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Your ABCCC Newsletter

# Front Cover

Peter Hibbert's 1965 Mustang 2 + 2 Fastback 2 door Coupe with the V8 engine reflected in the underside of the bonnet. I know it isn't a British car but given Peter's long association with the ABCCC and his fascination with Yank tanks I thought it looked the part for the cover.

I have provided more photos and technical details of the car at the rear of the newsletter.

## Editor's Note

Further to what I've mentioned about the front cover I would like to repeat that I would still like some photos of your cars and yourselves, if possible, in PORTRAIT format so I can use them for the front cover of the newsletter. Just be conscious that the photos have to be in focus and of reasonable capacity so the cover will fit the bill.

Cheers,

David Cook

## President's Report

I remember many years ago telling Mike Allfrey I will not do a monthly Presidents report, I will write one as required when there is something of importance to inform members. And here I am looking at a blank sheet of paper thinking what shall I write. Well Maxine and I had very enjoyable lunch with the Anglin's and the food was great, the company was great and in fact I have just finished the takeaway, there was just so much left over. I never got to publicly thank Greg and Geraldine, so I am thanking them now for putting everything together, a great event.

This morning I was talking to Chris Constantine about generators and alternators, and I told him about one of my experiences and I thought everybody in the Club had heard about it but he assured me it was news to him.

I think the year was 2011 or 12 Colin Brown and I took off in my white Lagonda, top down, hot day 38-40 degrees, to a photo shoot at the old PeterMac Hospital before going to the GAR cheque presentation at the RACV Club. Lagonda's were not built to drive in traffic at that temperature, so I had the auxiliary electric fan running all day. We took all the photos and continued to the RACV Club for lunch and presentation, after which we started our drive home and driving along Latrobe Street at the intersection with Russell Street we encountered six police officers being trained in traffic control and of course, I stalled the car, with a flat battery, six police officers push started the car, and we managed to get to Exhibition Street before it finally died. We called the RACV and we had a patrol van within minutes (we had contacts in those days) we decided to disconnect the electric fan and take it easy home, and he would follow us for a while to make sure all went well. So, he connected the jumper leads and kept his motor running while I sat inside and started the car and that is when it all happened. Someone jumped into the patrol van to steal it and I yelled out to the patrolman who jumped through the open driver's side window, legs kicking in the air and me in hot pursuit, he managed to turn off the ignition by which time the van was on the opposite side of Latrobe street and how it missed hitting another car is a miracle.

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The three of us dragged the thief out of the van and wrestled him to the ground in the middle of the tram tracks, Colin called the police and I had the culprit in a head lock and by this time the traffic was building up big time, so I suggested the Patrolman move his van to let some of the traffic through while Colin directed the traffic. By this time we had attracted a bit of a crowd when along came a tram and stopped about two metres from me, I yelled to the driver I will try and get him out of the way, NO, NO, he shouted 'I will wait, I wanna watch', I will never forget his words. It was about this time I said to the thief, why the frigging hell did you want to steal a patrol van, I will never forget his words either "I've got places to go and people to see". It wasn't long before the sirens came wailing and the handcuffs took over, the police wanted Colin and I to go to Flinders Street Police station to make a statement which we refused but offered to make a statement in Lilydale. The patrolman followed them to Flinders Street and Colin and I drove home without further incident.

I arrived home late and Maxine was convinced I had been in the RACV bar with Colin; I explained the reason why I was late..... Well, I guess I do have a reputation.

Footnote. I never ever heard the outcome from the police or RACV.

And that Christopher Constantine is why I have alternators on my cars.

Be Happy  
Tony Pettigrew  
President



President Tony Pettigrew and Colin Brown at the cheque presentation in 2010 to Craig Bennett (CEO of PeterMac) with Peter Chandler (President RACV) on the right.

# What we have been doing

## Florence Thomson All Women Drivers Tour 2026 May 1 – 3 Shepparton

We all had our fingers crossed for the weather and it must have worked because I had a beautiful drive up from Mt Martha. The only hazard was playing dodgem with the unevenly dispersed potholes on the Hume (I counted 11).

Checked in around 3.00 pm at Parklake Motel with Evelyn, my 1987 Porsche 911 convertible. Very pleased to note a 6 foot gated carpark with many other old beauties already lined up in anticipation. You could feel their grilled smiles and I'm talking about the cars not the women!

Welcomed a hot dinner that night at the Shepparton Harness Club, catering for around 200 excited punters, representing 96 cars.

Maureen Ross along with her well oiled committee, gave us a few words about the drive for the next day. She stated: 'The 2 coinciding tour paths might cross during the course of the day, so don't assume you're headed in the wrong direction!'

Visions of Disney's Mister Toad's Wild Ride went through this driver's head!

