

# THE COLONIAL



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## APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

**There were so many, I have put them on page 25.**

The joining fee for new members includes the cost of name badges. We look forward to new members attending a meeting to pick up their name badges some time in the future.

## SHOP MANAGER

Norm Brennan can order Club polo shirts, long sleeve chambray shirts and polar fleece vests/jackets or bucket hats with the Club logo.

\* Check out Club badges and sew-on patches

\* Large car badges for sale—still \$15

\* Register of Members 2019 \$2

\* 50th Anniversary badges - \$20

See p.34 and see Norm at a meeting or phone 0432 993 366

## SUPPERS AT MEETINGS

The kitchen at the Bridge Club is closed so when we get back to meetings, there will be no suppers unless that changes by then.

Supper Coordinator is Gail Boate

Phone: 6297 9360

Email: alanboate@aapt.net.au

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED FEBRUARY 2021

Dean Benedetti	Membership ratified at the April 1987 meeting. Became Vehicle Inspector in September 1995 - 2021
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Bob Judd	Joined the Club June 1987 Treasurer July 1991 for one year Events Director July 1994 for one year Editor April 1998 – Sept 1999 Council Delegate 2003-2009 Treasurer Sept 2009-2011 Treasurer Sept 2015-2019 Public Officer Sept 2000-2021
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## EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided articles and photos for this month. A lot of new cars to the club have been out on events the last two months. Would be pleased if I could have a story of your car. Matthew Houston tells us about a Lalique crystal mascot he had made for his Alvis.

### Week Day Social Lunches

1st Friday of each month

Friday 5th March

12 noon Sandwich lunch at the Woden Southern Cross Club bistro.

Graham will make a permanent booking and try to reserve Table 405



The run and lunch on the third Friday has been put on hold for the time being—maybe in the cooler weather we can go for picnics.

Graham would like to hear from members when they are keen to come out of isolation and attend these events again.

Enquiries Graham Bigg 0407 199 019

### Keep Well

To all those members battling ill health, please get well soon. Please contact the Secretary and let him know of any member not well, or having a special birthday or about the death of any member.

### Shannons Wheels display day 2021

Here's hoping for a great display day. The weather forecast is good.

Make sure you come to the club tent to confirm your attendance in the sign-on book.

### Meetings

Give a thought to the person taking the minutes at the meetings. Can he hear you? Would it be a good idea to provide a written report by email or even handwritten?

### Easter

You might not get your April Colonial before Easter so I'll wish you a Happy Easter now and if you are travelling, take care on the roads. Hopefully all borders will stay open.

Cheers, Helen

## DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 9TH FEBRUARY 2021

### Attendance

Members	43
Visitors	4
Apologies	2

### Welcome

President Graham Waite welcomed members, visitors and new members attending for the first time.

### Presentation of Life member badges

The President called Dean Benedetti to the front of the room and presented him with his life member badge. Dean joined the Club in 1987 and has been a Club Vehicle Examiner since September 1995.

The President called on Bob Judd to come forward to the front of the room and presented him with his life member badge. Bob has been a member of the club since 1987 and served in a number of positions including three stints as Treasurer.

*(See page 5 for details of these two members' contributions to the Club)*

### Guest speaker

Robert Mihalyka, a club member and recently retired from Icon Water, who gave a presentation on Canberra's water supply.

### Confirmation Minute of the January 2021 Meeting

The Minutes of the January 2021 meeting were confirmed without amendment. Moved: Bob Judd Seconded: Graham Bigg **Carried**

### Correspondence David Fox IN (from PO Box)

Newsletters from Central Coast, STHARC; Wollongong; Cowra; Parkes X2, Goulburn, Young, Dubbo.

CBA Cheque Acc statement

CBA term deposit statements (2)

BBQ Trailer Rego - due 8 Mar - \$223.30

Invitation from Cootamundra Club for 29<sup>th</sup> March - The 2021 Get Together. Numbers needed by March 19.

Shannon's Auction 16 -23 Feb.

### Membership Applications

Jim & Lyn Veal

### In Via Email

### Magazines via Email:

Environmental and Economic Impact Study by Federation of British Vehicle

Clubs.

OTHER – Jan Retroautos – Jan, Hudson Hub – Jan, Motorlife Museum – Feb, Orange, Mornington Peninsula, Cootamundra, MG Car Club, Illawarra..

