

# THE COLONIAL



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Goodbye my Friend  
Taken at the Dec 2019 BBQ  
Vin Liston 1926-2021

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# WHEELS OF WAMBOIN



**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**9.00am to 1.00pm**

(in conjunction with Home Produce Markets)

**Wamboin Community Hall - Bingley Way (off Norton Road)  
Wamboin NSW.**

All sorts of automotive machines including old, new and interesting cars, motor bikes, trucks, stationary engines and even tractors are welcome.

A great short run from Canberra to experience Wheels of Wamboin in a truly country atmosphere. A great day out and we welcome all marques great and small. Our highlight is the huge variety on the day.

Display entry is a gold coin donation and swap tables are \$5 (remember to bring your cash as there is no EFTPOS).

A bonus on the day is the opportunity to pick up some healthy bargains at the monthly home produce markets. There will also be freshly brewed coffee and a sausage sizzle and BBQ all with Covid Safe plans in place.

Please follow us on Facebook for any updates closer to the day or our website at <https://www.wamboincommunity.asn.au>

Proceeds to the Wamboin RFS

Please email [president@wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:president@wamboincommunity.asn.au) for further information

## **APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP    Are on page 28.**

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 2021 \$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](mailto:alanboate@aapt.net.au)



Seen at the Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award in recognition of CACMC contribution of 50 years of service to the Canberra community.

Gerry Walker, Graham Waite, Graham Gittins and Chief Minister Andrew Barr.

## 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 few months. Would be pleased if I could have a story of your car. Getting desperate!!

### Week Day Social Lunches

1st Friday of each month

Friday 2nd April Good Friday—Club is open so lunch is on for those wanting to get out and catch up with fellow members.

Friday 7 May 12 noon Sandwich lunch at the Woden Southern Cross Club bistro.

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



Friday 16th April lunch run to meet at the Lakes Golf Club, Cnr Gungahlin and Gundaroo Drives, Gungahlin to arrive for lunch at noon. Please let Graham know by 6 pm 14th April if you are coming so he can get the booking reasonably correct.

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. This issue is a special tribute issue to the late Vin Liston.

### Easter

For those of you on email, enjoy the Easter break and travel safely if you are going away, avoiding Brisbane!

### Other Events

Belatedly I saw an add for a Swap Meet in Yass on 18 April at the Showground 7 am to 4 pm. Contact Ray 0409 931 229.

Also check out COTA Silver is Gold Table of Events. Spread out over a number of months instead of just the regular Seniors Week. Silver is Gold Expo is on Thursday 16 September.

As with all events listed, check near the date whether it is still going ahead.

Anzac Day 25th April 2021 - Lest we Forget.

Cheers, Helen

The Colonial



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## DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 9TH MARCH 2021

### Attendance

Members 37  
Visitors 2  
Apologies 2

### Welcome

President Graham Waite welcomed members and guests to the March meeting.

### Guest Speaker

Joe Micallef introduced Tracy Gillard who gave a presentation on Palliative care services available in the ACT.

### Confirmation of February 2021 Minutes

The Minutes of the February 2021 were passed with two amendments. Raffle was won by Michael Hunter. Under Council report—Council will retain membership of Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs.

Moved Bob Alexander Seconded Chris Berry **Carried**

President Graham Waite called for members to stand for a minutes silence in memory of the late club member Vin Liston

### OBN

President Graham Waite called George Sturgess to the front of the room to receive his OBN (Over Bloody Ninety) certificate.

### Correspondence

#### IN (Via PO Box or mail)

Newsletters from STARC, Wollongong, Gundagai, Cowra, Central Coast, Chrysler Restorer, Goulburn, Parkes, Young, Dubbo, Country Motor, Illawarra, Wagga Wagga V & V, Cootamundra, Veteran & Vintage ACT, Orange.

GIO - Car Trailer Insurance renewal

PO Box Renewal \$136

Rego - BBQ Trailer

Shannons Auction 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

#### Membership Applications

Pete and Deb Reynolds 1971 V6 Capri & 1985 Jaguar XJS

#### In Via Email

#### Magazines via Email:

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway, RetroAutos, Mornington Peninsula Historical Vehicles Club.

