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A STORY ABOUT MG SPECIALS



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CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's Website, <http://www.abccc.com.au> for information about how club matters are conducted.

THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

For information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme is conducted by the All British Classics Car Club please visit the club's Website, <http://www.abccc.com.au>.

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Note: For up to date requirements that are related to club (and other club supported) events, view the calendar at the club's Website <http://www.abccc.com.au>

July 2015

Sunday 12th The ABCCC's Annual Luncheon – The ABCCC Winter Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Venue – Club Kilsyth, Corner Canterbury and Colchester Roads, Kilsyth (Melway Map 51; Ref: E10).

Sunday 26th A Yarra Ranges Tour – An ABCCC Event Peter Lester (03) 9795 0033
Start Venue – Meet at the Marie Wallace Park, Bayswater (Melway Map 64; Ref: F3).

August 2015

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th An ABCCC Weekend Away Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Start Venue – **TBA**

Saturday 8th Restoration Seminar – The Association of Motoring Clubs secretary@aomc.asn.au

Sunday 23rd Jindivick – Neerim South Touring – An ABCCC Event Rob and Mary Nolan 0488 547 499
Start Venue – Rear of McDonald's Carpark, Victoria St, Warragul.

September 2015

Wednesday 2nd A Mid-week Run – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Start Venue – **TBA**

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Sunday 13 th	A Run To Marysville and Narbethong – ABCCC Event Start Venue – Beechworth Bakery, 316 Main Street Healesville (Melway Map 270; Ref: D12)	Tore and Connie Pannuzzo 0413 941 502
Sunday 27 th	Tour To Lara – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – The car park at front of Melbourne Zoo (Melway Map 29; Ref: F12).	Christopher Constantine (03) 9898 4431
October 2015		
Sunday 11 th	Picnic Run – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – TBA	Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449
Saturday 17 th & Sunday 18 th	Como Gardens Open Weekend – An ABCCC Supported Event 29 Basin-Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria. (Melway Map 65; Ref: J8)	George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341 Bill Allen (03) 9846 2323
Saturday 31 st	2016 ABCCC Events Calendar Planning Meeting Venue – TBA	Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
November 2015		
Tuesday 3 rd	Melbourne Cup Day At Yarra Glen – An ABCCC Event Venue – Yarra valley Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen (Melway Map 275; Ref: B1)	Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Friday 13 th to Sunday 15 th	The ABCCC Indulgence Weekend – An ABCCC Event Venues – TBA	Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Sunday 29 th	Farm Tour – An ABCCC Event Cost – \$32.00 per person – Includes Farm Tour and Roast Style Lunch. Venue – Warrook Farm, Monomeith, near Koo Wee Rup.	Greg Anglin TBA
Sunday 29 th	Berry Street For Kids Display – Triumph Car Club Event. Venue – Docklands, Melbourne.	Chris Sallmann csallmann@bigpond.com
December 2015		
Sunday 13 th	The ABCCC Christmas Lunch – The ABCCC End of Year Event. Venue – Natalie's, 669 Maroondah Highway, Mitcham, Victoria.	Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
January 2016		
Sunday 17 th	RACV Great Australian Rally – An ABCCC Major Event	Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
March 2016		
Sunday 13 th to Saturday 19 th	15 th RACV Fly The Flag Tour – An ABCCC Major Event Exploring – The West.	Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

NOTE: TBA = To Be Advised

EDITORIAL NOTES – Issue Number 185

Since late November of last year, there have been problems with my computer that seem to 'snowball' and, lately have meant that some E-mailed messages have not been received. This situation has been compounded by a further problem with my modem and with a Telstra line problem along the street and around a corner. It took a great amount of time on our telephone to persuade Telstra to visit and identify why conversations kept dropping out, or emitting loud squealing noise. At last, all that appears to be fixed now and, happily at no cost. Then it was discovered that the mini-transformer for the modem/splitter was not making good contact in the wall socket. That was not easy to detect, because the flickering green lamps are also a 'normal status' indicator.

I am not at all into blackberries, apples and i-things, although my Grandmother did make very enjoyable blackberry and apple pies for dinner desserts! If I have not responded to some messages, I apologise for that. This has been highlighted by the *HMAS Cerberus* visit report from organiser Rex Hall. It appears that the report was sent while the modem's concerns were at their non-cooperative height, providing Rex with a 'File too big' message, not the simple 'Addressee not connected' type of message that would have meant something. As a result of all of this backstage stuff Rex sent the report converted to PDF format and, whoosh – it came through! Which means that with some careful juggling, Mary can attach the report as it was intended to be. Our Webmaster, Ed Bartosh, has been asked to issue the PDF version to our membership after this issue has been sent out. Call it belt, braces *and* gaiters if you like, but the report will be there!

The New Zealand and English education systems of the late-1940s and early-1950s were extremely remiss in not providing us with computer literacy classes while I was at school. Enjoy *Your ABCCC News!*

Mike Allfrey – Editor.

