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Please check to see if your name is on the roster. **If you are on the roster and can’t bring supper, please arrange for someone else on the same roster to bring an extra plate, or arrange to swap with someone on a different month.**

**SEPTEMBER:** Trevor WEBB, Kevin WILLIS, Doug & Sharon NEWALL, Paul COOK, Jim & Chris BADGER, Graham & Shirley FRIEND, Peter & Sue GOODGER, Michael & Maureen SULLIVAN, Ralf & Lali CORBACHO, John & Janelle CARROLL, Leslie & Lesley WHITE

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**COVER PHOTO:** A 1956 Chev pictured in Bergen, Norway. Photo: Glenn Lemcke.

# AUTO-THOUGHTS



The airliner touched down at the airport. The air-crew all got off the plane while the passengers waited patiently. One by one the crew returned. Most of them, but not all. There was a different pilot and a different co-pilot. Actually there were two co-pilots who stepped up to the plane; and the passengers held a vote to see which one would take the second seat in the cockpit. Some of the

other crew had changed also. When all the crew were aboard, the engines fired up and the plane took off for the next leg of the journey.

And so that big airliner, which is the South Coast Vintage Car Club, has embarked on another journey through time; until the same time next year. Welcome to the new pilot and co-pilot; both of whom have served in their present positions before. And to the rest of the crew, welcome back, and thank you for your continued service. Yes folks, the AGM has come and gone, and the slightly altered committee is in place.

I would also like to thank those members of “the crew” who are not returning. I won’t name names; except perhaps for one. Our retiring “pilot”, Bob McLean, is taking a seat amongst the passengers for the first time in.... I don’t know how many years! Before his time as President he served as Treasurer for ... Well, I don’t know how long it was, but when he started, the accounts were in pounds, shillings and pence, and the calculations were done with an abacus. ☺ Okay, well it wasn’t quite that long, although I reckon it would probably feel like it. Enjoy your “retirement!”

Did you know that the name “Castrol” (as in the oils) came from “caster oil”? That was just one interesting fact I discovered while researching an article on Castrol, which turns 135 years old this year. In another special feature we have a bunch of photos that Glenn Lemcke sent to me from his travels overseas. I have published a couple of his photos before, but this time there’s a page of them. And there’s also one of his photos on the front cover.

And on the subject of photos, we have a lot of photos from the club’s visit to Cleary Brothers Museum. And then there are some interesting old photos; including one of Prince Charles (now King Charles, of course), stepping out of his MGB GT).

Of course we have reports on the runs our club has held too; including one from Andrew Conacher on the outing to Jamberoo Club for lunch. But his story of the day began the day prior to the event when his MG refused to co-operate. The saga that followed is amusing to us to read now, but I’m sure it was far from amusing to Andrew at the time! It’s all part of the wonderful world of classic car ownership. The type of saga that most of us know all too well.

Okay, that’s it for this month. I hope you enjoy the read.

*Elwyn Jordan (Editor)*

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# **MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

**Held at the Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto**

**Tuesday 13th of August 2024.**

President Bob McLean opened the meeting at 7.33pm and welcomed members.

**Apologies:** As per attendance book.

**Members in attendance:** 79

**Visitors:** NIL

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Badges:** Geoff Faulkner presented 50th Anniversary Name Badges to Jim and Robyn Hughes.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Bob McLean requested that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 09-07-24 and recorded in the August Klaxon to be confirmed as a correct record of that meeting. Moved by Denis Donald, seconded by David Philip and carried by the members.

**Business Arising:** Nil.

**Correspondence Inwards:** by Acting Secretary, Catharina Beattie

♦Bank statement from Great Southern Bank. Forwarded to the Treasurer Lloyd Chatfield♦Membership Applications from Andrew Newman and Brian Faulker♦For Sales from Bill Robertson. Forwarded to Geoff Faulkner♦CHMC Annual General Meeting. Forwarded to John Churchill ♦ Fossil Fuels in Heritage Survey. Emailed to members ♦ AMHF Motor & Masterpieces. Emailed to members. ♦ Magazines from various Clubs. Forwarded to Ted Arnts.

Catharina moved that the incoming correspondence to be accepted. Seconded by Bob McLean and carried by the members.

**Correspondence Out:** NIL

**Treasurer's Report:** by Lloyd Chatfield

Lloyd read out the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 1st July to 31st July 2024. Moved by Lloyd Chatfield to be accepted, seconded by Neil Beattie, and carried by the members.

Lloyd presented the following accounts for payment:

♦MYOB	August Tax Invoice	\$31.00
♦Treasurer	Postage Stamps & Cards	\$18.98
♦Ken Horspool	Meal paid in advance for XMAS in July	\$30.00
♦Illawarra Yacht	Venue hire– Club Christmas Party	\$150.00
♦Bill Robertson	All British Day Ticket	\$10.00
♦Ted Arnts	Postage for August Klaxon	\$204.00
♦Worldwide Printing	Printing July Klaxon & AGM Treasurer's Report	\$444.10
♦Totally Workwear	Club Polo Shirts	\$86.65
♦Peter Akhurst	Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets	\$25.00
♦Jimani Trophies	Engraving and Providing Trophies	\$105.00

Lloyd requested for these accounts to be paid, moved by Neil Beattie, seconded by Colin Boylan and carried by the members.

