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## CLUB MEETING

Meetings of the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month.

**Next General Meeting**      Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 8.00 pm  
    ACT Bridge Club (room to the right)  
    Duff Place, Deakin

Guest speaker will be Malcolm Noad telling us about the Shitbox Rally. Wear your name badge as there will be a lucky door prize and prize based on the February run. Bring along \$2 for the raffle. No supper.

IF STILL REQUIRED, PLEASE CHECK IN TO THE BRIDGE CLUB WITH  
 CBR APP ON YOUR PHONE OR SOMEONE AT THE EVENTS  
 COMMITTEE TABLE WILL CHECK YOU IN WHEN YOU SIGN OUR CLUB  
 ATTENDANCE BOOK.

**Check your broadcast emails in case this meeting has to be cancelled.**

## EVENTS

Club runs are held each month, usually the Sunday after the general meeting. Please see the centre pages for outings.

## CUSTODIAN OF THE CLUB'S VEHICLE TRAILER

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**Vehicle Trailer:** To maintain the trailer in good condition, members using it are required to make a contribution to upkeep.

The contribution is \$20 for each use plus \$10 per 100 km or part thereof. Any damage incurred during use MUST be paid for by the member. Please present proof of financial membership of this Club to the custodian when collecting the trailer. Members are responsible for compliance with all road regulations.

## THE COLONIAL

It is still possible to get your Colonial by email and avoid paying the \$20 extra for a printed and posted copy. Just email Helen [editor@cacmc.org.au](mailto:editor@cacmc.org.au) and cc [membership@cacmc.org.au](mailto:membership@cacmc.org.au) and Richard will take you off the labels list.

**Cut-off for April Colonial - 25th March 2022.**

## EDITOR'S PAGE

Thank you to those who provided articles and photos for this month. Always after restoration stories or stories about recent cars you have acquired. Sorry about what I couldn't fit in this month but it will be included soon.

### Week Day Social Lunches

Friday 4th March 2022 and every first Friday  
Southern Cross Bistro, Woden Table 405  
12 people @ 12 noon



NO RUN ON THE THIRD FRIDAY 18TH MARCH AS THERE IS A CLUB  
RUN ON THE 20TH MARCH.

Graham Bigg is the contact for Retreads. Phone or text to 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.

Thinking of Jim and Rhonda Clough now that Jim has gone into care.

### Events Committee

The Events Committee will welcome any additional club member who wishes to participate on the committee, and also encourage members to come forward with offers to organise a specific event during the year.

### Suppers after the meetings

We will need a new organiser for suppers when we can have them as Gail Boate is no longer able to do this. Please talk to Gail about what has to be done 6297 9360. Members contribute and you can buy what is needed from these funds.

### 40th anniversary of Wheels

A small committee has put a lot of work into organising this year's event and we thank them for their time and effort. Now all it takes is for us the members to turn up on the day. Hoping for lots of new vehicles to be entered for judging. It's usually about 1 am by the time the Examiners get round to this which gives you a chance to look around other club displays and be back to your car. I'll be round taking photos for future issues of the Colonial and I get cross if I don't know what the car is or to whom it belongs, so beware.

Keep abreast of the news as to whether we have to check in with the NSW app so you are prepared and have those coins in your pocket for the collection bucket at the entry point. Note to self!!!

Cheers, Helen

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD 8TH FEBRUARY 2022**

### **Attendance**

Members 39  
Visitors 1  
Apologies 2

### **Welcome**

President Graham Waite welcomed members to the February 2022 meeting.

#### **Guest Speakers**

The president invited Steven Farmer, the Business Development Manager Shannons Insurance and his assistant to address the meeting

### **Confirmation OF Minutes**

The Minutes of the November 2021 meeting were approved without amendment. Moved Dave Rogers Seconded Bob Judd **Carried**

### **Correspondence**

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

- Newsletters from Chrysler, Milton Ulladulla, Cowra, Wollongong, Young, Gundagai.
- CBA Cheque Account Statement.

#### **In Via Email**

#### **Magazines via Email:**

- Veteran & Vintage Car Club ACT December
- Illawarra Dec & Jan issues
- Model A News Oct-Dec
- STHARC December
- Orange January
- Country Motor Issue 43
- Cootamundra Jan and Feb
- Parkes Jan and Feb
- Wagga Wagga Veteran and Vintage Motor Club November
- Retroautos.
- Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Dec & Jan & Feb
- MG Tappet Chatter Dec
- Australian Motorlife Museum newsletter.
- MPHVC Sidelights
- Young

- Rego Reminder for Club BBQ Trailer.