MALE vs FEMALE AT THE ATM

A new sign in the Bank reads:

'Please note that this Bank is installing new Drive-through ATMs, enabling customers to withdraw cash without leaving their vehicles'.

Customers using this new facility are requested to use the procedures outlined below when accessing their accounts.

After months of careful research, **Male and Female** Procedures have been developed. Please follow the Appropriate steps for your gender.

Male Procedure:

1. Drive up to the ATM.
2. LOWER your car window.
3. Insert card into machine and enter PIN.
4. Enter amount of cash required.
5. Retrieve card, cash and receipt.
6. Raise window.
7. Drive off.

Female Procedure:

(Unfortunately, most of this is true!)

1. Drive up to ATM.
2. Reverse and back up the required amount to align car window with the machine.
3. Put hand brake on, put the window down.
4. Find handbag, remove all contents on to passenger seat to locate card.
5. Tell person on mobile phone you will call them back and hang up.
6. Attempt to insert card into machine.
7. Open car door to allow easier access to machine due to its excessive distance from the car.
8. Insert card.
9. Re-insert card the right way.
10. Dig through handbag to find diary with your PIN written on the inside back page.
11. Enter PIN.
12. Press cancel and re-enter correct PIN.
13. Enter amount of cash required.
14. Check makeup in rear view mirror.
15. Retrieve cash and receipt.
16. Empty handbag again to locate purse and place cash inside.
17. Write debit amount in cheque book and place receipt in back of it.
18. Re-check makeup.
19. Drive forward ½ metre.
20. Reverse back to ATM.
21. Retrieve card.
22. Re-empty hand bag, locate card holder, and place card into the slot provided.
23. Give dirty look to irate male driver waiting behind you.
24. Restart stalled engine and drive off.
25. Redial person on mobile phone.
26. Drive for 2 to 3 kilometres.
27. Release Hand Brake.
28. I need to know if females are still OK to communicate with me??

Peter Hibbert.

THE ANNUAL NEOLOGISM CONTEST

Once again The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words. The winners are:

1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.
6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle (n), olive-flavoured mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n.), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. Pokémon (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. Frisbeetarianism (n.), (*back by popular demand*): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

From Betty Taylor – With Thanks.

PLEASE HELP FIND MY 1947 MG-YA (Special)

I first met Lindsay Head of the famous 'Head Brothers' over thirty-five years ago when introduced by a mutual friend Peter Robinson who had been a race mechanic for Bib Stillwell in his younger days. Peter had looked after Geraldine's family car for a number of years and was then servicing our MG-B.

Lindsay, having retired from running 'Heads of Murrumbidgee' and 'Heads of Carnegie' was in a factory just around the corner from Peter's and was now building Holden Two Toners with his elder son.

I had just purchased a pristine MG-A1600 and Peter suggested that I take it around to show Lindsay – an MG enthusiast. I knocked on the door and a short, gruff, no nonsense little man



during the 50's and had helped build the streamlined bodies for a number of the MG record breakers.)

Larger tyres and an automatic shift were the only cosmetic differences to the standard car, that and the distinctive paintwork copied from a 30's MG-SA, but that's where any similarities ended as was demonstrated at its first club outing. The little car went like the proverbial 'cut cat'. It really was a wolf in sheep's clothing which gave enjoyable and reliable service for many years. Such was its impact, that a number of similar projects were born, including MG-B and Morris 1500 powered vehicles, and a Freeway engined roadster, which I got to help Lindsay design and build. A few years after we lost Lindsay and for some reason I've quite forgotten – I sold the car. Why, I'm still uncertain, but I would like to have it back some day. SO if anyone knows of its whereabouts, or who may now own it – I would love to know. Help!! christopheraaa@bigpond.com .

stuck his head out, glanced ever so briefly at the A-Type and said "Well you better come in for a cuppa then". That was the start of a great friendship that lasted till he passed on some years later.

Over many cups of tea, I heard story after story of the brother's exploits on the racing circuits around Australia. Everything from their record breaking speedway car "Tempest" to 'Blown' Austin sevens and MG TCs, Riley Specials and of course their Mighty Minis and the epic duels with the Manton car.

All this time, over in the corner of the factory, sat the shells of three MG Y types. Eventually it was suggested that I should buy the Ys conditional on Lindsay building one into something a little special.

"Get me a Wolseley 24/80 or Austin Freeway" were his only instructions, and so the special was born.

The Freeway motor, it turns out was an MG-A 1600 extended by two pots, which he and his brothers had helped design.

Ron, the eldest of the brothers, was co-opted and the six cylinder was duly grafted into the Y's chassis with a minimum of fuss. (Ron had worked at Abington



Christopher Constantine.

ANOTHER GOOD 'OLD' JOKE

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool.

After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?"

"No", he replied, "arthritis."

From Colin Brown.