**By-Law Review:** by Greg Wright

Greg informed the meeting that he has received half a dozen response to the new Constitution and By-Laws. Responses will to be accepted until the end of August.

**Events Director's Report:** by Ken Horspool

Ken spoke about the past runs. Highlighting it was a quiet month and the weather was ordinary. Ken thanked Gary Woodward for assisting with the Cleary Bros Museum. A dozen members attended Stanwell Park and 8 attended Central Park at Oak Flats. Unfortunately, Steve Rhind was unable to attend the All Holden weekend so he could not present a report. Club Jamberoo had a good attendance, and 9 members attended Bulli Beach. The weather was not good on the day.

Ken then continued onto upcoming runs. *Details on these runs can be found in the Klaxon.* Ken informed members that tickets are still available for Shannons Classic at Eastern Creek. See him for tickets. Ken reminded members to attend Piper House. Ken Hobbs mentioned that the usual BBQ and ice-cream will be available with an extra bonus this year, a popcorn machine. Ken informed members that there will be only one Bunnings event instead of the 2. Thursday 29th August is still going ahead. See Ken for Details. Ken stressed that dogs cannot attend the run to Wingecarribee Reserve.

Ken mentioned the Romans Hot Rod Run - Show & Shine is on Sunday 8th September at Black Beach Kiama.

Ken highlighted runs that are after the September meeting. *Details on these runs can be found in the Klaxon.* Put in your diaries Jamberoo Car Show for the 27th October and the Club Christmas lunch for Thursday 5th December at the Illawarra Yacht Club

**Affiliated Association:** NIL

**Other Reports:***Vehicle Inspector*, Peter Akhurst briefly spoke about the new seat belt cameras and how it will affect cars that do not require seat belts. Cars prior to 1965. *Librarian*, Chris Fitzpatrick reminded member of the Club's extensive library books. Refer to the Club's website for the list.

**Trophy Presentation:** Presentation of yearly trophies by the club:

♦ Stan Jobson Memorial trophy for Vintage Around the Lake presented by Denis Donald to Paul Cook – 1925 Dodge Tourer ♦ Bill Kirkland Memorial trophy for Most Events Participation presented by Ken Horspool to Bruno Manfiotto ♦ South Coast 4WD trophy for the Club Car of the Year presented by Geoff Faulkner to Denis Donald – 1956 Vauxhall Ute.

**General Business:** Ballot to resolve meeting starting time. Peter Akhurst, Returning Officer, conducted secret ballot. ♦ 59 votes for 7.30pm ♦ 14 votes for 8.00pm ♦ 12 abstained *7.30pm starting time declared.* Bob McLean informed members that Les Davidson from Oak Flats has appealed for assistance to cut his grass. Catharina Beattie informed the members that Allan Winley passed away on Monday 12th August. Ron Denniss informed members that he made the difficult decision to stand down from Secretary due to ill health. He enjoyed his 7 years in the role and wanted to thank the members that assisted him over the years.

**For Sales and Wanted:** Geoff Faulkner spoke about cars Bill Robertson is selling. These will appear in the Klaxon.

**The raffle won by:** – Ken Hobbs

**The Badge Draw won by:** Les Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.29pm.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto

Tuesday 13th of August 2024.

AGM meeting opened by the president, Bob McLean at 8.35 pm.

**Number in attendance:** 79.

**Apologies:** As per attendance book.

**Minutes of the previous AGM:** Bob McLean requested that the minutes from the last AGM held on 8th August 2023 are true and proper as recorded in the September 2023 Klaxon. Moved by Paul Cook, seconded by John Churchill and carried by the members.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** Lloyd Chatfield presented the report for the year ending 30th June 2024. Lloyd noted that the report had been distributed to all members vis the Klaxon or email. Lloyd moved the motion for the report to be received. Seconded by Bob McLean and carried by the members. **Note:** Bob McLean informed the members that a lot of hard work has been done by Lloyd. His work has been performed accurately, fairly and honestly.

**President's Report:** Bob McLean thanked all committee members for the work done over the last 12 months. He also thanked the members, supporters and advertisers. Bob asked the members to approve Catharina Beattie to continue as acting secretary for the AGM. Members agreed. Bob declared that all office holder positions were now vacant and asked Fiona Love to preside over the 2024/25 election of office bearers. Fiona took the chair.

**Election of office bearers being as listed**

\*President- Paul Cook

\*Vice President- Rex Kilner.

**Note:** 2 nominations for Vice President received. Secret ballot conducted.

♦Rex Kilner - 53 votes

♦Robert Winston - 20 votes ♦6 abstained

\*Secretary- Catharina Beattie

\*Treasurer- Lloyd Chatfield

\*Events Director - Ken Horspool

\*Editor- Elwyn Jordan

\*Membership Registrar - Catharina Beattie

\*Klaxon Manager- Ted Arnts

\*Vehicle Inspector & Plate Register- Greg Wright

\*Webmaster- Lloyd Chatfield

\*Librarian - Chris Fitzpatrick

\*Door Person - Eileen Akhurst

\*C.H.M.C Delegate-John Churchill

\*Publicity Officer-Geoff Faulkner

\* C.M.C Delegates-Bob Winston & Christine Winston

Paul Cook, as the new president, was invited to the chair and thanked everyone for coming and voting. The committee will do their utmost to run the club for all the members. Paul requested if members could help Ken Horspool, Events Director, with organising a run.

