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Bruce Cox's 1976 Jaguar XJ6C



*Will we see your car in front of one of these magnificent art works?
Join the 2018 ABCCC Fly The Flag Friendship Tour.*

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19th 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



Victorian Incorporated Association Number: A0035462V



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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.

REMEMBER: IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGISTRATION SCHEME, YOU MUST ATTEND AT LEAST 3 (THREE) EVENTS.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership dues are due the 1st 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.

REMINDER: YOUR SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT IS DUE BY JANUARY 1st - Form in the next ABCCC NEWS.

NEWSLETTER ORGANIZER – Issue N^o. 210

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 20th of each month. I would appreciate the notes and articles be written in complete sentences and not in all caps. It makes my job much easier.

And a special thanks to Mike Allfrey for putting together the next years events calendar.

Betty

ABCCC EVENTS CALENDAR

November 2017

Tuesday 7 th	A Day at the Races –Melbourne Cup Day. An ABCCC Event Venue: Yarra Glen Racecourse, Yarra Glen, Victoria.	Colin Brown 5964 9291
Friday 10 th to Sunday 12 th	The Famous Indulgence Weekend – An ABCCC Event FULLY BOOKED	Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023

December 2017

Sunday 10th Christmas Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146
Venue: Chirside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirside Park, (Mel 37; K3).

February 2018

Sunday 11th Keeping Up with a Morgan – An ABCCC Event Phil Cook 9842 5449
Venue – TBA

Sunday 25th AOMC Classic Showcase – An ABCCC Supported Event AOMC 9558 4829
Show Venue – Yarra Valley Race Course, Yarra Glen.

March 2018

Sunday 4th ABCCC Annual General Meeting – An ABCCC Event Pat Douglas 9739 4829
Venue – TBA

Sunday 18th to Saturday 24th Fly the Flag Friendship Tour – A Major ABCCC Event Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146
Touring Central and Western Victoria (Including Mt. Gambier).
Start Venue – Ultima Function Centre, Corner of Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court, Keilor Park.
(Mel 15; B8).

April 2018

Wednesday 11th Grand Children's Day Out – An ABCCC Event Marj Pepper 9439 7875
Special Activity – A Visit to the Zoo.

Friday 20th A Pleasant Outing – An ABCCC Event Russell Simmonds & Eve Glenn 0433 212 056
Start Venue – TBA

May 2018

Sunday 6th A Day out to Whoop Whoop – An ABCCC Event Tore Panuzzo 0413 941 502
Venue – Castlemaine, Victoria.

Sunday 27th Rex's Big Day Out – An ABCCC Event Rex Hall 9795 7669
Start Venue – TBA

June 2018

Friday 9th to Monday 11th 41st Hamilton Rally – An ABCCC Visit Event Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146
Rally Base Venue – Hamilton Showgrounds, Cnr. King and Gordon Streets, Hamilton, Victoria.

Wednesday 27th Mid-week Lunch Run – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023
Start Venue – TBA

July 2018

Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd The Tootell's Weekend Away – An ABCCC Event Anne and Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Destination – TBA.

August 2018

Sunday 5th A Special Day Out – An ABCCC Event Christopher Constantine 9898 4431
Function Venue – TBA

Sunday 19th A Day out in Gippsland – An ABCCC Event Tom and Heather Cannon 5659 0264
Details – TBA Mobile 0450 580 892

September 2018

Saturday 1st A Scenic Drive – An ABCCC Event Phil Cook 9842 5449
Start Venue – TBA

Wednesday 12th A Mystery Outing – An ABCCC Event Anne and Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Venue – Find Out and See.

Saturday 22nd 21st Birthday Celebration of Our Club – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown 5964 9291
Venue – TBA.

October 2018

Sunday 14th An Alternative Way to Geelong – An ABCCC Event Greg and Geraldine Anglin 9876 3293
Start Venue – TBA.

Saturday 20th Car Display at the Men's Shed (date to be confirmed) Mike Allfrey 9729 1480
ABCCC members are invited to join in for this laid-back, good fun display.
Venue – Croydon Hills Baptist Church, Cnr Bemboka and Plymouth Roads, Croydon Hills.

