclude by: 9:30pm

To arrange your booking, please contact the National Events Manager, Charles Rogers at [events@penriteoil.com](mailto:events@penriteoil.com) or, telephone (03) 9801 0877.

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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
Paul and Gail Sproson	Jaguar	Mk II	1964
	MG	A	1962
	MG	B-GT V8	1975
Trevor and Frances Williams	Jaguar	XJ-8 Sovereign	1999
Tom Wickers and Anne Rule	AC	Shelby Cobra	1964
	Ford	Mustang Coupé	1966
Michael and Maureen Spencer	Land Rover	Series 1	1949
	Morris	Mini 850 D/L	1965
	Holden	Monaro GTO	2003
David and Diana Ashley	Daimler	2.5 V8	1964
	Austin-Healey	BN 6	1958

*Pat Douglas – Membership Secretary.*

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## AN ENGLISH DAUGHTER

A father in Berkshire came home, went into his bedroom and saw a letter addressed to 'Mummy and Daddy' on the bed. With a heavy heart he opens it and reads:

Dearest Mummy and Daddy,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm telling you that I've eloped with my new boyfriend. I've found real love and he is so nice – especially with all his piercings, scars, tattoos and his big American motorcycle.

But it's not only that, I'm pregnant and Ahmed said that we will be very happy in his caravan in the woods. He wants to have many more children with me and that's one of my dreams, too. I've learned that marijuana does not hurt anyone and we'll be growing it only for us and Ahmed's friends. They're the ones providing us with all the cocaine and ecstasy we could ever want. In the meantime, we'll pray for science to find a cure for AIDS so Ahmed can get better. He really deserves it.

Don't worry about money. Ahmed has arranged for me to be in films that his friends Leroy and Jahmal make in their basement. Apparently I can earn £200 per scene, and I get a £200 bonus if there are more than three men in the scene and an extra £100 for the sheep. Don't worry, Mummy, now that I'm 15 I know how to take care of myself. Someday we'll visit you and Daddy so that you can meet your grandchildren.

Your loving daughter,

*Sarah.*

P.S. Daddy, it's not true – I'm watching television with Jessica and her parents next door. I just wanted to show you that there really are far worse things in life than England losing The Ashes.

## TYRES – A WARNING

*Note: This article was sourced from the Council of Heritage Motoring Clubs NSW's newsletter Bush Telegraph.*

When did you last check the tyres on your historic car? No, not just to see if they're holding air or are getting worn but seriously check them for cracks, damage and their age.

Let's be honest, collectable cars, motor-cycles and antique tractors tend to have the same set of tyres for many years simply because they don't do the miles our everyday vehicles do. And they go on year after year looking pretty good, tyre blacked for displays and holding air. They're OK, aren't they!

And how many of us have those good spare tyres put away for another day?

But just think about it – how old, really, are the tyres on your historic vehicle? You bought a new set for that big rally in . . . um, when was it? In response to the incident outlined below the following article appeared in the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) Newsletter, Issue 04-07:

Her Majesty's Coroner for Manchester wrote to FBHVC – it is an important matter and we urge clubs to pass the warning on to their membership if they have not already done so.

The letter concerned an accident that took place last year in which the driver of an H registered MGB lost his life when a rear tyre burst on the M56. The driver was a skilled mechanic and a careful and experienced driver who was not travelling particularly fast at the time. The car was described by police as being maintained in excellent condition. The surviving passenger said that just before the accident, the driver had commented that a 'tyre wobble' had developed and he was going to 'drive through it'. The wobble went on briefly, but the tyre burst, causing the car to spin, clip a kerb and flip over.

Subsequent investigation showed that although hardly used the tyre was 25 years old. It was one of a set of new tyres and wheels bought at an auto-jumble the previous year to use for show purposes (at the time of the incident the car was on its way to an event at Oulton Park).

The British Rubber Manufacturers Association suggests that if a tyre is six years old and remains unused it should not be put into service. It also suggests that in ideal conditions tyres may have life expectancy of 10 years.

The moral of the story is to make sure your own tyres are in good condition, never to use undated or obviously second hand tyres however good the tread and never to ignore a 'tyre wobble'.