### **Membership Applications**

Ross Murley - 1982 Holden Gemini.

John Furlan - Austin Healey Sprite.

### **Other Emails**

Treasurer – Draft Financial report.

Cancellation Braidwood concours

CardiGras Coffs Harbour Car Show – 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

John Lindell offering Grease Cap.

### **OUT**

Card for Coralie Amos re OAM.

Thankyou card from Coralie Amos.

Invoice to Shannons re sponsorship.

Moved David Fox   Seconded: Alec McKernan   **Carried**

### **Reports**

#### **President Graham Waite**

Welcomed new members to the Club

#### **Vice President Joe Micallef**

March Guest Speaker will be on welding processes and techniques

Would like more club members to be guest speakers to give presentations on their cars.

### **Raffle:**

Ticket # 7 Bob Garrett

Last run: #22 Dean Benedetti

### **Treasurers Report Gerry Walker**

Current balance \$6000:94

Still has a swag of name badges to be collected.

Moved Gerry Walker   Seconded; Roger Amos   **Carried**

### **Editor Helen Phillips—absent, given by Secretary**

Need new members to send her stories and pictures about their cars for publishing in the club magazine the Colonial, email copy is OK.

Chrysler on the Murray event has been postponed to October

The Military Vehicle Rally has been cancelled.

The Harden Truck and Tractor Show has been cancelled.

The South West Get-Together 27<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled.

### **Events Director Richard Thwaites**

Sunday 14 February meet Cooleman Court for 10.15 departure to Tidbinbilla. Morning tea at Nature reserve café or bring own. Then to Lanyon Homestead via Tharwa.



Arrangement have been made to park six vehicles on gravel drive way in front of the homestead for a photo shoot . Would appreciate knowing what vehicles are coming on the run.

Wheels display 28 February Queanbeyan Showground. Same location as 2020 Club display will be in decades order

March run – Olive Grove via Gundaroo

**Raffle:**

#A98 Blue

**Registrar Bob Alexander**

Twenty one inspections for month

Eight by Dean Benedetti

**Librarian Alan Boate**

Received a donation of car magazines free to members.

**Membership Richard Thwaites**

Proposed By law changes mainly involving clarification of family membership, further work needs to be done before presenting to members.

**Shop Manager Norm Brennan**

Assorted badges, usual merchandise, printed copies of the latest Register of members \$2 per copy.

**Information Officer Bob Garratt**

Several magazine available for viewing.

**Council delegate Roger Amos**

The Council will host the Australian Historic Motoring Federation's (AHMF) annual meeting then resign from the organisation. But will retain membership of the Australian Council Motoring Association ??

The pie cart will be rehoused in the Weston Park Mini Railway site. The Canberra Café Racers will be holding a display at the Dickson Shopping centre on 7 March.

New clubs applying for affiliation to the Council must meet certain requirements including being incorporated in either ACT or NSW. Existing clubs affiliated to the Council have until 30 June 2023 to incorporate.

Club members who purchase or dispose of CRS registered vehicles please advise the Club Registrar.

Wheels Covid 19 sign on sheet available on Council website .

2021 Wheels Badges available \$10 each.

Dave Rogers gave an update on progress with the 60 day scheme (see Annex A at end of Minutes)

**Publishing Committee Dave Byers**

All Ok

**Membership Richard Thwaites**

All information on Club website

**Rally News**

Nil

**General Business**

**Graham Bigg**

Concerned at lack of numbers attending Retreads lunch run on third Friday of month at various locations around Canberra and asked for members' views on whether they should continue.

**Graham Gittins**

Held up two Wheels posters A4 and A5 size for members to collect at the end of the meeting.

**Roger Amos**

The late Phil Donoghoe's Durrant advertised for sale for \$36,000.

**Alan Boate**

Goulburn GEAR Day ?

**Graham Waite**

Wheels meeting with Queanbeyan Council on Friday 12 February when final decision will be made on whether Wheels will go ahead, indications are that a maximum 3000 people will be allowed on the showground at any one time. The wheels sub-committee will meet on Friday evening to finalise details. Drip trays will be required for all vehicles  
There will be only one entry point to the showground

**Bob Alexander**

Need club members to volunteer to assist with line marking on Saturday morning 27 February from 10am

**Meting closed at 9.30pm**

Graham Gittins

Minute secretary



## Annex A

### Summary of Council update on 60 day CRS scheme

Overall, the outcome from our perspective was positive and we really had no hurdles or arguments on issues of note. In short, they are working towards the 1 July.