Perfect weather greeted us on the Saturday, and after a few more words of wisdom we were off. I chose the Long Tour of Bridges; 132 km heading to Toolamba, doglegging onto a single lane bridge, then to Murchison with 2 narrow bridges then straight on to Kirwan's Bridge Village!

I came on my own, but I picked up a guy wanting to escape a car with 3 women, thinking the odds of getting a word in was more likely with just me. Not a chance! He happened to be Keith Mortimer, President of the AOMC. Lovely chap and a great navigator!

On to Nagambie, with a relaxing stroll through a busy market on the shores of Blayne Reserve. The locals loved the classic and vintage car bomb the seemed to suddenly appear!

After a bit of retail therapy, on to our final destination; Museum of Vehicle Evolution in Kialla. What a treat! "Ever changing, world class, unique and a rare collection of vehicles from every era, genre and corner of the globe". Bonus was Loel Thomson (no relation to Florence) Costume Collection with 200 years of history.

Dinner and Awards night was with a smartly orchestrated bus ride with all attendees dressed to the Nines. The year of the automobile coordinating their evening fashion!

Looking absolutely stunning, Betty Taylor and Ed Bartosh won Outstanding Day and Evening Wear Fashion Award.

And yours truly won a Solo Participant Award. There were four of us who came without a navigator, all received the award.

The committee appreciated our enthusiasm for showing up!

Drive back next morning; the heavens opened up with a vengeance! There was supposed to be a stop on the way out of Seymour to see the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk; sorry to miss out but I had to be sensible.

Slow and steady down the Hume, revisiting the trip in my head. Cramping hands clenched the wheel.

Yikes, is that just a puddle or a pothole!

Already looking forward to the 2027 Florence Thomson Tour; the camaraderie, seeing old, young and new friends again.

Most important is the drive to connect a path between generations of women who love cars!





## ‘Over the Mountain’ Tour from 8th to 13th May 2026.

**Participants:** Barry Collett, Graham Talmage & Katie Senko, David Peck & Pam Telford, Garry & Glenda Prewett, Tony & Maxine Pettigrew, Jack & Shirley Craven.

Another successful tour many thanks to Graham and Katie for setting up the runs, providing the run sheets with clear instructions and of course arranging the weather, which apart from the drizzly start turned into fantastic touring conditions. The scenery along the way was magnificent and showed off the best of the autumn colours in the High Country.

Most of the group left from Lilydale Lake, where I was told it was drizzling around 10:30am, they headed through Healesville, Narbethong, Buxton and Taggerty to Alexandra for a lunch stop and a chance to stretch their legs. Then it was on to Benalla via Merton. They said that after crossing the Great Divide the weather cleared beautifully with sunshine greeting everyone as they rolled into Benalla. Garry and I met the group there. Dinner that night was at The Northo Hotel with plenty of chatter and excitement about the run ‘Over the mountain’ and the adventures ahead.

Saturday was sunny again as we headed for Yackandandah. Graham and Katie’s maps and instructions kept us off the main roads, making it a very enjoyable backroads tour. We travelled through Myrree and the King Valley to Beechworth, with some stopping for a cuppa at Moyhu or Milawa. There was one short, unsealed section just over 1 km everyone handled it easily and took it slow. The sign at the start warned it was a Wildlife Corridor, though we didn’t see a single animal or even another car.

That afternoon we settled into the Motel Views at Yackandandah for the next 2 nights, which was perfect for our happy hour and for watching both the views of sunset and the next morning’s sunrise. Dinner was at Grace’s Place Thai restaurant. Despite Graham having made a reservation for our group, the owner Alastair was surprised to see the group arrive. He quickly welcomed us and set up a big table. Most opted for a banquet to keep Alastair happy; we weren’t disappointed, the food was excellent and there was plenty of leftovers. Bob Wilson stayed at his daughter’s cabin in Myrtleford and made the trip back & forth for the two nights. While we assumed he’d be watching out for wildlife, he reported the next morning that it was actually the heavy fog that slowed him down.

Sunday was a free day; this was Mother’s Day. Some went to Wangaratta, Chiltern and Wodonga. Garry jumped into the Jensen with Barry, and I went with Tony & Maxine where we all explored the lovely streetscape of Yackandandah, then drove to Myrtleford for a quick lunch. By chance we meet up with Bob in Myrtleford. Bob said on hearing that the Mt Buffalo Chalet had opened, he decided to head up the mountain to get a glimpse of the Grande Old Dame. However, he arrived to find the café still closed and the pool still unfilled.

