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## **1964 Austin-Healey 3000**



Gordon Lindner's pride and joy - 1964 Austin-Healey on a previous Fly the Flag Tour

**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. 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 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>. 216

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*

### ABCCC EVENTS CALENDAR

**June 2018**

Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> to	41 <sup>st</sup> Hamilton Rally – An ABCCC Visit Event	Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rally Base Venue – Hamilton Showgrounds, Cnr. King and Gordon Streets, Hamilton, Victoria.	

## June 2018 continued

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Peter's Mid-week Lunch Run – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023  
Start Venue – Settlement Hotel, corner of South Gippsland Highway and Camms Road, Cranbourne

## July 2018

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Tour of the Victorian Desalination Plant – An ABCCC Event David Cook 0447 563 859  
**Note: This has changed to a mid-week run.**  
Possibly a very interesting destination – some may call it a folly!

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  
Function Venue – TBA

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

## 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.

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> A Day Out and About – An ABCCC Event TBA.

## December 2018

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Luncheon – The ABCCC End of Year Event Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146  
Venue – TBA.

**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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## 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!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Model</u>
Janet Field & Peter Vat	1988	Porsche	Carrera
Terence & Van Dinh McNichol	1975	Rolls Royce	Silver Shadow
Garry & Daniela Hardman	1976	TVR	Taimar
Paul & Trish Sweeney	1963	Jaguar	MK2
John Wilson	1967	Morris	1100S

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## UP COMING EVENTS

### **PETER'S MID-WEEK LUNCH RUN – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Previously this has been our mid-week twilight run, but due to ageing headlamps (on our classics) and the increase in peak hour traffic, it was decided to change it to a daytime event.

We will meet at the Settlement Hotel, corner of South Gippsland Highway and Camms Road, Cranbourne (park in the car park at the northern end adjacent to the South Gippsland Highway). Meeting time is 10am and after a coffee in the hotel café we will depart on our journey.

The route follows the South Gippsland Highway south to Devon Meadows The Baxter-Tooradin Road through Pearcedale, Langwarrin South to Baxter onto the Frankston-Flinders Road, Peninsula Link and the Mornington Peninsula Freeway to Dromana where we turn off passing through Arthurs Seat, Red Hill, Bittern and Hastings reaching our luncheon destination “The hart of Tyabb”, a boutique café located in the Tyabb antique complex.

If you intend being part of this event, contact Peter to confirm your participation.

*Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023*

### **VISIT TO THE DESAL PLANT - Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Our plan is to start from Stud Park shopping centre in the car park adjacent to the Pet Barn departing at 9.30 am. Obviously if people are coming from further afield, say Gippsland, then they can meet us at the plant between 11 and 11.30 am. Following the tour, which takes about an hour, we will then proceed to Cape Paterson for lunch. I don't believe we will have time to stop for morning tea as we're planning a more scenic route to Wonthaggi.

We will provide route details on the morning of the departure and will try to make it as interesting as possible.

*David Cook and Joan Read*

### **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 accommodation is limited to 12 couples, please register your intention to attend.

*Anne and Bryan Tootell, 0412 549 906 or annbry@optusnet.com*

### **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 will be included in the July edition of the ABCCC Newsletter.

*Colin Brown*

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

## REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS

### A DAY OUT TO WOOP WOOP - Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May

Yes there is such a place what a wonderful day we had. Our meeting point was the BP Servo at Calder Park North bound. As I arrived I was completely confused. There were Jaguars everywhere. At first I thought all our Jaguar enthusiasts were there. But alas no. The Jaguar Car Club was using it as their meeting point. Then behold the Land Rover Club was also meeting there.

Then the ABCCC members were arriving with Classic Cars everywhere. Correction. I was there with my Musso truck, with caravan in tow, as I was to continue a week holiday to recoup from organizing this event. Well after natter and coffee, a large contingent of ABCCC members depart at 10.30 am for our lunch venue at Moto Bean Restaurant in Malmsbury. Great food and great company. After lunch we depart to Woop Woop. Only to be greeted by the Village sole occupants Melva and Andy. Melva gave us a tour of the Village. Meanwhile Andy was busy making the Devonshire Teas/Coffee. He makes a great scone.