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th The Legendary Indulgence Tour – An ABCCC Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023
Touring – TBA.

November 2018

Tuesday 6th Celebrate the Melbourne Cup at Yarra Glen – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown 5964 9291
We will be putting on a car display at Yarra Valley Racecourse.
Start Venue – Meet at Coldstream, Victoria.

Thursday 15th to Thursday 29th Touring the 'Apple Isle' – An ABCCC Holiday Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146
Information Kit – TBA.

Sunday 18th A Day Out and About – An ABCCC Event TBA.

December 2018

Sunday 9th Christmas Luncheon – The ABCCC End of Year Event
Venue – TBA.

Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146

Please Note: Those members who are organising club events, please be sure to verify your telephones, and event details to reduce the number of 'TBA' entries on the calendar.

UP COMING EVENTS

A DAY AT THE RACES -MELBOURNE CUP - Tuesday, 7th November 2017

We had so much fun at Yarra Glen on Melbourne Cup Day; all who attended last year want to do it again. So come and join us. I have reserved two tables, so we can accommodate 20+ people.

INCLUSIONS Admission to the race course and Yarraview Dining Room, Race book for every guest, Yarraview dining room and member enclosure entry, Three course luncheons served to the table (set menu), Tea & Coffee, Cash Bar (Bar tab available), TAB access, TV monitors for \$80.00 per person.

If you would like to dress up, and attend this fun day with your fellow members, please advise me ASAP to secure a seat. Preference will be given to members who can pick race winners!!! Members' friends are welcome.

Colin Brown - 0408 343 176 or colin.brown@hotmail.net.au

THE ABCCC CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Sunday, 10th December 2017

This year's Christmas Lunch will be held at the Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park (Mel 37, K3). Our lunch will feature three courses – soup, main course and dessert followed with tea or coffee. Cost is \$35.00 per person subsidised by the Club including drinks. Please note that this event is for financial **members only**.

Payment may be made by EFT at BSB 063 863; Acc. 1001 3709. Please remember to put your name on the transfer and notify Maxine Pettigrew of your attendance. Or you may pay by cheque using the booking form on the back of the Newsletter.

Father Christmas will of course be in attendance. We are asking that gifts for distribution in our 'Kris Kringle' be of \$10.00 minimum. "Girls and Boys are optional. Do remember *if you don't put one in, DON'T take one out*.

Time 12.00 noon for lunch at 12.30 pm
Finish 4.00 pm

Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146

EVENT REPORTS

Gippsland Ramblings - Friday 8th to Sunday 10th September 2017

On a cold bleak day, most participants met at BP Eastlink for a coffee and chat, before heading to our lunch venue at Arragon where we met the balance of the group. Afterwards we inspected a local 'Antique Market' before driving to the Trafalgar Holden Museum. Here we found an excellent range of cars, all in year model order, and of particular note, an HD Premier which is known to many. For those who braved the elements, in the large shed out the back, were a great assortment of old GM vehicles to drool over. On leaving, we headed to Mirboo North for a quick refreshment, and then on to Maxine and Colin Kiel's Classic Car Garage. Jaguar enthusiasts were treated to many fine examples (including two SS's) among other great old cars, some of which were unknown to me. Of note, a recently restored Wolesley 4/44 was very closely perused and is offered for sale at a reasonable \$8000. We then departed for our motel in Leongatha, where after settling in, we met for drinks and nibbles at the Presidents suite, followed by dinner in the hotel.

Saturday showed no improvement in the weather (lucky all our vehicles were snug) as we headed to our lunch venue about 100kms away. Enroute the famed Windmill Cafe at Toora was nominated as a coffee stop, with the added attraction of the adjoining Art Gallery and Bargain Store. When we pulled up outside, doubts were raised by me and my 'Good Lady', as the exterior was badly in need of refurbishment. But the coffees/teas and pastries were excellent as was the friendly service. Several participants then disappeared to the local Op Shop, where I am sure, in one hour, a month's worth of sales were achieved. On arrival at Pt Albert, the Wildfish Restaurant was located at the end of a long spit, with beautiful views overlooking the wharf and sea. The lunch was most enjoyable. Afterwards we visited the Maritime Museum which contains many relics and records of Victoria's first port (1842). Then it was back to Leongatha for dinner at the RSL.