During lunch, a question was put to our President Tony about whether his indicators were faulty or whether that particular option had simply been overlooked on his model. After some investigation and a little driver education, the issue was resolved. Amusingly, further down the road those same indicators were suddenly being used with great enthusiasm, even 1 km before where we were to turn off, possibly making up for lost time. On our way back we travelled through the little town of Stanley, where the winding roads were nothing short of magical, long rows of oaks, elms and maples blazing in autumn colours, glowing brilliantly against the evergreen trees. It was one of those winding roads that had us all oohing and aahing like tourists seeing autumn leaves for the first time.

Monday, we set up for a full day of driving to get us “Over the Mountain” through the Alpine region to Omeo. Our first stop was the wonderful private collection of John Stanley’s Stoewers. John took us through how his collection began, sharing stories of early engineering, rare finds and how he eventually became friends with the German families connected to the original makers. The Stoewer marque was founded by brothers Bernhard and Emil Stoewer, who began building sewing machines and bicycles before moving into automobiles in the late 1800s. As John explained their early cars were remarkably advanced for the time and Stoewer had experimented with battery powered vehicles as far back as the 1890s, a clear sign of just how far ahead of their time they were, especially when you compare with the electric-vehicle technology we’re only now seeing. It was a treat to hear the stories behind his collection and to see & hear about this automotive history.

Our next stop was Mount Beauty where we pulled in for lunch and a good stretch before tackling the road trip ‘Over the mountain’. The weather couldn’t have been better, clear skies, by this time the air was actually warm and roads in great condition all the way up.

We wound our way to Falls Creek, the scenery was absolutely breathtaking. Katie shared some lovely insights from her younger days when her family were holidaying at Falls through all the seasons, which added a nice personal touch to the drive. On the far side of Falls a quick stop at the lookout over Rocky Valley Dam. The water was so still and calm it felt like the whole valley was holding its breath. Then it was

back on the road, more winding roads on the other side of the Alps heading toward Omeo for our overnight stop. Dinner at the Omeo Hotel was a great chance to catch up, relive the roads, views and moments that made the run so memorable.

The next morning, we woke up to zero degrees, and it was very foggy in Omeo, but the air was still. By the time we packed and left, the fog was starting to lift, today we would head to Bairnsdale for our final night. Our first stop was Swifts Creek. Graham mentioned the town was known for a tea cosy festival... oops he quickly realised that's actually Fish Creek. Wrong creek, but a good laugh. Swifts Creek did have a very good bakery, which made the stop worthwhile on a cold morning. The town sits on the Tambo River, which we followed on the run toward Bruthen. It made for a steady, easy start to the day as we continued down the valley.

Not long after leaving Swifts Creek we came to Connors Hill Lookout, where we stopped to take in the mountain views, once again absolutely breathtaking. The information board explained that in the 1860s, the Victorian High Country was home to a network of mountain cattlemen who ran stock across the steep ridges and alpine valleys. Mustering were tough, seasonal jobs with cattle being grazed on the high plains during the warmer months and then brought down before the winter snow set in.

The board also described how disease and drought on the Monaro Plains of NSW pushed many squatters and stockmen southward into this region in search of healthier pastures. This movement helped establish some of the earliest grazing runs in the Tambo Valley and surrounding high country.

At Bruthen, Graham had arranged for us to meet members of the Bairnsdale Classic Car Club, and it was lovely to catch up with Pepe, Allan Pearce, Denzil, Alaine and Allan Prentice. After a quick lunch, Pepe led us to Max and Valerie Curtis's place. The moment we saw the orange Ford and trailer, we knew we were among fellow Fly the Fluggers, which brought back a lot of memories. Max had plenty to show us, his collection of Fords and bikes, along with several of his own inventions. The radial engine and the aeroplane motor were real standouts, especially when Max demonstrated how to start them. He made the cranking look easy, though David proved it was anything but!

A trike engineered by Max was also a hit. Tony was first to volunteer for a ride, followed by Shirley and myself, we had a great laugh as Max took us around his property. We thanked Max and Valerie, then followed Pepe across to the other side of Bairnsdale to visit Peter and Beryl Larcombe. Walking in, we knew we were in for a treat as we see the beautifully restored Rileys, each with placards explaining their history and the work involved. Peter gave a short talk on each car, and Beryl's contribution was just as impressive, having completed all the upholstery herself. Knowing the condition these vehicles arrived in, the restorations were a real credit to them both. We were joined by some members of the East Gippsland Historical Automobile Club, who brought their British cars to display. We were also treated to a lovely afternoon tea in the garden and enjoyed chatting with everyone. We thanked our hosts; it was a thoughtful and very enjoyable way to finish the day before heading off to find our accommodation.

That evening, several club members joined us for dinner at the Bairnsdale RSL for another lovely meal and rounding out the day with good company and plenty of chatter.

