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**THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB VIC INC.**

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**Here's a car you don't see everyday...**

(unless you are watching an old BBC mystery episode)



Bill Allen's 1956 Rover P4 90

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.  
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.

For members wanting to operate a motor car on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) under the auspices of our club, please contact Wally Thompson, who is the ABCCC VCPS Officer in Charge, on as shown above. Wally will be able to provide all the information required to operate a motor car on the VCPS.

VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VCPS renewal should be sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria 3770. Enclose with it a stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads, along with a cheque/money order for the VCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC, and then forward the permit renewal on to VicRoads. The form also requires YOUR signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder.

**REMEMBER: IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGISTRATION SCHEME, YOU MUST ATTEND AT LEAST 3 (THREE) EVENTS.** If you are not compliant, your permit will not be renewed.

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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. If you are going to have one, please provide the details so that it can be publicized. Cut off time is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. I would appreciate the notes and articles be written in complete sentences and not in all caps. Oh, in MS Word would also help. It makes my job much easier.

*Betty*

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## 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 website. Dues can be sent directly to Gordon.

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

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## ABCCC EVENTS CALENDAR

### July 2018

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> to Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> The Tootell's Weekend Away – An ABCCC Event Anne and Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906  
Destination – TBA.

### August 2018

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> A Special Day Out – An ABCCC Event Christopher Constantine 9898 4431  
Start Venue – “Arboretum Boronia” corner of Dorset Rd. and Francis St. at 9.45 am

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> A Day out in Gippsland – An ABCCC Event Tom and Heather Cannon 5659 0264  
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### September 2018

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> A Scenic Drive – **CANCELLED** Phil Cook 9842 5449

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

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> ABCCC's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown 5964 9291  
Venue – York on Lilydale, Cnr York & Swansea Roads, Mount Evelyn

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> VACC Centennial Cavalcade <https://vacc.com.au/News/Events>  
Venue – Melbourne to Bendigo, with "Show 'n Shine"

### October 2018

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

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> to Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Motorclassica - The Association of Motoring Clubs Inc. Paul Mathers (03) 9321 6755  
Venue: Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, Victoria

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

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Car Display at the Men's Shed (date to be confirmed) Mike Allfrey 9729 1480  
Venue – Croydon Hills Baptist Church, Cnr Bemboka and Plymouth Roads, Croydon Hills.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> The ABCCC Calendar Planning Meeting Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146  
Venue – 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream, Victoria.

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> to Sun 28<sup>th</sup> The Legendary Indulgence Tour – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023  
Touring – Gippsland.

### November 2018

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Meet at Coldstream, Victoria.

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Touring the 'Apple Isle' – An ABCCC Holiday Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146  
Information Kit – TBA.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Concours and Display Day, Jaguar Car Club (Vic). Contact: Trevor Wilkinson 0438 345 219  
Venue: The oval at the Wesley College, 620 High Street Road, Glen Waverley

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 26th Rob Roy Hill Climb Sponsor: MG Car Club of Victoria  
Venue: Clintons Road, Christmas Hills VIC. Visit [www.robroyhillclimb.com.au](http://www.robroyhillclimb.com.au) for details.

### December 2018

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Luncheon – The ABCCC End of Year Event Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146  
Venue – Gardiners Run Golf Club, Victoria Road, Lilydale.

**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.

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## UP COMING EVENTS

### THE TOOTELL'S WEEKEND AWAY - 20-22 July 2018

We will be heading into the golden triangle so bring your fossicking gear. We also have other plans in store for you. As accommodations are limited to 12 couples, please register your intention to attend.

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

## GERALDINE AND CHRISTOPHER'S "OVER HILL, OVER DALE" WINTER TIME EXCURSION – Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018

(Not the midsummer's night dream time tour – apologies to William Shakespeare) But, as this is our August "winter of discontent" tour, we have decided to have a slightly later than the usual set off time.

We will be meeting at the "Arboretum Boronia" corner of Dorset Rd. and Francis St. at around about 9.45 am. More doona time on a chilly morning. We suggest you bring a thermos of hot tea or coffee. We will supply the snowballs as you have a quick look around the complex.

A little after 10.15 am we will set off on a very pleasant drive through the "Harkaway Hills", finishing at a "gem" of a location for lunch. Hopefully, the open fire will feature as per the member's request at the planning meeting.