DON'T FORGET MOTORCLASSICA – 23rd to 26th October, 2015

WUFFLING

Not just the Vintage Sports Car Club (VSCC) but the vintage motor car world at large was saddened not so long ago to learn of the death of one of its heroes, Ronald 'Steady' Barker at the age of 94. It seems no time at all since he celebrated his 90th birthday by wing-walking on a biplane, which was recorded on a DVD that was a celebration of his life, and released for sale by *The Automobile* just before this last Christmas.

He is arguably best remembered for his favoured marque of Lancia, but especially the rebuild and custody of his 1908 Napier. He spent many years as a journalist with *The Autocar*, was a President of the VSCC and then the editor of its *Bulletin*, followed by freelance contributions and miscellaneous books on various subjects.

I got to know the late David Thirlby, dedicated 'chain gang' enthusiast, and another author with a number of books to his credit, mainly on Frazer-Nash, but others including a directory of economy cars from Bedelia to bubble cars, whilst taking his turn as the VSCC's Editor of its *Bulletin*, and he alerted me to the following verses by 'Steady' Barker. I published them in *Jowetteer* in January 1995, and they have been brought back to my mind with his passing. I feel they are worth repeating after twenty years.

. . . **Said Grice:**

*"A Jowett –
Tho', you may not know it –
Is not really ever so
Slow.*

*"What's more,
It has a fairly hefty bore
And however hard you make it
Work, it's quite impossible to break it.
Or do its Idle Twin
In.*

*"I like
It better than a motor-bike:
It keeps me and my wife and luggage dry,
And won't throw rods or run awry
If we go down to Spain
Again.*

*"More gently
And more cheaply than a Bentley,
It chuffs from A to B and B to C.
I'd rather have my little Jowett, me,
Than any Silver Ghost,
– Almost!"*

To reveal more about Grice, read on . . .

The species Grice belongs to the genus mud-plugger, characterised by its addiction to the challenges of climbing impossible hills in impossible conditions. Its natural habitat is West Yorkshire, but it occasionally makes up for this lapse by migrating farther afield to take part in such of the VSCC's proclivities as present the most entertaining sport in managing the distribution of spectacular quantities of alluvial deposits that are violently disturbed, over the neighbouring counties in a manner which can match all the brio of an industrial muck spreader on a wet day. We do not know if this particular specimen was a member of our club, but although his car is listed in our Register as NW 3189, its current owner appears not to be . . . It could be that John Grice possessed a philosophical side to his nature; given the statistical relationship between members of the dental profession and the owners of vintage cars, one can appreciate the remark that he reportedly muttered darkly one year on the Lakeland Trial after a fellow competitor had demolished his Austin Seven's differential on a rock to such good effect that bits of cog were scattered to the four winds about the countryside: (He, too, Grice said) "would be a dentist, if you could take the teeth out and work on them in a vice . . ."

The purpose of these prefatory ramblings was to set the mood for not just the ditty on the previous page by one whose wisdom and humour has spread far beyond the VSCC, but also the circumstances behind it. It was apparently inspired by the sight of the Grice's 'wuffling' progress up Smatcher (a notorious hill on the VSCC's Welsh Trial); now we know where John Box's (a JCC member) expression came from as the title of his feature '*Wuffling Through Westmorland*' published in these pages some little time ago!

*Alan Brierley – JCC Editor.
From The Jowetteer – With thanks.*

Editor's Note: To me, the term 'Wuffling' was a north-midlands farmers' word for tedding a swath of hay, so that drying air could pass through it easily. Obviously, the word had other uses as well!

AOMC NEWS

AOMC Delegates' Meeting Dates

For your diary – the Delegates' Meetings are generally held on the third Mondays of February, May, August and November of each year. The remaining dates for 2015 are as follows:

August 17th, 2015 Delegates' Meeting

November 16th, 2015 Delegates' Meeting and Annual General Meeting

All meetings for these dates will be held at the Chevrolet Car Club Rooms at 1/3 Edgecombe Court Moorabbin (Melway Map 78; Ref: B7). Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and feature a guest speaker. Visitors from clubs are welcome to attend.

Victorian Club Permit Scheme

At the May AOMC Delegates' Meeting there was a lengthy discussion about the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) where it was stressed that the VCPS is definitely not 'Club Rego', 'Red Plates Registration' or 'Limited Registration', Delegates were reminded that the VCPS is a scheme fundamentally run by car clubs, and other clubs, so that an unregistered vehicle over twenty-five years old can be driven on the State's roads. However, in the July edition of *RoyalAuto* magazine, there is a letter from a reader stating categorically that the VCPS is definitely a type of registration, quoting the Road Safety (vehicles) amendment (Club Permit) Regulations 2010, SR No. 116/2010, Section 153 states: "For the purposes of 7(1) of the act, a club permit issued under this part is a registration permit."