### **Membership Applications**

- Phil Corkhill 1978 Kenworth W925, green, restored and unreg 1974 Kenworth K125,
- Adam Kaufhold and Nicole Davies 1969 Holden Monaro HT GTS, Platinum Metallic, restored and unreg.
- Andrew Olsen 1991 Nissan 300ZX, red, original and unreg.
- Gordon Hay and Amelia Manderson 1963 Valiant AP5 Regal, Grey, original
- Shane Bellchambers 1967 HR Holden, red.
- Laurie Batt – 1962 Ford Futura.

### **Membership Enquiries**

- Fiona Hemmings re joining Club with only caravan.

### **Other Emails**

- GCW - Monthly Financial Statement Dec & Jan & Feb.
- ACT Bridge Club re COVID requirements and Re-opening consideration & Kitchen access
- Greg Jarosch with thanks for letter and photos of Motor Museum in Riga.
- Shannons Sponsorship for Wheels 2022.
- National Trust Open Day – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at Duntroon Dairy.
- Thankyou from Stroke Foundation for our donation.
- Scott Molloy –Wheels 22 Declaration Form and Risk Management Plan.
- Devonport Motor Show – 27 Mar 22
- Transport Heritage Australia Incorporated re participation in Wheels 22
- Valiant Infobase re participation in Wheels 22
- Peter Cotterill re visit to Canberra in March

### **OUT**

- Reply to Greg Jarosch re his letter on future of Auto history.
- Reply to National Trust Heritage Festival Open Day – CACMC will attend.
- Email to all members - Jan General Meeting Postponed
- Chicken and Bubbly postponed to Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Payment to Bridge Club fees for Jan.
- Transport Heritage Australia Incorporated acceptance for Wheels 22.
- Reply to Peter Cotterill.
- Condolence Card to Waite Family

- To all members Chicken and Champagne event Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Moved David Fox    Seconded Graham Bigg    **Carried**

### **President's Report**

The President thanked membrs for their expressions of sympathy.  
Equipment will be advertised in the Colonial in the coming months  
Graham thought the Christmas function was a great success.

**Vice President** no report but the President read his statement  
March 2022 guest speaker will be club member Malcolm Noad  
April guest speaker will be club Vice President Joe Micallef about his Rover  
motor car restoration

**Lucky badge** draw #30 Mike Morrison  
Last club run #14 Graham Gittins

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current balance \$8,170.35 excluding the term deposit.  
Looking for a suitable interest rate to reinvest term deposit funds  
Moved Gerry Walker    Seconded Waine Summerfield    **Carried**

### **Editor**

Need more car stories and reminded members to put a sign on their vehicles  
at Wheels indicating make and model and owner's name.

### **Events Director**

Richard Thwaites reminded members to register for the Chicken and Bubbly  
event on Sunday 13 February at Black Mountain Peninsula  
So far 43 members had registered.

Wearing a face mask will be optional.

February 19 Trip to Cooma to attend official opening of the Cooma Car Club's  
motor museum. Depart Williamsdale 10.15am

March 6 Wheels Queanbeyan Showground

March 20 Trip to Tarago via Wamboin, lunch at the Loaded Dog pub (TBC).

Graham Gittins advised that the National Trust was holding an open day at  
the Duntroon Dairy as part of the Heritage Festival and he had been designat-  
ed coordinator for clubs attendance. If interested in attending please use the  
sign-on sheet at the front desk.

Richard Thwaites advised that the events committee is looking for feedback  
from members on a possible alternative to the traditional Award night-time  
dinner.

One suggestion is that the event be held on a weekend with a lunch on 24  
April 2022.

Event Raffle

Ticket # E 23 Jim Woods

**Supper Coordinator:** No report

Alan Boate advised that his wife was no longer able to carry out the duties of supper coordinator and that a new coordinator was needed.

**Registrar**

Twenty-seven vehicles inspected

Bob Alexander advised, for the benefit of new club members, that annual inspection of CRS vehicles was required to effect registration – it is not a Road Worthy check.

**Librarian**

All is well

**Membership**

Richard Thwaites advised that the club have 254 memberships—142 family; 97 single and 15 life.

The February 2022 Register of Members was available from the Shop Manager \$4:00 per copy.

Richard asked members to check their entry and advise any corrections required back to him.

**Shop Manager**

Norm Brennan advised he had the usual merchandise for sale including the new club register of members \$4 per copy .

**Council Registrar**

Roger Amos advised that there was no Council of ACT Motor Clubs meeting in January.

Graham Gittins advised that the Transport Directorate had informed the Council that because of COVID-19 the introduction of the 60 day usage scheme would not be introduced until the end of 2022.

**Publishing Committee**

All OK.

**Rally Business**

Graham Gittins advised that a tour was planned to Bendigo for the first week of May to attend the Elvis Presley Graceland's exhibition

Expression of interest sheet on the front deck for people to sign if interested in attending.