To finish off, I am sure everyone on the tour would agree it was a full and memorable tour. Although there was some hesitation beforehand due to the fuel crisis and rising prices, it was wonderful that the trip went ahead. It was also evident, as we travelled through the region that things were very quiet, which made our visit all the more appreciated by accommodation owners and hospitality venues. We enjoyed plenty of laughter, more than enough food and the very best weather we could have hoped for. A big thank you again to Graham and Katie for their planning and support throughout the trip.

Report by Glenda Prewett. Photos supplied by Glenda Prewett & Shirley Craven







## Here is an excerpt from the Bairnsdale Classic Car Club Newsletter regarding their ABCCC encounter

### CLUB NEWS

Last Tuesday Pepe, Allan Pearce, Denzil, Alaine and Allan Prentice, who arranged the event, met up with the All British Classic Car Club, at Bruthen for lunch. They are on a tour around Victoria. After Lunch, Pepe led them to Max's place, where they looked at all the toys and the radial engine, which drew a lot of attention.



Max and Valerie Curtis welcomed the members of the All British Classic Car Club, to their home. Max explained all the vehicles and bikes on display. Max showed the Bromadere arial motor and how easy it is to start (Ha Ha) by cranking it.



Max disappeared with the ladies on his trike around the farm. The members of the All British Classic Car club were ecstatic with the welcome they received and the display.

Max recognised several members who had been on the RACV Tours, and they caught up and had a long reminiscence of the tours.

Pepe led the tour to Peter Larcombe's place to have a look at the display of his Rileys.

They were very excited to see the excellently restored British cars. Peter and Beryl welcomed them to the property. Peter then explained how he restored all the cars and how he repaired the gear boxes. The cars were basket cases, and he restored them meticulously and Beryl did the upholstery. We all then sat around and had coffee and cakes. It was good to see members of East Gippsland Historical Automobile Club come along with their British cars also, which added to the display. That evening, we met the British Car Club at the RSL and finished off where we left off at Peter's. I must admit Allan Prentice and I looked at our chicken schnitzels and wondered how we were going to eat it all, but we did. Graham Talmage from the All British Classic Car club, could not thank us enough for organising the day, which turned out so well. The Jensen sports car was a real head turner.



This photo is of All British Classic Car club with BCCC and EGHAC.

# Federation Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

by Glenda Prewett

Meeting opened with thanks to online attendees. The President Neil Althorn reiterating that the meeting was held virtually to support members during the current fuel situation, reducing unnecessary travel and ensuring everyone could still participate.

Clubs reminded to send Club details to the Federation and encouraged to send alternate delegates if needed to represent your club.

Federation advised that no grants or trophy applications received.

## Event Reports

- Mortlake Picnic held 29<sup>th</sup> March: Lower attendance than previous years, assume due to fuel issues but very successful, strong community support. Raffle well received. Next year's date has already been updated on Federation website.
- Wunghnu Picnic 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March: good day, 68 cars, 80 tractors and over 70 stationary engines on display, thanks to T Model Fords for attending and supporting this picnic. Weather was good. Thanks to Michelle for raffle support and to our club members who assisted with the event.
- Scoresby Picnic 26<sup>th</sup> April: excellent day; many photos posted. Thanks to the Dandy Valley Club for running this event. Reported that they raised \$916 for Peter Mac donation. Steam engines and a great display of panel vans. Event well supported.
- Murrabit Picnic (17 May) will go ahead. New gazebo purchased, there will be raffles and vouchers that have been sponsored by local companies. Looking forward to a good day.
- Marong Picnic (30 Aug): Council approval received; some site changes required, event proceeding.
- Baw Baw Picnic (25 Oct): Date confirmed and looking forward to a good attendance & weather.
- Golden Oldies Tour: 43 entries so far. Leaving from Marong Picnic. Route planning underway, seeking more attractions near Barham. Thanks again to RACV confirmed as a sponsor again.
- Federation Open Tour for 2027: Planning underway, the event will run early August 2027 and will be a hub event based around Wangaratta.
- Other Clubs report: Veteran Drivers Club Spirit of the 20s Rally was a very successful event there was some doubt whether it would go ahead with respect to fuel, there was a plea from all the accommodation providers wanting the go ahead. Credit to the VDC club and particularly the organising committee and a thank you to Hamilton Club for their hospitality.
- Two Rivers Run Tractor Trek Lloyd Healey advised that the annual March tractor trek from Yarrawonga to Colbinabbin attracted over 40 tractors and took a week to complete. The event raised an impressive \$117,000 for Motor Neuron Disease, an outstanding achievement.
- Morris Car Club of Victoria – Tim Christie reported that 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary A celebratory lunch was held with 54 attendees marking the club's 50-year milestone. A full report will be provided by Tim Chrisite
- Flood of the Fergys in Wentworth–Neil Althorn advised that this event will run on the King's Birthday weekend, commemorating 70 years since the 1956 floods when Ferguson tractors helped save the town. This year's numbers are down to 66, likely due to economic pressures and fuel costs rather than reduced enthusiasm among Ferguson owners.
- Hamilton King's Birthday Rally cancelled due to the economic fuel situation.

