



Motor Mouth

October 2022

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The Voice of the Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club



This month's member's car has probably not been seen around the club, if it has it would have been quite a while ago. I've been told it's currently in pieces undergoing a full restoration.

This is Richard Stewart's 1970 Triumph GT6 Mk2. 2.5lt straight six.

It was imported from the UK in 2014.

What a beauty !!

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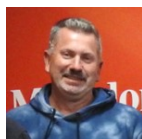


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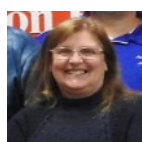
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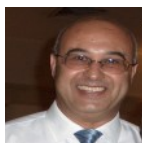
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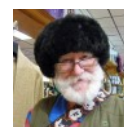
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CATERING
RALLY DIRECTOR

Club Objective: To encourage the restoration, preservation and operation of motorised vehicles.

Meetings: Back to normal for the June meeting , (& winter), the first Wednesday of every month (except Jan) at 8pm.

Disclaimer: The opinions and ideas expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the club or the committee. All care, but no responsibility can be taken for the accuracy of submissions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2022



MACEDON RANGES AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB INC

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club Inc. will be held on Wednesday 5th October, 2022 commencing at 8.00pm AEST.

The meeting will be held in the Clubrooms at 10 Webb Crescent New Gisborne Vic 3438

Agenda

- Apologies
- Minutes Annual General Meeting held 5th October 2021
- Matters Arising
- Report by President
- Awards
- Annual Financial Report and Financial Statements
- Special Resolutions – as follows:

Resolution 1

Note: The club fees are not currently set to take account of GST. It is proposed that the fees for the various categories of member be increased by 10% to cover the GST impost and to take effect year commencing 1 July 2023

It is proposed to amend the club membership fees as follows:

Categories will be:

- Youth – those members formerly enrolled under a family membership who are required to become full members at 18 yo. - \$22.00 until age 25
- Single - \$55
- Family - \$66

In addition, for members with vehicles on club permits - \$10 per vehicle payable with membership renewal

54: Election of committee members holding office

(1) At the annual general meeting, separate elections must be held for each of the following positions—

- (a) President;
- (b) Vice-President;
- (c) Secretary;
- (d) Treasurer; and
- (e) Membership Director”

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

Note: For this item, the current Committee will stand down and the meeting will be passed to a club life member to Chair.

Positions to be filled:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership Director

Nominations

The following nominations have been received:

President -

Adam Furniss

Nominated by Richard Stewart

Seconded by John Parnis

Graham Williams

Nominated by Harry Beckwith

Seconded by Alan Martin

Vice President - John Parnis

Nominated by Adam Furniss

Seconded by Michael Camilleri

Secretary - Richard Stewart

Nominated by Drew Jessop OAM

Seconded by Adam Furniss

Treasurer - Drew Jessop OAM

Nominated by Michael Camilleri

Seconded by Richard Stewart

Membership - Michael Camilleri

Nominated by John Parnis

Seconded by Drew Jessop OAM

Nomination forms accompany this notice and will also be available at the club meeting of 7 September 2022 or available from the Secretary upon request.

Only financial members of the club shall be entitled to nominate for a Committee position, propose or second a nomination or vote on any resolutions.

Family members are not permitted to nominate other persons comprised under the same family membership. In any vote only one vote per membership.

Financial members unable to attend the AGM and wishing to vote may appoint another club member as a proxy.

A completed Proxy form must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 48 hours before the scheduled time of the AGM.

Richard Stewart
Secretary
11 August 2022

VOTING FOR PRESIDENT

Just in case you haven't read or missed the email regarding the voting for the Presidents position.

We have two members who have been nominated for the position, they are

Adam Furniss (retiring President, standing for re-election); and **Graham Williams**.

Voting for the position will be held at the AGM on Wednesday night.

Each membership is allowed one vote, so for a family membership only 1 vote, not two.

If you can't make the meeting and would like to appoint a proxy this needs to be done 48 hours prior to the meeting. Contact the Secretary for forms.

Alternatively, signed proxies may be forwarded authorising the Secretary and Richard will lodge them on your behalf. Please note your voting wishes if taking this option.

All other positions on the Executive Committee have only one nomination so no voting is required.

Editorial

Welcome to our more sunnier weather, it's a great time to get the car out and enjoy the weather.

It's also been a bit busy here putting the magazine together.

I have to say the "Up the Creek Workshop" must have been a hit, I've received more photos from that Mid Week Run than any other. It was great looking at all the photos, I have no idea that some of these places exist.

