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[over] INDULGENCE Weekend



Our proud participants in the 2017 [over] Indulgence Tour. More within this issue

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.
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.

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 RENEWAL IS DUE BY JANUARY 1st - The form is on the last page.

NOTE: Gordon will be happy to give you your new membership card if you pay before or at the Christmas Luncheon on Sunday.

NEWSLETTER ORGANIZER – Issue N^o 211

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 25th 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.

Betty

ABCCC EVENTS CALENDAR

December 2017

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

February 2018

Sunday 11 th	Keeping Up with a Morgan – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – Meet at the car park outside Harvey Normans on Whitehorse Road in Nunawading	Phil Cook 9842 5449
Sunday 25 th	AOMC Classic Showcase – An ABCCC Supported Event Show Venue – Yarra Valley Race Course, Yarra Glen.	AOMC 9558 4829

March 2018

Sunday 4 th	ABCCC Annual General Meeting – An ABCCC Event Venue – TBA	Pat Douglas 9739 4829
Sunday 18 th to Saturday 24 th	Fly the Flag Friendship Tour – A Major ABCCC Event 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).	Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146

April 2018

Wednesday 11 th	Grand Children's Day Out – An ABCCC Event Special Activity – A Visit to the Zoo.	Marj Pepper 9439 7875
Friday 22 nd	A Pleasant Outing – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – TBA	Russell Simmonds & Eve Glenn 0433 212 056

May 2018

Sunday 6 th	A Day out to Whoop Whoop – An ABCCC Event Venue – Castlemaine, Victoria.	Tore Panuzzo 0413 941 502
Sunday 27 th	Rex's Big Day Out – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – TBA	Rex Hall 9795 7669

June 2018

Friday 9 th to Monday 11 th	41 st Hamilton Rally – An ABCCC Visit Event Rally Base Venue – Hamilton Showgrounds, Cnr. King and Gordon Streets, Hamilton, Victoria.	Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146
Wednesday 27 th	Mid-week Lunch Run – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – TBA	Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023

July 2018

Friday 20 th to Sunday 22 nd	The Tootell's Weekend Away – An ABCCC Event Destination – TBA.	Anne and Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
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August 2018

Sunday 5 th	A Special Day Out – An ABCCC Event Function Venue – TBA	Christopher Constantine 9898 4431
Sunday 19 th	A Day out in Gippsland – An ABCCC Event Details – TBA	Tom and Heather Cannon 5659 0264 0450 580 892

September 2018

Saturday 1 st	A Scenic Drive – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – TBA	Phil Cook 9842 5449
Wednesday 12 th	A Mystery Outing – An ABCCC Event Venue – Find Out and See.	Anne and Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Saturday 22 nd	21 st Birthday Celebration of Our Club – An ABCCC Event Venue – TBA.	Colin Brown 5964 9291

October 2018

Sunday 14 th	An Alternative Way to Geelong – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – TBA.	Greg and Geraldine Anglin 9876 3293
Saturday 20 th	Car Display at the Men's Shed (date to be confirmed) Venue – Croydon Hills Baptist Church, Cnr Bemboka and Plymouth Roads, Croydon Hills.	Mike Allfrey 9729 1480
Friday 26 th to Sunday 28 th	The Legendary Indulgence Tour – An ABCCC Touring – TBA.	Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023

November 2018

Tuesday 6 th	Celebrate the Melbourne Cup at Yarra Glen – An ABCCC Event We will be putting on a car display at Yarra Valley Racecourse. Start Venue – Meet at Coldstream, Victoria.	Colin Brown 5964 9291
Thursday 15 th to Thursday 29 th	Touring the 'Apple Isle' – An ABCCC Holiday Information Kit – TBA.	Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146
Sunday 18 th	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

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.

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

Phil's Fantastic Day Out - Sunday, 11th February 2018

We will meet at the car park outside Harvey Normans on Whitehorse Road in Nunawading, Mel 48; G9. Time 9.00am for a 9.30am drive off.

After driving through Warrandyte and Panton Hill, we will drive up the hill to Kinglake. Then it's on to Pheasant's Creek where we will stop at the Flying Tarts Bakery for Morning Tea/Coffee. After a short break, we will drive to a lovely Country Pub where we will have lunch. Meals will be at a nominal charge of \$15-\$20. Drinks are at bar prices.