Peter Mac Fundraising: Clubs encouraged to run events, advised that the Federation has a letter of authorisation to collect donations and the letter is available. Central Victoria & Bendigo raised \$491 in a recent joint display.

Clubs are encouraged to submit events to Rebecca for the Federation website calendar.

Federation received an international enquiry through the website. The request is for information on a 1911 Brazier particularly one that was restored by Jack Sharp. If anyone has any information, please provided back to the Federation.

#### AHMF Report

- This year's AGM will be held in Sydney in September, with planning already underway. More details will be provided once confirmed.
- A group in WA called WA Volunteering, which has a national presence, previously approached the movement about volunteer recruitment. No further information has been received, so this appears to have stalled.
- The Canberra University fossil-fuel survey has been delayed due to issues. Some early figures have been released and will be included in the minutes.
- AHMF plans to publish a register of businesses and suppliers who can assist with restoration and maintenance of historic vehicles. Clubs are invited to suggest reputable suppliers, especially for hard-to-find services or parts.
- Recent email traffic issues have now been resolved. Anyone who had trouble contacting the Federation should now find communication working normally.
- Grants for Robert Shannon. Only two junior grant applications received; committee to review in June. Clubs urged to promote opportunities to younger members, even Committee positions.

#### AOMC / Federation Joint Meeting with VicRoads

- VicRoads upgrading electronic CPS system with the aim to reduce errors and improve processing times. Reported that VicRoads are updating the vehicle makes to make it easier, but still have some missing makes, progressing to update the database.
- No regulation changes this year.
- CPS plates now issued centrally, this means that plates are being posted out, especially noticeable in regional areas. Plates are reusable only if they are used within same club. Slimline plates available at extra cost. Disc
- Process clarified for CPS vehicles after owner's death. ☐ Vehicles may continue to be used for the remainder of the 90-day period. Transfer to spouse/partner is straightforward with will and CPS documents. Transfer to other family members requires full registration process.
- Clubs reminded of compliance responsibilities. Especially where incorrect plate categories are used. If a club becomes aware that a vehicle has been issued with the incorrect number plates, then the Club should report it to [registration.services@roads.vic.gov.au](mailto:registration.services@roads.vic.gov.au)
- Electronic logbooks still under discussion.

Reported from one of the delegates that information from Department of Transport is difficult to obtain; requested to provide more information to the Federation so that the matters can be raised at next meeting.

ATO Tax: Clubs reminded returns are due soon. No issues reported

#### Bendigo Swap

- Planning progressing well; however, it was reported that a Caravan & Camping Show will be held at the Bendigo Racecourse on the same weekend as the Bendigo Swap. This creates pressure on shared resources, particularly hire equipment such as toilets, showers, and other infrastructure. To avoid shortages, the Swap Committee has already secured bookings early to ensure all required equipment is available. Similarly for 2027 there was a brief mention that the Bright Hot Rod show will overlap with the Bendigo Swap. Discussions are taking place

- Other updates, new layout maps received. Extra toilets/showers arranged, cleaning frequency to increase. Volunteer badges ready. Clubs invited to attend any meetings to observe planning for future hosting. List of roles and responsibilities discussed at great length.
- President Neil Althorn stressed that the Bendigo Swap remains one of the Federation's major events, run *by clubs, for clubs*. Its success depends on the support and involvement of member clubs, whether through volunteering, assisting with displays, or helping promote the event. The Swap directly benefits the wider movement, with funds and resources flowing back into clubs and their activities. All clubs are encouraged to continue backing the event, as strong participation ensures the Swap remains sustainable, well-run, and a showcase of our collective effort.
- Need for a coordinator for vehicle displays. Clubs reminded to consider volunteer capacity for physical tasks.

Other Business:

- Note that the Federation Meeting, this meeting to be held in Hamilton has been rescheduled. The original date of 24 October has now been changed to 17 October 2026.
- Rochester has their annual Show N Shine 24th October to be held at the Racecourse, good to support this community.