You'll see a few extra pictures scattered throughout the magazine as they were too good not to add in.

You'll also see that there is a bit about the AGM, if you are attending the meeting don't forget to put in your vote for the next President.

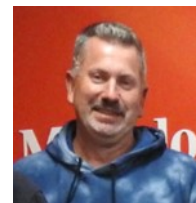
Here's to a wonderful summer and many more meetings.

Don't forget our next meeting is the first Sunday meeting with a BBQ afterwards.

Cheers
Trish
Editor.

**DEADLINE FOR
SUBMISSIONS FOR THE
NOVEMBER MOTOR
MOUTH
21st OCTOBER**

President



Welcome to the October Motor Mouth.

As president this is my last report before the AGM. I would like to thank the committee for their commitment to the club over the last 12 months. We had some changes at the executive and committee and the team has worked well and had fun along the way.

Due to Covid restrictions last year we had the AGM in November 2021 and had only 20 people attend at the clubrooms and the rest of the membership attended via Zoom. It was the first-time metro and country members could catch up and we haven't looked back.

This year we opened the clubrooms up and welcomed back our members and guests with Sunday BBQ meetings, Guest speakers, Christmas Luncheon, the Victorian Drivers club for their 50 Anniversary Spirit of the Twenties run, Chrysler Challenge Day with a ramble through Macedon ranges and Biggest Morning Tea and movie night. We also ventured out, with Picnic at Hanging Rock our biggest event on our club calendar, Coffee and Cars, Mid-week run, Bowling Challenge with Western Restorers club and the 42nd Steam and Vintage Rally. It has been a year of catching up after 2 years of lockdowns.

On October 9th we won't be opening the clubrooms for a Bathurst BBQ, instead we will support fellow member Garry Crowley with 'Wings and Wheels' at Raywood Airfield. Clubrooms will be open at 8.30 Coffee van will be there.

I attended the Midweek-Run on 28 September to 'Up the Creek Workshop' in Castlemaine. We met at Burkies Bake House for morning tea before heading off. This was an interesting place where they worked on pre-war motor vehicles. You could have a vehicle repaired or restored at this facility, if you can't buy a part, they can make it for you. They had 5 Bugatti's, Rolls Royce, a cycle car and a Wolseley to name a few in the shop for repairs. I know why this event is popular every month, so if you get an opportunity to attend, I encourage you to do it.

Daylight savings starts on Sunday October 2 - remember to put your clocks forward. November 6 is our next club meeting it will be a Sunday BBQ meeting at 11 am so please put it in your Diary

See you on the road,

Adam



Vice President



Hi Everyone,

As always, it's been another busy month around the Club. We had a great turnout for the August meeting. Meetings are starting to feel pre covid times. The guest speaker for this month had to cancel due to ill health. I'm in the process of locking another date; if not this year it will be rescheduled for early next year.

For the first time ever we held a Footy Finals evening at the Club. We had around 10 people attend, not a big number but it still was very enjoyable. I'm sure it will be part of the events calendar again in 2023.

We had a bumper turnout for Coffee and Cars this month. It was a beautiful spring morning, with a blue sky and not a breath of wind. There was a great array of cars. These gatherings have really developed into a key event on the calendar attracting a lot of the general public walking over, taking photos and asking questions. We are also getting more members who haven't attended before coming along as well as regular visitors that return on a regular basis.

This month I had the pleasure of joining the Mid Week Run. I thoroughly enjoyed the day. Adam and I travelled together to Woodend, where we met up with other Club members. The navigator took us via what seemed like every back road from Sunbury passing by Hanging Rock on the way. We stopped for a quick coffee at Burkie's Bakery before Pam asked everyone to get moving. Upon arrival at Castlemaine we visited the Up The Creek Workshop and we were treated to a shop tour. The gentleman that runs the workshop was very knowledgeable about pre World War 2 cars. He showed us several cars that are under various stages of restoration.

Take care. Stay safe and enjoy your classic.

John





Secretary's Report



Minutes of General Meeting of Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club, inc. Held at the clubrooms, 10 Webb Crescent. New Gisborne on Wednesday 7th September 2022

Present: As per attendance register

Apologies: Bill Xuereb; Don Crompton; Danny Camilleri; Joe Parnis.

President Adam opened the meeting at 8.07pm and welcomed all present.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held 3rd August 2022 have been distributed. Moved: Brian Jayasingh, Seconded: Robin Fletcher - that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Matters arising: Nil

President: President Adam detailed his report as summarized in this month's Motor Mouth.