Due to the necessity of having to pre-book our luncheon venue, we will need to know numbers attending well before the end of July. You can contact us on M: 0428 358 847 or at [christopheraaa@bigpond.com](mailto:christopheraaa@bigpond.com)

*Christopher Constantine*

## 21st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF OUR CLUB – Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

### EARLY NOTICE

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19th September 1997, and it is planned to hold a special night time dinner to celebrate in style the 21st Birthday of the foundation our club.

Venue: York on Lilydale Cnr York & Swansea Roads, Mount Evelyn

Dinner: Entrée - Main - Dessert - \$40.00 (subsidised by club)

Drinks: Provided by club

Time: 5.30pm for 6.30pm dinner

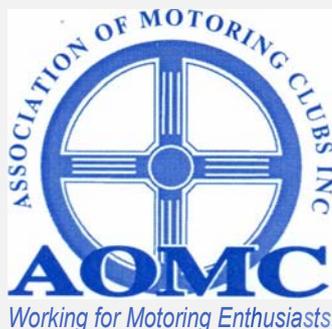
Entertainment: Gavin Lydell

Dress: Party

Accommodation: If any members would like to make this a weekend away, rooms are available at the York on Lilydale. Please book directly at (03) 9736 4000 or at the venue.

Please put this night down in your diary, a booking form is at the end of this ABCCC Newsletter.

*Colin Brown*



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### Message to Clubs

VACC Centennial Rally - Melbourne to Bendigo Saturday 22nd September

As you would know we have been asked to find suitable significant vehicles to take part in this rally travelling to Bendigo from Melbourne.

Starting at 1918, the year of establishment of the VACC in Bendigo, the rally will feature one vehicle from each year - 1918 to present day.

At the present time we need significant or interesting vehicles to take part manufactured in the following years:

1919,1920, 1922,1924, 1927,

1930,1931, 1932, 1934,1936,1938,

1940,1941,1942,1943,1944,1945,1948,

1950,1954

1960,1966,

1972,1977,1978,1979,

1981,1982,1983,1985,1986,1988

1991, 1993,1995,1996,1997, 1998,1999,

2000,2001,2002,2003,2005,2006,2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012,2013,2015,2017,2018.

The Expression of Interest Form can be downloaded from the VACC's website at:  
[www.vacc.com.au/news/events](http://www.vacc.com.au/news/events) and follow prompts to VACC Centennial Celebrations.

Please note one photo of the vehicle will suffice.

Please address all enquiries regarding entry to the rally to Iain Ross t 9890 0467 m 0409 027 392  
[imgross@bigpond.com](mailto:imgross@bigpond.com)

Note at the same time at the commencement of the rally from Melbourne there will be a Show and Shine held in Bendigo in the centre of the city to celebrate the centennial of the VACC.

Please advise your members and help me to get a vehicle for the years required.

## **INDULGENCE 2018 - Friday, 26th – Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

It's on again the famous "Over Indulgence Weekend".

This year we are going to Paynesville on the Gippsland Lakes with a 3 ½ hour luncheon cruise on the water. There is only one motel in Paynesville and I have booked it out for the weekend. At this stage the event is booked out with previous participants, however if any members decide to attend, I will place them on a waiting list and will endeavour to arrange some alternative accommodation in the immediate area. The cost for the weekend is \$500 per couple or \$250 a single.

If you are interested in attending and being placed on the waiting list, please contact Peter.

*Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023*

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## **REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS**

### **HAMILTON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RALLY – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**

#### **The ABCCC Wins An Award!**

It was a rather desperate situation prior to this enjoyable event, my classic Rover (*Pea Soup*) was my nominated car, but on the entry form, my Jowett Jupiter was also nominated – with the proviso that the organisers promise fine weather and that my back is fit enough to cope with the Western District's now very rough roads. After sending in my entry, I thought I had ample time to replace *Pea Soup's* windscreen, but matters turned out to be sort of against my schedule.