MPHVC thanking CACMC for Article reprint.

#### Membership Applications

Ross Murley - 1982 Holden Gemini.

John Furlan - Austin Healey  
 Anthony Willing - 89 Suzuki Vitara  
 Mark Meaklim - 1976 Rolls Royce  
 David Marshall - 1980 Toyota Corona

### **Other Emails**

Chief Minister advising CACMC of a Gold Award.  
 Treasurer - Sponsorship from Shannons paid (\$3000)  
 Shoalhaven Motor Expo 11 Apr 21  
 Helen - re disposal of CACMC kit in her Garage.  
 Canberra Bridge Club re understanding and acceptance of their COVID safety plan.  
 Christine Moore - sale radiator temp indicator.  
 Lost Credit Card and Licence at Wheels 2021.

### **OUT**

Canberra Bridge Club re acceptance of their COVID Safety Plan.  
 Card to John Liston after death of Vin Liston.  
 Moved David Fox Seconded Graham Bigg **Carried**

### **Treasurers Report Gerry Walker**

Current bank balance \$6044.00  
 Name badges still to be collected.  
 Moved Gerry Walker Seconded Helen Phillips **Carried**

### **Reports**

#### **President Graham Waite**

Graham advised that the Shannons Wheels was a great success and thanked the organising committee for the work they did in putting the event together. He also advised that the Committee had agreed to organise the 2022 Shannons Wheels event on the Queanbeyan Showground on 5-6 March 2022

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

April guest speaker will be representative from Shannons Insurance  
 He advised that he would like to reintroduce the black book first started by Jim Clough to record firms and organisations who provide good service.

### **Lucky badge draw**

#7 Gerry Walker

### **Last Run**

#13 Howard Taylor

### **Editor Helen Phillips**

Thanked our club members who worked so hard and like clockwork at Shannons Wheels.

### **Events Director Richard Thwaites**

March event to Tidbinbilla



March 14 run Gunning - Collector Olive grove

April Secret Run Ian Hooley organising

May 15 National Motoring Heritage Day . Talking to National Museum and to Council of ACT Motor Cubs about participating.

### **Supper No report – no supper**

Raffle draw:

# 53 Orange – Bob Garrett

**Registrar** - Bob Alexander

25 inspections for month

11 by Joe Micallef

### **Librarian Alan Boate**

A number of 1950s magazines have been donated to the club and are free to members.

### **Membership Secretary Richard Thwaites**

Latest number issued was 911

### **Shop Manager Norm Brennan**

Register of members \$2 each Shirts and car badges for sale

### **Information Officer Bob Garratt**

Usual magazines available for inspection.

### **Council Delegate Roger Amos**

Pie Cart to be housed at Mini railway site in Weston Park Australian Historic

Motoring Federation 2020 rally was cancelled – postponed to 2021 .

Council Registrar Dave Rogers, gave a report on progress of Government negotiations with regard to 60 CRS scheme

Autoitalia to be held in Queanbeyan on 11 April

### **Webmaster Richard Thwaites**

Advised members to check the website notice board for sale items and other interesting information

### **General Business**

#### **Graham Waite**

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Chief Minister's Gold Award will be presented to the club on 18 March in the Albert Hall Graham Waite and Graham Gittins will attend can accept three other members

#### **Wheels**

Ann McKernan - Not all people checked in for COVID-19

**Roger Amos** - Excellent venue, Good grass, Finish time 1.30pm applauded by entrants

**Ray Gallagher**

While he was on gate duty members of the pubic wanted to pay for parking.

**Andrew McLean**

Need to get people onto the oval bit of problem because of COVID-19 restrictions

**Chris Berry**

Dust a problem

**Roger Amos**

Has Wheels badges for sale \$10 each

**Joe Micallef**

Has a blue ice bucket which was left on the oval—to be mentioned at Council meeting.

**Graham Gittins**

Held up an NRMA 100 year car badge available from NRMA for \$13.00 with postage around \$20.00.

He also held up an Australia Post Stamp book indicating the release of a set of Holden stamps on 22 March.

671 cars on display at Wheels.