Vice President: VP John advised that Phil Edwards was programmed in as speaker for a future occasion to speak on Sons/ Daughters of the West.

Reminder of the Footy night at the rooms this Friday 9th.

Secretary: Normal administrative activities have been undertaken. The Annual General Meeting is next month. Notices have been sent by email and mail. Nomination and proxy forms available from the secretary.

The building alarm is now operational but silent. Please advise the secretary in advance if using the rooms to avoid attendance by police!

Two vehicles for sale – details on the notice board.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer advised that bills due in the ordinary course of the club's activities have been paid. 13 Bills totalling \$1,837.34 have been paid. Moved: John van Groningen, Seconded: Alec Mead - that the payments be approved, the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that bills continue to be paid in the normal course of Club business as and when they fall due. Carried.

Sales : PAHR t-shirts now in. Only those who have ordered can get any; HR badges now available \$25; new stock of merchandise coming shortly incl. jackets. Prices have gone up.

Membership: Quite a few new applications being received.

Technical Officer: Red Plate Day next Sunday meeting in November.

Picnic at Hanging Rock: In Alan's absence, Graham Williams reported that the next 'Picnic' will be on 12 February 2023. Requests to members to fill rosters will be coming out soon. Plenty of jobs! Please get involved.

Webmaster: Nothing to report

Welfare: Nothing to report.

Librarian: Nothing to report.

Mid Week Run: Pam Amezdroz thanked Elizabeth Payne for organizing the last run. This month on 28th the 'Runners' will be off to the 'Up the Creek' workshop in Castlemaine. \$5 donation to enter. Meet at Bourkie's Bakery, Woodend at 9am for 9.45am departure. Lunch at Five Flags Hotel.

Property: Nothing to report

AOMC: Robert Green reported on the recent AOMC meeting in Seymour. 4 delegates attended from the club. Guest speaker was former head of VACC with interesting talk on the future of electric cars in Australia.

Bar: Nothing to report.

Editor: No report.

General Business: President Adam presented Barry Goodwin; Bruce Hillyer; Peter Littlejohn; Barry Milburn and Tony Sant with their 10 year badges.

Parts wanted: MGB chrome front bumper – see Michael Camilleri if you can help.

The President declared the meeting closed 9.17pm

Richard Stewart

Secretary

8 September 2022

Treasurer



Hello everyone,

I trust you are enjoying getting out and about in the warmer weather, especially as the Club arranges more opportunities to meet, have a chat, and go for a drive. I will keep this report brief, as the AGM is where much of the current finances will be discussed.

Financial Reporting to the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As I write, I can report the Financial Statements have been audited, and will be presented at our AGM on 5 October. The Auditor gave us his Opinion that the report presents fairly the operation of the Club in 2020-2021, so we can move on to this financial year with confidence. I look forward to presenting the report and receiving and answering any queries members may have.

Non-Financial Members and VicRoads requirements

As noted in my last report, now the time for renewing memberships has passed, I have advised the Secretary of members who have not renewed for 2022-2023, and Richard has advised VicRoads accordingly, as required.

Thanks again for reading – and an especial welcome for any new members reading all this. I look forward to seeing you at the club, and popping the bonnet of a few more members' classic cars out there.

Safe motoring...

Drew Jessop
Treasurer

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE MID WEEK RUN TO THE "UP THE CREEK WORKSHOP"



Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club

XA GT Falcon Quiz - Questions

<p>1. How many XAGT's were built?</p> <p>A) 2597 b) 2759 c) 2957</p>	<p>2. Name the four interior colors available for a XAGT.</p>
<p>3. What were the colours of Vinyl Roofs available as options on XAGT's?</p>	<p>4. Front $\frac{1}{4}$ vent windows were an option on XAGT sedans.</p> <p>True or False?</p>
<p>5. What was the most popular exterior colour for a XAGT?</p> <p>A) Yellow Fire B) Wild Violet C) Red Pepper</p>	<p>6. A long-range fuel tank was an option for a XAGT sedan, what was it's capacity?</p>
<p>7. How many XAGT sedans were built?</p> <p>A) 1868 B) 1688 C) 1768</p>	<p>8. How many XAGT coupes were built?</p> <p>A) 918 B) 891 C) 981</p>
<p>9. What is the difference between a 1972 and a 1973 XAGT VIN plate?</p>	<p>10. In 1973 Ford fitted the canned Phase 4 components they had already purchased to XAGT's and called it the RPO83. What months were RPO83's built?</p>
<p>11. One plated XAGTHO was built, what was the exterior colour of the car?</p> <p>A) Jewel Green B) Calypso Green</p>	<p>12. What was the standard Axle Ratio for a manual XAGT?</p> <p>A) 2.75:1 B) 3.0:1 C) 3.25:1</p>
<p>13. XAGT's were built in 8 different Blues. Name them.</p>	<p>14. How many XAGT RPO83's (Sedans and Coupes) were built?</p>
<p>15. What month in 1973 was the last XAGT Coupe produced?</p> <p>A) September B) October C) November</p>	<p>16. A radio/cassette player was an option for a XAGT.</p> <p>True or False</p>
<p>Answers will be published in the next Edition of Motor Mouth</p>	
<p>Many thanks to Rick Beales for his time & efforts in producing these really interesting quizzes on the Ford GT's.</p>	<p><i>All questions & corresponding answers are Provided by the Author. Any questions in Relation to this quiz or answers are to be Directed to him.</i></p>

News from the outside world



B40 #2 Rally

13th-15th May 2022

Entries are now welcomed for those drivers under 40 in cars pre 1940 for the B40 Rally #2 to Central Victoria



For further details and entry form, scan the QR Code.



After clicking the QR code I've spotted this -

The RACV Alpine Trial has been rescheduled due to Covid, new dates are Saturday 15th— Saturday 22nd October 2022.

TICKETS HAVE NOW CLOSED BUT YOU CAN STILL ATTEND TO SEE THE CARS DEPART

THE GEELONG REVIVAL

Quarter Mile Sprint Entries Now Open! Race at the Geelong Revival Motoring Festival, November 25-27, 2022.

Geelong Revival Motoring Festival to Run Twice in 2022, Returning to its Traditional Weekend

Motorsport fanatics and the wider Geelong community will be treated to a second Geelong Revival Motoring Festival in 2022, as the community-favourite event moves back to its traditional weekend at the end of November.

From the 25th to 27th of November, Geelong's scenic waterfront will play host to adrenaline-filled sprint racing and a celebration of vintage motoring, marking the second time the event has run this year.



For more information on this event, click the below link.

<https://geelongrevival.com.au>

News from the outside world



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SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND, 2022

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Sunday October 2nd

A picnic atmosphere in the beautiful Euroa streets and parks.

Over 70 trophies will be awarded.

Unique and exceptional vehicles from all eras including cars, motorbikes, trucks, tractors and engines.

Food and drink stalls.

Miniature train rides, jumping castle, petting zoo for children.

Horse & cart rides, market and many more attractions.

Vehicle and driver \$10.00

Bike and rider \$5.00

Adults \$5.00

Kids free.

Tickets available on line from July 10th

at www.ticketebo.com.au/euroa_anss

Inquiries: euroashowandshine@outlook.com



SHANNONS

Shannons American
Motoring Show

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THE ASSOCIATION OF
MOTORING CLUBS

The show for all Classic & Historic vehicles manufactured in North America.
Featuring the Annual Mustang Roundup

Sunday 23rd October 2022
Event Central at Caribbean Park
Entry from Ferntree Gully Road 100 metres North of Eastlink
Gates open for display vehicles from 9.00am spectators 10.00 am

See fifties fabulous fins, sixties muscle, classic convertibles, independents milestone models and much much more!
Children's entertainment, Trophies, Vendors, Club displays

Display vehicles \$15.00 includes all occupants
Spectators \$8.00
Children free

Event Enquiries 0473 832 277. For site plan and more information
<https://www.aomc.asn.au/shannons-american-motoring-show>

Proudly promoted and organised by the Association of Motoring Clubs representing the interests of the classic and historic motoring movement in Victoria since 1976.

AOMC

Graham Williams sent me a photo that he had received from a local from our area, saying this shows how long Hanging Rock has been an iconic location in our region !

Here is snap of cars at Hanging Rock 1930. Back of photo reads Joan and Leslie Campbell at races 1930. Just thought it might give someone a moment or two admiring.

The local is the daughter of Russell Davies whose plaque is set in granite outside of the kiosk at Rock.



News from the outside world

HEATHCOTE PARK RACEWAY DRAG RACES

Top Fuel Australia - 2023 Season RD 3



Top Fuel comes back to Victoria and HPR!.

Get ready for an earth shattering weekend.