There being no further business the president closed the meeting at 8.56 pm



Bruno and his award



Denis and his award



Paul Cook and his award



Robyn & Jim 50 year badges



## NEWS AROUND THE CLUB

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS ON THE SICK LIST



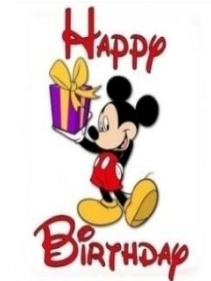
**Alf Whiddett** has not been well. He has had blood clots in the bladder, and been in and out of hospital for tests. Tests and treatment are ongoing. We hope everything is sorted out and you are soon back to full health.

**Ron Denniss** has been unwell, even necessitating a short spell in hospital. He is still not in good health, and was unable to carry on as our Secretary. We hope you make a complete and quick recovery.

To any other club members or their family who are unwell, we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to Paul Cook, Coletta Forest, Eddy Gilmore, John G Churchill, and Chris Churchill.

**We hope you have a great day filled with love and laughter.**

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### SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Anniversary to Neville and Marilyn Egan.

*We wish you a very Happy Anniversary as you celebrate this special day. May you have many more happy years together.*

**NOTE:** The deadline for submitting Events, advertisements, and other articles for publication, is strictly **2nd Tuesday of the month – the Monthly Meeting.** (Until midnight). (Minutes excepted – by arrangement with Secretary).

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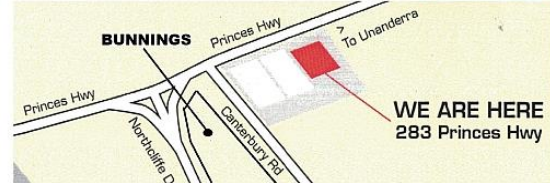
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## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **SOUTH COAST VINTAGE CAR CLUB - COMING EVENTS**



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<b>EVENTS COMMITTEE</b>	

If you would like to put on an event for our Club, please contact the Events Director or an Events Committee member.

**Please note:**

- 1) Members with vehicles on Conditional Registration NOT PARTICIPATING in the Log Book Scheme:
  - a) May use their vehicle within a 20kilometre radius of the vehicle's normal garage for the purpose of test drive and/or refuel ONLY, without obtaining SCVCC permission;
  - b) Wishing to use their vehicle in any event or function NOT PUT ON by the SCVCC MUST obtain SCVCC permission. Forms are available from the club's web site and must be authorized PRIOR to the event by the Plate Registrar or Assistant or President;
- 2) Members with vehicles on Conditional Registration PARTICIPATING in the Log Book Scheme MUST COMPLETE AN ENTRY IN THE LOG BOOK for any vehicle use which is not an organized club event. This includes completing an entry for:
  - a) Any test drives and / or refuels;
  - b) Participating in any event or function NOT PUT ON by the SCVCC or your nominated secondary club(s);
- 3) Members with vehicles on Conditional Registration participating in organized events put on by their secondary club(s) must notify the SCVCC Plate Registrar or Assistant to have their participation logged in an SCVCC Day Book;
- 4) The club has a common Conditional Registration expiry date of the 9th Dec. Vehicle inspection days are the last Saturday in Oct and the last Sunday in Nov each year;
- 5) You must be a financial member of the club for your Conditional Registration to be valid. This means paying your annual membership fees promptly – due 1<sup>st</sup> July each year.
- 6) The club has a By-Law requiring any member with vehicle(s) on conditional registration to attend a minimum of 4 club events each year to maintain the registration(s). The committee may grant an exemption in extenuating circumstances;
- 7) When on an organized club event, you must enter your name and vehicle in the Events book. The Events Director or their nominee will have it at all Club events, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ENTER YOUR DETAILS ON THE DAY;
- 8) PETS ON CLUB EVENTS: If you take your pet(s) on any club events, to save any embarrassment and unpleasantness, please check with the venue or destination to make sure pets are allowed: (i.e. National Parks, motels, etc.).



## SOUTH COAST VINTAGE CAR CLUB 2024

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Wingecarribee Reservoir Reserve midday BYO lunch. Off Kangaloon Rd near Sheepwash Rd with a clear signpost. Take the Tourist Rd from the top of Macquarie Pass turning left on Sheepwash Rd and left again onto Kangaloon Rd or stay on the Illawarra Hwy through Robertson and turn onto Sheepwash Rd towards Bowral at the roundabout, turning right onto Kangaloon Rd. Meet on Tongarra Rd opp Albion Park Bowlo at 10.45 for an 11.00 departure. No dogs.
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Monthly Meeting, Ribbonwood Centre Dapto. <b>7.30pm.</b> (The time of the meeting has not changed).
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Illawarra Yacht Club Cake and Coffee 10am.
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	All British Display Day, Hawkesbury Showground. Tickets \$10 from Ken.
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	National Motoring Heritage Day – Berry Showground \$10. Dress in period. This day was postponed from May. Need numbers.
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Shellharbour club Fiftysix Dining for lunch midday – need numbers.
<b>Saturday and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Clarendon Rally Hawkesbury Showground. Themes include Chrysler Cars, Chev trucks and Vintage Motorcycles. \$10 entry.
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Bombo Beach Reserve BYO lunch midday. At the northern end of the Beach – need to use your map or navigator.
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Reddall Pde Reserve, BYO lunch midday. (Warilla side, near kiosk and bridge).
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Sublime Point, BYO lunch midday.
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Monthly Meeting, Ribbonwood Centre Dapto. 7.30pm.
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Towradgi Beach, BYO lunch midday. End of Towradgi Road, just past the Bowling Club
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Sussex Inlet RSL midday lunch - stop before you reach the water. Meet at Nungarry Rest stop to leave at 9.30. Morning Tea at Mark Radium Park (Duck Pond), Berry leaving at 11.00. Need numbers.