Then we bid farewell to everyone and hopefully all arrived home safe. We continued onto our caravan park a great time was had by all. Pictures were published in the last issue of [Your ABCCC News](#)

*Toré Pannuzzo*

### REX'S BIG DAY OUT - Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May

The weather turned on a treat for our visit to Victoria's newest theme park at 2705 Princes Highway, Tynong North. Forty eight members arrived to be greeted by a Gumbuya World parking attendant to direct us to our allocated parking.

Sharon Richardson, Corporate Events Manager, meet us, then we then preceded to the Morning tea of scones jam and cream and slices. Sharon guided us on "our introduction to Gumbuya World" and a tour of the Wild Life Trail section of the venue.

Rex then announced the appointment of EastLink as the naming sponsor for the Great Australian Rally to be held on the 20th January 2019 at Cruden Farm. He advised that Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorships were being sought and called on members to offer support by volunteering to assist with the many tasks to ensure a successful rally.

The attention provided by Gumbuya World staff, particularly Sharon Richardson is to be commended. Sharon provided free children passes for entry to Gumbuya World to be used in the future. Many indicated that they will return to enjoy all the facilities.

*Photos by Rex, Greg Anglin and Peter Hibbert*



Club members at the entrance of the Wild Life Trail





*Rex Hall*

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## **EASTLINK GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY - SUNDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**

The Great Australian Rally Committee is pleased to announce that EastLink has been appointed as naming rights sponsor for the 2019 EastLink Great Australian Rally (EGAR). EastLink will provide substantial promotional opportunities through extensive advertising by the display of four billboards (below) along EastLink and in social media outlets prior to the rally. A new start location will also be established at the EastLink Head Office in Ringwood.



You would be aware that Cruden Farm, the former residence of Dame Elizabeth Murdock, at Langwarrin is the new venue for the rally. The EGAR committee has been active with the planning to ensure the successful running of the rally. The EGAR Committee is seeking Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsors as well as products for inclusion in the rally bag for participants from Companies and businesses.

As members of ABCCC, we seek your support with one of the major events organised and conducted by the Club. We encourage you to volunteer for set-up duties on the Saturday prior and for Marshalling duties on the day. Also, we want you to actively encourage other car clubs, historic vehicle enthusiasts and the public to participate. EGAR official entry forms will be published late September or early October.

Please contact me or any of the EGAR Committee, (listed below), if you know of any sponsorship; including sample products for the rally bags; promotional opportunity or a "special historic vehicle" for display.

Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation for cancer research continues as the beneficiary of 100% of public entry fees and all donations.

#### EGAR Committee:

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Rex Hall

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## AOMC REPORT

**There were 105 delegates in attendance, representing 84 clubs at the May, 2018 Delegates' Meeting.**

**Presidents Report:** Keith Mortimer reported that American Motoring Day at Yarra Glen was affected by wet weather, with some 200 cars attending on the day. Those which attended enjoyed the day and Keith thanked those individuals and clubs for supporting the event.

The AOMC National Motoring Heritage Day event was held at Kilmore Racecourse this year with over 100 vehicles attending, and great coverage was given by the local media. Keith acknowledged the Kilmore Racing Club for making the venue available and also Colin Jenkins, Graeme Moody, Philip Johnstone, and especially Howard Billing for running the event.

The committee is looking at structuring the calendar for next year and is asking for assistance in the running of all events. Keith noted that Iain Ross has organised and run over 40 events for the AOMC over the years. Iain received a warm round of applause from the delegates.

**Treasurers Report:** Current cash balance is \$170,000. Renewal notices for 2018/19 memberships will be sent out soon. Fees will have a small increase as per last year's AGM resolution.

**ANZAC Day:** Daryl Meek (RACV) took the floor to talk about the 2018 ANZAC Day parade in the city. Daryl noted that the RACV, AOMC and Vic Fed have been in the firing line for the non participation of historic and military vehicles this year. RACV does not run the day; they only administer it for the RSL. The RSL make the decisions. This year, at very short notice, they decided to not allow vehicles older than 10 years to participate. This also included the many historic ex-military vehicles that normally participate. Daryl suggested that rather than browbeating the RACV and AOMC, clubs and individuals, they should work in conjunction with them in making representations to the RSL. Daryl then took questions from the floor.