As catering needs to be confirmed, will those members who are interested in participating on this event, please let me know. Full route details will be given at the start of the event

Phil Cook on 9842 5449 or 0468680538

EVENT REPORTS

A PLEASANT DRIVE IN THE COUNTRY (another view) - Sunday, 29th October 2017

The forecast was for a fine day, cloudless sky, and in the mid-twenties, too good to be true we thought as we headed to the start at Lilydale Lake.

On arrival, we discovered another car club were also using this location for their start (what a cheek), and as they had Healeys, MG's and Jaguars there was some initial confusion as to who was which. Our President also 'almost' ended up again with a scrunched car. All 27 Participants were on time and we took off on schedule. It was hoped the camera car didn't snap any of our group just out of Coldstream.

After the usual pleasant stop at the Bakery, it was off to our lunch venue at Flowerdale, via Toolangi and Glenburn. Tony's Lagonda looks the part, but a dicky fuel filter created trouble during the climb. It was suggested, maybe, he should try and reverse up. Traffic was light and the day was superb for a country drive.

On arrival at the Hotel, we took a short break for a drink. Then we moved into the dining area, where we had pretty much to ourselves, as most other customers availed themselves of the outside facilities. We thank all the regulars, and some old and new ones who joined us for the run.

Anne and Bryan

ABCCC AT THE RACES- Tuesday, 7th November 2017

Sixteen club members and friends, who were also avid race fans, got together at the Yarra Valley Racecourse on Melbourne Cup Day to watch the races, have a punt, and enjoy each other's company. Colin arranged for two tables at the corner of the Yarraview Room for us to be apart from the madding crowd - but close enough to feel the excitement of the races, in Yarra Glen and in town.

While we didn't have any entries in the fashions on the field competition, you can see we were dressed to the nines for the special day. And some actually made money on the day!

Betty Taylor



THE ABCCC INDULGENCE WEEKEND – Friday - Sunday, 10th to 12th November 2017

The weather forecast for our tour destination, Echuca on the River Murray, was for 31.5 °C average over the weekend, so we opted to take our 'modern' Rover 75 – which is almost a classic British motor car. There were reasons for this, mainly that the plastic bits inside the car were more capable of standing in the sun than in the older cars, while we were to take advantage of a coach's transport while we would be indulging.

Once again Peter had laid on a convenient meeting place at the McKenzie Reserve in Yarra Glen. We were not late in arriving by any means, but it felt as if we were due to the number of participants already there, excitedly waiting, as we pulled into a parking bay. It was soon noted that quite a number of us had opted for modern cars, but there were the Peter McKiernan and daughter Marie-Claire in the ever immaculate red MG-B; David Peck and Pam in their fabulous Rolls Royce; Ian and Mary Hodge with their MG-TF that now starts on the knob; David Cook and Joan Read with their Jaguar XJ; Gordon Paterson and Gill Hutchings in their BMC Mini; and last but by no means least, the wonderful Bristol piloted by Ray and Joan Parker.

After our greetings and natter, it was time to receive our route instructions. We read them carefully and set off for our morning refreshment stop at the Brewer's Café in Seymour. That was easy to find because it is opposite the railway station. Parking was a bit tight, but there was a roomy car park a short walk from the café. Being an exceptionally sunny day, we gathered in the back garden in the shade of some evergreens. Coffee, tea and cake/biscuits were provided quickly and a very pleasant refreshment break was enjoyed. Some of our group had motored directly to the Seymour venue and all were present for the lunch order clip-board. There were not yet any ticks in the box alongside the lasagne posting, so we put two in, just to be different. That turned out to be a bit of a mistake!

Traffic to Yea had been fairly busy. From there to Seymour was light and made for a pleasant drive. Our lunch stop was at the Victoria Hotel in Elmore with our route instructions taking us along very quiet roads with quite reasonable surfaces. For me, it was nice to have the Bristol in the Rover's mirrors. The Victoria Hotel has changed somewhat since I used to frequent it forty-some years ago for counter lunches while working in the area. We soon found out about the mistake we had made with our lunch order back in Seymour – the lasagne on our plates was enormous and, very good, having a molten cheese topping that certified the richness of our meal. It was a definite case of 'waste not, want not' for both of us. Sue however was sort of defeated, and I was completely replete. From Elmore it was a direct drive through Rochester to our accommodation at the River Country Inn at Moama on the NSW side of the Murray from Echuca. It was time for a well-earned rest before nibbles and assorted drinks. It was a pleasant outdoor setting in the garden-style courtyard easily accessed from our rooms.