**General Business**

Graham Waite presented the People's Choice trophy to Mike Morrison and the Henry Le Grande Award to Bob Alexander.

Graham Gittins advised that Jim Clough had been placed in care.



Bob Alexander advised that the club trailer was out of action while essential repairs and refurbishment carried out to the 60 year old trailer and it is expected to be back before 6 March.

Bob Alexander provided a briefing on Wheels including that Malcolm Noad had arranged for a digital plan of the layout of the Queanbeyan Showground and it was essential that clubs notify him of the number of vehicles they expected to attend Wheels on Sunday 6 March.

Graham Gittins advised that the Goodwin Village Farrer was holding a market day on Saturday 5 March 2022 and apart from the usual merchandice – books, plants etc there will be a display of vehicles.

Graham Gittins advised that the new Mayor of Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council Kenrick Winchester, will be attending to select the Mayors Choice of the car he would most like to take home.

Graham Gittins advised that the method of selecting the Car of the Show would be by cash donations or tokens available from the Stroke Foundation tent. The vehicle with the most coins/tokens would be declared the winner and awarded the trophy.

Close of meeting 9.28pm  
Graham Gittins, Minutes Secretary

Speakers from Shannons Insurance Steven and Steph at February meeting with President.





Bob & Dana Garrett + 1  
 Graham & Anna Boyce & Dino  
 Karl Maftoum  
 Richard & Dilber Thwaites  
 Darron & Janelle Kavanagh  
 Brian O'Donnell & Wilma  
 John Liston  
 Ed & Celia Watson  
 Roger & Barbara Phillips  
 Gordon & Amelia Hay  
 Chris & Irene Berry  
 Geoff Hall & daughter  
 Phil & Fay Cancellier  
 Charlie Adams  
 Anna KIELTYKA & Doug Smith  
 Graham Bigg  
 Lee Gaynor & Pat Fry  
 John Neilsen + 1  
 Geoff & Joan Pritchard  
 John de la Torre  
 David Brand & daughter  
*Gordon Hay & Amelia Manderson*  
 Howard & Margaret Taylor  
 Mick & Lorna Fleetwood  
 Brian & Margaret Ely  
 Graham & Heather Gittins  
 Ian Hooley  
 Malcolm & Wendy Noad  
 Andrew McLean  
 Kumara Mitiyamulle  
 Helen Phillips  
 Graham & Ellen Waite  
 Ken & Judy Herne  
 Gerry & Kay Walker  
 Norm & Sue Brennan + 3  
 Murray Mules  
 Alan Martin

- '29 Hudson
- '48 Chevrolet
- '51 Lanchester LD10
- '53 Daimler Conquest
- '57 Ford Thunderbird
- '59 Ford Skyliner
- '60 MGA
- '62 Ford Zephyr
- '66 MGB
- '63 Chrysler Valiant
- '64 Humber Vogue Estate
- '65 Fiat 500
- '70 Buick Le Sabre
- '72 Citroen 2CV
- '74 Torana, '89 Subaru Wgn
- '75 BMW 520
- '75 Chrysler Charger
- '75 Ford Falcon XB panel
- '76 Rover P6B
- '86 Mercedes 190E
- '91 Ford Capri
- '63 Valiant Regal
- BBO trailer

### Charlie's Citroen 2CV





Thank you to the workers for the Chicken and Bubbly picnic Brian, Richard and Malcolm. Missing from the picture Ian Hooley and Howard Taylor who towed the BB trailer.

Thank you all.

A most enjoyable evening with beautiful weather.

A couple of swans visited the picnic and brazenly helped themselves to food from members' hands or their plates.



Below:

Fay, John, Ian, Alan  
Janelle with new  
members Gordon  
and Amelia



## FEBRUARY TWILIGHT RUN CONTINUED



Graham and Dino

Geoff, Brian and Wilma,

Kay and Ellen, Karl and Andrew in background

Lee Gaynor's Charger

Pritchards with Gerry.



Anna's Torana



## INFORMATION FOR OUR MEMBERS FOR SHANNONS WHEELS 2022—40th Anniversary

Entry to the Queanbeyan Showground is from Glebe Avenue. There is just the one gate in but then cars will be split three ways. TADACT will collect their donations at the three entry gates.

CACMC area will be first on the RIGHT as you enter the arena.

Gates open from 7 am for those assisting with setting up the Club location and gazebo, which will be our point of contact for the day. BYO CHAIR!

Note that we are asked to have all vehicles in place by 9.30 am and not to remove vehicles before 1.30 pm for safety reasons. Drip trays are required. For display vehicles, show a sign identifying your vehicle—Make, model, your name.

