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## Member's Cars - from the ABCCC Web Site



*Gifford E. Hatfield's 1935 Lagonda Rapide (M45R)*

*Is your pride & joy featured on the ABCCC Member's Cars page? Why not forward a pic to the webmaster.*

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1997  
The ABCCC Vic Inc. is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.  
Current Life Member: Pat J Douglas



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## CLUB PERMIT SCHEME INFORMATION

In order to use the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) through the ABCCC you must be a financial member and attend at least three (3) Club events during the calendar year. There is also a one year membership requirement BEFORE you are eligible to enter the Scheme. If you are not compliant, your permit will not be renewed.

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership dues are due the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of each year. A once only fee of \$30 is due with an application. The annual dues are \$45. For additional; information please refer to the Web Site. Dues can be sent directly to Gordon.

Please address membership enquiries to: Gordon Lindner, 9 Hagen Drive, Berwick, Victoria, 3806 or 0418 540 920.

## NEWSLETTER ORGANIZER – Issue N<sup>o</sup> 207

Please remember if you are having an event I need to have information about the event for the newsletter. Also, if you have HAD an event, please send me an article and some pictures. Cut off time is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

*Betty*

## YOUR ABCCC NEWS ARCHIVES

*Your ABCCC News* has been accepted into the collection of the State Library of Victoria (SLV), as well as the National Library of Australia. All editions, back to the first, can be viewed at the SLV's on-line collection at <http://handle.slv.vic.gov.au/10381/403852>. This gives us an opportunity to reach a larger car enthusiast audience - as well as comply with the law that requires all clubs to submit their newsletters to the Library. Bigger and better!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. Our club is one of the fastest growing motoring interest clubs in this country. We hope to be able to welcome you and 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	Year	Car	Model
Clive & Gita Dickinson	1948, 49 & 50	MG	Y Types

## ABCCC EVENTS CALENDAR

### August 2017

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown 5964 9291  
Killara Estate, Corner Warburton Highway & Sunnyside Road, Seville. 12.00 N. Members only.

### September 2017

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Gippsland Ramblings– An ABCCC Event Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Contact Anne or Bryan to register your intent - spaces are limited.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Good Old Fashioned Fun and Lunch Run – An ABCCC Event Marj Pepper 9439 7875  
Meet at the Eltham Tea House Cnr Falkiner and Main streets Eltham [Mel 21;H10 (Opposite Lower Eltham Park miniature railway)] 10.am for 10.30 am departure

### October 2017

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> An Interesting Outing – An ABCCC Event Christopher Constantine 9898 4431  
TBA

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Como Open Gardens Weekend – ABCCC Volunteers Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 79 The Basin–Olinda Road, The Basin Bill Allen 9846 2323

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> A Sliding Pillars Run – An ABCCC Event Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906

### November 2017

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> A Day At The Races –Melbourne Cup Day. An ABCCC Event Colin Brown 5964 9291  
Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen, Victoria.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to The Famous Indulgence Weekend – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> TBA

### December 2017

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146  
Venue: Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park, (Melway 37;K3).

### February 2018

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> RACV Classic Showcase – An AOMC Event (Supported By The ABCCC) Iain Ross  
Members' Car Park, Flemington Racecourse, Enter From Epsom Road

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## EVENT REPORTS

### A RUN to HEALESVILLE and MOUNT DANDENONG – Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Just for once, I thought I was early for our starting point gathering outside the Harvey Norman premises in Nunawading; but there was already a large group huddled together in the cool fresh air having a good chat. Obviously there are some early risers amongst us. Phil Cook announced that there were forty participants for the run, and that some would be joining us at our refreshment stop. A good turn out for a pleasant drive through the hills on a cool but mostly sunny day.