First the new screen was declared un-roadworthy due to the lamination film having absorbed moisture over storage time. The installer told me not to worry, he was confident a brand new screen would be in stock. His supplier catalogue did list a screen for a Rover P6 and, encouragingly, it was a new-issue catalogue. Two days later, the new screen arrived and fitting commenced. All too soon it was discovered that the sealing rubber, bought locally some years ago, had the top corners formed the wrong way round. We tried re-training it on the new glass with copious amounts of adhesive tape and frequent doses of heat from a hair dryer. At the next session, after the tapes had been removed, the rubber immediately sprang back to its original shape. A new set of rubbers was ordered from a UK supplier and delivery was delayed somewhat by Australia Post and time was seriously short. It looked as if we were in for a wet weekend. As I was not at all enthusiastic about finding out which knee would get wet first, the Jupiter was set aside. With two days to spare, the Rover had a new screen fitted and, after a wash and polish, I was ready to go.

The drive to Hamilton started out as a very wet motoring event. But once past Ballarat, the rain sort of stopped and I was ready for lunch at the Golden Age Hotel in Beaufort. There was a blazing fire in the dining room as we all got together for a most enjoyable meal. Mindful of having to register with the Hamilton And District Veteran, Vintage And Classic Driver's Club at 5:00 pm, we set off on our different routes to Hamilton. I opted to leave the Western Highway just before Ararat and, after driving deserted roads, came onto the Glenelg Highway just after Glenthompson. From there, it was a straight run to the Grange Burn Motel. After relaxing, we set off in Christopher Constantine's immaculate MG Magnette to register, in readiness for an early start to Casterton next morning for the Kelpie Muster. Then, it was back to the motel for dinner, which turned out to be very good value.

The Saturday morning turned out to be very cold and there were heavy cloud formations in the direction of Casterton. A special drive on quiet roads had been organised for us. There was a reason for this – because the host of logging trucks had thoroughly wrecked the road to Dartmoor and had now started to do the same to the Glenelg Highway west of Hamilton. Our drive would have been super-scenic, if we could have seen the surrounding countryside, but we were frequently in low cloud and squally rain showers. Doug Palmer (HDVVCDC) had warned us about severe transition bumps at a bridge over a creek along the way. He stressed that care and slow speed should be exercised as there where it was marked by the only witch's hats on the route. *Pea Soup*, using its Land Rover relationship, found the hazard to be barely

noticeable. The wayward Morris Ten in front, managed to lose all momentum for the climb from creek level. Once on top, we were back in cloud again for a spell till we reached Merino. Then, when we reached Sandford, the sun shone through and matters looked good for the Kelpie Muster. We arrived with minutes to spare for the Grand Parade along Casterton's main street.

Just before the parade commenced, I had managed to get an egg and bacon sandwich with double bacon. As it was being eaten, it became of great interest to numerous kelpies around me, even to some which were in the parade. It was quite a juggling act taking photos, eating and watching out for starving dogs. *Doggone!*

*Just a few of the kelpies in the parade.*

The parade was all good stuff, when along came a group of small horses from the Glenelg Pony Club, the ones we saw a few years ago. There was one being ridden by a rather young girl who had a very serious and determined look and attitude, until she spotted her Gran and yelled out excitedly – nearly falling off in the process! Some of the rally cars had been selected for the parade, but none from our club.



After watching kelpies doing extraordinary tasks and marshalling some rather well behaved sheep, it was time for a coffee and a further wander around looking in some interesting shops and stalls. Then it was time to head back to Hamilton, using the recommended lower road and joining the highway just before Coleraine. Happy hour commenced at 5:30 pm and the dinner tables were laid with interesting nibbles. In fact, some really thought we were expected to eat dog biscuits. This was wonderful thinking from the organisers and caused quite an amount of hilarity to kick the evening off really well.

The dinner was a self-serve by table of a traditional roast and vegetables. It was a pleasantly tasty meal. Then it was time for the evening's guest speaker, Peter Kimpton, to give us a talk about his experiences with motor cars. To me, this was an absolute disaster, mainly because I could not understand 99.9 per cent of the rather lengthy talk. I did manage to distinguish some words, namely, 'billycart' and 'Falcon 500' but, for me that was it! Asking around our table drew no enlightenment at all. Peter was one of those speakers who walk around backwards and forwards endlessly fidgeting, mostly with his back to our end of the room. I asked Tony Pettigrew to write it up for this magazine, but it turned out that he also couldn't make out what was said. As a result, we are all a bit in the dark on this.