**Graham Bigg**

Next Retreads lunch Friday April 16 Gungahlin Lakes Club names to him.

**Bob Alexander**

Has a Hi Vis vest and short handled hammer left over from Wheels

Need three gates open for 2022 Wheels event. CIVID main cause of congestion. Should be able to invite interstate clubs next year.

**Jon Crossman**

Has a facility out at Fyshwick with a hoist available to members also oil drums and Holden and Falcon parts. Jon was thanked for his generous offer of using hoist.

Jim Orman

Has two 1928 Chevrolet engine blocks for sale.

Meeting closed at 9.14pm

Graham Gittins

Minute Secretary





March speaker Tracy Gillard from Palliative Care ACT with President Graham

George Sturgess was presented with his NBN (over bloody ninety) by President Graham. Doing well, George.



## 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

## Shannons Wheels 2021 exceeded all expectations

There were big ones and small ones, red ones, blue ones white ones and silver ones, big engine, small engine, open topped, closed topped. There were motor bikes, utilities, sedans, old ones, historic, classic and modified ones and they all assembled at the Queanbeyan showground on Sunday 28 February for the annual Shannons wheels vehicle charity display.

Organised by the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club on behalf of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs the display day exceed all expectations with estimates of more than 1000 vehicles entering the showground gate to a well-prepared grid pattern, in which each club that had bothered to inform the committee of their attendance was identified by a club name marker.

A special area was aside for the AFP/ NSW Police vehicles who made an appearance at the display after several years' absence. Their vehicles always a crowd pleaser. As were two Jensen cars one of which was featured in an article in the *Canberra Times* on the Saturday before the display day.

The local Queanbeyan SES and St Johns Ambulance were also in attendance. The Vietnam Veterans volunteers helped keep the hunger pangs away and were kept busy most of the morning feeding entrants and members of the public alike. Two coffee vans were also observed doing a brisk business serving people.

Considering the COVID-19 restrictions, traffic moved at a steady pace, only stopping to hand in their tracking forms. There were plenty of marshals in their distinctive hi vis vests, on hand to help drivers find their parking spot. Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council Mayor, Tim Overall and his wife Nicole, arrived in a 1934 Phantom 11 Rolls Royce driven by owner Peter Toet.

The Mayor and his wife had the task of selecting 'the car I would most like to home' and the 'ladies' choice' which they did while engaging in conversation with various owners of the vehicles. In the end, the mayor selected a beautifully turned-out Alvis and his wife a white drop-head Riley.

Shannons Insurance, long time sponsors and supporters of the event, selected the best club display and the car of the show the MG Car Club Canberra took the trophy for the best club display and a Ford Cortina the car of the show.

Technology for the Ageing and Disabled (TADACT) the selected charity, had a group of volunteers with yellow buckets greeting entrants and members of the public as they entered the showground gates, seeking a gold coin donation, some people were seen to dropping \$5 and \$10 notes into the buckets. TADACT volunteers make and adapt equipment for people to make life a little more enjoyable, particularly for people with mobility issues.

Only one dampener on the day was, the sudden taking ill of long time Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club member, Vin Liston, who suffered a stroke shortly after arriving at the showground and was taken by ambulance to hospital where he died later that evening.

All in all, a great day for the car enthusiast movement.

Graham Gittins



Thanks to Peter and Ann Toet for transporting the Mayor and his wife in their 1934 Rolls Royce.

Club Registrar Bob Alexander gathered those who were to do the judging for awards for this year.



## SHANNONS WHEELS DISPLAY DAY 2021 AT QUEANBEYAN SHOW-GROUND—28TH FEBRUARY

From the oldest—1914 Morris Oxford of Malcolm Noad



1923 Lancia of Pat Makeham

Albert Neuss' 1942 Chrysler Windsor, former Prime Minister's official car



Good to see the 1936 Buick finished by Mark Butterfield.

This had sat in our backyard for a number of years.





1972 Honda N600 Scamp of Ratko Vatauvuk another newly restored car in the club

Next door:

Good to see the Goggomobile out again on display.



New members John and Helen Furlan brought their Austin Healey Sprite.