Next meeting: 1 August 2026 Goulburn Valley Vintage Tractor & Farm Machinery Club Inc



# Rex's Big Day Out.

## Celebrating National Motoring Heritage Day Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026.



### Stamford Park Homestead 8 Emmeline Row, Rowville. 52 Club Members attended:

ANGLIN – Greg & Geraldine	JOINER- Robert & Robyn
BEAUMONT – Trevor & Jill	JONES – Darrell & Peter
BIRKETT – Geoff & Judy	MARGETTS - Lily & Brendan
BROADBENT – John & Teya	MCKIERNAN- Peter & Joan
CONSTANTINE – Christopher & Geraldine	PAS – Steve & Katya
CONWAY Tex & Leonie	PECK David
COOK – David & Joan Read	PETTIGREW – Tony & Maxine
COUSINS -Leon	PROVIS – John & Dawn
DICKINSON - Gary	ROGERS - Ron & Glenda Duncan
FIELD - Janet	SAUL – Alan & Kathy
FLEMING – John & Tricia	SULLY - Terry & Elwyn
GUNN – Mary & Graham	TOOTELL – Bryan & Anne
HALL - Rex & Deanna	WILSON – Chris & Daryl
HODGE – Ian & Mary	WISHART – Leigh & Sandra

Although it was a wet day, the Stamford Park Homestead Management allowed us to park on the grassed area in front of the Historic Homestead. Parking of the classics and one vintage was ably attended to by David Peck and Leon Cousin, thank you, much appreciated. A special thank you to David Peck who also attended to directing the Classics exiting the Homestead. My effort as a car parker was clearly very poor as demonstrated when trying to direct David to park his 1946 Daimler. LOL  
 Congratulation to the Management and Staff of the Restaurant as the meal and service was top rate and enjoyed by all. Management provided a \$100.00 meal voucher and Janet Field's name was lucky enough to be drawn out of the hat and she was presented with the certificate.

The ABCCC Committee "CLASSIC AWARD" was drawn out of the hat and presented by Greg Anglin to Club Life Member Bryan and Anne Tootell for attending in their classic Jaguar.  
 There was a shortfall in a meal payment on table 19 for a Prawns & Green Apple - \$22.00 and a Cappuccino mug - \$5.80 which I have paid. If someone on table 19 did have that meal and inadvertently forgot to settle the account, I would appreciate reimbursement.  
 Tony, Club President welcomed new club members Steve and Katya PAS.

Thank You all for attending on the day and enjoying the historic venue, meal, service and club member's company. Cheers, Rex and Deanna – **Rex's Big Day Out.**



# Delegates Meeting AOMC 18/05/26

by Wally Thompson

Meeting held at Springvale Club rooms of Jaguar Austin Healy Club.

The president Keith Mortimer started the meeting at 7.30.

Previous minutes passed:

Business arising – VIC roads are arranging an email for the clubs for easy contact. Work in progress.

Heritage event held Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – at the Manhattan hotel Ringwood severely affected by the rain but still an enjoyable time was had by most.

**Remember** - Winton Historic motor racing is 50 years this Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Flory Thompson run attracted some ninety-six cars with 124 Female drivers and passengers. An enjoyable time was had by all even though the weather was not ideal. Sunday the meal was served in a large shed at the Shepparton harness club. Participants and the cars were under cover.

Membership Plus – for the insurance to be offered to clubs is in the negotiation stage. Some eighty clubs are registered so it remains to be seen who takes it up. Any questions are to be handled by the brokers and to also clarify any compliance or other issues.

Vic roads are entrenched in engine numbers / chassis numbers (or vin numbers) checks as it has occurred. In some cases, the engines / Body /Chassis purchased for a restoration can turn out to have been stolen in the past – sometimes 30 plus years - which the makes the vehicle unable to be registered and a financial loss to the restorer.

- It is recommended that full checks be made with Vic roads prior to any money spent, if not checked it can be a huge waste. The police do not hold records past about seven to eight years making Vic roads the safer bet.

(In a case that I was personally involved, years ago, the reconditioned motor was removed and returned to the legal owner)

The speakers for the evening were Scott Anderson & Chris Mauder from Revival Electric Vehicles Pty Ltd.

The example shown on the night was a 1970's BMW 2002 sedan L4. Of approx. 60+horsepower.

This company has been established to electrify Classic cars. This entails removing the Motor /Exhaust & Fuel tank to allow the fitting of an electric motor (about 30cm round 30cm long). This takes the place of a 2.0l petrol motor, larger motors are used for bigger cars. In the BMW approx. 300 kilos of parts were removed and about the same weight was added in electrics, (batteries & motor).

In the example only six holes were drilled mostly for wiring so all the previous motor etc could be fitted at any time. Under the bonnet was where most of the batteries and electric motor was fitted with extra batteries in the boot (boot was still operational). Transmission can be Manual or work as an Automatic.

The weights of added parts equalled the parts removed but the balance of the BMW was equalled to front and Rear (50/50) axle weights. Heater and Air conditioning are operated by the main battery. The dash instruments are electronic but are a copy of the original gauges.