Next morning we awoke to bright sunshine for the car display at the Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Centre (HECC). Being an early arrival, I was handed the task of judging the 1950 decade cars on display. Not at all easy as a task. Finally, a nice green MG Magnette entered by John and Jenny Corcoran (Hamilton Club), was chosen for its honest appeal. I think I got it mostly right, because when the award was presented to them, a good round of applause rippled around the room. Interestingly, Christopher and Geraldine won an award for their MG Magnette. So two of these fine motor cars had won awards, and not for their vibrating and singing horn rings either!

*Christopher and Geraldine Constantine hustling their Magnette from C217.*

After the display, all cars set off for the 140 kilometre tour to Devon Park, south of Dunkeld, possessing a huge shearing and wool shed. In my determination to get photos of rally cars on the road, I elected to leave a few minutes early and head straight for Dunkeld. I turned onto the Hall's Gap road to position myself at the intersection with the road to Cavendish and Victoria Valley. Soon after getting there a group of marshals arrived at the intersection and I quickly sorted out where to shoot photographs from.



More quickly than expected, rally cars started coming down the hill towards the 'T' intersection where they were directed to turn right for Dunkeld. Due to a fair amount of holiday traffic on the main road, there were frequent queues of rally cars waiting for their chance to make the turn. A pair of Rover P3 models appeared to suffer from valve guides that let engine oil into the inlet ports on the high vacuum overrun and then when accelerating out of the intersection, resulting in some oil smoke affecting a following car.

*Graham Talmage and Kate Senko heaving their big Rover P5 Coupé into the road to Dunkeld.*

Photography was not all that easy, due to the light continually changing as a strong wind drove the clouds eastwards. However, at right can be seen the blue of a bright interval. The setting was a very pleasant place to stop and the ground had not been greatly affected by the rains we endured elsewhere.



Once Chris Watts, tail-end Charlie came along, it was time to proceed to the Devon Park woolshed for our lunch. Here follows a short description of the Devon Park property, as provided in the Rally Programme. Our thanks to the rally organisers for including it here.

### ***A Short History Of 'Devon Park'***



*The property was settled in 1845 by Donald and Duncan Cameron-Kennedy and originally named 'Linlithgow Plains', because of the giant lake that was part of the original holding. This name is still used by the Clarke Family to this day. It was one of the earliest squatting runs in Victoria.*

*The imposing Devon Park House as it is now.*

*In 1853 it was sold to Silas Harding of Geelong, who was a prominent early settler. On his death it was passed on to his second wife's family, the Oldham's. Silas Harding had the single story*

*bluestone home (of around 1850 era) on the property, made into two stories by 1882 and created some of the outbuildings at the same time. The house was also extended further in the time of his ownership.*

*The property was purchased by W.J.T. Clarke in 1928 and further extensions to the home were made in 1930. It was passed on to his son, Trevor, who was very well-known in Victorian Racing circles and a prominent member of many organisations in and around Dunkeld. Trevor's wife, Sandra, lived on the property all of her life and passed away in 2010. Well before this it had been passed onto his son, James, who unfortunately passed away in 2009. James' wife, Susie, now runs the property and is a very successful cattle breeder and has a herd of approximately 2,200. Despite the fact that there is a woolshed on the property there are currently no sheep thereon.*

The woolshed was the venue for our packed lunch, which was eaten in pleasant surroundings. After lunch, some of us walked over to the main house for an external viewing of the extremely robust looking building. Then it was time to drive back to Hamilton and complete our loop tour. I chose to use the Chatsworth to Hamilton road which was free of traffic.

Once back at base, it was time to get ready for the gala dinner at rally headquarters. Right away there was cause for hilarity, the Doggone and fancy dress beginning with the letter 'D' themes were well applied by some of us. There was one poor man being led, while on all four, between the assembled tables on a dog lead by his lady. The good man did make some very realistic barking sounds and it was a hilarious start to proceedings. *Doggone!* Our club was well represented in the fancy dress, as the following pictures reveal. They were taken by *Deaf Dog* and illustrate well what we can get up to.