Nevertheless, the AOMC and motor vehicle clubs have always been advised by VicRoads that, under the umbrella of the law, a vehicle that is operated using the VCPS, is an unregistered vehicle. Because of this situation, a vehicle that is operated on the VCPS, and is pulled over by police officers will be treated by those officers as being an unregistered motor vehicle.

Currently, police have direct access to the VicRoads registered vehicle computer file. Vehicles operated on the VCPS are not listed on that file. This means that a VCPS operated vehicle will be treated as unregistered after it has been pulled over. The AOMC strongly advises that a copy of the VCPS fee receipt be stapled inside the back cover of the VCPS Log Book so that it can be provided as proof that the vehicle's VCPS is current.

Police can access the VicRoads data file instantly during the process of investigating a vehicle. Sadly, they cannot access the VCPS data files at all. Hence the recommendation for keeping your VCPS receipt in your logbook.

Another point to watch out for – some VCPS renewals that have been issued by VicRoads have been incorrectly dated and the permit's expiry date could be the day *after* the permit was renewed. This is an issue that needs to be checked by the permit holder and is another appropriate reason for keeping the renewal receipt inside your current VCPS Log Book.

A further reason for keeping the VCPS Receipt close at hand is because VicRoads have been known to not send out renewal notices to VCPS users.

Other Matters Influencing Our Club's VCPS Responsibility

VicRoads are strongly requesting that car clubs keep their VCPS records right up to date. VicRoads are currently investigating clubs that are not embracing the spirit of the VCPS.

Delegates were also advised that, in cases where a club member changes a vehicle's VCPS allegiance from one authorised club to another authorised club, then a valid Road-worthy Certificate must be made available to the new host club's VCPS Officer.

While on the subject of Road-worthy Certificate tests, VicRoads does have a set of guidelines for testers to use when faced with a test on an older vehicle.

During the Delegates' Meeting VCPS discussion, we were advised that authorised clubs are able to obtain a listing from VicRoads of all cars currently covered by a particular club in accordance with their records.

Mike Allfrey – AOMC Delegate.

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
Kevin and Elaine Appleby	Armstrong-Siddeley	Utility Coupé	1951

Gordon Lindner – Membership Secretary.

FROM OUR CLUB'S ARCHIVES

Minutes Of Committee Meeting – February 26th, 1998

Meeting opened 8:05 pm

Present: Frank Douglas, Tom Verney, Chris Gardner, John Gardner, Val Jefferyes, Adam Francis and Peter McLaren.

Apologies: Kate McLaren and Tony Hodges,

Discussion of previous minutes:

- Membership is now at 71 and just received another application, making a total of 73. Membership kit is still underway, with bits and pieces still to add from Frank and Kate (window transfers etc. Peter McLaren jnr. will make them.)
- Colours for logo were discussed and it was decided to use the colours from the logo on the badges.
- Events are considered the lifeline of the club and Frank offered to help Peter snr. with ideas. Clashes with other clubs will be an inevitable problem.
- Secretary to go ahead with club plate scheme.
- Jack Jefferyes and Tori Pannuzzo will be AOMC reps.
- Committee list is to be placed in membership kits.
- Joining fee to increase to \$15 to cover cost of membership kit. Mooted by Frank and seconded by John.
- Revenue raising was discussed with a view to buy picnic goods or trailer etc. for club use. Sausage sizzle or raffle to be considered.
- Thank you letter sent to Shannons by Peter.
- Telephone listing to be Frank's home (9801 3108) as the cost to list Gardner's number would be more expensive being an outer telephone zone number.
- Tom Cannon (who attended the Jan. BBQ at Franks) offered to help with membership drive.
- Membership cards and car history cards on way from Frank.
- Queensland club researching new printing of T-shirts.
- John to ask Queensland club if car badges available from them.
- Newsletter head to be red and blue. Frank will do a draft and print up.
- John will continue as liaison person with Queensland.

Previous minutes were accepted by Peter, seconded by Tom.

Treasurers Report.

Accepted by Tom, seconded by Val.

Correspondence: As tabled. Accepted by John, seconded by Val.

General Business.

- Types of events discussed.
- Renewal of membership to be 1:1:1998 – 31:12:1998 – pay full fee until end of Sept, from 1:10:1998 get 2 months, and the next year.
- Send membership forms to all dealers of English cars.
- John tabled copies of Queensland newsletter to give committee a few ideas for format.
- Frank suggested a joint venture with Armstrong Siddeley Club, to do a July/Aug.'99 3-week trip to mine opals.

Meeting closed at 9:25 pm. Next meeting March 27th, 8:00 pm at Frank's home.

Minutes Of Committee Meeting – March 27th, 1998

Meeting Opened: 8:10 pm

Present: as per attendance book.

Apologies: Adam Francis and Kate McLaren.