We informed them of the Council decision on affiliates being required to be incorporated and the rationale to prevent the spread of small clubs just to access the 60 day scheme. RTA informed that they had determined no regulation would need to be changed or new legislation required. The new category would be included in the CRS and the rules pertaining to the inclusion of the category in the section referring to registered vehicles. and he then went on to mention the fines, that would be applicable if caught, which would be treated as an unregistered vehicle with penalties between 20 and 50 'points'. We will seek clarification on this issue.

### Logbook.

It will probably be a three year logbook with entries for 60 days per rego year, in the front and we suggested about 40-50 spaces for club events in the reverse.

The Pie Cart photo will be OK There was no opposition to having the Council logo on the back cover.

I have emailed the pages of the NSW logbook to them as a model for what they may choose to include. Our requested for odometer record at the start of every use both 60 day and club event was OK.

Logbooks will be issued with registration and the number recorded against the registration.

Log book size will probably be A5 size (148 x 210 mm) or roughly 6"x8".

### Category Names.

The existing VVH will remain but the new category will be known a "Historic Modified". We had no argument with this, they had their reasons and nothing to be gained by challenging.

### Number Plates

The same colour, design and size will be used with the new addition of 'Historic Modified' (MH). We discussed the start number but that is still under consideration. There will be **no private plates allowed**.

### Documentation

We outlined that the drafts of the Council By Laws were nearly

finished.

### **Historic Qualification Policy.**

I raised the redraft the Government/Council policy submitted before Christmas on the revision of the 2003 document which we apply to-day to check Historic compliance.

### **Change of Category and Registration.**

The existing rules where a vehicle on full rego could transfer to any of the VVH categories remains in place. However, for vehicles on full rego where the owner wants to place them in the Historic Modified category, some may have to take the vehicle over the pits.

### **Check of MH Vehicles for Compliance**

One issue of concern for the RTA concerns incremental, unknown modifications. At present in the ACT, a vehicle goes over the pits at first rego but after that, there is no record of any modifications to the vehicle nor checks. They wish to ensure the vehicles transferring to the MH scheme comply with the relevant technical rules and regulations (VSB14 etc). To this end, some vehicles may be required to be inspected for compliance regardless if they have a current full registration.. The intention here is to avoid vehicles which should have had an engineering clearance (but didn't) are not permitted to join the scheme. This is eminently sensible and designed to keep the bad eggs out.

### **The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

We were most concerned with maintaining the approved standards and that for the new HM category, the TAC would be used extensively. We advised that we had recruited two ex pit inspectors as members which was obviously well received by both the RTA. We reiterated that the RTA inspectors at Hume had the final decision

### **Project Timetable.**

We reiterated that the Council was still working to a 1 July 21 start date as supported by Minister Rattenbury last August.

Dave Rogers  
Council Registrar

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES FROM 1 JULY 2020**

Single membership with Colonial by email	\$40
Single membership with printed Colonial	\$60
Family membership with Colonial by email	\$45
Family membership with printed Colonial	\$65
Non member subscription for Colonial	\$25

Bob Judd receiving  
Life Membership badge  
From President  
Graham Waite



Dean Benedetti  
receiving Life  
Membership badge

February speaker  
Robert Mahalyka with  
President



## FEBRUARY CLUB RUN



The club run for February 2021 left from Cooleman Court on Sunday 14th. Around 25 cars representing 7 decades headed for Tidbinbilla via Cotter Road and Paddy's River Road, took a shady break for tea/coffee at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Visitor Centre, then continued along Tidbinbilla Road to Tharwa before crossing the Tharwa bridge and ending at Lanyon Station.

Bob Garrett's red 1929 Hudson Super Six (above) got the honorary heroics award. It navigated the long and steepish climb up Paddy's River Road from the Cotter crossing, plus all other hills and dales on the way, without changing down from top gear!