*Tony Pettigrew accepting the Participating Club Award.*



*Joy and Colin Brown Doing the Dishes.*



*Doggone! Cocker Spaniels All! The Constantines.*



*Darrell and Peter Jones – The Couple Draculae*



*Our own Dollar Bill, with Lorraine Wilson, Rally CEO.*



*Robin and Anne Jervis-Read – Darl and Darling.*

Next morning, at brunch we were served generous egg and bacon rolls. The rolls were rather special, and the chaser serve of toasted raisin bread put on that extra touch. A huge thank you to those who organised the Queen's Birthday Rally. We really appreciate all that goes into making the rally a 'must do' event each year. Long may it continue!

The attendees from the ABCCC were – Tony and Maxine Pettigrew (1983 Jaguar XJ-6), Ian and Mary Hodge (1957 Vauxhall Velox), Christopher and Geraldine Constantine (1955 MG ZA Magnette), Bill and Terri Allen (1956 Rover P4 90), Robin and Anne Jervis-Read (1959 Jensen 541-R), Colin and Joy Brown (1958 Jaguar XK150), Peter and Darrel Jones (1965 Mercedes-Benz 230-SL), Graham Talmage and Kate Senko (1967 Rover P5 Coupé), Harry and Jean Cooper (1966 Rover P5 Mk III), Norm and Heather Darwin (1984 Jaguar XJ-6 Mk III), George Chrystie (1991 Ford Telstar V6), Mike Allfrey (1976 Rover 3500 P6B), Peter and Michelle Flavelle (Plymouth Valiant Hard Top). Should any of our club's participants want a CD-R with a full set of event photographs (all 370 of them), please contact the writer at [michael.allfrey@bigpond.com](mailto:michael.allfrey@bigpond.com). A disc (at no cost) will be sent to you somehow.

The traffic on the Glenelg Highway was, to put it mildly, frightening. Close to Glenthompson, an idiot first-class decided to swerve left from close behind *Pea Soup* and overtook me and the two cars in front. He did this by taking to the truck parking area – despite the brand new 40 kph limit signs in the parking area. We were in our 'slot' at just over the legal limit (100 kph) at the time. Police? Not in sight, except for a speed camera operator on the Western Freeway - probably asleep with the boredom created by doing his bit for road safety. After leaving the highway near Glenthompson, I drove across country to reach the freeway where there were at least two lanes each way for the crazy idiots to perform their dangerous acts.

Our thanks to Tony and Maxine for organising it all from our club's angle. *Doggone!*

*Mike Allfrey and Pea Soup.*



## Federation

of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc. A0038929X

Correspondence: P.O. Box 175, Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057

Dear Members,

There has been much discussion in recent months around issues affecting the historic vehicle movement, including the future role of representative groups. The Federation Committee meeting and Delegates meeting has just been held in Maryborough and from this we wish to communicate some important matters.

Since 1970, Federation has worked tirelessly to further the aims of the historic vehicle movement. Quarterly meetings are held around the State, which gives all Clubs the opportunity to attend, to discuss items, promote activities, acknowledge milestones, share and resolve matters of concern, and be advised of national events and concerns. Refreshments are provided at no cost to the Delegates present, as well as a financial contribution to the host Club.

Federation remains active in the support of grass roots motoring, running five free picnic days across the State with prizes allocated on participation to encourage attendance and enable interaction with other Clubs. More recently we were delighted to be able to support the Motorshow of Support in Warrnambool to raise funds for those affected by the fires. We have run and still do major statewide tours each year, alternating between the Federation Tours for all with vehicles up to 25 years old, and the Golden Oldies Tour for Vintage vehicles.

Oscar Wilde's quote of "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery" certainly applies here given the number of Tours that have been created since. From these Tours, Federation has donated over \$10,000 to Cancer research as we know this touches everybody. Federation has conducted the world class Bendigo Swap Meet for over 40 years. This provides vital funds to support the ongoing work of the movement, distributing funds to Clubs who provide volunteers, together with providing trophies for your Club's invitation events, and financial assistance via Capital Grants to further your Club with long lasting benefits.

Federation has also organised Australia Day in Melbourne for 40 years from the early days of the Cavalcade through to the static display in the gardens until recent restrictions have made it unviable.

With no remuneration paid to officers or staff, no offices to maintain, all work is being done voluntarily, because we are all part of the movement and don't seek any personal benefit. Federation has had no trouble filling positions on committee. All this has allowed your Club's subscription to remain at a very low rate of just \$100.