This year, there will be no People's Choice award which in the past has been just for our cars. If you would like to participate for the "Car of the Show" you can ask for a box for beside your car. See page 22. Encourage your friends to drop in a gold coin. Or at the Stroke Foundation tent you can buy tokens to use instead of coins. Don't be shy—if you have a nice car, get a donation box.

### Vendors at Wheels 2022

Cafe2U - coffee and snacks. Three vans.

Our Dream Cafe - coffee and snacks. One van.

CWA - scones, sandwiches, tea/coffee in pavilion.

Mellabella Gelato. One cart.

Slinko (potato on a stick),

Vikings Fishing Club (steak sandwiches, etc),

Rotary (sausage sizzle, etc),

Romanos (pizza slices),

Kombi Keg (draught beers).

Now just pray for good weather

## THE FIRST WHEELS SHOW

The first Wheels Show was held on 7th March 1982 at Phillip Oval from 10 am to 5 pm and was organized by the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club. Charity supported was the ACT Society for Physically Handicapped Children. Fourteen car clubs took part, apart from 32 members of CACMC. The Museum of Australia also displayed three vehicles, Bentley, Crossley and Bean. Some \$1,200 was raised for Hartley House. Phillip Oval was given for the event free of charge. David Rouse who was Events Director raised the idea. There are some of us still around who were there. .



## **Council of ACT Motor Clubs Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club**

### **New way of deciding Car of the Show at Shannons Wheels**

Visitors to the Shannons Wheels vehicle display on the Queanbeyan Show-ground on 6 March are alerted to take plenty of gold coins with them.

During the 2022 event, the 'Car of the Show' trophy will be decided in a trial method, by the amount of donated coins each participant receives from the public. Each participant will have a box located near their vehicle and a sign indicating that the money raised will be donated to the Stroke Foundation and will go towards their vehicle being awarded the 'Car of the Show' trophy.

More than 750 vehicles are expected to be on display on Sunday 6 March 2022, entry is by gold coin donation, which will be donated to the Technology for Ageing and Disability (TADACT).

2022 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the popular display which brings together veteran, vintage and classic vehicles from Canberra and regional vehicle clubs.

This year there will be spotlight displays to mark special anniversaries: Austin 7 100 years and Jeep 80 years. There will also be spotlight display of bubble cars including, Isetta, Messerschmitt, a German Amphicar and the Australian Federal Police (AFP) will be represented by vehicles from the Police historic fleet.

The Historic Fire Brigade will be represented by heritage fire appliances and the Electric Vehicle Association will have 12 vehicles on display.

The Shannons Wheels display is the Council of ACT Motor Clubs annual charity day and is organised on behalf of the Council by the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club (CACMC) and supported by the Queanbeyan and Palerang Regional Council and local businesses. Shannons Insurance have been long time sponsors of the event.

The display is open to the public from 10.00am to 1.30pm

For further information contact Bob Alexander Telephone: 0417 880 064 or by email: [rjacs@hotmail.com](mailto:rjacs@hotmail.com).

Issued by Graham Gittins  
Publicity Officer  
Council of ACT Motor Clubs  
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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER A VEHICLE FOR JUDGING AT SHANNONS WHEELS Sunday 6 March 2022

1. Restoration of the year  
for cars manufactured **before** the end of 1945
2. Restoration of the year  
for cars manufactured **after** the end of 1945.
3. Mal Mason Car of the Year – for a vehicle purchased in a restored or roadworthy or original condition.
4. Bill Amies Mechanical Excellence Trophy - judged on mechanical condition, restoration and maintenance alone. Mileage driven during the year should be taken into account.

You may enter for Category 4 as well as one of the other 3.

Please note that to be eligible, the vehicle must attend three official Club events in the 12 months prior to the Presentation Night at which the awards are to be presented. OOPS WILL HAVE TO IGNORE THIS AS IT HAS NOT BEEN A NORMAL YEAR.

The other two Vehicle Quality Awards – Best American Marque and Best English Marque – will be judged from the whole field and no entry form is necessary. These awards can only be won once by a vehicle.

The rules for judging are contained in the By Laws of the Club which can be found on our website and start at By Law 12.

It is helpful to the judging panel if you have information on display about your restoration. You should also be with your vehicle to supply information to the judging panel while your vehicle is being judged.

Enquiries to Bob Alexander on 0417 880 064.