<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Kiama Harbour 10am for Coffee.
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	First Inspection Day- Venue to be announced.
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Jamberoo Car Show – arrive at 8am and go to left after you enter. (have your donation ready) – we are behind tennis courts. Coming from the north, assemble in Hughes Drive off Terry St, Albion Park at 7.30 to leave at 7.45. I will need numbers.

### **EVENTS FURTHER OUT**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – 100 years of MG - Fitzroy Falls Reservoir Reserve.

NOTE: THIS IS A SECOND CHANGE OF DATE.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Illawarra Yacht Club midday



## **IMPORTANT FOR OUR FUTURE**

With the push towards electric vehicles, questions are being asked as to what will happen to vehicles still using fossil fuels. This particularly applies to Historic vehicles, of course. The CHMC has issued a letter to all car clubs, providing a link to a survey that is being undertaken by the University of Canberra, in association with other organisations, to find out how this will affect all those involved in the historic vehicle scene. Here is how the letter begins:

“The CHMC is collaborating with the University of Canberra, Engineers Australia and Operating Heritage Australia to gather data on oil-based fuel and lubricant consumption in Australia's historic vehicle, tractor and antique machinery communities. The goal is to have an informed analysis of fossil fuel usage in these sectors, along with that from the heritage steam, rail, aviation and maritime heritage groups, who are also participating.

“A survey has been launched, ‘Fossil Fuels in Heritage,’ aimed at collecting details on fuel types, quantities, and owners/operators views on how they would transition to possible reduction in or phasing out of fossil fuels.”

No doubt you will hear more on this, but I'll put the link [here](#). (*Sorry for those reading the printed copy – but the link is way too long for you to copy out by hand*).

In any case, can I urge everyone to complete this survey. Any reduction in, or elimination of, fossil fuels would absolutely cripple our classic and vintage vehicle scene!

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- \* The world bodybuilding champion died at age 41.
- \* The best footballer in the world, Maradona, died at 60
- ...

And then-

- \* The KFC inventor died at 94.
- \* The inventor of Nutella died at 88
- \* The inventor of Hennessy died at 98
- ...

How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life, when

- \* The rabbit is always jumping but it lives for around 2 years, and
- \* the turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives over 200 years.


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### Where to Inspect?

For as long as I've been in the club, we have been fortunate enough for generous club members & others to loan us their facilities for our 2 annual registration inspection days. This has included Ted's Mufflers, South Coast 4 Wheel Drive, BL Motors and more recently Opposite Lock. However, these facilities have now come to an end due to combinations of people's retirement, business sales, etc, etc.

So where to from here?

It looks like O'Brien Auto Glass in Industrial Rd Oak Flats (Opposite Opposite Lock!) have generously made their large parking lot available for our use for the southern inspection in late November.

We still require a suitable venue in the middle to northern part of "the Gong" for our late October inspection. So, if you have any ideas or suggestions or know of any businesses that may be willing to share some of their space for ½ a day on a Saturday, please let myself or Neil Beattie or Geoff Faulkner know.

When finally sorted out the venues will be advised in later Klaxon's & via club email.

Greg Wright



### CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM PART 7

By now you all should have received your copies of the draft Constitution & draft By-Laws as hard &/or electronic copies.

Hopefully you've paid attention to the timeline detailed on the cover page and are preparing to submit any comments or issues by the end of August.

To date we have received feedback from about half a dozen people, who have raised a range of issues such as:

- A missed position description;
- Is there really a need for multiple Vice Presidents?;
- Support for the Code of Conduct provisions;
- A preference for secret ballot voting for significant issues or position elections.

If you are receiving this Klaxon as an emailed version, then hopefully it is still a week or so before the end of August and you have plenty of time to finish your review and submit your feedback!

Remember, it's your club, have your input into how it's run.

Regards

Greg Wright for the review sub-committee.

# CLASSIC NEWS

## CLIVE'S COLLOSSAL CAR COLLECTION

Clive Palmer is not shy when it comes to ambitious projects. Apart from his tilt at Federal politics (*did he really think he had any chance of becoming Prime Minister?!*) he has built a model of the Titanic, a huge dinosaur theme park, and a few other big-scale projects. And now he is getting into cars. He plans to set up a huge car museum on a property near Lowood, west of Brisbane. According to reports, he has obtained planning consent from the local council. (A previous plan to build it on the Gold Coast was dropped after there were complaints from locals).