Discussion Of Previous Minutes:

- No change in membership numbers.
- Newsletter head has been laid out and accepted by Committee.
- Peter McLaren snr. and Kate McLaren to have events list for second half of the year to Frank A.S.A.P.
- Form for Nello Mafodda to sign (for club plate scheme) has not been returned to secretary, so scheme not finalized yet.
- Membership kits will consist of: vehicle cards, list of Committee and members, membership card, name badge, window decal, a copy of the current magazine and two extra membership forms (to give out to friends).
- Club now listed for 98/99 Telstra white pages.

Previous minutes accepted by Frank seconded by Peter.

Treasurers Report.

Balance in bank is \$523.04. It is now imperative for club to do some fundraising.

Correspondence.

As per tabled. Accepted by John seconded by Frank.

General Business.

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- Badger's have presented a written quote for club badges. John to get a quote from them for window decals.
- Frank has been approached by a stockbroker company who would like to sponsor a rally of classic cars from Melbourne to Portsea. This could be a great opportunity to raise funds for the club. Committee agreed for Frank to follow this up.
- John to contact Heather Greaves to see if club would be allowed to hold a sausage sizzle to raise money for our club, on membership day at Flemington, Sunday 5th April.
- Club to run raffles on outings. Val and Tom to organize a few books.
- Torque Insurance have offered a donation to our club if we will run their advertisement in our magazine. Frank to approach them to inquire if they will donate a banner in exchange for 6 months free advertisements.
- Frank and Peter snr. agreed to loan the club the funds required to have 200 cloth badges made, at a cost of \$2.90 each. The offer is to be made to the Queensland club to buy half off us, for them to sell to their members. Club to sell badges to members for \$5.00 each.
- 14 bookings confirmed already for the Andamooka mines trip.
- If club allowed to hold sausage sizzle at Flemington, help on the day will be needed.
- Some cars from Queensland club coming to Tamworth at Easter. Any members interested in going up to meet them? Frank is happy to go if someone would go with him.
- Chris to sign bank forms to become cheque signatory. Take forms into bank A.S A.P.
- Middle of the month is the cut off point for any items to be printed in magazine.
- John raised the issue – should we define what is a British Classic? Is it an 'age' car or a brand new car? Should members have a British car at all? These points and any other by-laws should be presented to all members at a general meeting, allowing every member a voice in these decisions, before being put to the vote.

Meeting Closed: 9:40pm. Next meeting: April 24th at :008 pm at Frank's home.

EVENT REPORTS

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

REX'S BIG DAY OUT – Sunday 14th June, 2015



While motoring down to Bittern, along the Hastings 'By-pass' road an end-piece flew off the end of *Pea Soup's* dash board and landed on the floor right under my right heel, the road surface was that rough. It was the roughness of the road surface that dislodged the piece. I pulled over to retrieve the errant piece of metal finisher and try to fix it in place, but a spring clip (a Leyland component?) had broken, so it was a case of repair at home. Just as the journey to *HMAS Cerberus* was about to be resumed, Rex and Deanna Hall flew by in their Austin-Healey. Up the road, it was like a red beacon and convenient to follow. We all gathered at the main entrance gate and waited for the Wilson Security folk to check off our vehicles against organiser Rex's list and resolutely examine our drivers' licences. We were then greeted by Toni, the lady who looks

after the base's museum. Our visit got underway in the right way with tea and coffee being served by the Naval staff and Deanna provided us with superb savoury scones and some slices of very solid (as it should be!) fruit cake. It was that good, a sufficient quantity could well have 'sunk a battleship'! Naval surroundings and all that came into play here.

Above: WO Marty Grogan fields questions during morning tea. Right: Marty demonstrates his backwards-walking-while-talking style while we walked to the wharf.

While we were sipping and munching, Toni introduced us to Marty Grogan who was our leader for the tour of the base. Marty has been in the Royal Australian Navy for many years, so we had the best guide possible for our tour. Our first important stop was at the end of the quay where we could have a look at various training craft. Marty told us that the married quarters were across the stretch of water that we could see, along with an eighteen-hole golf course – all well hidden by mangroves and such. During our walk, we soon discovered that Marty walked backwards with supreme confidence, while he was telling us all about *HMAS Cerberus*. A highlight of our walk was a look inside the Officers' Mess. The wood panelling and furnishings had to be seen to be believed. At each end of the Mess, high up, there were two murals which, Marty told us with some



pride, were the best in the world. After that all too short look, we walked on past the sports grounds and ended our guided tour at the *HMAS Cerberus Museum*, where Toni took over again and explained important pieces that were on display in the museum. This was a most interesting place to browse and examine items from one-hundred years ago.



Left: A detail from one of the Officers' Mess murals.

The collection of items on display was very interesting to have a good look at, but all too soon it was time to say farewell and set off for our lunch venue, which was in the Bistro at the Hastings Marina Hotel. The venue was quite crowded and the car park was close to being as full as for the RACV Great Australian Rally Hastings start point.

Surprisingly, lunch was excellent and, just this once, I was tempted to try the brandy snaps with rocky-road ice-cream with a decorative tracing of rich syrup. Naughty!