Federation is a foundation member of the Australian Historic Motoring Federation which is made up of nine councils from all States and Territories that meet to discuss issues affecting or enhancing the movement on a national basis.

Federation has provided Presidents and Secretaries over many years as well as financial support when necessary. We currently have two Committee representatives as trustees of the Robert Shannon Trust, and two Committee people helping with the 2020 National event in Albury and helping to run this national body.

Federation has always looked to national issues that affect us all. Some other representative bodies have not participated in the last 4 meetings, three of which were phone meetings and one in person at the Bendigo Swap.

At the AGM of the AHMF held in August it was resolved the AHMF would write a letter of support for the removal of Luxury Car Tax on the importation of vehicles older than 25 years. AHMF were also seeking support of the 9 councils, together with a financial contribution. Only 2 councils supported in this manner and Federation opted to not provide any financial support, given the small numbers affected. Some members in Victoria and Queensland have voiced their concerns with Federation not individually supporting this campaign, however we were prepared to stay with the AHMF support as obviously were the 6 other councils who took the same view. There was no mention from Delegates or a motion of support or opposition at any of the more recent Federation meetings.

We enjoy a good relationship with VicRoads, have been involved in the reviews of the Club Permit Scheme, have regular consultations when needs arise and are in discussions about pending issues. We are constantly protecting the scheme and providing details of vehicles not being used in the spirit. Certainly we had concerns over the 5 year review of the CPS and our concerns then are the ones we are all dealing with now.

Regretfully there seems to be rumours and discussions in some clubs and sectors that there should only be one overall group representing the movement in Victoria. Presently there is the ASRF, CAMS, AOMC and Federation, these bodies work in differing manners to support all Clubs throughout the State. Surely no one organisation has all the answers, and expectation of this is not reasonable, however Federation has recently been targeted on matters, including some Clubs who have used their President's Reports to criticise and mock Federation without any appreciation or understanding, and with limited knowledge other than hearsay or inaccurate third party information.

In the future Federation still has a lot to do. We will continue with the Picnic days, continue with the Bendigo Swap, Federation Tours, the 2020 AHMF Tour, and holding Delegates Meetings across the State.

We will continue to meet with other State bodies and VicRoads on matters affecting the movement, but most importantly we will be there at grass roots level, and continue to work on your behalf for the benefit of all members to ensure the best outcome for all the movement, supporting the historic vehicle movement and assisting your Club as we have done for nearly 50 years.

With all of this in mind, we look forward to your continuing participation and support.

Do we have the support of your Club and members for Federation?

*Bill Allen – FVV & CVC Delegate*

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### **Aphorisms** *(thanks to Colin Brown for these)*

*It's not whether you win or lose...  
But how you place the blame.*

*You are not drunk  
If you can lie on the floor  
Without holding on.*

*We have enough "youth".  
How about a fountain of "smart"?*

*A fool and his money...  
Can throw one heck of a party*

*Five days a week my body is a temple...  
The other two it's an amusement park.*

*Learn from your parents' mistakes.....  
Use birth control.*

*The reason Politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that  
they would 'hate' to have to make a living under the laws  
they've passed.*

*Money isn't everything...  
But it sure keeps the kids in touch.*

*If at first you don't succeed  
Skydiving is not for you*

*Reality is only an illusion...  
That occurs due to a lack of alcohol.*

*We are born naked, wet and hungry...  
Then things get worse.*

*Red meat is not bad for you...  
Fuzzy green meat is bad for you .*

*Ninety-nine percent of all lawyers...  
Give the rest a bad name.*

*"I think MP's should wear uniforms...  
You know, like V8 Supercar drivers, so we could  
Identify their corporate sponsors."*

## Media Release - 'Incredible' gift of a lifetime for The Basin community

### George and Pat Hetrel donate \$1 million to transform Batterham Reserve

A couple's lifetime of generosity has culminated in a \$1 million gift to The Basin community.

Local owners of the renowned Como Gardens estate in The Basin, George and Pat Hetrel, have just provided a cheque to Knox City Council to transform nearby Batterham Reserve into a landmark sports and leisure precinct.