All too soon, it was time to board our coach that would take us to the Historic Echuca Wharf for our evening dinner on the *PB Pride of the Murray*. Our driver was Bruce Pearson who gave us a very comprehensive commentary about points of interest along our route. As we disembarked the coach, it was a surprise to see a 1948 P3 Rover parked nearby. It turned out to belong to the fellow who furnishes the meals on the *PB Pride of the Murray*.

Right: Our group boards our dinner venue.

We were soon under way, upstream with the boat's river ensign proudly fluttering on its pole right up front in the bow. This, being a river boat, features a 'pointed end' at both ends. We soon found out the boat is powered by a diesel engine which powers a generator for an electric motor at each paddle wheel. Hence 'PB' instead of 'PS' as its title, or should it be '*PDE Pride of the Murray*'? Not to worry too much, it was a most enjoyable cruise up the river and back down again. Being still in comparative daylight, it was easy to appreciate the boat's controllability, because with the electric propulsion. It is comparatively swift to change one paddle from forward to reverse, so that the very tight curves in the river that we encountered could be easily navigated. A modern convenience in an old boat!



As we cruised up-river, we were informed that the state border is actually at the high water mark on the Victorian side of the river. While passing the vast stretch of river red gums, a thought occurred to me – what if the river decided to change its course to one which would be much further north. Would the state border move with it? Worth pondering in the balmy evening light.

Left: Enjoying a pause in the light show, after dinner.



Due to the low height of the river's level, it was not possible to fully view a famous Murray Valley sunset. There was a small pink glow between the trees, but with the river curving so frequently, glimpses were infrequent. Dinner was served in the two saloons, with each table

being called up for the buffet style servery. After the lunch we had enjoyed in Elmore and the lasagne still making its presence felt in a nice way, we felt that smallish portions were in order. Rather than accepting the huge baked potato offered, two pieces of roast pumpkin were requested to accompany the single generous slice of pork. We selected our accompaniments and settled down to indulge further. On top of that there was dessert! After the plates and cutlery had been cleared away, we were treated to a fascinating light show. This was similar to the one at the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum in Warrnambool, but shone onto the bank of the Murray. It was impressively different, having the ghostly red gums as the screen. It was all good fun, and became even better as the twilight drifted into darkness.

The next morning, breakfast was on us and our choice choices were to go to the bakery across the busy Deniliquin Road or, Sue's choice was to simply have a cup of coffee in our room. On reaching the bakery, I discovered that there were three choices – freezing cold sandwiches in packets, a hot pie, or a coffee scroll dripping with sugar icing. That was it, so a flat white was ordered with the Friday lunch still sustaining me! Soon I was joined by Peter and M-C, along with Greg Anglin with an interesting conversation about trucks, etc.

Bruce and his coach were waiting when we returned to the motel. Soon it was time for the group photo session managed by Peter Hibbert. It was understood that there is a photo of our group on the front cover – not one of mine, because Peter the Manager contrived to be hidden behind Peter the Director's sun hat! We boarded the coach and set off for the day's activities. Soon the ladies were dropped off to indulge in some local shopping and we set off, on foot, for the Holden museum. There I was warmly welcomed by Tony Galea, who used to be the FE Holden Club's Delegate to the AOMC. Amazing who we bump into on these tours! During our visit Tony gave us a graphic demonstration of Holden air-bags deploying at half speed. Thoughts about not wishing to see such a happening in our Rover crossed my mind. We were informed that many cars are scrapped due to air-bag deployment, solely due to their replacement cost.

Then we gathered for the visit to Norm Ravertey's Motor Museum. I particularly looked forward to this visit because it was reputed to contain one racing skiff, *Mercury*, which was powered by a 'full house' Jaguar D-type engine and held the Australian water speed record for its class. In 1969 I had an exciting ride in it on the river – *Mercury* was not in the museum. I tried to ask Norm about it, but there were too many Ford enthusiasts eager to have a chat with him.

From there Bruce took us on a rather dusty ride to our luncheon venue - the Cape Horn Winery through the vast river red gums and past numerous billabongs. Thankfully, to the relief of some of us, we were riding in a dust-proof coach for the dirt road journey. We were allotted outdoor seating at tables and enjoyed pre-lunch drinks and antipasto tasty bits before the wood-fired pizzas arrived. It was a very appropriate and satisfying lunch out by the river.