If you didn't make it to the February meeting, write the details of your vehicle as below and email to Bob at [rrjacgs@hotmail.com](mailto:rrjacgs@hotmail.com)

**Make of Vehicle**

**Year and Model**

**Place of Manufacture**

**Name of Owners**

**For which award would you like to be judged?**

SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2022

# LOADED DOG TARAGO, MENU

Bistro Menu	
STARTERS	KIDS MENU
Herb + Garlic Bread Chips + Gravy	Chicken Nuggets + Chips \$8 Fish + chips \$8
MAINS	BURGERS
Loaded Rissoles + Gravy \$18 Tempura Fish + Chips \$18 Salt + Pepper Squid (cfo) \$19 Chicken Breast Schnitzel + Sauce \$20 Vegetarian(v) or Vegan(w) lasagne \$18 Chicken Strips w/ rice, salad + Garlic sauce (cfo) \$25	Chicken Burger + Chips (cfo) \$17 Lamb Burger + Chips (cfo) \$17 Steak Burger + Chips (cfo) \$17.50
	Extras
	Bacon, Egg or Cheese \$2 ea
	Sauces
	Gravy, Mushroom, Pepper or Garlic (ea) \$2 ea
	Desserts
250g w/ Crispy Chat Potatoes Scotch Fillet 10% Public Holiday Surcharge	Sticky Date pudding \$10 Apple Danish \$10
	V = Vegetarian VG = Vegan Cfo = Chicken Free Opt available



## CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR—2022

DATE		DETAILS
6 March		Shannons Wheels display day at Queanbeyan Showground. Brochure on back of magazine and information on pages 15-17.
20 March	Menu Is Inside Front cover	<p>Queanbeyan to The Loaded Dog, Tarago, via Wamboin and Bungendore.</p> <p><b>10am</b> gather at <u>Spotlight Carpark, Queanbeyan</u>.</p> <p><b>10:30</b> Depart on <u>Kings Highway</u> heading <b>LEFT</b> toward Queanbeyan bridge.</p> <p>At first roundabout <b>TURN RIGHT</b> onto <u>Yass Road</u>.</p> <p>After entering ACT, <b>TURN RIGHT</b> onto <u>Sutton Road</u></p> <p>At about 9km <b>TURN RIGHT</b> into <u>Norton Road</u> (towards Wamboin)</p> <p>After another 9km <b>TURN RIGHT</b> at T-junction onto <u>Bungendore Road</u></p> <p>Follow Bungendore Rd into <u>Gibraltar St, Bungendore</u>. Tea/coffee in local cafes or picnic in park.</p> <p><b>11:30</b> Depart Bungendore eastward on <u>Molonglo St/Tarago Road</u>.</p> <p>Allow at 30mins to arrive at <u>The Loaded Dog, corner of Wallace Street and Braidwood Road</u>.</p> <p><b>12 noon</b> CACMC has a booking for <b>30</b> in the annex. Log fire and gas heaters are available if needed.</p> <p>This venue is popular on Sundays, so make sure to let us know <u>by 7 March</u> if you are attending, to avoid disappointment.</p> <p>Return route is suggested via Bungendore and King's Highway</p> <p>The Loaded Dog might require <b>ADVANCE MENU ORDERS</b>.</p> <p>Those who have signed up will be updated on that.</p> <p>: Malcolm Noad : <a href="mailto:mwnoad@gmail.com">mwnoad@gmail.com</a> 0408 441 587</p>
Sat 9 April		<p>Canberra and Region Heritage Festival 2022– National Trust (ACT) Open Day will be at Duntroon Dairy with the theme of “Curiosity”.</p> <p>Duntroon Dairy is accessed via car parks off Kelliher Drive, Russell. Open Day will run from 10 am to 3 pm with guided tours, entertainment, refreshments and various stalls.</p> <p>Vehicle access to the site from 8 am—9.30 am to set up.</p> <p>Can only fit about 20 of our cars. Graham Gittins is contact.</p>

## EXTRA RUNS AND SWAP MEETS—2022

DATE	CONTACT	DETAILS
5 March	Alec McKernan	Goodwin Village Market Day, 220 Beasley Street, Farrer. 10am to 1.30pm. Some 12 of our old cars will be on display also old telephones.
27 March		The Searoad Devonport Motor Show 9 am to 3 pm. <a href="http://www.devonportmotorshow.com.au/entryform/">www.devonportmotorshow.com.au/entryform/</a>
3 April		Auto Italia 2022 hosted by Italian Cars Assn of ACT, Queanbeyan Park. Featuring 60 years of Fiat 500s and 75 years of Ferraris.
1-4 April		Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW 2022 Annual Rally hosted by the Newcastle Vintage & Classic Car Club at Singleton NSW. Open to all pre 1991 vehicles.
10 April	Grahame Crocket	Show and Shine Exhibition at Maitland Park from 9am to 3 pm, to be held in conjunction with the Maitland Steamfest on 9-10 April.
20-24 April		Parkes Elvis Festival. Book online.
Until end of May		"Utes in the Outback" Condoblin. If you are travelling call in and have a look. <a href="http://www.condoblin.nsw.au">www.condoblin.nsw.au</a>
26 May		Seniors Expo will fill two pavilions at EPIC with goodies that will make every senior feel like a kid in a candy shop. Maggie Beer will also be there.
11-17 Sep		Model A National Meet in Goulburn
25 Sep-2 Oct		16th National Chrysler Rally, Wangaratta <a href="http://www.chryslerclubvic.org.au/nationals">www.chryslerclubvic.org.au/nationals</a> Entries are now open
4-7 Oct		Parkes Antique Motor Club 50 years of Parkes Motor Museum