Reports say there will be 1000 cars and 300 motorbikes on display. Let's hope that, unlike the previous projects, this one turns out to be a great success.

## MG'S TRIBUTE SPECIAL



What does this remind you of? An MGB GT of course! Can't you see the likeness? Um, neither can I! As the MGB GT approaches its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, MG, the current Chinese brand (*don't get me started!*), is planning to introduce a tribute model that will arrive in Australia later this year. The special version of their Cyberster is supposed to bear a kind of modern resemblance to the MGB GT. It will be an electric car. It will seat 4, it won't leak oil, and it will perform a lot better than the original. And it will look very modern – as you can see. But as for any resemblance to the MGB GT..... Nah, I can't see it!

## 50 YEARS OF CARLISLE



Carlisle in the US is home to a number of high profile car events. They run huge car shows each year specialising in several makes: a show for Chryslers, one for Fords, one for GM etc. The Chrysler one was held on the weekend of 12 -14 July. One report I read stated that here were over 3,000 cars on display. The photo above (taken at a previous event) shows just some of the display. And this year it celebrated its centenary; the first event having been held in 1924. What a great achievement! You can watch some video of the event on Classic Restos, on YouTube or the Shannons Club website.



# CLEARY BROS MUSEUM

12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Story: Ken Horspool. Photos: Colin Boylan



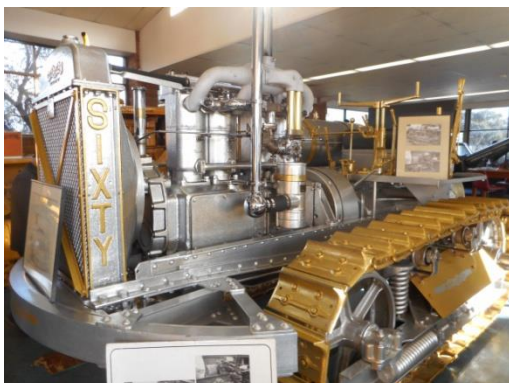
37 members and 5 guests attended this great event organised by Gary Woodward. Only one old car, a late 30's Oldsmobile which apparently belonged to John Cleary Snr, but a lot of beautifully restored dozers and trucks and other earthmoving memorabilia going back over a century.

## Those in attendance

Paul Cook	25 Dodge	Anthony Hedges	49 TC MG
Ted Arnts	52 Plymouth	Ken Horspool	58 Holden FC Ute
Doug & Sharon Newell	60 Jaguar MK2 3.8	Bruno Manfiotto	61 MGA
Greg Wright	67 Holden HR	Chris Dorahy	69 MGC GT Coupe
Colin Boylan	75 Valiant Regal	David Philip	76 Mercedes SL
Mark & Leonie Jordan	76 Porsche 911	Michael Franke	77 Chevrolet C20
Les Hall	84 Holden Commodore	Lloyd Chatfield	86 Mercedes 300E
Gary Woodward	90 Mercedes 300E	Glenn Lemcke	91 Mazda MX 5

**MODERN:** Wayne Crouch, Greg Ellis, John Dunn, Graeme Wheatley, Peter Goodger, Michael Hough, Kerry & Michael Wynn, Bill Morgan, Kev & Bev McClarence, Garry O'Reilly, Greg Pitt, David Davies, Stephen Rhind, Bruce Wallace, Tony Mitchell, Bob McLean, Greg Lemcke, Graham Friend

**Guests of Members:** Cristina Gaggero, Geoff Boyd, Joe Sciberras, Garry Claypole, Joe Da Silva



Caterpillar 60



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Caterpillar Museum



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Oldsmobile



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Sign on the door of a truck

# PICNIC DAY AT GREVILLEA PARK

14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Story: June McLean. Photo: Chris Fitzpatrick



Clear blue skies, warm sunshine, a lovely day for a picnic, *but* where is everybody? What is wrong with those of you who didn't get outdoors and enjoy the lovely blue skies and warm sunshine?

Six cars, 10 people turned up at the Grevillea Park, (a poor attendance in my opinion, considering the number of members in the car club).

Bob and I turned up to find Chris Fitzpatrick waiting patiently for someone else he knew to turn up. We waited roughly five to ten minutes then decided to wander through the gate to the desk. \$7 adults, children free. We then headed up a hilly pathway to the first picnic table in the sun so we grabbed it. I stayed at the table while Chris and Bob brought the picnic things from the cars (down in the carpark). No cars allowed through the double gates!

There were lots of people and dogs about, and for awhile we thought we were going to be the only three from our car club.

However a little later on, we were joined by Garry and Anne, Ted and Lesley, Ralph and Lali. After morning tea, Lesley wandered off up the hill taking photos, Lali and Ralph went another way and the rest of the men followed suit, while Anne and I minded all the picnic gear and enjoyed the warm sun on our backs. Lesley returned and we sat and chatted then Paul arrived and joined us until the men returned.

It was now lunchtime, and Ralph entertained us with photos of his beloved dog and a few stories.

There were many discussions about the latest events in America and other world affairs, plus of course cars; then the sun began to sink below the trees and it was time for everyone to pack up and head for home.

There is a saying that Quality is better than Quantity and this was the case on this event. We were in good company and had a good chat and a good laugh.