**Q:** Did the direction come from the Premier's Department? *No, the decision was made at RSL.*

- Bevan Fenner (Vic Military Vehicles) noted that vehicles which normally took part in the Melbourne city march were reassigned to suburban and regional areas where they were gratefully accepted.

- Rick Cove (Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts) has provided vehicles for 30 years at Bairnsdale, and the VMVA has provided vehicles for over 50 years. They were only told 10 days before the event that they would not be able to participate.

*{Ed Note: Veteran groups were told in early March that historic vehicles would not be participating as police checks were being required of drivers by the security authorities. The RACV was able to comply with that requirement and given the task. Comments should be addressed to the ANZAC Day Commemoration Council, co-located at the Victorian RSL headquarters - Ed Bartosh}*

**VicRoads/VCPS:** Iain Ross reported that VicRoads have been sending out surveys on the VCPS to vehicle owners, with the AOMC knew nothing about the survey or what was in it.

Several delegates reported on issues with VicRoads over renewals. Daryl Meek (RACV) reported that he has spoken to a VicRoads manager who is frustrated with the data system. VCPS is separate from the main database and needs a double entry to note the payment of renewals. He suggested stapling your current receipt in your logbook as proof of payment for the previous year.

Keith Mortimer encouraged all Delegates to remind their club members to treat VicRoads staff respectfully, as usually problems are due to incorrect information and an imperfect system.

**Restoration Seminar:** Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> at Jaguar/Healey rooms. Graeme Moody and Colin Jenkins are organising this event, and they gave a brief outline of what they have in place so far. Information will be sent out early in June with a list of presenters. Bookings will be required as there will be a space limitation. A Morning Tea and a BBQ Lunch and morning tea will be provided. Graeme asked for any suggestions on possible presenters.

**Club Management Seminar:** Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>. Presenter will be Steve Bowman. This event is aimed at club managers (President, Secretary, and Treasurer).

**Luxury Car Tax:** Iain Ross reported that the Federal government has decided not to repeal this tax at this stage. They have agreed for it not to be levied on cars exported solely for the purpose of restoration and then imported back into the country post restoration. This will apply from January 1<sup>st</sup>. 2019.

**John Johnston (VDC)** then took the floor to speak on the topic of multiple peak bodies in some states. He feels the problem is that there is no effective co-ordination between state bodies and between states on important topics. He pointed out the recent the Luxury Car Tax issue as one that had conflicting responses from several bodies. John believes that the two bodies in Victoria - AOMC and the Victorian Federation, serve the same membership but in different ways that are beneficial to their members. The trouble is when there is an issue that affects everyone. John suggested that in those instances, the two bodies need to have a Memorandum of Understanding for one consistent concise approach to these issues.

- In response to a question from the floor, the objectives of the AOMC can be found on Page 4 of the constitution: <http://www.aomc.asn.au/constitution/> and its achievements at: <http://www.aomc.asn.au/what-is-the-aomc/>

**VACC:** Iain Ross reported that this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the VACC. To celebrate they are holding a rally from Melbourne to Bendigo and are looking to have one vehicle representing each of the past 100 years (1918 to 2018). Iain is looking for vehicles from the early 1920s and also from the 40s and 50s. He asked clubs for assistance in sourcing vehicles for those years.

**Guest Speaker: Rick Blackburn, Men's Shed Association.** Rick spoke on the formation of the Men's Shed movement and how it has grown to now have 350 sheds in Victoria with over 15,000 members. He noted that its success is due to it not being an organisation directed from the top down, but rather it is directed by the members themselves. Every shed is different; as it is made up of individuals that devise their own aims. None of the sheds are funded, as all funds are raised by the members. Some state funding has been provided for building and renovation.

**General Business:** Graeme Moody (Wangaratta VVCVC) reported that his club has recently donated \$1,000 to Wangaratta TAFE to provide tools for apprentices.

**Meeting Closed: 9:41 pm**

**Meeting Minutes: Full minutes will be published on the AOMC Website.**

*Mike Allfrey – AOMC Delegate*

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## IT'S TIME THE AUTO WORLD TOOK A NOSTALGIC TRIP

For better or worse, I am part of the generation that sent vinyl record sales soaring to new heights last year, and whose hunger for all things analogue prompted Polaroid to bring back its one-step camera and



instant film. This is a strange phenomenon. Our nostalgia is entirely invented. Maybe it can all be traced back to a handful of Instagram influencers, or maybe it's caused by genuine interest in old technology.