WHEN—October 01 08:00 AM - October 02 09:00 PM

WHERE—HPR

256 Knowsley-Barnadown Rd, Knowsley, Victoria, 3523,

BAY TO BIRDWOOD RALLY 2022

Held annually, the Bay to Birdwood is a mass-participatory citizen-collector driven historic motoring event that draws participants from around Australia and the world to celebrate historic motoring.

In 2022, the event is planned for Sunday 16 October. Vehicles manufactured prior to 1993 will be able to enter.

The Bay to Birdwood is one of the world's great historic motoring events and has been an iconic fixture on the South Australian events calendar since 1980.

Thousands of spectators line the 67 kilometre route to view the passing parade of historic motoring from West Beach through to the National Motor Museum, Birdwood in the Adelaide Hills. The crowd admiration for the antique, veteran, vintage, post-war/early-classic, classic, post-classic and modern classics is truly inspiring.

Click this link for more information—<https://baytobirdwood.history.sa.gov.au/bay-to-birdwood-2022/#:~:text=Held%20annually%2C%20the%20Bay%20to,will%20be%20able%20to%20enter.>

Shannons RetroAutos

WA Holden cancelled! Strategic mistake or smart decision?

The WA Holden was meant to replace the HJ model in January 1978. At least that was the plan in April 1972 when Holden's managing director, A.G. Gibbs, sent his updated product planning report to his boss, Pete Estes, at GM in the USA.



Please stay safe and healthy,

<https://www.shannons.com.au/club/news/retroautos/wa-holden-cancelled-strategic-mistake-or-smart-decision/>

Triumph TR Sports Cars: TR-ying Harder to Beat MG

From the debut of the TR2 in 1953 through to the very early 1980s and the end of TR8 production, Triumph's TR line of sports cars provided a distinctive combination of performance, charisma and value for money.



Please stay safe and healthy,

<https://www.shannons.com.au/club/news/super-models/triumph-tr-sports-cars-tr-ying-harder-to-beat-mg/>

HJ Holden: Cost Cutting Victim

Few regard the HJ Holden with fondness. Its journey from design to driveway is a brutal reminder of what happens when strategic decisions are delayed and cost cutting goes so deep that it impacts the styling and appeal of the product being sold. Buyers go elsewhere.



Please stay safe and healthy,

<https://www.shannons.com.au/club/news/retroautos/hj-holden-cost-cutting-victim/>

Arthur and Con Kimides' 1979 Super Car: Time-Warp Porsche 930

Con Kimonides and Peter Kapoglis are the joint owners of this spectacular Australian-delivered right-hand-drive 1979 Porsche 930.



Please stay safe and healthy,

<https://www.shannons.com.au/club/news/member-spotlight/arthur-and-con-kimides-1979-super-car-time-warp-porsche-930/>

Club News

BATHURST DAY

The club will be supporting fellow member Garry Crowley with 'Wings and Wheels' at Raywood Airfield. For anyone wanting to join in please meet at the clubrooms at 9am and we will travel in convoy to Raywood Airfield 25km North West of Bendigo.

The event will be on Sunday 9th October 2022 from 11.00am- 3.00pm.

Clubrooms will be open at 8.30 Coffee van will be there.

Food and Drink available on site at the Raywood Airfield -

- Aircraft and Gliders on ground display and flying
- Joy flights will be conducted
- Classic and Vintage vehicles welcome to display

Need more info? Contact Gary Crowley on (03) 9740 9484

If you'd prefer to watch the race from the clubrooms, the bar will be open.

COFFEE 'N' CARS HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER



SALES REPORT

IMPORTANT

We are looking for a Members cars , bike or truck to put on the 2023 Hanging Rock T-Shirt. If you could bring in a photo at the October Meeting that would be fantastic.

The Hanging Rock Committee will decide on which Car\Bike or Truck will go on the T-Shirt

H\R T-SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED
IF YOU HAVE ORDERED YOUR T-SHIRT
YOU CAN PICK UP T-SHIRTS AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

H\R BADGES 2021 & 2022 are now in stock

Members that have prepaid or ordered Badges can pick up in the September Meeting.