As for the park, well I didn't get to wander around as the hills were steep and the ground beneath us was all crushed coke which could be dangerous when ascending or descending a steep incline. It was very rough in parts, so I sat with Anne, Lesley and the menfolk enjoying the sunshine and the company on the day.

## **Those who did venture out were, in order of appearance:**

Chris Fitzpatrick	1963 Austin Healey 3000 B17
Bob & June McLean	1977 Jaguar XJC
Garry & Anne O'Reilly	1964 Ford Cortina
Ted & Lesley Arnts	1952 Plymouth
Ralph & Lali Corbacho	1964 Holden EH
Paul Cook	1925 Dodge Tourer



# LUNCH RUN TO STANWELL PARK

## 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Story & Photos: Elwyn Jordan



I like runs to Stanwell Park: it's a good run for the car, and the park area where we gather is a nice spot. The only thing that can ruin it is crowds of people. Summer time brings the crowds out; for the beach, and sunshine, and to watch people falling out of the sky attached to kites. But a week day in the middle of winter saw fewer people there than I think I've ever seen. (Except one time, years ago, when it was raining).

The day began cloudy and looking a bit like rain, but by the time people would be leaving on the run it had cleared up to a beautiful sunny day. Perfect for a run to Stanwell Park! So why weren't there more people?

Only seven people (including me) in five cars went on the run. By the time I got there two of those had already left. Those remaining weren't sure who they were; and it seemed no-one had an attendance book. So my apologies to the "mystery couple" for not including you here.

Those who were there included Harry and Kym Franke in (*of course!*) a Volvo, Anthony Hedges in his Austin Healey, Bruno Manfiotto in his MGA, and me in my Triumph 2500TC.

With only a small number in attendance, and those having already eaten, it wasn't long before the remaining group started packing up to leave.

If there was one "downer" for the day it was roadworks. I was told there were quite a lot of roadworks happening along the coast road. I always go along the top, up Ousley. That way is much quicker and more pleasant, cruising along the highway at 110 km/h. And so it was that day, until I got to Stanwell Tops. There were roadworks on the hill going down to Stanwell Park, with just one lane of traffic all the way down the hill. There were stop-go traffic controllers at the top and bottom of the hill. I was lucky though; there wasn't much delay for me – especially coming back. As I turned right onto Lawrence Hargrave Dr from Stanwell Park the stop-go light had just turned green and the traffic started moving. I drove straight up the hill, and turned left at the top past a huge line of traffic all stopped and waiting their turn.

So it was a good day. Just a pity there weren't more there to enjoy it!

## MG CLUB CHRISTMAS IN JULY

28 July 2024

This was not an official event in our club, but it used to be. It used to be held at the Mt. Keira Scout Camp; and our club was always invited. Then Covid happened. And when it was clear of that restriction it got rained out. So this year they held it Corrimal RSL.

**Tony McLeod** was the only one of our members who went to this. He is a member of the MG Restorers Club, which was also invited. Also a couple of other clubs were there. Here's what Tony had to say about the event.

"This was an occasion that was extremely windy; not ideal for an MG roadster run. The Corrimal RSL Club welcomed the 37 car club members to a tasty three course luncheon with no complaints all round.

"A Christmas trivia conducted among members was very successful with Cheers by all.

"A pleasant day had by all raising funds for Mt Keira Scout camp, seeing the site had suffered a downpour. Being two years running, (better luck next year)."

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## OAK FLATS CENTRAL AVENUE

30th July 2024

Report by Ken Horspool and Paul Cook

A cold and windy day saw a small turnout, with Kim Franke being the only lady to brave the weather. Paul and Rob took the Sailing Club option which they claim was warmer.

### Those in attendance:

#### Sailing club out of wind and in the sun

Paul Cook                      Modern  
Rob Warmington              67 MGB GT

#### Those in the cold and wind at Central Park

Gary Laneyrie                      1949 MGTC  
Geoff Faulkner                      67 Jaguar E Type  
Harry & Kim Franke              70 Volvo 144  
Bruno Manfiotto                      80 Toyota T118  
Steve Omrod                      85 Mercedes 380SEC

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## KEVIN'S TRIUMPH



Winners are grinners, so they say, and **Kevin McClarence** has every reason to be happy after winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the recent Triumph Sports Association (TSOA) Classic for 2024.

Ken's car is a TR6; and a well-deserved winner of the award.

**Congratulations, Kevin!**



# LUNCH RUN TO CLUB JAMBEROO

## 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Story: Andrew Conacher

I like to drive to Jamberoo via Kiama as I really enjoy the drive along the imaginatively named Jamberoo Road; lots of bends and hills! Getting to Jamberoo at 11.45, I had time for a pot of tea at the cafe opposite the Bowlo and could watch the cars arrive. As you can see, we had a good roll up and got to sit together in an enclosed balcony which was nice and warm. There was a \$13 lunch special menu, with huge serves and good service.

This is a great venue and one to remember in future. Thanks Ken!

I enjoyed a really good chat over lunch and learnt a lot about the island of Lewis, off the Scottish coast. 400 years ago, according to the DNA report, my family lived on the islands between Ireland and Scotland in the ancient Kingdom of Dalriada, and I have visited Lewis, so this was interesting and unexpected. What a wealth of knowledge we have in our club!