On Sunday we met for morning tea at Korumburra before heading to the Kongwak Market, where one person in particular, made many purchases. The drive to Wonthaggi showed clearing skies, and upon reaching our lunch destination - the Ocean View Hotel in Kilcunda, the coastal panorama views were breathtaking. Great meals were quickly served, and the musical entertainment was accompanied by pool table balls regularly crashing to the floor.

We thank all participants for joining us, and providing such convivial company making it a relaxing weekend. Thanks to Frances Williams for her suggestions of points of interest along the way, being a former 'Local Lass' of Leongatha.

Anne and Bryan Tootell

COMO GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND – Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October, 2017

The Last Hurrah!

This, the last running of the very popular Como Gardens Open Weekends, was quite an event for our club. The experience of the Saturday proved that all this modern social media stuff really works. On Saturday the car park was full at 10:40 am. On Sunday by 10:15 am the car park, the driveway parking across the road and both sides of The Basin-Olinda Road were jam-packed with more garden enthusiasts walking a fair distance to get into the great event. We have to dip our hats to the driver of a huge coach from Bendigo who managed to turn the long vehicle right around under very restricted conditions so that the coach could park a fair distance away; then having a well-earned rest until the passengers needed collecting for the trip back to Bendigo.

*A satisfying sight – a full parking area, all day.
Any gaps are identified soft ground places.*

Those from our club who assisted over the two days were – Greg and Geraldine Anglin, Pat Douglas, Bill and Terri Allen, Colin Brown, Di Mafodda, Tony and Maxine Pettigrew, Clive and Helen Benoy, Mike Allfrey, Tom Cannon, Rick Lloyd, Robert Lawton, Anne and Bryan Tootell, Ian Nelson, Anne and Colin Jenkins, John Fleming, Rex and Deanna Hall, Robert Nolan



and, last but not least, Bruce Johnson. If I have missed anyone, my apologies with the only reason for any lapses that can be given was the car parking activity being very busy on both days. No matter, a very grateful thanks from Pat and George were extended to our members (see *their note on the next page*).

The car park area had soaked up 15mm of rain on the Wednesday prior to the event. By Saturday morning the water had percolated to the bottom of the slope, making the ground very soft. The situation was such that, if a car spun its wheels, clear water was revealed about 30 mm below the grass surface. One visitor commented that such a parking area should really be a bitumen surface! The SES volunteers were active at times to assist with extricating those who succeeded in getting 'bogged', most due to their lack of soft ground condition awareness, strange in a continent of 4-WD vehicles! All of this was quite entertaining, and one lady in a small car, on being advised to be gentle on the throttle pedal, responded, "But I have to push it right down to start moving!" Oh, well.

The Rover P4 Guild put on a wonderful display of classic Rovers, and further down the field there was a Toyota Car Club display. Somehow a modern Mustang managed to muscle in on the display which, on both days, featured a good number of classics. These displays drew a great amount of attention from the visiting public.

The Como Gardens Railway train rides were not too successful because of a number of derailments due to a few dips in the permanent way; piles of track bed gravel being moved by toddler children; and, as later found out, severely settled suspension springs on the locomotive not coping with the aforementioned railway line hazards. On the Sunday, the train could only manage a couple of exploratory circuits, before being shedded for the day. This was disappointing for children and adults alike, and could well have had an effect on the overall takings for both days. Our thanks to George and Tony, along with the repair team, for doing as much as they could to keep the train running.

Then there was the large 4-WD that, after being directed to the next parking attendant down the slope, immediately turned into the first laneway, and then had to very laboriously reverse all the way back out, his explanation was, "I was obeying the instructions of my wife." Ah! '*She who must be obeyed*' – Rumpole.