Special arrangements had been negotiated for a photo opportunity on the gravel forecourt at Lanyon. Brian McKay's teal 1930 Ford Model A Roadster (above) would have got the Early Bird award if we had one. He arrived three hours early at Lanyon (by a more direct route) and was promptly ushered to prime central position on the forecourt.

The facility is operated by the ACT Government. Limits were set for six vehicles on the gravel and a further six in the driveway avenue, by the gate.

For this historical site, the oldest club vehicles got first opportunity for the limited photo places. Further photos including as many as possible of the full group were taken in reserved areas of the public carpark, with Lanyon, the Murrumbidgee and the Brindabellas forming a backdrop.



A wide-angle lens, even when held aloft on a selfie-stick, can only cover so much. The club's younger classic vehicles found picnic spots on the grass, still enjoying the views toward the homestead and mountains.

Apparently a Lanyon magpie was co-opted to contribute the fly-over shot of some of our finer vehicles in the carpark. No cars were injured or insulted in the making of this shot.

Geoff Hall's nippy 1963 Fiat 1500 served as mobile camera-car for the event. This called for some bold overtaking of more fancied sports classics, in order to get shots of them passing by.



Thanks to Geoff for some of these stills. Don't miss Geoff's two short (but action-packed) movie grabs of the event:

[Tidbinbilla Road to Tharwa and Lanyon Classics line up at Lanyon Homestead](#)





Thanks to the Events Committee for the work that went into organizing this event.

It was good to have the Lanyon golf buggy to transport people to and from their cars too. Helen.

## Participants List (oldest to youngest vehicles):

Bob Garrett - *29 Hudson Super Six*  
 Brian McKay - *30 Ford Model A Roadster*  
 Phil & Fay Cancellier - *39 Buick Coupe*  
 Richard & Dilber Thwaites - *53 Daimler Conquest*  
 Malcolm Noad - *56 Austin Healey 100/4*  
 Darron & Janelle Kavanagh - *57 Ford Thunderbird Convertible*  
 John Tuckey - *58 Rochdale Mustard*  
 John Liston - *60 MGA*  
 Geoff Hall + 2 - *63 Fiat 1500*  
 Chris & Irene Berry - *64 Humber Vogue Wagon*  
 Michael & Vanda Catanzariti - *69 Holden Monaro GT*  
 Roger Amos - *69 MGB*  
 Howard & Margaret Taylor - *70 MGB*  
 Graham Waite - *70 Triumph 2.5 sedan*  
 Brian & Margaret Ely - *72 Triumph Spitfire*  
 Dave Byers - *72 Vanden Plas Princess Mk III*  
 David Fox - *73 Leyland P76*  
 Graham Bigg - *78 Triumph TR8*  
 Michael & Anne Toole - *79 Commodore*  
 Paul McKeich - *79 Holden Kingswood SL*  
 Joe Micallef - *80 Honda Prelude*  
 Ian and Marion Hooley - *82 Toyota Cressida*  
 Hilary Sorrell & Peter - *89 Honda Concerto*  
 Gerry and Kay Walker - *modern*  
 Helen Phillips - *modern*

*Thanks Richard.*



## CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2021

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
28 Feb	Bob Alexander Graham Waite Roger Amos	Shannons Wheels display day at Queanbeyan Showground. 10 am to 1.30 pm Enter through the main gate on Glebe Avenue Be there between 8.30 and 9.30 am—display open to the public from 10 am. No caravans overnight. Food and coffee vans on site. Our BBQ trailer will <b>not</b> be there. Cars are to be arranged in decades era. Donations to charity TADACT. Have you registered that you are coming with Richard Thwaites 0414 241 079
14 March	Brian Ely  0420 534631	<b>Gunning and Collector (Kiki's in the Grove)</b> 10am <b>Assemble at Mulligans Flat Road Carpark.</b> This is about 2.3km east of the T-junction with Horse Park Drive, Bonner (north Gungahlin).  10:15 <b>Depart along Mulligans Flat Road</b> to Sutton Road. North along Sutton Road through Gundaroo. Continue to Gunning. <b>Morning tea at the Merino Cafe, Gunning</b> or another of your choice.  11:30 <b>Depart Gunning via Cullerin Road</b> to Breadalbane. Turn Right (South) on Breadalbane Road toward Collector. At Federal Highway, Collector, turn LEFT toward Goulburn. After 2.5km turn RIGHT across Federal Highway into <b>Fedra Olive Grove</b> – continue up driveway to <b>Kiki's in the Grove</b> cafe. We are booked for 12:30 lunch. Kiki's has ample parking and offers a good cafe menu and wine list, with views across the olive grove and rural landscape. After lunch, home via Federal Highway or your choice of backroads.