If you are interest in buying a Badge please come and see me there is only a couple left

They are selling fast. DON'T MISS OUT

October Specials

Specials are only for MERCHANDISE in stock [NO ORDERS]

THIS WILL BE THE LAST MONTH THAT THE JACKETS WILL BE ON SPECIAL
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Polo Tops	\$25.00	
Soft shell jacket with Hood	\$60.00	only 1 left Medium
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Club Sashes	\$13.00	
H\R STICKERS	3 FOR \$10.00	
H\R BADGES [2015\2016\2017]	\$5.00 EACH	
H\R STUBBY HOLDERS & STICKER	\$15.00	
CLUB KEY RINGS	\$7.00	

HURRY WHILE STOCK LAST

MORE SPECIALS ON THE DAY CAME AND SEE ME

Regards Lina
Sales Officer

FIRST VEHICLES IN 1893

(ARTICLE IS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

Member David Kemp found this article

I found this fascinating story about Australia's first cars built around the end of the nineteenth century into the early twentieth century. Many of the makers are unheard of today and have seemingly slipped from the country's automotive consciousness. I found this historical informative piece was in a 1970 vintage and veteran car rally brochure. The rally was held for Australia's 1970 bi-centennial celebration.

First vehicles in 1893

NEARLY 40 makes of motor vehicles, built in Australia between 1893 and 1930, have taken their places in the annals of the nation's motoring history.

They include some weird and wonderful machines and some which were highly successful during their generally short lives.

Not many ordinary motorists today have heard of the Roo, the Shearer, the Pioneer or the Australis, all, except the Roo, built before 1897.

One of the first vehicles built in Australia was the Eaton motor-cycle, a single cylinder, air-cooled machine manufactured by Knight Eaton of Brisbane, Queensland. The Australis was also a motor cycle with a single cylinder air-cooled engine, built by G. W. and G. Wood of Leichhardt, NSW.

The last vehicle bearing the Australis name was a seven horsepower car with a two-cylinder water-cooled engine built at Leichhardt in 1906. The company also built two-seater quadricycles and tri-cars.

The Pioneer, manufactured in 1897 was a four-seater wagonette with a single-cylinder kerosene engine. It was built by Grayson Engineering of Fitzroy, Victoria, for the Horseless Carriage Syndicate of Melbourne.

Other vehicles built before 1900 included the Shearer, a six-seater wagon with a 20 hp steam engine, constructed in South Australia, a Ziegler steam car and Thompson Steam Phaeton, both built in Victoria and Sutton motor racing tandem and two-seater tricycles, also from Victoria.

Between 1900 and 1904, the Sutton vehicles included two autocars (a two-seater and a Phaeton), 10 steam cars were built by Thompson and in 1901, the six hp Tarrant made its appearance.

Other cars of this period were a Campbell and a Trackson steam truck. From NSW came the Swinnerton two-seater and from South Australia the Trescowthick tri-car, both built in 1904.

The two years between 1904-06 saw nine new models on the Aus-

tralian market. The South Australian Kinmont had a De Dion engine, but only one was built. Five models of the Haines and Grut 10-12 hp Phaeton appeared in Melbourne in 1904.

The Ace two-seater made its mark the same year, coming from a Drummoyne, NSW, factory.

The Roo and The Shearer early cars

During this period two more Tarrants were built and the last of the Australis line. Names such as the Jigger, Beauchamp, McDonald and Toy appeared and disappeared.

From 1906 to 1917, six new models and two stalwarts romped through the infant Australian motoring world. The new vehicles were the Grayson, the Syme, the Innes, the Finlayson, the Caldwell Vale and the Roo. A new Tarrant was available in 1906 and a new Swinnerton in 1915.

This 1865 Benz hotel bus was featured in the V. and G. Insurance magazine.



Only one Roo was built, a sports car with a water-cooled horizontally opposed two-cylinder engine. It was built by R. Jeffkins and W. B. Foulis in Sydney.

Between 1919 and 1926, the most famous of early Australian motor cars appeared. The Australian Six was a popular and rugged car with a Rutenber engine producing 23.4 hp from its six cylinders.

Three, five and seven-passenger touring cars were made by Australian Motors Ltd. at Ashfield and later by Harkness and Hellier at Five Dock, another Sydney suburb.

Several Wege two-seater cars, featuring three and six-cylinder engines, were built between 1920 and 1924 in both England and Australia.

The Southern Six was a 40 hp tourer constructed by Australian British Motors Ltd., Sydney, in 1921.

First of the chassis-less cars in Australia was the Marks-Moir 15 hp tourer, off the production line in 1923. It had an integral plywood body. This car later developed into the Southern Cross, produced between 1931 and 1933.

From 1924 to 1930, the Summit, the Lincoln and The Chic tourers were manufactured. The Olympia was built in Melbourne in 1930.