Right: The real Cape Horn in 2012! It was colder than the Chardonnay served at the winery that purloined its name.



After indulging in the super food and probably the vineyard's wine, it was time to be chauffeured back to Moama. But, Bruce stopped off to introduce us to the Great Aussie Beer Shed and Heritage Farm Museum for an entertaining talk show with time to view the vast collection of beer memorabilia including a large collection of German beer 'Steins'. But it was one short from Klosther-Bräuerei, a brewery which gave me a 0.5 litre Stein many years ago. Thus, we didn't have time to look at old farm machinery. As we continued stops were made to collect ingredients for our evening barbecue meal. The coach doubled up as a food transporter as well as its more normal duties. All good fun and after that lunch, did we care? Not at all! Some of us had a rest in our rooms before emerging for drinks and nibbles – indulging is enjoyable, but can be a mite tiring. Note, 'ß' is German double 's', as in stress.



After the antipasto, pizzas and nibbles, the barbecue was quite a climax to a day of great indulgence. Just who did all the cooking on the barbecue; I can't be recall at present. But you did an impressive job and we thank you for doing it. It was a very pleasant evening for all of us, and then the mosquitoes became desirous of indulging too.

Left: Some of our advisors enjoying a break.

Our brunch session was on board the moored PB Pride of the Murray and, once again, we had the impression of being rather late even though we were early in the scheduled time frame. After another large meal, we really should have walked home to work it all off! The Rover's TomTom was set to take us home using the economical route. It took us just west of Kyabram and down to Stanhope,

Rushworth and Murchison to Seymour. Good quiet roads and pleasant motoring. On reaching Yea, we had struck suburban traffic and had to wrestle with its impatience.

Our grateful thanks are due to Peter and Marie-Claire for putting it all together for us. It was kind of special!

Mike and Sue Allfrey

More pictures from Peter Hibbert and Liljana Margetts



ABCCC Memorabilia for Offer

From: Chris Newell E-mail: triumphdude@gmail.com or phone: 0438 007 021

I have an ABCCC Jacket for sale, hardly worn (was a Christmas Pressy, but too big) in great condition, XL. This is the jacket that was modelled on the Jaguar BRG jackets. Contact me if you are interested.

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, 1949 & 1950	MG	Y type
	1978	Porsche	Targa
Mark & Bronwyn Sheedy	1970	Austin	1800 MKII
Jack & Phyllis Edmonds	1993	Jaguar	Sovereign
David & Melanie Collier	1995	MG	R V8
Duc Tran	1984	Jaguar	XJ6 Sovereign

ABCCC Member's Cars

Our web site is still looking for pictures of your fine, treasured motors. Last month's ABCCC News featured Bruce Cox's fine Jaguar. We would like to feature a member's British car in each issue, but we can't do that without your pictures. If you view the page at <http://www.abccc.com.au/MembersCars.php> you can see some proud vehicles of your fellow ABCCCs - even some non-British runabouts. So, please send a picture of each of your proud babies to webmaster@abccc.com.au with a few details, and you'll make the web site more interesting and the newsletter more complete.

Ed Bartosh



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

THE PRESIDENT AND THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR CLUB. ATTENDANCE AT ALL EVENTS HAS BEEN EXCELLENT, AND WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE AS OF JANUARY 1ST EACH YEAR

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION IS \$45.00 PER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

All members with cars on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme are required to attend three club events from the date of the motor cars permit issue, and renew their membership by the due date, failure to do this; they will have their membership cancelled.

The ROAD SAFETY ACT says that you MUST be a financial club member at all times, or your Club Permit Scheme plates are invalid and you will be un-insured and ineligible for road use.

Please fill in your details below; payments may be made by EFT or CHEQUE made payable to the
ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

Send to: **Gordon Lindner**
9 Hagen Drive
Berwick VIC 3806

Bank details: BSB 063 863, Account No. 1001 3709; please provide your name as a reference of payment.

Name.....Partner.....

Address.....Post Code.....

Phones: Home.....Business.....Mobile.....

E-Mail.....

Please update your vehicle ownership as we need the information to keep our club records current.
If your vehicle is on the Club Permit Scheme please indicate below if it is with the ABCCC register.

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