Barbara and Roger Phillips' Fiat 500

Was this the youngest club car in the display — 1985 Landrover of Jim Orman



## MARCH CLUB RUN

Photos below taken by Geoff Hall of club cars in the rain at Gunning for morning tea. On page 17 were taken by Ian Hooley. *Thanks Ed.*

Thanks to all those who supported and attended. In particular to Brian and Margaret Ely who did a survey run and sorted out the route, though in the end they couldn't attend.

Despite the rain, there were only a couple of no-shows and pretty much a full house for lunch. People liked the venue. Weather brought more modern vehicles this time.

Geoff Hall snapped some good pics at Mulligans Flat and Gunning.

Thanks, Richard





Members were glad to arrive at Kiki's and get inside out of the rain.

Plenty of choices for food and service was good.



By the time lunch was finished, it had fined up for the drive home.





## EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM CANBERRA BRIDGE CLUB

“Since early March, it is mandatory for anyone older than 16 to register their attendance at the clubrooms via CBC’s QR code for the Check In CBR app. This ACT Government requirement applies to all individuals present at the clubrooms at any time.

All individuals attending the clubrooms are strongly encouraged to install the Check In CBR app on their phone/tablet and use the app (by hovering their device’s camera over CBC’s QR code) on arrival.

Individuals who are unable to use the app must now be checked in by another person who has installed CBC’s business profile on their phone/tablet. Please ensure that appropriate CACMC individuals have installed CBC’s business profile and are registering those attendees at your meetings who are unable to use the app themselves.”

*At their meeting on 6 April, the committee will discuss how to help those members who cannot scan the CBR App. Obviously our paper record isn’t sufficient. So do still come along and do sign the Attendance Book for **our Club records**.*

## MARCH RUN THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE TO KIKI’S AT FEDERA OLIVE GROVE FOR LUNCH

### Persons 26

### Vehicles 14

Richard & Dilber Thwaites	53 Daimler Conquest
Chris & Irene Berry	64 Humber Vogue Estate
Ray & Anne Gallagher	72 Austin 3-litre
Malcolm Noad & Peter Bruce	72 Leyland Princess
Joe & Liz Micallef	80 Honda Prelude
Ian & Marion Hooley	82 Toyota Cressida
Hilary Sorrell & Peter	89 Honda Concerto
Howard & Margaret Taylor	90 BMW E30
Geoff Hall	modern
Gerry & Kay Walker	modern
Graham & Ellen Waite	modern
Helen Phillips	modern
John & Helen Furlan	modern
Helen Brown & Peter	modern

## TOP SECRET - CA&CMC 'Upside-down' Run Sunday 18 April 2021

### Brunch (9am -2pm)

*Ham + Cheese croissant, Balzanelli ham, Allsun Farm tomato + Udder Delights cheddar cheese croissant \$7*

*Allsun Farm zucchini + sweet corn fritters, spiced tomato salsa, cashew sour cream, zucchini zoodle, coriander+ mint salad, lemon vinaigrette vegan \$18*

### Lunch (11am -2pm )

*Malai chicken salad, chargrilled chicken breast, mango puree, spinach + charred Allsun Farm spring onion, coriander+ lime dressing, spiced puffed millet GF \$18*

*Thai style fish cakes, green papaya+ Thai basil salad, ginger lemongrass dressing, coriander+ caramelised chilli GF, DF \$18*

*Boxgum Farm pulled brisket burger, Allsun Farm cabbage, shallot+ pickled green apple slow, house made BBQ sauce on Sonoma Bakery milk bun + chips \$18*

*Black bean + spinach burger, Swiss cheese, lemon kale salad, Allsun Farm tomato chutney, smoked Ingelara Farm garlic aioli, Sonoma Bakery milk bun + chips V \$18*

*Bucket of chips \$5*

### Light lunch and takeaway options also available

*Sandwiches, Wraps, Ciabatta, Salads, Housemade Pies, Sausage Rolls, Quiches.*

### **CAR OF THE YEAR FROM WHEELS 2020**

Since no other committee member was present I presented John Tuckey with his award for last year for his 1958 Mustard Rochdale.



## CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2021

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
18 April	Ian Hooley  0438 466 539	<p><b>TOP SECRET - A&amp;CMC 'Upside-down' Run</b></p> <p>Since the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, many feel that our world has been 'turned upside-down'. This run, based on this assertion, should be a bit of fun for us all. It will be a fairly short run, all on sealed roads, and within the precincts of Canberra and Queanbeyan.</p> <p><u>Detailed (very simple) instructions will only be given at the rendezvous point at the start of the event.</u> Participants should meet at the Spotlight carpark in Queanbeyan for a briefing at 10:00 am, and departure by about 10:30 am.</p> <p>The overall distance will typically be about 70 km and should get us to our final destination via a couple of en-route locations in good time for lunch, however <u>the precise choice of route will be up to each participant.</u> It is NOT a race, but there will be a very simple trip-time task to perform (if you choose to do it) for the chance to be declared as the 'winner'.</p> <p>Without giving away the particular venue (unless you recognize it because you are such ardent foodies), a copy of the lunch menu is provided On page 17.</p> <p>For further information (or at least vague guidance for anyone who has a particular need to know details in advance), contact Ian Hooley on 0438 466 539.</p>
16 May	Richard Thwaites	<p>National Motoring Heritage Day</p> <p>We are planning a run or event to commemorate National Motoring Heritage Day.</p>

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2021

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
Easter Sunday April 3		Snowy Mountains Historic Equipment Assn— Bredbo Truck and Machinery Show at the Historic Bredbo Inn BredboSMHEAshow@gmail.com
8-12 April	Rally Director Les Buckley 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>
11 April	10 am—2 pm	Auto Italia Canberra at Queanbeyan Park <a href="http://www.AutoItaliaCanberra.com">www.AutoItaliaCanberra.com</a>
11 April	Ross Earby 0414 189 633	Team Shoalhaven 2021 Motor Expo at Archer Racecourse, Nowra. Clubs welcome. <a href="http://www.kidzfixzshoalhaven.com">www.kidzfixzshoalhaven.com</a>
17 April	0409 991 340	Wheels of Wamboin—see inside front cover
2 May	0456 245 836	Goulburn Swap Meet . This is a ticketed event. <a href="http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/goulburn-rotary-swap-meet-tickets-133280638979">www.eventbrite.com.au/e/goulburn- rotary-swap-meet-tickets-133280638979</a> No ticket or QR code or ID—no entry
22-23 May	Car and motor bike entrants only	The Austin Seven Club in association with the HMRAV present 44th Historic Winton <a href="mailto:austinsoveroz2021@gmail.com">austinsoveroz2021@gmail.com</a> Benalla
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>

## Vale Vin Liston – a personal memoir

I am proud to say I have known Vin Liston since the early 1980s. We first met at a national Morris Rally at the Australian Village, Watson.

Since that time, we have been friends which has lasted more than 40 years. We have travelled to Sydney for the Australia Day Motorfest for many years. Attended the Goulburn swap meet each year.

Watched the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club grow from strength to strength to the size it is today.

It was Vin who introduced me to the Council of ACT Motor Clubs, at the time he was the clubs delegate to the Council, in fact I took over from him. It was Vin who put me onto the Canberra Pie Cart.

I used to write his signage for the club BBQ trailer and other signs he needed. I even wrote some of his letters for him.

He and Eileen were the best of mates and in her later years he looked after her splendidly. He was known as the mayor of Watson.

If there is one thing Vin knew, it is his motor vehicles. I believe he had just about every accessory on his beloved HR Holden which was always turned out in the best fashion at various car shows. His Morris Minor was also lovingly cared for, but rarely used. He used to say the 'last time I took the Morrie out was this time last year to get it registered'.

He was gifted a Morris Major which he used more than the Morris Minor. The one time pride of joy was his old black Chevrolet, It was called the gangster car by my daughter, who rode in it to her school formal one year.

His car number plate collection mounted on the wall of his large backyard shed was the envy of other collectors.

It was Vin myself and a number of other club members who organised the ALL GM Days in a paddock behind the Australiana Village, Watson. They were a great success. We invited all sorts of high profile people to the event to open it, from memory the Raiders Football team, and Senator Margaret Reid on another occasion.