There was a well presented Ford Cortina amongst us and its young owner asked if he could join our run. He was made welcome. A group of those not wishing to shiver any more, climbed into the Daimler brought by Gordon and Elaine Lindner. The wind was quite lazy – it went through us, rather than swerve around us

It was particularly pleasing to see Glenn and Sue Fleet arrive in their very impressive Jensen C-V8. This was a first sighting for me and I was proudly shown around the Jensen. A wonderful restoration that, from Glenn's description, must have been a very daunting task.

*Right: The beautiful Jensen C-V8 up in Olinda.*

All too soon, it was time for Phil to hand out the run's instruction sheets and, for me, a decision was made to follow someone else because *Pea Soup* was passenger-less due to Sue remaining at home. At the end of Mount Dandenong Road (at Canterbury Road), while waiting to join the heavy traffic flow the Jaguar driven by Rex Hall ably proved that its petrol upsets had been fixed – it soon vanished into the distance. It was an easy run to the large roundabout just before Lilydale. I had been fortunate enough to catch up with Peter and Michelle Flavelle in their blue Chrysler Valiant, a suitably distinctive guide through the hills. As for the 'visiting' Cortina, it soon disappeared in an easterly direction and, for me, was not seen again.

The Beechworth Bakery, our refreshment stop in Healesville, was very crowded and it is quite possible that our group was the prime cause. It was a bit amusing when I reached the order taker and, on being asked for a 'flat white'



received the response, "Would that be regular?" My response was the usual, "If it comes every twenty minutes, that will be fine". A sign of the times, but with the response, "Regular or a mug?" It was left at that!

Our stop at the Bakery seemed a bit short, because we were soon hustled on our way. Out in the car park, I soon realised that I was 'Tail End Charlie' and did not have much of a clue with regard to our route to the lunch venue. At this realisation, the TomTom navigation thing was used to guide me to Mount Dandenong. Not too easy with such a device because, there was the prominent warning about unmade roads along the planned route. This was interesting and, because *Pea Soup* has a fair amount of the 'Land' in its Rover heritage, I opted to take the challenge. A very strange route it was, too. It took me on unmade roads circling the base of Mount Dandenong and continuing through The Basin and on up the hill towards Olinda. It could have been a driver's challenge, but for a slow vehicle of lesser ability ahead.



Arrival in Olinda soon made me aware that I was, once again, late.

The Mount Dandenong Hotel had a good fire going and a number of us warmed up in front of it. The day was marked by Brian Pepper's birthday with him celebrating at Marj's expense. Our meal orders were well worth waiting for and we were finally all replete.

*Left: The Constantine MG Midget, Lindner Daimler and the Anglin award winning Jaguar at rest in the Mount Dandenong Hotel car park.*

On leaving and knowing my way home, the TomTom was left to its own devices – its little mind probably thought I wished to drive to Albany in WA, as it seems to like doing.

Maybe an idea for future runs such as this, that we stop at a park *en-route* for a photo session? Harvey Norman, Beechworth Bakery and the Mt. Dandenong Hotel car parks are not very photogenic.

Our collective thanks to Phil and Ann for putting it all together for us, it was a special day out for us and our motor cars.

*Mike Allfrey*

### **ABCCC Winter visit to Allowyn Gardens on 30th July**

A hardy group of members gathered at Bayswater on a surprisingly still morning for our run to Yarra Glen for a winter visit to Allowyn Gardens. After a leisurely scenic drive through Croydon, Croydon Hills, Croydon North, Wonga Park, Coldstream and Yarra Glen we arrived at the gardens. There we meet up with members from the local area as well as from as far afield as Mirboo North who all travelled directly to the Gardens. It was delightful to have three member's grand children with us today.

Upon arrival we entered the Maple Courtyard Pavilion and enjoyed a delicious morning tea of warm scones and jam and cream. We were addressed by our host Prue Van de Linde who outlined the 20 year history of the 7 acres of gardens from inception - when it was a bare paddock with 3 trees, to what it is today.