While on entry gate duty at the end of each day, it was very rewarding to hear the comments of appreciation from a great number of visitors as they departed for home. There was much sincere regret that this was the last of the Como Gardens Open Weekends. Many remarked on the generosity of Pat and George, giving thanks for a wonderful visit. All very rewarding stuff that made our attempts at orderly parking really worthwhile. Hopefully the damaged soft spots in the paddock will heal up nicely. It is very likely that a good fall of rain will do a lot to level the ground again.

Our thanks and thoughts must also go to those who put in so much work for the success of all the previous Open Weekends, notably – the late John Marriott (with the splendid Peugeot), the late Terry King (St. John's Ambulance) the late Don Kinsey who brought us such interesting 'walk-around' information on George's motor vehicle collection. Thanks are also due to Margot Kinsey for her great help at the house over the years. None of them will be forgotten. Our thanks are also due to the kind lady from The Basin CFA who generously provided us with tasty sandwiches for sustenance. It was also good to see Margaret Dymond wrestling with her Kelpie-cross, to get it secured to the leash, while the dog was really 'on to something' that required its total wayward attention, regardless of any vehicles arriving!

The two days were so successful that the SES vehicle had to be sent out for more catering supplies, several times – another indicator of how big the event had become. It was also interesting to note that the performing dogs, as they passed through the car parking area, looked by far the happiest of all.

Our thanks also go to George and Pat for the donations presented to our club over the years. At our December lunch function, we should all raise our glasses in unanimous salute to them.

All of this begs the question, what do we do after this?

Mike Allfrey

Editor's note: Ya' done a good job, Mike!

29/10/17

The ABCCC,
attention: J. Pettigrew,
16 Lawley Lane,
Coldstream 3770

Dear Tony,

The recently held and final OGW after 20 years was a resounding success, aided also with ideal weather conditions.

Crowd numbers in attendance were enormous, on the Saturday 2000 people attended and Sunday 4,000.

The ABCCC once again played a major role to its success with total responsibility for the car parking, train station control and entry admission collection. Please convey our appreciation to them, also for those who promoted the event so well.

I have much pleasure in enclosing a cheque in favour of the club for \$4,000 in appreciation of a job done so well.

Best regards,

George and Pat Hetzel

A Pleasant Drive in the Country - Sunday, 29th October 2017

A couple dozen members went on a little drive Sunday. Most gathered at Lilydale Lakes to drive off, except for a few late-rising stragglers (who shall be nameless). Always anxious for a little snack before a relaxing drive, we headed all the way to Healesville for coffee and pastries at the Beechworth Bakery. After a proper interlude to catch us, we headed out past Mt St Leonard to Glenburn, where we diverted along a picturesque country road to Flowerdale. Steve & Viv Phelan made us feel very welcome, and the meals were tasty and satisfying. We sat around talking about our cars, many reminiscing about the old days (probably because of the relaxed country setting), and enjoying some great country pub ambiance. Thanks to Bryan and Anne for organising the beautiful day. Perhaps more to report from Bryan next issue.



Ed Bartosh, Hanger-on

From The President

Como Gardens

The last Como Gardens Open Days were held on 14th and 15th October with magnificent weather and attendance by the public almost doubling the previous record. The event ran twice a year for twenty years with ABCCC involvement for the last 16 years. During this time over \$600,000 has been raised for local charities and a substantial amount into ABCCC funds. This remuneration has helped the Club subsidise the cost of events and lunches.

I would like to thank all the members who have contributed their time over the years. As President it makes me extremely proud that we have played such a major role in this achievement.

ABCCC Fly The Flag Friendship Tour 2018

The tour is filling. If you have not yet sent in your entry form, please do so soon. We cannot hold a spot for you without your form and payment. As a teaser, a preliminary casting of the Car Badge has been made - *your preview is at the right.*

2018 ABCCC Event Organiser Meeting

On Sunday 22nd October we held our calendar planning meeting which was well attended with some new faces and the ever reliable regulars resulting in a full calendar for next year. Two special events are the Club's 21st birthday party in September organised by Colin Brown in lieu of the annual lunch.