I had to leave early at 1.30 pm to visit the widow of my car mechanic of 30 years who recently passed away. Hurrying away, I forgot to take the pictures of the member's cars, but you can see the list.

As I drove gloriously out along Jamberoo Road, I was bravely overtaken by some tourists in a Subaru, along a straight stretch. "Oh well" I thought, at least they won't slow me down with all that power and all-wheel drive and attitude and everything...

Wrong; they dived on the brakes at every corner (and there are lots). Clearly some tourists are unused to bends, although they did speed up on the straight sections. By using lots of gear-changing I was able to easily keep up and made the most of it.

Thhaaatt's all folks



### Those in attendance:

Ken Horspool	30 Chev Roadster
Neil & Catharina Beattie	46 Desoto Coupe
Ted & Lesley Arnts	52 Plymouth
Denis & Betty Donald	56 Vauxhall Utility
Tony McLeod	58 MGA
Andrew Conacher	67 MGB MKI
Ron Arnts	73 Pontiac Firebird
Peter & Eileen Akhurst	80 Mercedes SL
Paul Cook	83 Commodore
Les and Colleen Hall	84 Commodore
Bruno & Rosanna Manfiotto	91 Nissan Patrol

**MODERN:** Bruce Wallace, Ron & Lynne Denniss, Robyn & Jim Hughes, Frank & Arianna Zammit. **Visitor:** Alan Shuttleworth

# **BULLI BEACH**

## **12th AUGUST 2024**

Report by Ken Horspool – from verbal reports

A small group of 8 braved the showers for a chat by the beach.

**Those in attendance:**

Graham Friend	68 Falcon GT	Harry Franke	71 Volvo Sedan 164
Paul Cook	83 Commodore	Lloyd Chatfield	86 Mercedes 300E

**MODERN:** Michael & Maureen Sullivan, Roderick Haselden, Trevor Munn.  
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Bulli Beach on a much nicer day. (Photo: Google Maps)



Bulli Beach Caravan Park, 1966. (Photo: Facebook)

## **TRIVIA**

Bulli was founded in about 1860. Mining commenced in 1861  
Bulli Beach is 900m in length.

# **GETTING READY FOR THE RUN TO JAMBEROO**

## **IN A MISBEHAVING MG**

Story: Andrew Conacher

For various reasons my stable of two vintage cars have spent much time in the shed over the last 18 months. The Wolseley seems to be ok with this, but the MGB went all sulky (sulky, definition; a light one horse 4 wheeled vehicle with roof optional). Anyway, the MG seems to have only one horsepower and would be difficult to start in the morning (like someone else I know), and backfires while demanding constant fiddling with the choke.

A nice run to Jamberoo is what the doctor ordered! Just to be sure I put on the battery charger the previous Sunday, to be ready for the big day out. For the uninitiated, the MGB originally had two little 6 volt horrors under what Hobbits call the back seat; this is for 50/50 weight distribution front and rear, but mainly to irritate the owner. I have a charging point just under the dash and thanks to Ross at Key Batteries (well-known vintage enthusiast!), I swapped these over for some much more powerful 12 volt jobs some years ago, and thereby hangs a tale.

Anyway, come Monday, the engine cranked over in a slow and grumpy sort of way. When I checked the batteries by pulling out the rear seat, I found acid build up on the terminals and a date stamp of 2014: the batteries were 10 years old. How time flies, if not the car. It seemed like yesterday I had them installed. Two things happen when you get old, your memory goes and.... umm something else.

To get the batteries changed at, by now, 4.00 pm, I would need to drive up to Key Batteries; but how to start the car? Of course, a can of "Start Ya Bastard" might do the trick, so I pulled off the ramflow air cleaner on the carby to find no sponge rubber filter. Oops, did it fall out on another previous occasion? The engine had been running lean for ages.

It turned out that I had used the wrong oil when servicing it and the filter had slowly disintegrated and had been... wait for it... sucked into the engine. With the help of a really big battery and jumper leads, the engine reluctantly started and blew smelly burnt rubber smoke everywhere. These B Series engines are sturdy old sloggers, thank goodness!

Once I arrived at Key Batteries, Ross installed some even more powerful replacement batteries. Engine started like a modern fuel injected unit, or better!

Around to Repco next day for sponge rubber filter foam as seen on website; no luck. Back to Wollongong Auto Parts, where Chris, one of the owners, literally took one step back and pulled the necessary off a nearby shelf. "Got another one?" I asked, to be sure to be sure.

Then around to the motorbike shop to get the correct oil in a spray can. Back home to trim the foam, spray it and install. Hey Presto, a happy car! Moral of the story so far: try to remember when you put in your battery, if your car is slowly getting grumpy, give it some attention.

*Wow! What a hassle that turned out to be! Great story – thanks Andrew  
(Elwyn)*



# 135 YEARS OF CASTROL OIL

Story: Elwyn Jordan. Photo: Classic Oils

*“Oils ain’t oils, Sol!”* Remember the ad? The gangster telling his underlings what oil to use in his car. Well, I’ve been using Castrol forever. Something I inherited from my father, who was also a Castrol man. And one of the reasons he liked Castrol was that the company only made oil; they weren’t a petrol company that made oils as a sort of by-product of their fuel. And they have a long history of making it. In fact, this year the company notches up its 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So let’s look at the history of how it all began.