Either way, it's time this analogue nostalgia trip struck the automotive world. Bringing back the Mini and the Fiat 500 was a good start, but the main thing they have in common with their ancestors is their names. The original 500 was a rear-engine thing of beauty, albeit a dreadfully slow one, and the new Mini is no longer mini at all.

There are so many other discarded automotive inventions ripe for comeback: bench seats, whitewall tyres, the pillar-less coupé, huge tailfins, etc. Peak-fin was in vogue in the late 1950s when Cadillac had towering tails reaching nearly up to the roof. The 1959 Chevrolet Impala's trunk had wildly curvaceous sheet metal leading into horizontal fins which stretched the width of the car. Some fins incorporated brake lights; others were shod with chrome. They were dangerously pointy. Such exuberant design was a by-product of economic prosperity. The front bench seat still exists on many full-size utes. Why not put it back in sedans, convertibles and station-wagons, too? You get an extra seat and a bed in a pinch.



1959 Cadillac El Dorado

Elon Musk tried to give the jump seat a comeback. For an extra \$5,300 you can have your Model S sedan fitted with two rear-facing seats in the back. Both come with racing-style five-point safety harnesses. Jump seats were once common in station wagons. Old Volvos the V70R, for example, could be ordered with flip-up jump seats in the trunk. Similarly, old SUVs such as the Land Rover Defender and Toyota FJ40 had side-facing troop seats in the cargo area. Nothing better to make the daily trip to school feel like a safari.

The inside of today's Ford Focus looks inspired by some alien craft. What happened to the clean, simple dashboards of older cars? Belying its messy name, the cabin of the 1967 Alfa Romeo Giulia 1750 GT Veloce was minimalist perfection: a horizontal strip of leather atop a horizontal strip of wood, interrupted only by two round instrument dials and a steering wheel. There may have been a heater and radio in there somewhere, too. What more do you need? The dials them-selves were a minor work of industrial art so much so they've inspired an entire line of wristwatches by Autodromo.

Because modern cars are so packed with features and adjustable settings, minimal design is probably impossible. So, go the other way. Bring back real buttons. Give us a centre console that looks like a stack of vintage McIntosh amplifiers, with dials and buttons galore. The Lamborghini Miura or Lancia Delta Integrale are fine examples. Either one would be a welcome departure from modern touchscreen controls.

Entire genres of automobile have disappeared over time. Some are certainly ripe for a nostalgic comeback à la Polaroid. It would be lovely to see 'shooting brakes' return to showrooms. Modern examples of these two-door station wagons exist, but they are exotic treats. The lovely Ferrari GTC4 Lusso springs to mind, as does the new limited-edition Aston Martin Vanquish Zagato Shooting Brake.

Older, more affordable models such as the Volvo P1800 ES, could use a remake. Pillarless coupés faced a similar extinction. They're defined by their lack of B-pillar, which makes for an open, breezy driving experience. Classic examples include the late-eighties' Mercedes-Benz C124, the Jaguar XJ-C, BMW 8 Series, Bentley Brooklands Coupé and countless big American coupés from the fifties, sixties and seventies. The typically American phenomenon of the four-door convertible is also worth a nostalgia trip. Think: a modern version of the 1961 Lincoln Continental convertible.

The four-door convertible, pillarless coupé, jump seats and most of these other nostalgic automotive features have one thing in common: They were unsafe. They would crumple like a tin can in a modern crash test. As a result, they were quite rightly relegated to the annals of automotive history. But what if the brightest engineering minds in the automotive industry – instead of working on perfume atomizers and massaging seats were working to make new, safe jump-seats or tail fins?

These are not insurmountable engineering problems. In 2020, we could be listening to vinyl, taking photos on instant film and driving four-door convertibles with fins and whitewalls again. There's no question cars are far better overall now than they were, but we have lost some good things along the way.

*From the Association of Californian Car Clubs News, March 2018'*

*From the AOMC News (by Mike Allfrey)*

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