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2021

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
13-14 March	POSTPONED TO OCTOBER	Chryslers on the Murray
13-14 Mar	CANCELLED	Military Vehicle Rally, Corowa
14 March	CANCELLED	Harden Historic Truck & Tractor Show
27 March	CANCELLED	South West Slopes of NSW Get-Together
26-28 March		The 2021 Tucker Box Bash in Gundagai Tickets: <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/522524">www.trybooking.com/522524</a>
Easter Sunday April 3		Snowy Mountains Histroic Equipment Assn— Bredbo Truck and Machinery Shpw at the Historic Bredbo Inn <a href="mailto:BredboSMHEAshow@gmail.com">BredboSMHEAshow@gmail.com</a>
8-12 April	Rally Director Les Buckjley 0417 296 865	Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW Annual Rally in conjunction with Temora Antique Motor Club <a href="http://www.temora.nsw.gov.au">www.temora.nsw.gov.au</a>
18 April		Auto Italia Canberra <a href="http://www.AutoItaliaCanberra.com">www.AutoItaliaCanberra.com</a>
May	???	Wheels of Wamboin
22-23 May	Postponed to Late August 2022	The Austin Seven Club in association with the HMRAV present 44th Historic Winton <a href="mailto:austinsoveroz2021@gmail.com">austinsoveroz2021@gmail.com</a>
11-13 June	Rob Matthews 0416 061 967	20th HD/HR Holden Nationals in Cowra NSW Show'n'Shine at Bryant Park on Saturday 12 June 9 am—3 pm. Itinerary on the website <a href="http://www.HDHRHoldenNSW.org.au/">www.HDHRHoldenNSW.org.au/</a> HDHRNATIONALS 2021
31 Jul-1 Aug		NSW All Holden Day Weekend Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
11-12 Sept	4841 1422	All historic race meeting at Pheasant Wood Circuit, near Marulan NSW
26 Sept 2021		Pambula Motorfest postponed from 2020 <a href="http://www.pambulamotorfest.com">www.pambulamotorfest.com</a>

## **AN ADVENTURE WITH A BRISTOL 603**

Earlier this year I was contacted by someone looking for a V8 Bristol so I thought I would test the market and this finalised in my 408 departing for Sydney driven by a happy new owner. I did not want to lose contact with the Bristols, the Clubs and their members so started to search for a successor. I was looking for a younger model, in particular I wanted the improved ventilation systems of the later models. An advert in the BODA bulletin gained four or five responses from UK, all good cars and very helpful owners but had to be dismissed for various reasons. A Brigand in Amsterdam became my focus point but I was totally bogged down with gaining asbestos free certification and the very numerous export and import requirements and costs. The coronavirus numbers started to greatly escalate in UK and on the Continent and I began to despair of success. At that point I was contacted by a 603 owner in Perth and I changed tack after a very understanding response from Amsterdam. The Premier of West Australia opened his border to the ACT etc. on the 14 Nov. and so Marie and I flew to Perth on 15 Nov.

To put this into perspective Perth is 3,700 km from Canberra and is 3 hours behind AESTime. The only road includes the Nullarbor Plain which is 750 kms of limestone nothingness which the aboriginals call 'Gondiri' meaning bare as a bone. Salt bushes being the only growth and monotony being the challenge. Advice we received was don't drive at dawn, dusk or night, take lots of water and emergency rations, no mobile coverage, be ready to see emus, wombats, kangaroos, camels on the road with lots of road kill and accompanying raptors. Load trains will be numerous and to be avoided. We were to cope with this in a 1979 car that we had not actually seen let alone drive!

On the positive side it was a Bristol!! In anticipation the seller had put new pads on the front brakes, put Avon tyres on, re-gassed the a/c as well as supplied photos of every part of the car I requested.