## Austin 7 Adventures Circa 1959-1961

A chance encounter with Harry Crawford in his 1928 Austin 7 at a service station in Braddon, which is within walking distance from the Centre of Canberra, in June 2021 led to the arrival of three photos in my inbox and some reminiscences between former students of the Bendigo School of Mines and Industries about adventures in Austin 7s circa 1959 – 1961 when some of us had them as daily drivers.

Harry appears to have a wind deflector rigged up above the windscreen. I like the two strands of wire that appear to be the front hinge for the engine bonnet. If they are original, they are crude but effective. Most Austin 7s I remember had flat headlight glasses. Maybe Harry has been able to boost the lights. Driving one in city traffic now would need him to be on alert – Austin 7 brakes were not exactly power assisted disks.

Jim Appleby's father-in-law, Allen Mostyn (Jill's Dad) and wife Ann went on honeymoon in a two-seater Austin 7 in December 1935, from Grenfell NSW to Eden NSW via Talbingo, Yarrangobilly Caves, Cooma and Nimmitabel. About  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up Talbingo mountain Austin 7s and most other cars had to stop where there was a sign "water" painted on the rock face to top up their radiators. The sign and the water supply were still there when Jim & Jill Appleby lived in Talbingo in the early 1970s. They had to stop near Nimmitabel to put the hood up because it was snowing. Snow is quite common in Nimmitabel around Christmas. Jim & Jill Appleby have experienced snow at Nimmitabel in December when they lived in Cooma.

From Eden the Mostyns drove back to Grenfell via the Princes Highway and over the Blue Mountains. He must have been happy with his Austin 7, brakes and all because he followed it with an Austin 10, A70, A90 and 1800 then only bought a Mazda Capella when he could no longer buy an Austin.

It was interesting to hear from Ian Willmott that he and Fran went to the recent motor races at Winton Vic. with David and Val King and that Ted Thompson still owns an Austin 7 and is actively involved with the Winton races. Last time I heard he also still owned his father's Jowett Javelin, which was a familiar sight outside the School of Mines in McCrae st. Bendigo when his father was Principal. Ted drove his Austin 7 from home in Keilor to Bendigo for one of the reunions. This would have been quite a trip in today's traffic.

Colin Campbell was also at Winton with his son and grandson. They all spotted a fabric bodied sedan similar to the one that Colin once owned except that the lights were mounted on the scuttle where Colin's were right at the front and the rear window was larger. Colin frequently drove from Bendigo home to Macorna and back for a weekend, which was also quite a trip. The tall sedan was affected by crosswinds. We took it to the drive-in movies (remember them?) one night when there was a gusty cross wind blowing, The Austin rocked every time a gust hit it. On the way home it stopped when the

distributor rotor button tracked over. A good scraping got it home and Austin 7 rotor buttons were readily available in those days.

We boarded in Myers St. Bendigo, nearly opposite the back of the Drill Hall and Colin always parked his Austin in the street. One night after a boisterous party at the Drill Hall some blokes and probably their girlfriends thought the Austin 7 parked there, would sleep better lying on its side. Next morning Colin came out to find the 7 lying down. After it was righted and a few fluids were replaced, it seemed none the worse for wear.

It always tackled any track at which he pointed it, usually exploring old gold mines, of which there are plenty in the scrub around Bendigo as well as in the city.

Colin recalls that the distributor drive gears would jump a few teeth often enough that he could tell by the number of backfires how much he needed to reset them. When he was finally driving it to Kerang to trade it in, it jumped 5 times between Myers St. and Bridge St. (about the first kilometre) then only jumped once more in the next about 150 km. to Kerang.

Alan Smythe had another Austin 7. He came up from the direction of the fountain in Bendigo city centre one day and turned across the road and tram line to park in front of the school, perhaps forgetting Austin 7 brakes. The car bounced when the crank handle hit the kerb. Another day Alec McKernan told me Alan's car was carried up a few steps. Alan got cranky and drove it down, maybe with his foot on the brake, but the car bounced over the gutter into McCrae St. and away he went fortunately with no tram coming at the time.