A 12v battery is added to operate Indicators / hazard lights and for other lights to operate as per normal.

For those interested the range is approx. 250kls on a full charge – plug in at home – take an electric kettle or Micro oven to cook at car show or when travelling.

**Now the Cost** – they will only consider doing previously restored suitable classic cars – cost is about \$60,000 to \$100,000. The vehicle needs an Engineers report and RWC prior to registration (M). Note some items might need upgrading e.g., Brakes etc.

Wally

# Anglin's Coffee and Cars Event – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Greg Anglin reports that 26 members attended the lunch, which was a different style of lunch being Vietnamese, but the robot waitress also drew a lot of attention. However, it was a great group of people who obviously enjoyed their time together and went away with good memories!





## CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's Website for information about how club matters are conducted. This Website also features information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) is operated by the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc.

Our club does have one explicit rule – for those motor cars operating on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), using the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc., for the ongoing benefit of the VCPS, their owners must continue to be a financial member for the duration of the permit period, and attend a minimum of three club events during the permit's active year. Failure to respect this rule will result in the VCPS renewal being insupportable and void.

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## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. is \$45.00 per annum. This subscription fee also includes the club member's partner. In addition to that, there is a once-only \$30.00 Joining Fee. Please address membership enquiries to: Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Telephone Number 03 9739 1879.

### LIFE MEMBERS

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

**Current Life Members are: Pat J Douglas, Mike Alfrey, Tony & Maxine Pettigrew, Colin Brown, Peter McKiernan, Bryan Tootell**

### CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

ABCCC is a VicRoads authorised Club to participate in the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme (CPS)

The ABCCC has set rules & conditions for operating a motor vehicle [twenty-five (25) years old and older on the CPS, for further information about how the CPS is conducted by the All British Classics Car Club please visit the club's Website Link [ABCCC Club Permit Scheme information](#) All the information is available online.

1. **Initial contact** should be made with the club's Vehicle Logbook Club Permit Scheme (VLCPS) Applications Officer, currently Wally Thompson. He will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the ABCCC. He must also provide a first inspection of the vehicle.
2. **PERMIT RENEWALS** VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VLCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VLCPS 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 VLCPS 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 as well.

Both Wally & Colin's position are entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting them.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Payment of ABCCC Annual Fees of \$45.00 are due by 1<sup>st</sup> January each year.

Please post or transfer money to: All British Classics Car Club, Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Tel 0438 508 235

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your surname and "dues" as reference.

Please note that, should you be unfinancial and driving a classic car under the auspices of our club on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, you are effectively driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Renewal Form can be downloaded from the ABCCC Website if required to update information.

Thank you, Ed Bartosh

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**Website:** [www.abccc.com.au/calendar](http://www.abccc.com.au/calendar)

**Facebook** - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook




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# Club Calendar

## ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

**Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. Only those events scheduled in this Directory qualify for Victorian Club Permit Scheme requirements. All events are also listed on the club website.**

ABCCC Calendar of Events for 2026					
If you are attending any of these events please contact the Organiser, as numbers are often required					
Further details will be provided closer to the event					
April 2026		May 2026		June 2026	
				Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> to Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Hamilton Rally ABCCC Contact only Tony Pettigrew <b>Cancelled</b>
				Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Graham Talmage Run to MG Museum in Geelong
July 2026		August 2026		September 2026	
Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup> July	ABCCC Annual Club Luncheon Colin Brown	Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> to Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Proposed Club holiday in West Australia. Details Lance Brazier. <b>(Cancelled)</b>	Tue. 1st Sept to Thurs. 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Joint event with QLD ABCCC to the Entrance. Leigh and Sandra <b>(Cancelled)</b>
Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Lunch with the Tootell's at Warby Hotel, Wesburn			Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Lunch in the Yarra Valley with Ian and Lyn Terry.
Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup> July to Sun. 2 Aug.	Weekend in Shepparton. Glenda and Gary Prewett.				
October 2026		November 2026		December 2026	
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Get Lost in Gippsland with Graham Talmage	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov to Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Alice Anderson Tribute Tour. Inaugural event, commemorate the life of Alice Anderson. Contact Tex Conway	Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>(Final Numbers by 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.)</b>	Christmas Lunch Maxine Pettigrew
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Coffee with the Cravens TBA	Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Visit including lunch to Mont de Lancy. Contact Darrell and Peter Jones.		
Tue. 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Afternoon Tea with the Anglin's	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Indulgence Weekend with Peter McKiernan		

# Look at what events are coming up soon?

## Visit to the MG Museum in Geelong Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026



The Museum showcases an exceptional exhibition of over 45 MG vehicles, tracing the remarkable journey of William Morris—from his humble beginnings as a push-bike mechanic to becoming Britain’s leading industrialist, later honoured with the title 1st Viscount Nuffield (Lord Nuffield).