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We had a couple of days in Perth with close friends and then set off for Kalgoorlie on the Eastern Highway through large areas of wheat and barley crops, mainly harvested, with 2 waterpipes bordering the road taking water to Kalgoorlie. At the first service station we experienced a major problem, the 603 would not start when hot if stopped for more than 10 minutes. A problem I experienced, but overcame, in the 408. This car had LPG as well as petrol so I tried to change to LPG but soon realised I had not fully taken in the instructions I had received. After a cool down we progressed to Kalgoorlie where we stayed for 2 nights allowing a tour of the gold mining 'hole' and town. They expect to continue with profitable gold mining until 1935 by which time the 'hole' will be 4 kms. long.

400kms south took us to Esperance, a beach side resort but also with jetties exporting the wheat and barley grown in the area. The town was full of West Australians on holiday as they were denied overseas travel etc and Marie did well to find us accommodation for 3 nights. It was the weekend and I had planned to have the battery tested and also get a brief on the LPG usage but instead we went off to the Cape Le Grande National Park. Comeuppance that Saturday evening while at the local lookout enjoying the views of the coastline; start it would not, the battery failing in the attempt.

Monday morning with a new battery and a good briefing on LPG changeover we headed back north to Norseman and the start of the Nullarbor Plain along the Eyre Highway. Balladonia was our first stop and we took the Plain in easy stages thereafter. We had an esky with water etc and planned to switch to LPG prior to any stops and revert to petrol on leaving. Ambient temps in West Australia were in the high thirties but reaching early forties in South Australia. I did not use the a/c giving preference to engine cooling, the standard radiator and two supply fans not really being adequate for these conditions. Water temp gauge at 110 at 110km/hr. The very extensive 'cold' air system in the 603 kept us at an acceptable temp. and, luckily, the road was reasonably dust free. Apart from the road trains there was little traffic in either direction; a result of virus lockdown. We saw 3 emus, a dingo and very little roadkill. One stretch of the Highway is dead straight for 90kms! Not a good test of the excellent PAS of the 603!



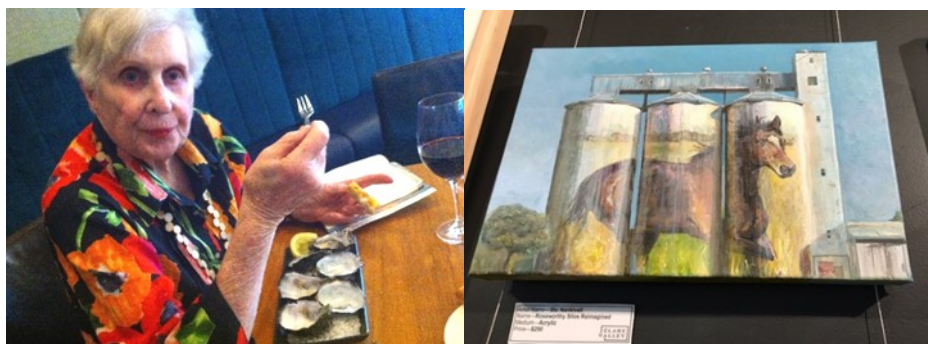
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We approached the border with South Australia adjusting our time pieces as we moved east. Coronavirus had re-emerged in SA so we were not sure if we were going to be able to cross the border but all was well once we had eaten our bananas to satisfy the quarantine officials. We then dropped down to the cliffs of the Great Australian Bight in the hope of seeing whales but they had already passed through on their journey south. We left the highway for a night at Fowlers Bay with its memorial to Flinders who surveyed the Bight. Ceduna was the next break point where we drove around the dock area from where they ship wheat, barley, gypsum and mineral sand brought in by road-train and local rail.

We left the Eyre Highway for the Flinders Highway heading for Port Lincoln and spent the night at Streaky Bay. A big place for oysters. We were now back in the wheat and barley growing areas, still very flat but more and more eucalypt trees. We stopped for fuel at one point and found the electric release of the fuel cap cover had failed. How do we access the fuel cap? The handbook said ring this number?? An inquiring couple came up – every time we stopped we had lots of interest from many onlookers including aboriginals – and while I tried to approach the problem from inside the car he had a go from the boot, over the top of all our luggage and got his hand over the interior exhaust trunk and touch the solenoid so releasing the cover. I removed the cover.