Vin was never short of an opinion, no matter what the subject - politics, Canberra, fashion, food, even the weather did not escape his eagle eye or comment. His memory was faultless particularly about the early days of the national capital.

Chris Berry and I went to lunch with him every Wednesday, at the Ainslie Football Club, an outing the three of us all enjoyed. We discussed and solved

the world problems.

He was great defender and stalwart of the club – he printed the clubs newsletter *The Colonial* each month until the photocopier gave up the ghost and it was printed by a commercial printer.

He was responsible for having each year's copies bound and presented to the club librarian.

He looked after and stored the clubs BBQ for many, many years and made sure there gas cylinder was full, the hot plate was clean and there was tea, water, milk and kitchen tools in stock for the use of members

He was the club's first Life Member.

He and a couple of other club members started the annual Wheels car display. Vin Liston was a great father, husband, club man and a great friend.

He attended the 2021 Wheels display at the Queanbeyan Showground on 28 February, where he suffered a stroke and died later that night in the Canberra Hospital. Vin is survived by his son, John.

Rest In peace Vin.  
Graham Gittins

**Ray Gallagher** felt that Graham's article understated the work Vin did each month for several years. "For many years Vin printed and distributed the Colonial, including mailing. The printer used and collating table were located in Vin's garage. When the printer finally gave up the ghost, the printing was done by a local printing firm but Vin (*and Ray and Tim Fishburn*) continued to use his garage for preparing and mailing until the task grew too great for him."

I can add that when I started as Editor I used to drive over to Vin and Eileen's with the ready copy (always getting a cup of tea and cake), Vin would drive it to Jamison, then pick up when printed. Helen



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**VALE VIN LISTON 3 JULY 1926—28 FEBRUARY 2021 - CACMC LIFE MEMBER NO 1**



Large display of club cars the Vin's funeral on 9 March 2021 at Holy Rosary Church, Watson

Joe, Bob and Chris, along with neighbour Don acted as pallbearers





Events Committee  
being thanked for  
the year's events  
they arranged and  
also the presentation  
night 2015

Vin won the Henri le  
Grand Club Participa-  
tion award 2015  
(below)



Vin and the Wyatts won  
the Roaming Ambassador  
Award for hosting the  
Bendigo Car Club on their  
visit to Canberra 2014

Vin at chicken and bub-  
bly in January 2021

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## Vin and Eileen Liston, Proprietors of the Watson Dogs' Home

I've known the Listons for the 32 years I've been in the CACMC and they were always friendly and welcoming towards my, then young, family. Vin took particular interest in our small Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, known appropriately as "Charlie". One day, in conversation, I mentioned the hard time our dog had at the local kennels the last time we went away and Vin, quick as a flash, said they'd be happy to look after the little fellow the next time we went away.

a long period of holiday bookings at the "Watson Dogs' Home", which only ended 10 years later when Charlie went to meet his maker. Vin even answered the phone with the words "Watson Dogs Home", when he recognised my phone number. During that time, Charlie spent many long weekends, and often longer stays, at his new second home. Vin even knocked a hole in the laundry wall and put in a doggie-door! At one point, when we were having our house renovated and had to move into a rental, Charlie stayed there for nearly four months. (We were allowed visitors rights every weekend, but basically Charlie had taken over the Watson house.)

Charlie was not the only dog that was allowed to stay over. There was "Boots", a corgi-cross from next door, and a little dog of mixed heritage that used to come through a hole in the rear fence (created specifically for him), who also took up almost daily residence.

I asked Vin why he didn't get a dog of his own, to which he replied "he couldn't do that in case he didn't live long enough". He clearly would have!

13 years ago, we got a second Cavvie called "Toby". We only got a dog 'cos we knew that Vin and Eileen would welcome him into their home when we went away. It was very comforting as we swanned around the world's tourist spots knowing that Toby was adored by his "Grandparents".

We miss Eileen and we will now miss Vin very much. And that includes Toby.