Rex's report appears elsewhere, in full colour. The only way we could get the report into the editorial PC was to have it delivered as an Adobe PDF file. Special thanks are due to Rex and Deanna for putting it on for us. Dealing with Naval authorities and Wilson Security must have been daunting.

Mike Allfrey.

MOUNT DANDENONG RUN – Sunday 28th June

We arrived a little bit later than we expected, at the Harvey Norman store in Nunawading, and it was cold enough for Sue to stay in the nicely warm Rover. Just as our organiser, Phil Cook, started to address us about the day's proceedings, right on cue, the Harvey Norman break-in alarm went off. The siren was that loud that I could not hear a word Phil was telling us. Someone mentioned that the Maroondah Highway was closed to traffic in Ringwood. Another plan, taking us around the Eastland Shopping Centre, was adopted. This would take us close to the East Link Tollway, which I sort of tremble a little because of the fear of getting in the incorrect lane and being copped for a toll. By the time we reached Mitcham due to traffic lights, an executive decision was made where we would cut southwards to Canterbury Road and 'meet' the instructions at Montrose. From there it was easy navigation along some little-used roads and through some very picturesque country to arrive on the Maroondah Highway just prior to Healesville, in time for a navigator's well-earned coffee stop at the Beechworth Bakery where we were welcomed by Maxine and Tony Pettigrew, along with John Wood

A generous time later, we set off for Mount Dandenong, again *via* a scenic route along country roads and lanes. Our lunch venue was the Mount Dandenong Hotel and, as we walked through the door, we were greeted by a blazing log fire that put out a fair amount of heat. Lunch, amongst good company, was superb. A number of us succumbed to the temptation of either ox cheek or lamb shank both of which had been braised for a stated eight hours. A very nice lunch indeed! The free-range chicken dishes appeared to be the size of a well-built guinea fowl and there were some very highly stacked hamburgers that looked a real challenge for those ordered them.

Once again, Phil had organised a very special day with fabulous motoring. It was a pity that it was 'too cold for the Morgan', and I wished fervently that our Jupiter's rear brake repair had been finished in good time. Oh well, next time! Our collective thanks to Phil for the great amount of preparation that the day's motoring required. All the medical centres, schools, lakes and reserves described in the drive instructions were in the correct places as we motored onwards – a true result of thorough preparation.

We salute you Phil!

Mike Allfrey.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO – Coming Events

YARRA RANGES IN WINTER – Sunday 26th July, 2015

Overview

Our run this month is designed to be leisurely, informative, with a little nostalgia, some good food and beverage and as always, great company. It commences at the Marie Wallace Park, Bayswater and then onwards to:

1. Lilydale and the Yarra Ranges Regional Museum. On arrival we will be provided with curator led tour of an exhibition sponsored by the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, titled "Australia Will Be There" honouring the centenary of the First World War. It is a chronology of the war and the contribution made by Victorians. We will also be able to spend some time seeing other exhibits in the Connections Gallery upstairs and adjoining Chambers. Whilst here, we will partake of morning tea. Cost of tour and morning tea is \$7.50 p.p, which we will collect at start of event.
2. On leaving Lilydale we travel to Healesville and then onto Toolangi for lunch at the Toolangi Tavern. There is a comprehensive menu with all items costing \$18.50. Items from Specials Board may cost a little more. Sweets are around \$10.00 to \$12.00. Note: There is no Seniors Menu.
3. After lunch, conclusion of event, we return home at leisure.

Details

- 09.30 am Meet at Marie Wallace Park near the corner of Mountain Highway and Bayswater Road, Bayswater. Enter off Mountain Highway just over Railway Line on left, heading East (Melway Map 64; Ref: F3). There are shelter and toilet facilities here. Route details will be passed out at meeting place. Anyone wishing to join mid-route are welcome to do so. Kindly let us know and we will send route details.
- 10.00 am Depart Marie Wallace Park for Lilydale.
- 10.30 am Arrive Yarra Ranges Regional Gallery for tour, questions and morning tea.
- 11.50 am Depart for Toolangi Tavern, 1390 Myers Creek Road, Toolangi.
- 12.30 am Arrive Toolangi Tavern.

Kindly register for the event by calling or E-mailing any time a.s.a.p. on or after 1st July. We return home from a trip to Europe the previous day. Do hope you are able to join us for another enjoyable day out with the members of ABCCC.

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Peter and Lorraine Lester.

A VISIT TO OUR STATE'S NORTHWEST – Friday 7th August, 2015

After leaving Melbourne mid-morning on Friday 7th August, we will be heading Northwest where, from our Motel, you can view what's left of a mountain range that used to be higher than the Himalayas. On the Saturday, it is proposed we drive into the area for some outstanding views, and on Sunday, work our way back to Melbourne. There are still 9 rooms vacant so if you wish to attend please advise ASAP on 0412 549 906 or at annbry@optusnet.com

Anne and Bryan Tootell

JINDIVICK – NEERIM SOUTH TOURING – Sunday 23rd August, 2015

Meeting point will be at the rear of MacDonald's Carpark, Victoria St, Warragul (VicRoads Country Street Directory, Map 704; Ref: F6) from 9:30 am for a 10:00 am departure.