We spent 2 nights in a luxury hotel in Port Lincoln which is a lovely town with jetties for shipping out the arable crops. I arranged for an engine oil and filter change and the workshop allowed me to conduct an underbody inspection which showed no causes for concern.

We set off north along the coast. My map showed a car ferry traversing the Spencer Gulf to Wallaroo, advise was that the service had been discontinued but local knowledge said it had re-commenced which proved to be true so we had a bit of seetime on our way to Clare for the night.

We had made tentative arrangements to meet up with Ozie and Judith of the BOCA but did not want to go into Adelaide with its possible coronavirus risks so they offered to drive out to us and arranged suitable accommodation at Tanunda in the Barossa Valley near Gawler. We spent the day in the Clare Valley before proceeding to Tanunda but the 603 had a disagreement. As we approached I switched over to LPG as normal but the engine stopped and would not start on LPG or petrol. We advised Ozie of our problem and waited for things to cool. Still no success so a call to the NRMA led to a 40 minute conversation because the car was not listed with them and then they organised a visit by their SA equivalents. Five minutes later a truck turned up and 2 minutes later we were away having done nothing but prove the electricians were good! Arrived an hour late to find Judith and Ozie had tackled the first bottle and accepted our apologies in the best of humour. We had a fantastic dinner in the "1918" restaurant, a good night's sleep followed by a late breakfast before making our fond farewells.

We headed north-east to join the Sturt Highway, this road passes through north Victoria before crossing the river Murray into NSW at Mildura. When we left Canberra, Victoria was in total lockdown following extensive virus outbreaks and no other State would accept persons from Victoria although there was mention of a special concession for those traversing on the Sturt Highway. We stopped while still in SA and a helpful Visitors Centre took me into the internet and I obtained passes for us to show at the border – but in fact no one asked for them!

At Mildura we were in more familiar ground and after a night's rest proceeded through the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area past fruit, cotton and cereals to Hay and for a night at Narrandera. From here it was a mere 3 hours to Canberra but Marie wanted to visit Young and, as navigator, took us the scenic route via West Wyalong. We approached Young on a bye road and I put the nearside rear wheel into a pothole which resulted in a big bang and a clanging noise! Inspection showed nothing so the wheel had to come off. Then 2 utes stopped with 2 boys who had been on a job together, within a minute or so the spare wheel was out, the jack retrieved from behind it and the rear wheel removed. This revealed a damaged shock absorber with a bit of chassis attached – it had broken the top mounting which I hear is not so unusual in a Bristol. The boys removed the absorber and put the car back to normal before proceeding on their way with a cheery wave! We proceeded into Young and then back to Canberra but limiting ourselves to 80km/hr.

3,240 miles covered taking us 25 days from Canberra to Canberra, an unforgettable experience but once is enough! The car itself had created a great deal of interest and now there are many more people throughout Australia with an awareness of the Bristol Aeroplane Company and Bristol Motors!

Peter and Marie Hoskin

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# Council Communique

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## **New home for the Canberra pie cart a step closer**

The Canberra Pie Cart's new home at Weston Park Mini Railway precinct moved a step closer with the imminent arrival of the material for the shed to the site. The expected completion date of the new home is expected to be the end of March 2021.

## **60 day and modified vehicles update**

July 1 is still the expected start date for the 60-day usage and introduction of a modified vehicle classification. The new category will be called Historic Modified.

## **Workshop Manuals donated**

ACT Libraries have donated their collection of Workshop Manuals to the Council for distribution to vehicle clubs. The manuals will be located near the Pie cart at Wheels for clubs interested in obtaining manuals for their own club library.

It is a condition of the donation that the manuals are not sold.

## **Notifications of changes of vehicles**

Council Registrar, Dave Rogers, has again appealed to club registrars to inform him of any changes in club members vehicles either disposed of, or new to the club. This information is then passed onto the RTA.

## **Thank you, Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council**

Council of ACT Motor Clubs would like to record it thanks to the QPRC staff and the Mayor Tim Overall for their great assistance in helping to stage Shannons Wheels. 2021 which will be the fourth year that the event has been held in Queanbeyan at the showground. The Council staff always go out of their way to make the event a great success.

Mayor Tim Overall and Nicole Overall enjoy coming to the event and talking to the entrants.

So, thank you all for the great job you do for the car club movement.