Knox Mayor John Mortimore has praised the couple for their "incredible generosity" and love for the community.

"I'm still trying to believe it!" Mayor Mortimore said. "I'd been speaking with the couple over recent weeks as they prepared to make the donation, and can't wait to see it put to good use."

"While I'm still pretty shocked, it's so typical of George and Pat to do something special to help the local community," the Mayor added.

"Not only have George and Pat provided this outstandingly generous financial support, they are the driving force behind many of the improvements that will now take place at the Reserve.

"And the timing is great," he added. "Right now, the Batterham clubs are in desperate need of more facilities to cope with the massive increase in numbers."

### Generous 'for years'

"George and Pat have been doing this sort of thing for years," he said. "Through their Open Days and Como Gardens they have supported such vital groups as St John Ambulance, the State Emergency Service and the local Fire Brigade."

The cheque was presented to Council in private during recent weeks, so that staff could safely deposit the gift and immediately plan for its use.

**Pictured left to right:** Pat Hetrel, George Hetrel, Knox City Council Mayor, Cr John Mortimore, close family friend and advisor to the Hetrel's, Paul Edgar and Baird Ward Councillor, Peter Lockwood.

"Not one cent will be wasted," the Mayor added. "In fact, our teams are working to deliver specific ideas the couple have for improving this much-loved facility at Batterham Reserve.

"For example, improving facilities for the significant growth in women's sport is behind the change rooms extension."



### Summary of works planned

Planned works	Details	Expected cost
New changing facility	Matching gift funding for new changing facility to cater for increased participation, especially women's sport.	\$218,500
Change rooms extension	Providing new and better facilities to accommodate girls and women at Batterham.	\$220,000
New flood lighting	Relocation of existing flood lighting from main oval to top oval.	\$75,000

Cricket nets	Replacement of existing cricket nets so that new multipurpose curtain-like nets can accommodate cricket and other sports.	\$250,000
New pathways	Adding in a new all-ability footpath network around both ovals.	\$235,000
<b>Total Estimate of Cost</b>		<b>\$998,500</b>

## Perfect timing for new works

The timing for the enhancement works is perfect, the Mayor explained when presenting a certificate of appreciation to George and Pat Hetrel at Council's 28 May Ordinary Meeting.

"We have just started replacing the existing floodlight towers at Batterham Reserve's main oval with towers that can provide an enhanced coverage of light across the oval," the Mayor explained.

"That was because of another couple of generous contributions made by both The Basin Football Club for \$25,000, and the Australian Government for \$150,000." Knox City Council contributed \$25,000 from its 2017-18 Budget for the works.

Pat and George's gift means that the existing floodlights can be moved to the second oval at the same time – which will mean that this facility can be used for junior and senior training throughout the winter months.

"Now, with the money to be able to do additional works, this whole precinct is effectively getting a facelift that will make it one of the best facilities in the City of Knox," the Mayor said.

## Special thanks from clubs

A special combined clubs thank you announcement was held last week on Thursday 24 May to allow members, players and supporters to meet George and Pat Hetrel and show their appreciation.

Representing the local clubs was Matt Young, President of The Basin Junior Football Club, who praised the Hetrels for being such humble and community-minded individuals.

**Pictured left to right:** Deputy Mayor, Cr Jake Keogh, Knox City Council Mayor, Cr John Mortimore, Pat Hetrel and George Hetrel.

Mr Young said the massive growth in numbers experienced by clubs using the Reserve would enable plans for better facilities to be fulfilled.

"The dream is about to become reality!" he said.

Also present at the 24 May event was President of The Basin Cricket Club, Steve Porch, and President of The Basin Football and Netball Club, Alex Winters.



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P A R T Y

**It's our 21st Birthday and you are invited.**

**Saturday, 22nd September at 5.30PM at York on Lilydale.**

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19th September 1997, and we have booked the Ballroom at the York on Lilydale to hold a special night time dinner to celebrate the 21st Birthday of our club.

Venue: York on Lilydale Cnr York and Swansea Roads, Mount Evelyn. (Directions)

Dinner: Entree-Main-Dessert- \$40 (subsidised by the club)

Drinks: Provided by the club.

Time: 5.30 for 6.30 dinner

Entertainment: Gavin Lydell

Dress: Party

We look forward to your compay.



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