In Australia there are reports of tyre blowouts on older vehicles; in one recent case resulting in a fatality.

How do you tell the age of a tyre? Tyres are manufactured with a Tyre Identification Number (TIN) marking moulded on the sidewall that shows the week and year that the tyre was made.

**For Post 2000 Made Tyres** – the last four digits of the TIN indicate production date, e.g.: 1204 indicates a tyre made in the 12<sup>th</sup> week of 2004.

**For Tyres Made Pre 2000** – the last three digits of the TIN indicate production date, e.g.: 375 indicates a tyre made in the 37<sup>th</sup> week of 1995.

**Tyres Made In The 1990s** – have a triangular indentation after the last number, e.g.: 10<sup>th</sup> week of 1995 would have the code 1056. Tyres made pre 1990 have no TIN or  $\Delta$  symbol, thus you have a 1980s or older tyre.

Bridgestone Australia have an informative web page re-aged tyres at: [www.bridgestone.com.au](http://www.bridgestone.com.au) and they state: 'Warning signs – regardless of their age, tyres should be replaced if they show significant crazing or cracking in the tread grooves or sidewall and/or bulging of the tread face or sidewall.'

*Jenny Fawbert – Vintage Motor Club of NSW.*

**AOMC Editor's Note:** A very pertinent warning. Those who attended one of our restoration seminars several years ago would have heard a presentation by Ben McKinnon of McKinnon Tyres. He also spoke about the viability of older tyres, particularly those that are left on the shelf.

*From the AOMC Newsletter – With Thanks.*

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## CHINA IS ON THE RISE

If you doubt this heading, just read the following interesting statistics:

- When you total up all imports and exports, China is now the number one trading nation on the world
- Overall, the U.S. has run a trade deficit with China over the past decade that comes to more than 2.3 trillion US dollars.
- China has more foreign currency reserves than anyone else in the world.
- China has the largest new car market in the world
- China now produces more than twice as many motor vehicles as the rest of the world's countries put together
- China is the number one gold producer in the world
- The uniforms for the American and British Olympic teams were made in China
- Of all artificial Christmas trees that exist in the world, 92 percent are made in China.
- The new World Trade Centre Tower in New York will have glass imported from China.
- China now consumes more energy than Europe.
- China is the leading manufacturer of goods in the world.



- China uses more cement than the rest of the world combined.
- China is the number one producer of wind and solar power on the entire globe.
- China produces three times as much coal and eleven times as much steel as the United States.
- China produces more than ninety-percent of the global supply of rare earth elements.
- China is now the number one supplier of components which are critical to the operation of any national defence system.
- In published scientific research articles, China is expected to become number one in the world very shortly.  
How far in the future will there be an *All Chinese Classics Car Club*?  
Think about it!  
P.S. Now how much pollution does China produce????? Information not provided.

**Footnote**

Avoid all toothpastes made in China. They may contain ethylene glycol. This is an anti-freezing agent, can be highly toxic and even fatal.

*From an E-mail Circular.*



*Our Executive Committee hard at work – Annual General Meeting, Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014.*

**FAMILY DAY CAR AND BIKE SHOW**

**Proudly Supporting Australian Prostate Cancer Research**

A brochure for this event was handed out at the Annual General Meeting of the ABCCC. The show will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and will run from 10:00 am till 5:00 pm. The location for this astonishing show is the Whittlesea Showgrounds. There will be cars, motorcycles, a swap meet, music, carnival rides and a great deal more to captivate your interest.

Show cars and bikes \$10.00 entry.

Public entry will be \$5.00 per person.

Children under 12, free entry if accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact 0425 410 453, or [familydaycarshow@hotmail.com.au](mailto:familydaycarshow@hotmail.com.au)

*Australian Prostate Cancer Research.*

**STOP PRESS!**

**Of Interest To Longer-Term Club Members**

At the AGM a binder full of photographs showing early ABCCC events suddenly surfaced. The photos will be scanned and placed on disc. If you wish to purchase a disc full of memories, contact the Editor.