David King owned one and decided to reline the brakes in the motor mechanics shop under the guidance of motor mechanics instructor Rex Argus no doubt. Despite having the correct linings carefully fitted the initial result was no brakes. Now the early Austin 7s had an uncoupled brake system. The handbrake worked on the front wheels and the footbrake worked on the back wheels. The internet assures me that with operating cams not worn, cables correctly tensioned and everything set at precisely the correct angle for maximum leverage, the brake pedal would skid the back wheels. I am not sure that anyone ever achieved this in Bendigo. David and wife Val now own and regularly use the 1965 Austin Healey Sprite Mk 3A which was restored by Alec McKernan. I think Alec would be the first to admit that his crook knee would make it very hard for him to fold up into it now.

With narrow tyres plus some camber an Austin 7 could easily get caught in the tram tracks, which ran parallel to the traffic lanes. It took a strong wrench of the steering to get out again. One owner coming down View Street got into the tram tracks and lost his beloved briar pipe overboard only to have it crushed by a following tram.

The back of the main [school](#) building in McCrae Street was supported by buttresses which were just a fraction further apart than the length of an Austin 7. David King's Austin was pushed up the laneway between Dicky Walker's Chem Lab and Tommy Lunn's Metallurgy lab then lifted and "parked" between two buttresses. The hapless owner had an interesting time getting it out from there.

On another occasion [David's](#) Austin 7 was carried upstairs and left on the landing outside the Art Department until it was rescued. David admitted he was much relieved when the conspirators agreed to carry it back down and re-park it in McCrae Street. The strong young men who achieved this feat could not repeat it 60 odd years later "for their youth is spent and their backs are bent and the snow is on their hair".

For the Bendigo Easter fair each Easter Monday the four main shopping streets each nominate a "popular girl" and get behind her to raise money for charity. In those days [each](#) popular girl rode in the procession in the back of a Vauxhall convertible. I believe these Vauxhall convertibles were unique to Australia. The BSM students always had a humorous float which came at the back of the procession just ahead of the Chinese Dragon. One year the BSM students added a McCrae St. popular girl riding in David's Austin 7. (See photo to below).

*Thanks to Jim Appleby.  
To be Continued.*

*I wish I could see the price of the petrol in the photo on the front cover.*

Austin 7 motor



*100 years of Austin 7 this year.*

## Expressions of Interest sought

The Gittins are in the early stages of planning a road trip to Bendigo Victoria to visit the Elvis Presley Graceland's exhibition at the Bendigo Art Gallery. The exhibition will be staged from March to July 2022.

We believe that early May 2022 would be the most suitable time to view the exhibition and are seeking expressions of interest from Club members interested in attending.

No firm date or itinerary has been established as yet, but we think six days would be a good time frame, departing Canberra on a Monday morning and stopping overnight at Rutherglen on the first day.

Day two travel to Bendigo overnight Bendigo

Day three (Wednesday) visit the Elvis Presley exhibition overnight Bendigo.

Day four free day overnight Bendigo

Day five travel to Wangaratta over night

Day six Travel to Canberra.

If you are interested in attending please contact Graham Gittins

Email: [gittins@inet.net.au](mailto:gittins@inet.net.au) or telephone 62515645.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES FROM 1 JULY 2020

We operate on a financial year

Single membership with Colonial by email	\$40
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Norm Brennan can order Club long sleeve chambray shirts with the Club logo.

- \* Check out Club badges and sew-on patches
- \* Large car badges for sale—still \$15
- \* Register of Members 2022 available for \$4
- \* 50th Anniversary badges - \$20

See Norm at a meeting or phone 0432 993 366

## Been There, Done That



Crossing the Brahmaputra River in northern India

This fantastic photo is from the September 2021 issue of the UK magazine, *Classic and Sports Car*. It accompanied an article called *A Long Indian Summer*, which described an 8,000-mile journey across India in 2012 by an English couple, driving a 1937 Rolls Royce.

Well, I thought, ‘been there, done that’ so I wrote the magazine the following letter:

“Hi,

I have just read the September 2021 issue of your magazine, and really enjoyed the article entitled *A Long Indian Summer*, relating the story of the Grey’s journey across India. It reminded me of an across-India trip that I did in 1972-73 in a Volkswagen Kombi van. It was part of a mainly overland trip I did, with a former housemate, from London to Australia.

In Tehran we had met a German guy, called Reinhardt, with the VW who wanted extra passengers to help share the costs. We travelled with him through Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nepal. The first leg of the Indian part took us from Amritsar up to Kashmir, then down to Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Udaipur and Mumbai. Christmas 1972 was spent on the beach at Goa before we set off, on the second leg of our Indian travels, northeast through the centre of India to Varanasi for New Year’s Eve.