The mid-week run - September



When you're up the creek without a paddle, it generally means you're in a hopeless, helpless or bewildering situation. So when Grant, the friendly and interesting gent who runs Up The Creek workshop on the outskirts of Castlemaine, showed us Mid Week Runners around his business, it occurred to me only later that this seemed an odd name for an enterprise that skilfully, methodically and patiently solves the mind boggling problems involved in getting and keeping a wide range of pre WW2 cars on the road where they belong.

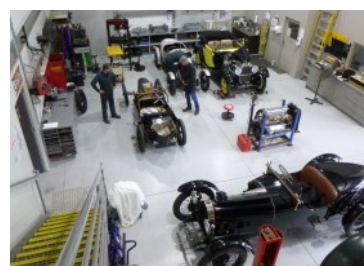
There was a very good turnout of Runners on the day, to be commended as the weather was showery and cooler than it should be a month into Spring. Intrepid though the Runners were, however, their club cars were a bit woosy, as only two sets of club permit plates showed up! And yes, your reporter had to mop his parcel tray, deal with a damp logbook, and got drips on his socks from the leaky screen seal, but there to greet us in the yard was a stately 1920's Sunbeam saloon with mud sprays and road grime all over it, and a late 20's Ghost Roller was being tested out on the road as we visited, so, really, c'mon guys...

Grant welcomed us inside his light, airy and very well organised workshop, and seemed to want to apologise for having too many Bugattis in at the moment, as if somehow it was a lapse in taste and they were Barinas. We milled around as he spoke of the challenges of fabricating parts and bodywork drawn up by long dead engineers and designers. The mysteries of malfunctioning magnetos were mulled over. He then sidled up to an impressive lump of a Bentley straight 6 mounted in a frame which doubled as a shipping crate, and told us they had just rebuilt it for a client in the UK. He poked a hose into a petrol can and started fiddling with switches. Here we go, I thought, expecting a bellow and at least a decent puff of choke and oil fumes, but after the bell chime of the ring gear being engaged, the monster fired and idled in quiet dignity with nary a whiff of smoke.

Into an adjoining room we filed, to see a young employee called Mitch repairing sections of a Bugatti chassis on a large, precision clamping jig table. A question was asked about matching the metallurgical standard of the original, but Grant just chuckled at this, and explained that back in the '30's, Bugatti just used whatever they could get. Some chasses were 5mm thick steel, some 6mm, and others were close imperial thicknesses. It seems the imperative of total materials uniformity is something only large volume mass producers ever worry about.

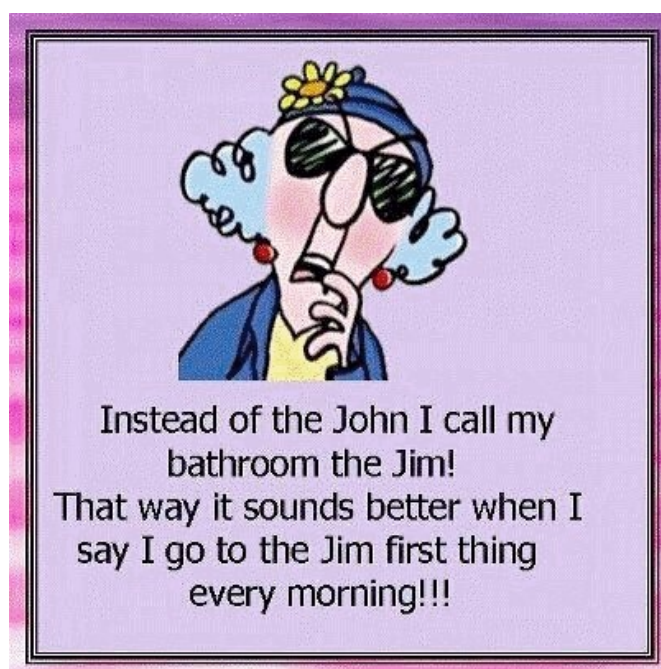
After this we inspected the adjoining machine shop, full of gear to turn bits of metal into precision parts, and then out into the main workshop to ponder some other old cars that weren't Bugattis. Tucked away in a far corner was one of Grant's toys, being prepped to take to South Australia for a hillclimb. A delicate little 1950's open wheel racing Cooper, with an indelicate aircooled V twin behind the driver's seat, and a tank of racing fuel perched above his lap, was obviously one of his favourites. Your reporter's hair stood on end when imagining the helter skelter performance of that gizmo, let alone the racket out the tailpipe. Then there was a majestic hundred year old pre- GM Vauxhall tourer high on a hoist with its sump off. Grant told us the owner wasn't happy with its noisy engine. Various remedies were being proposed, but the bill for the work would buy a new hatchback, and that fact alone brought home the enviable reality that the clientele of Up The Creek were in no way helpless, hopeless or bewildered about money.