Bob Judd and Bricet Kloren

*Remember when the doctor told Vin a red wine a day would do him good. Dr didn't say how much so he drank a bottle "to be sure". Ed*



Wheels 1982 attendees—taken in 2012



Thank you from visiting car club from Bendigo

Morris Owners Group weekend away at Adaminaby



At Eastern Creek

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## ANOTHER TRIBUTE TO VIN LISTON

I would like to share with others a trivial but a wonderful piece of history I have of our late club member Vin Liston.

Unbeknown to Vin and I at the time, our association dates back to 1969 when I was an eighteen-year old school kid. One of my brothers lived opposite Vin in Watson and naturally they were quite neighbourly. His son John may recall these times.

A school colleague's plan in buying a 1925 Dodge "buckboard" fell through and asked me if I would be interested in it. With fiddles and hopes and hefty assistance from two school friends we towed, coughed and spluttered it from a farm yard in Mt Majura to my brother's place. Hearing the rattles, the squawks and other commotion a man from across the road walked over for a sticky-beak and introduced himself. His name was Vin Liston. Following the pleasantries the five of us pushed and shoved the car to its temporary parking spot to await further scrutiny. In a typical Italian tradition the brother and his wife then began drowning everyone with home-brewed everything and anything else that went with it. DUI was of no concern and Vin only had to stumble a few metres home.

Having spent days making the eyesore more presentable and driveable I steadily chugged it home to Ainslie. Deeply engrossed with working on it I was totally oblivious that Vin had taken an interest and kept a keen eye on my progress.

In the course of interactions Vin and I made our connection in 1974 following CA&CMC meetings and runs in the newly-restored Dodge Four Tourer. From then on our friendship lavished. Coincidentally Vin worked at the Government Printing Office alongside my future mother-in-law showering her with regular bunches of daffodils he picked from his flower garden.

Wheels 2021 car display will be remembered for all the good and bad reasons.

### MICHAEL CATANZARITI

Volkswagon	1100,1200,1200A,1300,1500	1976	Scientific Pub.
Beetle	1100,1200,1300,		
Volkswagon	1500	1954-71	Scientific Pub.
Volkswagon	1100,1200,1300, 1500	1972	Scientific Pub.
Volvo		1974-86	Haynes
Volvo		1974-86	Haynes
Volvo	Carby Models	1973	Scientific Pub.
Volvo	Fuel Inj. models	1973	Scientific Pub.
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Marque	Model	Year	Publisher
Datsun	160B-180B	1972-77	Gregorys
Ford	Engines	1955	Ford England Angus & Robert- son
General	Auto Service Technology	1968	
General	Auto Mechanics Vol. 1	1984	McGraw Hill
General	Auto Mechanics Vol. 2	1984	McGraw Hill
General	Aust Touring Cars Racing Annual	1989	Reed
General	The Classic Car	1992	
General	Automotive Servicing	1968	McGraw Hill
Hillman	Minx/ Husky	1936-55	Scientific Mag.
Hoods	Auto Body Top Work	1970	Post
Leyland	1500 OHC, 1300 Auto		Leyland
Leyland	1800	1976	Leyland
Mitsubishi	Magna	1985-87	Gregorys
Mitsubishi	Magna	1987-89	Gregorys
Morris	Mini	1968	Scientific Pub.
Nissan	Patrol/Maverick	1988-90	Gregorys
Nissan	Pintara & Skyline	1987	Nissan
Nissan	Pintara & Skyline	1987	Nissan
Opel	Kadett	1964-68	Chiltons
Renault		1969	Scientific Pub.
Renault	16 & 16TS	1965-72	Haynes
Renault	12	1974	Scientific Pub.
Riley	Saloons	1959 on	Sunday Times
Toyota	Celica	1978-79	Haynes
Toyota	Camry Chassis and Body	1986	Toyota
Trucks	Atlantic Truck Manual	1950s ?	Atlantic Oil
Vauxhall	Vauxhall, Bedford	1952	Vauxhall

Scientific Mag.

I COULDN'T FIT ALL THE DETAILS ALAN HAS GIVEN ON PAGES OF THE COLONIAL. SEE THE WEBSITE FOR THE FULL DOCUMENT.