From there we will drive through Buln Buln, Rokeby and surrounds to our morning tea stop at Bradley Hall, the eclectic Art Gallery of artist Gary Miles. **Note:** BYO food to the gallery but tea and coffee will be provided. Then up to Jindivick and surrounds with a cosy Hotel Pub lunch (order from menu) TBA. More details still being arranged! RSVP by 17th August to RobNolan@bigpond.com or telephone (03) 5622 1770 or Rob 0488 547 222 or Mary 0488 547 499.

Rob and Mary Nolan.

CLUB RUN TO MARYSVILLE AND NARBETHONG – Sunday 13th September

The start venue will be at the Beechworth Bakery, 316 Main Street (Maroondah Highway) Healesville (Melway Map 270; Ref: D12). We will meet at 9.00 am, for 9.30 am departure to Marysville, for Coffee, Garden and Museum Tour. Our lunch venue will be at Hotel Narbethong at 1.00 pm. We need to know the number of participants for catering.

Please advise Tore Pannuzzo on 0413 941 502 if you wish to join us.

Tore and Connie Pannuzzo.

FILLER PIECE

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the lift.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know", he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

Colin Brown.

ABCCC EXCURSION TO LARA – Sunday 27th September, 2015

One of Lara's oldest historic buildings, The Lake Bank Hotel (built 1851 as last Cobb & Co coach stop before Cowies Creek. De-licensed 1909), is Lara's only surviving 19th century hotel. It was constructed for Scottish immigrant James Henderson and operated as a licensed hotel until 1908. The distinctive limestone buildings were home to five generations of Mr Henderson's family until purchased by Mr Bisinella in 2010. When it was learnt that Mr Bisinella had purchased the Lake Bank Hotel he was approached about the possibility of using the historic buildings as a community museum. He enthusiastically agreed and embarked on the major restoration project that again made the old hotel ready for public use. A community organisation, the Lara Heritage and Historical Inc., was incorporated on 12th January, 2012, and its volunteer members run the museum, organise exhibits and maintain the grounds.

The restored buildings were officially opened on 18th April, 2013, and a Gala Public Open Day and Street Carnival held the following Sunday. Since then memorabilia and items of historic interest have continued to be loaned or donated to the Museum, bringing local history to life in the ideal setting of the old limestone buildings.





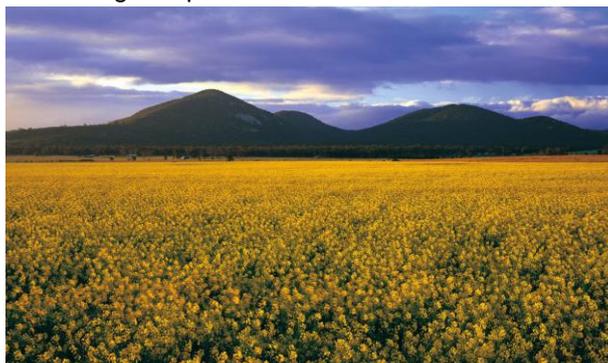
George Fairbairn was born in Berwickshire and emigrated to Australia in 1839. After stints at Station Managing as well as Gold Prospecting and trading, he married into the very wealthy Armytage family and probably bought the land at Lara to be near the rest of the family with their grand estates at Woolloomanata and Elcho on the Bacchus Marsh road.

The Large house (*left*), once known as Lara House – now 'Pitra' was probably completed around 1880 and it boasted along with it 12,000 acres, a private lake of around 70 acres. It was originally filled by a channel dug to the Little River some distance north of the township. The lake is now the central feature of the 'Serendip Wildlife Research Station', now renamed 'Serendip Sanctuary'.

Undoubtedly, the most outstanding feature of Corio Shire is the granite outcrop known as the You Yangs. The first European to survey and map the area was Matthew Flinders when in 1802, he rowed across Corio Bay from somewhere near Port Arlington, tramped over the level, treeless plain and climbed the highest point which he named Station Peak. Later it was renamed Flinders Peak in his honour.

In the account of his travels, Flinders relates that: "*Two of the peaks upon these hills had been set from the ship's deck at sunset on the 25th. At a distance of thirty-seven miles; and as their elevation must consequently be a thousand feet, or more, I expected to obtain from thence such a view of the upper parts of the port, as would render the coasting round it unnecessary.*"

Flinders left the ship's name on a scroll of paper under a cairn of stones on the peak and walked the twenty miles back to his camp. From there he returned to his ship, '*Investigator*', and sailed for Sydney.