This photo of the VW on the boat was taken somewhere on that second leg. We couldn’t find a bridge over one of the rivers we encountered, so had to resort to a boat ferry: similar to the one in your story, but not quite so glam-



orous, and not quite the same quality, as my photo is taken from a 49-year old slide!



After that, we drove up to Nepal where we parted company with Reinhardt and the VW. As there was no land route through Burma, (Myanmar), in those days we got a flight into Rangoon. We took the train up to Mandalay, and for a side trip, we took a jeep up to a small village called Maymyo, about 45 kilometres northeast of Mandalay.

There we met an Indian gentleman who had this 1930s Aston Martin Lagonda in his garage. He said he had really wanted a Rolls Royce, but bought the Aston cheaply from an Englishman who had to get out of the country in a hurry in the late 1930s.

The Indian owner of the car said he wanted to sell the car, because he felt he had to leave Burma. Later on, when I was working in Australia, I wrote to him, asking if he still wanted to sell the car, but never got a reply. If only!"

That letter was the magazine's *Letter of the Month*, and won me a £300 briefcase. The letter appears in the February 2022 issue of *Classic and Sports Car*. If you would like to read the original September 2021 article in full, it can be found at:

<https://www.classicandsportscar.com/features/reliving-epic-8000-mile-adventure-across-india-rolls-royce>

The first photo was taken by Rupert Grey, the other two by me.

Thanks.  
Dave Byers  
February 2022



## MORE PRESENTATIONS OF AWARDS FROM 2021

Mike Morrison receiving  
People's Choice Wheels 2021



Bob Alexander receiving Henri  
Le Grand Club Participation  
Award



Mark Meaklim receiving Best  
English Marque award for his  
1975 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow



Geoff Hall receiving the Editor's pen  
award with thanks from the Editor  
and Events Committee for his contri-  
bution of photos and videos taken  
on runs.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Many Thanks Helen

And a Happy New Year to you too.

We just got back from Sydney late on 3 January.

We didn't have time to put the modern day Falcon under cover, and the hail got to us.

The good news is that the damage is repairable. The not so good news is that we have to wait until April - and it will take a Week.

The house seems to have been spared, unlike in 2020, as was the Rochdale, which has pride of place in the Garage.

By the way, I posted the Annual Trophy for Car of the Year for the Rochdale to my Dad (as he rebuilt it).

Just passing on that he is pleased as punch to have that in his Trophy Cabinet!

Many Thanks & Regards, John Tuckey

### REMINDER

We are obliged to keep our membership database with regard to vehicles on concessional registration, as up-to-date as possible.

Members' help is therefore required to do this. Please advise the Membership Secretary, Richard Thwaites if:

If you are taking a vehicle of ACT concessional registration.

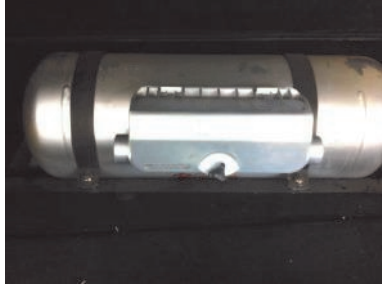
All new registrations need to be reported to the Club Registrar and the Membership Secretary.

So if you are changing a vehicle from full registration to CRS you will be having it examined by one of our Club Examiners for suitability for CRS in particular with regard to modifications. You can ask the Examiner to advise the Registrar and Membership Secretary or send off a quick email yourself. You will find their details on pages 2 and 3. Or text Bob Alexander on 0417 880 064 and Richard Thwaites on 0414 241 079.

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## WANTED

I am looking for a heater unit to suit my 1953 Triumph Mayflower.

Please contact Graham Gittins 02 62515645 or email: [gittins@iinet.net.au](mailto:gittins@iinet.net.au)



## FOR SALE – OTHER CLUBS PLEASE COPY

*(N.B. To enable vehicle for sale notices to be copied by clubs in other states, rego or chassis numbers may need to be included.)*

**1955 ZA MG Midget** deep red in colour.

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**1951 DB18 Consort** owned since 1967 has been awaiting restoration for about 20 years, since a blown head gasket took it off the road. All parts are present, though not all in place. In addition there is a second body and chassis and sundry other spares that John would like to dispose of with the car. Woods are in good condition and headlining mostly intact. Chromes also mostly in good condition. Open to reasonable offer.

Contact John Tonkin at (02) 6295 6786



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Bob Alexander phone 0417 880 064  
or by email: [rjacgs@hotmail.com](mailto:rjacgs@hotmail.com)

OR

Think ahead and get your event listed in the Colonial. Attendance at charity events is NOT exempt from the rules and you must get it listed in the Colonial. Remember this also applies if you are going to an event with a one make club you belong to, but your car is registered through CACMC.

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