On the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1889, Charles Wakefield resigned from the Vacuum Oil Company and set up the Wakefield Oil Company. The oils they produced were for heavy machinery – trains and industrial machines. But he soon developed an interest in the automotive scene.

He identified an important requirement for oil to work effectively in cars: it needed to be thin enough to circulate around the engine when cold, but thick enough to work effectively at higher temperatures and higher revs. His researchers (some of his colleagues at Vacuum Oils had also left and joined him in his new venture) discovered that by adding a particular amount of castor oil (from the castor bean plant) it provided the qualities he was looking for.

The newly developed oil provided superior lubricating properties compared to traditional petroleum-based oils. The name “Castrol” was of course inspired by, and derived from, the “castor oil” used in the product. The cleverly engineered formula set it apart from its competitors and was a significant step forward in the development of automotive lubricants, offering enhanced protection and performance for engines.

Having developed this fancy new oil, Wakefield set about advertising it; or just making people aware of it. Wakefield had an interest in motor sport, so began sponsoring events and competitors. The Castrol name was advertised on banners and flags at car and motorbike races, and speed record attempts. A mobile competitions department, pictured above, provided support to these competitors. When a Castrol sponsored racer or record breaker won, Castrol would advertise the win by announcing that the winner had “done it with Castrol”. During the 1920s and 30s, the land speed record was broken 23 times – and of those achievements, 18 were with engines running Castrol oil.

During this time, Castrol expanded its operations internationally; establishing a presence in key markets such as Europe, North America, Asia, and of course Australia. This global expansion was driven by the increasing demand for high-quality lubricants in the growing automotive industry. And the rest, as they say, is history. Now, if ever you’re topping up the oil in a gangster’s car, just remember, *“Oils ain’t oils!”*

(\*Info: Classic Oils, Wikipedia, ChatGPT)



# AUTOMOTIVE TRAVELS WITH GLENN

**Glenn Lemcke** has been travelling the world looking for classic cars. Well, no, he's been on an extended overseas holiday; but he has been sending back some fascinating photos of cars he has spotted during his travels. The car on the cover is an example of the cars he has seen. And here are some more.



1960s Skoda 1000B



Austin, being used to promote a pub in Ireland



Cadillac, in Voss, Norway



Mustang, in Voss, Norway



Morris J Van, used as Mr Whippy van in UK



Rusty old Chev truck, pictured in Iceland



Renault Estafette in Copenhagen



Hotted up Fiat Abarth in Tokyo



## THE TWO-HORSE WONDER



This is another photo from our world-traveller, Glenn Lemcke. (*Not quite “the world”, but lots of it!*). This was one he spotted in **Copenhagen**. It is, as most will recognise, a **Citroën 2CV**. Looking, as Glenn commented, probably better than the day it left the factory. It was immaculate.

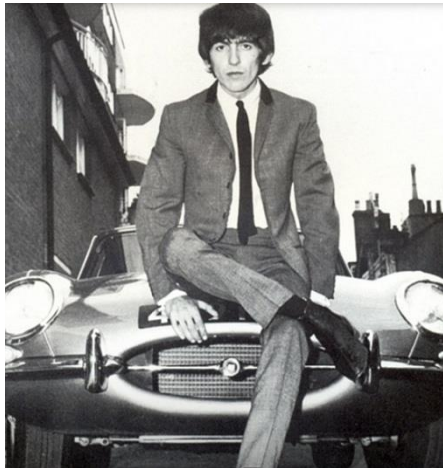
The “CV” part of the name is an abbreviation of the French word, “cheveaux”; which means “horse”. So, literally, it means “**2 Horse**”. That indicates its **taxable** horsepower figure. The **actual** bhp when it was first produced was **9 bhp**, from an engine of 375cc. Later versions kept increasing in capacity, with the final version being a 600cc.

When it was first produced, in 1948, it looked like it’d been made out of scrap metal. And canvas. It was utilitarian in the extreme. Citroën said it had been designed to, “*Cross a freshly ploughed field with a basket full of eggs on the passenger’s seat, without breaking them*”. This was because there were many unsealed roads in France at the time, so a suspension that provided a soft ride was an advantage. The 2CV had long-travel suspension that was connected front to back to aid stability. (*Or as a farm car to collect eggs! ☺*).

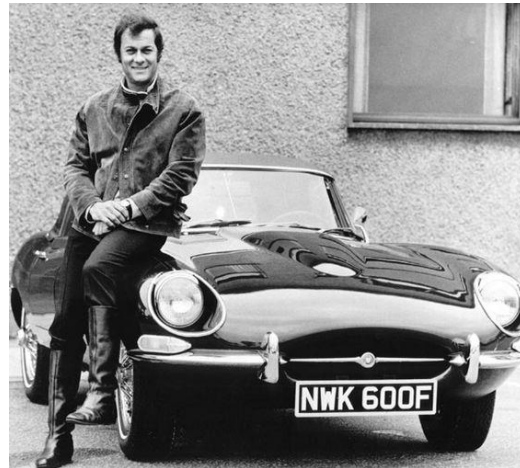
It was produced from 1948 up to 1990; with 3.8 million being built.

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## CELEBRITIES AND THEIR CARS



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