The ABCCC Excursion to Lara and You Yangs

- 8.50 am Leave the car park at the front of the Melbourne Zoo off Elliott Avenue, Parkville (Melway Map 29; Ref: F12) for a drive along the old Geelong Road to the second pickup point (for Northerners and Westerners) at the Centre Link car park, corner Synnot and Werribee Streets Werribee.
- 9.30 am Head off from Werribee towards Little River via Bulban Road which is over the river and railway line and along past the Werribee Racecourse. Where Bulban Road divides, take the right fork and follow the road to its end at Edgars Road where you turn left. When you reach You Yangs Road – turn right. When you reach Farras Road (at the base of the Hills) turn left and this will take you into Lara.
- 10.15 am Morning tea at the Lara Historical Groups restored 'Lake Bank Hotel' on the corner of Forest and Canterbury Roads Lara. *Devonshire Tea which would include the entry fee to the museum. Scones with normal coffee or tea \$7.50 per head, scones with cappuccino/latté etc. \$9.00 per head.* All funds raised go to help the group develop the museum.
- 11.30 am We head off for 'Serendip Sanctuary' on Windermere Road, Lara. On the 5 minutes' drive, we pass the Lara Lime Works – Lara lime being used in the construction of The Princes Bridge, Law Courts, Post Office and many other historic Melbourne buildings.
- 12.45 pm We take a 15 minutes' drive to the top, car park on Flinders Peak for our BBQ, or, picnic lunch after having spent time observing the wide range of bird and other wildlife at the Serendip Sanctuary.

NB: If the weather is inclement, we may head into the Geelong beach front area to one of the many restaurants located there. Only another 12 – 15 kilometres further on.

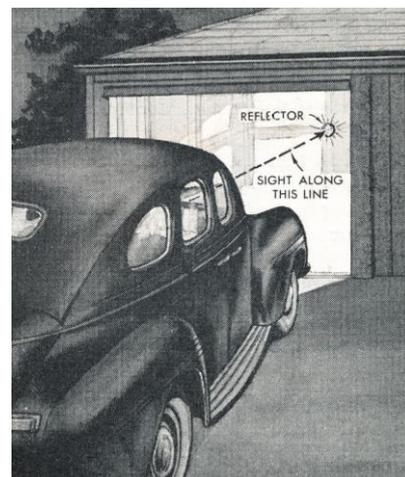
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TAILPIECE

Reflector Aids When Parking Car

In a garage where space is at a premium, a large red-glass reflector attached to the rear wall in line with the centre of the driveway will enable you to park your car without difficulty. All that is necessary is to sight down the centre of the bonnet, lining up the radiator ornament with the reflector, as the car is driven in.

From Popular Mechanics – Motorist's Handbook – With Thanks.



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THE AOMC RESTORATION SERVICES SEMINAR IS FULLY BOOKED. THE AOMC WILL HOLD LATE BOOKINGS, IN CASE OF CANCELLATIONS.



Fellowship, Friendship — That's Your ABCCC

Rex's Big Day Out, Sunday 14th June 2015

HMAS Cerberus museum



40 members gathered at the Security entry building at HMAS Cerberus Naval Base and were met by Toni Munday, the Museum Curator. After receiving security access to the base we travelled through the base to the Museum building where we enjoyed a morning coffee supplied by the museum and Deanna's savoury muffins and fruit cake.

During our coffee we were welcomed to the base by WO Marty Grogan who gave a very humorous and interesting presentation of life in the Navy. Marty joined the Navy in 1963 and still has his original ID papers, his first pay envelope and the 8 pounds, one five and three pound notes all appropriately framed and forming one of the most important displays in the museum, according to WO Marty. WO Marty has been in the Navy for 53 years and is the oldest active reservist in the world and hopes to stay active for many years to come.

Marty, accompanied by Able seaman, took our group on a walking tour of the wharf area and training buildings. Able seaman explained the various water craft and their particular use in the training of recruits, the various buoys, marks and beacons and navigation lights used in compliance with the international Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities. We were also privileged to gain access to the Officers Mess which Marty advised was in danger of being closed due to rationalisation of catering facilities because of the lack of government funding. Marty advised that the murals on the walls of the Officers Mess were regarded as the best in the world.



Following our walking tour, we met Toni at the museum and she explained the history of the Museum and some of the displays. The Museum of HMAS Cerberus is located in a heritage listed building (originally the Supply School built in 1922) within the HMAS Cerberus heritage precinct. The Museum exhibits some of the oldest and most significant artefacts held by the Naval Heritage Collection most of which relate to the Victorian Colonial Navy and the history of HMAS Cerberus.

Nayda Kelly was able to find details of a relative who served in the Navy many years ago.

We made a donation of \$5.00 each and received a HMAS Cerberus peak cap and presented with a Team Navy V8 Ford Performance Development series poster.

Lunch was enjoyed at the Marina Bar and Restaurant Hastings
Thank you for your company on this very enjoyable "Rex's Big Day Out".
Cheers
Rex and Deanna Hall