After contemplating and discussing all these sights, and coming to a more complete understanding of the time, effort, expertise and expense of restoring and maintaining these prestige relics, we went off to the Five Flags pub for lunch, and contemplated and discussed some more. Our thanks as ever go to Pam and the MWR crew for organising another great run.



Upcoming Events (See Calendar)

OCTOBER	
Heathcote Drag Raceway, Top Fuel Australia—2023 Season Round 3	Sat 1st & Sun 2nd October, Knowsley
Our AGM	Wednesday night—5th October
Euroa Show N Shine	2nd—See page 10 for more info
Motor Classica	7-9—Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
RACV Alpine Trial, Aussie B40 Rally	15-22nd October, see flyer on page 9
Bay to Birdwood Rally	Sunday 16th October, see page 15
Shannons American Motoring Show	Sunday 23rd October, see page 12
NOVEMBER	
Next Meeting	11am Sunday 6 Nov—followed by a BBQ
Geelong Revival Motoring Festival and Quarter Mile Sprint	25—27 November



October 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4	<i>AGM - Meeting At Clubhouse</i>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	<i>Coffee 'n' Cars</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	<i>Mid Week Run</i>	27	28	29	30
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November 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	<i>Meeting At Clubhouse 11.00 am</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	<i>Coffee 'n' Cars</i>
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Carz 'n' parts

For Sale. 2000 Saab 9-3 S convertible. 6 mths. reg.
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trans. Heated seats 6 disc CD stacker. \$3950.
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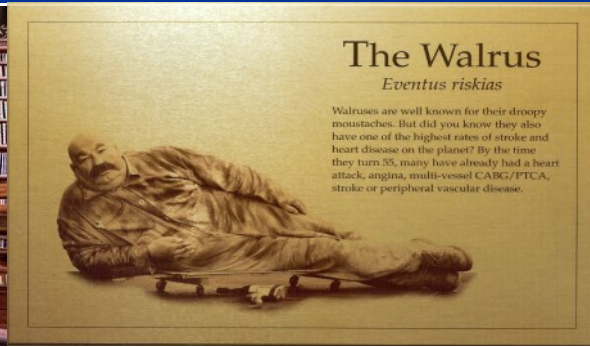
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From the Library

The time has come the Walrus said, to talk of many things' -

Hi everyone, this month we've scored well for the Library.

We've uncovered a lot of advertising material for various cars etc, a stack of 'glove box' manuals & more books.

Books first:- Thanks to Vetty, for donating a few of her Dad's books which are:-

Motor Cycling in the 30's by Bob Currie

Great British Motor Cycles of the 50's by Bob Currie

The Eyclopedia of the Motor Car by Phil Drackett & G.N. Georgano

Veteran & Vintage Cars by Pedr Davis, and

classic Cars of the 1930's & 1940's

We also scored some very interesting workshop manuals. Most are in fair to poor condition, (& rare), so they won't be going onto the bookshelves but will be available to borrow if required, just ask or contact the Librarian.

Normally, as long as you let the Librarian know you've borrowed a book, & you bring it back, there are no hassles & there hasn't been a need to sign for them, but as these are rather special, we'll need signatures.

They are:-

Holden Shop Manual—FJ Series—October 1956

Holden Shop Manual—FE Series—April 1957 Holden FE Illustrated

Parts Catalogue— July 1956 Holden Shop Manual—FB Series—December 1959

Holden Shop Manual—EJ Series—Mechanical & Body—Undated (Circa 1962)

Holden Shop Manual—HR Series— 1966

Others not quite so rare but interesting nonetheless are:-

British Repair Manual—Cars & Trucks - 1947, (covers Ford, Hillman, Jowett, Singer, Standard & Vauxhall cars, & Bedford, Dennis, Guy, Leyland & Thornycroft Trucks)

Toyota K series Engine Repair Manual, which overs 2K, 3K-C, 3K-H, 4K, 4K-C, 5K & 5K-C

As for the glove box manuals, I'm still sorting through those & will advise what we have when the sorting is done. This month, we also received a donation of some DVD's! Oh boy did we get some DVD's. It will take me a couple of terms as Librarian to catalogue them, (kidding), but more on those next month.

Cheers till next time



It was the yellow one!!

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