After morning tea it was time to explore the gardens within the gardens. First there was the Birch Forest with the striking white tree trunks and colourful under plantings. That was followed by the Parterre Garden with the clipped hedges. An Edible Garden with seasonal crops and fruit trees provided inspiration. The Native gardens, French garden and Display gardens all surrounding the Wisteria Arbour with a central fountain finished out the tour.



Following our leisurely exploration of the gardens we again assembled in the Maple Courtyard for our luncheon of platters of gourmet sandwiches, cakes and fruit.

There was ample time for some retail therapy in the nursery and gift shop before heading for home. For some this was via the neighbouring "Chocolaterie"

*Greg Anglin*

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## **UP COMING EVENTS**

### **ANNUAL CLUB LUNCHEON - Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

By popular demand the Killara Estate Winery has been booked for this year's annual club luncheon. On arrival have a drink and take in the beautiful view from the balcony. A three-course lunch will be served in the restaurant. Remember, this is a member only event as the meal cost is subsidised with drinks being provided by the club.

Our classic cars will be parked on the lawn in front of the dining room so you can admire them as you partake of your meal.

Please complete the entry form on the back page of the newsletter.

*Colin Brown - 0408 343 176*

## **GIPPSLAND RAMBLINGS- Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

We will be travelling on good roads. You can give your classic cars and airing as the distances are not great. The number of available spots is limited. Those who miss out will be placed on a waiting list.

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

## **THE GOOD OLD FASHIONED FUN and LUNCH RUN – SUNDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> September 2017**

Meet at the Eltham Tea House corner of Falkiner and Main streets Eltham [Mel 21;H10 (Opposite Lower Eltham Park miniature railway)] 10.am for 10.30 am departure. Time for a coffee or tea before travelling about an hour through good country sealed roads to our lunch and fun destination in a lovely cosy but grand country hotel. This "Grand Old Lady" offers good wholesome meals with mains priced from \$23 -\$35. After your lunch you might like take a stroll through some of the nearby quaint and interesting shops.

We look forward to catching up with you all and need to hear from you by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September to secure our booking.

*Marj and Brian Pepper 0407392330 or [bmpepper1@bigpond.com](mailto:bmpepper1@bigpond.com)*

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## **From The President**

### **Great Australian Rally**

As previously notified there will NOT be a Great Australian Rally in 2018. At this time I am not in a position to give much detail why this was happening. There are many reasons but the most pressing is the new management of the Mornington Racecourse who have refused to give us the date in January on which we have held the Rally for the last sixteen years.

Rex Hall has elected to take on the role of event organiser and will coordinate the Rally in 2019 with a new committee to be formed from club members. Rex had a meeting last week with Mornington Racecourse management and they are preparing a commercial quote for us to hold the rally on the normal weekend in January 2019. If this "commercial" quote is acceptable we will hold the event as normal. However, if it is not another venue will be sought.

I ask all club members to give Rex your full support and assistance.

### **Fly The Flag Tour**

RACV has rejected the proposal from the All British Classics Car Club to sponsor our 2018 Tour. We are, at present, in negotiations with a new sponsor. But regardless of that, the Fly The Flag Tour will go ahead from 18th March to 24th March 2018 - with or without a sponsor.

Unfortunately due to the delay in obtaining a response from the RACV and negotiations with new sponsors, application forms will not be available until Oct/Nov.

To assist you in securing an entry in the 2018 tour ahead of the mail-out of the application brochure, you can register your intention to participate by e-mail to [flytheflag@abccc.com.au](mailto:flytheflag@abccc.com.au). This may also enable us to forward information to you quicker.

*Tony Pettigrew*

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## **A bit of Humour**

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.

You think English is easy?? I think a retired English teacher was bored...THIS IS GREAT!

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture..
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert..
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

*From Colin Brown*

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## AOMC NEWS

### AOMC Winter Seminar 2017 [Restoration Services]

This seminar was held Saturday morning 22 July at the Jaguar Owners Club/Austin Healy Club. The venue was spacious and well equipped. What follows is a brief review by one attendee.