## HOW THE PIE CART CAME TO BE AT JEIR (NEAR MURRUMBATEMAN)

In 1987 our family was negotiating to buy "Burravale" at the Burra. The purchase was preceded by many inspections, there was 1350 acres to check out and either the vendor or our agent was usually present on these drives.

Several times we went past the remains of Wilkie's old pie cart which reposed on the bank of the Warm Corner Creek. It was a sad sight – all the wheels had been removed, most glass was missing and the back had totally collapsed. A small swarm of bees which had made their home in the nearby tree, probably stopped further pilfering!

According to the vendor, when Wilkie was finished with it, the Chev was passed on to Lester Donoghoe who didn't really need it as he had a more modern wagon. Lester eventually got sick of the old Chev littering up his yard and the old pie cart was donated to the property vendor's son to use as a paddock basher.

Bringing it out from town was a contract. Vendor thought it was towed out – permits who needs them and with no muffler, it made enough noise to wake the dead.

Sonny boy and his mates gave the old Chev a hard time around the paddocks and it wasn't long before it ceased to proceed. It was then parked upon the bank of the Warm Corner Creek.

I said to the owner "leave it there, some Chevy enthusiast may need a few bits".

The owner's idea was to flip it into the creek.

We purchased the property in 1988 and during that year, I received a phone call from a cousin of the previous owner. He claimed the wreck had been given to him so his teenage boys could rebuild it. He hadn't had time to pick it up and could he still have it. He knew it needed wheels and he would pick it up promptly.

Seeing we were only passing it on for spares, I agreed. His ideas for its restoration seemed airy fairy but that was his worry. I did tell him to return the wreckage if the restoration failed to proceed.

A couple of weeks later and after a couple of inches of rain, the crew turned up with a set of wheels and a car trailer to cart the Chev home.

A couple of hours later, a person turned up at the homestead – about 1 kilometre from the pie cart. “Can we hire you and your tractor, we can’t get up the hill”. I wasn’t surprised, the ground was soft and trying to tow a loaded car trailer uphill with an ordinary car was an impossibility. The tractor made short work of their problem – their car and trailer was quickly onto hard county.

Money? No one had any and thirty years later I’m still waiting.

I never expected serious restoration of the old girl to occur on the property at Jeir and I’m pleased the wreck never came back to Bur-ravale. We would have parted it out as spares.

What has happened to the Pie Cart is great.

Ron Scattergood  
0458 045 589



## 2021 CHIEF MINISTER'S CANBERRA GOLD AWARDS

I am writing to confirm your nomination for the Canberra Antique and Classic Car Club for a Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award. As you may be aware, this award recognises and celebrates the unique contribution made by individuals and groups who have chosen to make Canberra their home for fifty years or more.

Groups who receive the award will receive a certificate in recognition of their contribution to our community. This will be presented at an event on the morning of Thursday 18 March 2021 as part of Canberra's birthday celebrations. An invitation and further details about the event will be sent to you in the next couple of weeks.

As part of the process for recognition, details may be publicly announced, including being provided to the media or used in promotional material. If you would prefer that your groups details are not used for these purposes please contact me on 02 6205 3031 or [GovtSupport@act.gov.au](mailto:GovtSupport@act.gov.au). Please also contact me if there are any changes to your contact details.

If you know any other individuals or groups eligible for this award, then I encourage you to make a nomination at [www.act.gov.au/cbrgold](http://www.act.gov.au/cbrgold)

Once again, thank you for your dedication and commitment to our city.  
Kind regards

Angela

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*Trying this picture from the January run again. Sorry it was so dark last month.*



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Thank you. Regards, Terry Byrne Queanbeyan

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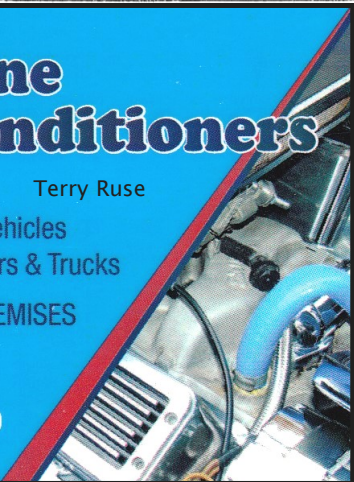
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