A trip to Tasmania has also been organised by Maxine Pettigrew. A brief run down of the proposed trip is leaving 15th November overnight; then 2 nights in Launceston; then a visit to Evandale market enroute to Hobart for two nights. That followed by one night in Bicheno, three nights at St Helens; and then one night in Bridport. The last three nights will be in Somerset which is within striking distance of Stanley, Queenstown Burnie, Penguin or an Arthur River cruise. This event will be at your own pace with plenty of time to do your own thing or just tag along. The ferry will be a group booking and paid up front. All accommodation will be paid individually directly to the motel. All other expenses will be pay as you go. This is limited to twenty rooms and ten have already gone so if you are interested contact Maxine 9739 1146.

Please RSVP for Events When Requested

Lastly it has come to my attention many members are not giving event organisers enough notice of their intention to attend an event. It is inconsiderate to ring one or two days before with your intention of attending, especially when catering is involved. I would like to see members committing a little earlier and not waiting for the weather forecast!

Tony Pettigrew



AOMC NEWS

Seeking to Remove the Luxury Car Tax in Australia

The Association is involved in a RACV sub-committee which is preparing a comprehensive submission to the Australian government to remove the luxury car tax on the importation of vehicles over 30 years old. On higher value cars, it can amount to 40% of the landed cost in Australia, with no corresponding increase in the value of the car. Essentially, this makes the importation into Australia of high value classic cars prohibitive. Very sadly there is only a one way trade.

This tax leads to cars leaving the country not being replaced, with less local economic activity as a result. It also makes no sense to apply it to older vehicles as it was to protect the Australian car manufacturing industry, which as we also know, now no longer exists.

As part of this submission the RACV sub-committee is seeking some information on your car(s), their operating cost, and your intentions should a luxury car tax not exist. This will, in summary and non-attributable form, be part of the comprehensive and broadly supported submission. Please note that unless you wish to provide your name and phone number, it is entirely anonymous.

Please click on the following link to get to the survey. It is 5 questions and will take 5 minutes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/877LYLD> Thank you in advance for your time and your information.

President and Executive Committee, AOMC

ABCCC Great Australian "Rallying For A Cure" Committee update

Now is the time of year that invitations are usually being sent out for you to participate in the 2018 Great Australian Rally, 'Rallying for a Cure'. Unfortunately, due to matters beyond our control, there will not be a 2018 running of the Great Australian Rally.

However, the rally will return in 2019 and a re-grouped Rally Committee is presently seeking a new venue, preferably on the Mornington Peninsula. This action follows the Melbourne Racing Club's (Mornington Racecourse)

decision not to allocate our usual third week in January date. A number of venues are being assessed for suitability. It is anticipated that the starting points at Hastings Marina, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Rowville and the Deaf Centre in St Kilda will remain.

Hopefully the date for the revised Great Australian Rally will be Sunday 20th January, 2019. As soon as the new venue has been settled and the January date is confirmed, all efforts will be made to make the 2019 Great Australian Rally the biggest and best.

Your support, by having participated in the Great Australian Rallies that the ABCCC, has generated nearly \$800,000 has been donated to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation, is greatly appreciated.

The Rally Committee would like to have your volunteer support and attendance continue in 2019 with the funds raised for Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre being substantially increased.

We will keep you advised of developments as they eventuate.

Rex Hall – Rally Director.



BOOKING FORM – ABCCC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Venue: Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park (Mel 37, K3)

Date: Sunday, 10th December 2017

Time: 12:00 noon For 12:30 pm Commencement

Booking Details

Please Reserve Seats for _____ People

Name(s) _____

Note: Financial Club Members Only.

Payment \$ _____ Representing \$35.00 per Person.

This year, payment can also be made by direct deposit to:

Account Name: All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc.

BSB 063 863; Account Number 1001 3709,

stating your name included with the transfer. However, this form will still need to be posted or e-mailed for catering purposes at president@abccc.com.au.

Otherwise, please post this form and your cheque, payable to the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc., to:

Maxine Pettigrew, 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream, Victoria, 3770.

Kris Kringle will be held, if you wish to participate, label your items 'girl' or 'boy'.

Note: If you do not wish to damage your newsletter, a photo-copy of this form will be quite acceptable.