The exhibits also celebrate the illustrious career of Cecil Kimber, MG Garage Sales Manager and pioneering sports car designer.

You will be taken through the evolution of the MG marque, from the early “bull-nosed” Morris through to the iconic MG sports car division.

Each vehicle on display includes a detailed historical summary spanning 1914 to 2005, supported by 65 wall photos and posters, which will leave us spellbound by the heritage, innovation, and smart marketing behind the MG name.

Please make your own way to Geelong. Coffee is available along the M1 to Geelong and proceed to our suggested lunch venue at the RSL, 50 Barwon Heads Road, Belmont, which opens for lunch at 11.30 pm. We will meet at the MG Museum of the Marque, 3 Curtis Street, Belmont, which is a 2 minute drive from the RSL for a 1.15 pm arrival. The tour is conducted by Ray Abikhair, Museum director who will provide a verbal history of each vehicle.

Admission is by card only which is \$10 per person, and tea and coffee is available at the museum.

Please confirm your attendance for the RSL and the museum to either Graham Talmage on 0419 399 752 or Kate Senko on 0412 12 6 369.



## **ABCCC ANNUAL CLUB LUNCH**

**Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> 2026 Eastwood Golf Club**

**332 Liverpool Road Kilsyth South**

**Time: 12.00 noon for 12.30pm**



**The annual club luncheon will be at the same great venue as last year, book early to make sure of a place.**

**Members Only**, as it is a club subsidised lunch with drinks

**Cost of this luncheon is \$48 per person,**

**Menu: Alternate Drops.**

**Entrée: Tuscan Tortellini, creamy cheese, tomato and roasted garlic.  
Pork Belly Bao Buns, with slaw, Asian dressing, crispy shallots.**

**Main: Roasted Chicken Breast wrapped in prosciutto with golden roasted potatoes, vegetables, white wine and Dijon sauce  
Slow roasted Lamb Shank, with roasted vegetables and sweet potato mash.**

**Dessert: Chocolate Sponge Melt, oozing ganache and ice cream.  
Sticky Date Pudding, with butterscotch sauce and ice cream**

**Pre booking and payment is required by Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Please include member name on deposit slip**

**Bank details: CBA BSB: 063-863 A/C: 10013709**

**Please confirm payment and any dietary requirements to:**

**[colin.brown@hotmail.net.au](mailto:colin.brown@hotmail.net.au)**

# Lunch with the Tootells – Sunday 26th July 2026



You are invited to join us at the Warby Hotel, 2882 Warburton Hwy, Wesburn for lunch at midday.

After leaving Lilydale turn right onto the Warburton Hwy and proceed for just over 30 kms to Wesburn.

Please respond by 13 July so we can finalise catering arrangements

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



# Alice Anderson Tribute Tour

## 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2026

Firstly, thanks to the actions and support of the women from the Alice Anderson Memorial Fund at Boroondara (Kew) cemetery, Alice Anderson's biographer Loretta Smith will now be accompanying us on the tour.

This being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alice's passing the members of the Alice Anderson Memorial Fund are raising funds to build a statue of Alice outside 88 Cotham Road, Kew where her workshop was located.

The ladies of Kew have also informed me that the ABC is intending to make a documentary about Alice's life and asked me if they could interview tour participants and I have said yes unless I hear anything different before the time.

Lastly Loretta has sold the film rights to her book so there will be a movie coming up sometime in the future.

I am still waiting on finalisation of a payment portal for participants before the full information and invitations are made available, hopefully soon.

Cheers,

Tex Conway 0428 278 707



Alice Anderson

**Peter Hibbert's Mustang from the cover of this Newsletter with more details attached.**



Peter has provided details of the Mustang as follows:

The engine is an upsized, bored 351 cubic inch V8 Ford Windsor block with a medium lift camshaft and a stock crankshaft.

The cylinder heads are stock with fine ground honed valve chambers, inlet and exhaust ports.

Valve train is stock as are the exhaust manifolds but with smooth bores.

Balance of dual exhaust system is stainless steel.

Drive train has a C4/3 speed Ford automatic gearbox with a stall kit installed to 2800 rpm.

Suspension is stock with a balanced drive shaft with lowered coil springs and blocks.

Differential is stock with 8 3/4" crown gear and pinion.

Rear brakes are stock drum hydraulic type with late Ford Falcon front hydraulic disc brakes.

He has owned the Mustang since 2003

Peter's final word on the matter: Overall a safe, quick, comfortable ride that our family enjoy!



Mustang and Sandy