## The Red Hanrahan

### Matthew Houston and Spike Deane

I've always quite liked the idea of having a little piece of Lalique crystal around the house, but never really thought I could afford, or justify the expense of, an antique piece, and not been so keen on the modern pieces. (Lalique is a French glassmaker, founded by glassmaker and jeweller René Lalique in 1888; Lalique is best known for producing glass art, including perfume bottles, vases, and car hood ornaments (or mascots) during the early twentieth century. Following the death of René, Lalique transitioned to producing lead glass (crystal) works during the 1950s.)

When I first discovered that René Lalique had made car mascots during the 1920s (I was in high school) I always wanted one – even if I didn't have a car at the time. Being a mad op-shop and second-hand shop crawler I always keep my eyes peeled just in case a dusty old piece of cheap looking glass turns out to be a crystal Lalique! Sadly, that hasn't happened.

So I decided to take matters into my own hands and commission my very own "Lalique" car mascot.

As the 12/50 was getting closer to completion late last year, I sent an email to the Canberra Glassworks (<https://canberraglassworks.com/>) with a request to see if they would be interested in making me a glass mascot reminiscent of the original Hanrahan.

The Glassworks are located in the former Kingston Power House, built in 1915, which supplied all of the electricity for the newly created city of Canberra, and is now an artists facility dedicated to contemporary glass, art, craft and design; there is a shop where original glass works can be purchased; classes are offered in glass blowing and the public can watch artists make their pieces in the hot shop – and it just happens to be across the road from where I live.

My idea was that the mascot would be a blown piece of glass that did not replicate Hanrahan but rather resembled it and gave the impression of being a modern take on the Alvis hare – it wouldn't be an exact copy but it did have to be recognizable as the Alvis hare; although not being a glass artisan I left it to the experts to suggest how to proceed. I sent some photographs of both the 12/50 and the Hanrahan mascot and waited to see if there was any interest from any of the glass artists working through the Glassworks – oh, my only stipulation? That the glass had to be red!

I received quite an excited response from the Glassworks which indicated that the artist felt the best way to proceed was by making a silicone mould of the original Hanrahan and then casting a replica in crystal. So that's what happened. So in November 2019 I brought home Hanrahan the Mascot and delivered him to the Glassworks for the artist to proceed.

I'll let the artist herself, Spike Deane, tell her story, through her blog (which she has kindly agreed can be re-produced).

<https://www.spikedeane.com/post/2020/05/18/fast-as-a-hare>

When I finally collected the Red Hanrahan in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis and met the artist, I was thrilled with the work done by Spike and was surprised at the significant weight of the crystal hare. The crystal isn't as red as I had initially wanted, but as you can see from Spike she spent a lot of time and a lot of crystal to produce the Red Hanrahan; the fine ears and paws are a gentle orange but the base is just about a perfect match for the guards of the 12/50. The detail of the casting is wonderfully fine.

The crystal hare was attached to a radiator cap with heat resistant silicone suggested by Spike, and I've driven the 12/50 around the block with Red Hanrahan sitting proudly on the radiator. I wouldn't drive the car very far with Red Hanrahan lest he gets hit by a rock or otherwise damaged, but I'll certainly be letting Red Hanrahan lead the way on short trips around town – just like Rudolph at Christmas.

Thanks Matthew.

*The blog is very interesting detailing the work which went into the crystal hare.*



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I would like to sell it but am reluctant to do so via Ebay or similar. I just wondered if there was anyone in the Club who might be interested? I have attached some photos.

If you are able to circulate/advertise this, or advise me of any alternative options, I would be very grateful.

Thank you

*Price negotiable. Picture on page 32.*

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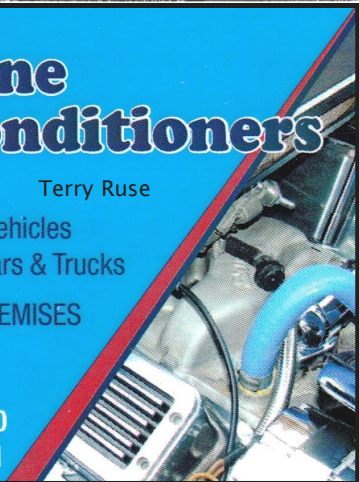
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