The seminar was advertised as 8.30 am for 9.00 am; however the program available on the day listed an Introduction by the president at 8.35 and the first speaker at 8.45 am. Then it was discovered that the first speaker was not there.

The seminar got under way with Pete's Prestige Windscreens addressing windscreen repair and replacement. The former range of rubber is now limited so products like silicon are used for holding glass in a frame but a neutral cure type must be used.

The next was from Metalock Australia. There was a problem getting the images shown. When they finally appeared you could have mistaken them for Rorschach test images.

Wiring Looms, located in Ringwood, followed and we saw a video of how the cotton covering of the wires is done with special machines. They have patterns for the looms of many makes. I got the impression that that they cannot produce a loom from a wiring diagram and hence cannot do custom jobs. Examples of some looms were available for viewing.

Classic and European Trim Supplies was next. Supplies is the name and that is their game. A break followed that was well catered.

Performance Exhaust - who used to be in Ringwood and soon to be in Knoxfield, were on next. We heard about stainless steel systems and problems with mufflers sold as stainless steel units that had mild steel baffles that rust out. We also heard how the fibreglass can progressively be blown out the exhaust pipe. The helpers did not hold the samples high enough to be seen beyond the front row.

Then one of the AOMC committee took a microphone around the trade displays. Unfortunately while he held the mike correctly for himself he held it too far away from the stall holders.

We then had a display of headlight globe types from Brown and Watson [Narva]. These were 7 inch lamps but they do not have anything for 8 inch or 9 inch headlights. An LED headlight globe requires a heat sink which is an aspect that may not be widely known. We did not get anything about the use of LEDs for turn signals which may have been more relevant to us.

We then heard a history of Crankshaft Rebuilders which did not convey anything about what services they could provide.

A 1934 Austin Ten with a new wooden utility body frame had been brought into the hall and the person who had made the frame spoke next. The type of glue used raised a question, but mostly it was a history of his work with car bodies.

We then heard from Head Stud Developments. This was another company history although Yella Terra [sp?] heads were mentioned. I do not know how many of the audience would know what they were.

The presentations were concluded with R.K. Restorations who - despite the name, was concerned with panel repair and paint.

Trade exhibitors who did not give a presentation were –

- 123 Ignition Systems who are agents for electronic distributors from the Netherlands.
- Nu-Tech can rejuvenate tie rod ends, etc. with a polymer bushing system

General comments –

1. Audio- visual aids were not used by all presenters and those who did use them needed help with preparation
2. No mention of indicative costs.
3. Services than can be provided and samples of work done may have been more useful [a trade exhibit].
4. Trying to get away from the venue afterwards was difficult due to it being next to the Springvale shopping area.

*David Andreassen*

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## NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION

Australia Day in the Domain. The Premier's Department are now running this event and both RACV and the Federation have to comply with their requirements. They are only allowing 130 vehicles to be on show this year. After the Federation and the RACV have been running this event for the last 40 years it looks like it could be gradually phased out. (down from 450 cars).

*Bill Allen - Federation Delegate.*

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# **CLUB ANNUAL DINNER** **URGENT REMINDER**

**Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Killara Estate**

**Corner Warburton Hwy & Sunnyside Rd Seville**

**Time: 12.00 for 12.30**



*Please join us for the club's annual luncheon; this year to be held at Killara Estate. A great 3 course meal has been selected, and includes Calamari, Prawns Roast Lamb, Chicken, plus Sticky Date pudding or Lime Tart with your coffee. This luncheon is a Member only event as the meal cost is subsidised by the club, and drinks are provided.*

***Cost \$35 per head.***

**THE CUT OFF DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED PLEASE PHONE**

Colin Brown on Mobile 0408 343 176 We need your help fill this venue



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## ***Booking Form***

*Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Seats @ \$35 For: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Enclosed is my cheque/money order/postal note for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Payable to: All British Classics Car Club*

*Send to: Colin Brown*

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