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Deceased: Vin Liston, Anne Scattergood, Barry Boyce, Ollie Walker, Billy de Graaf, Albert Neuss, Alec McKernan.

## CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings of the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8.00 pm— ACT Bridge Club (room to the right) Duff Place, Deakin.

**Next Meeting**      **14 May 2024**

## EVENTS

19 May—National Motor Heritage Run and Club Presentation Awards.

## 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.

## CLUB MAGAZINE

Deadline for Contributions - Next Edition:

Please could I have any contributions by **Friday 24 May 2024**. Please send them to [mnorman184@gmail.com](mailto:mnorman184@gmail.com) or [editor@cacmc.org.au](mailto:editor@cacmc.org.au)

Most members receive their Colonial by email these days. To avoid paying the \$20 extra for a printed and posted copy. Just email Mike: [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 and we will email you the next edition.

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

Hi all, a big thank you to everyone that has sent in photos from events—keep em coming (makes my job really easy!!!). Don't forget to send in your details about your vehicles, events you have attended etc, and anything else you might like to see in the Colonial Membership renewals are coming up soon, as is our presentation lunch and the AGM in September.

All the best—Ed!!!

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

*We look forward to meeting lots of the new members on our outings.*

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**CLUB MEMBERS' NEWS**

Sadly Club member's Ian and Marion Hooley recently lost their home due to a house fire. The couple also lost their old dog. Ian said to say thank you to Club members for their thoughts and prayers. Their faith and the support of their community and neighbours is getting them through.

Only the one house burned down. The other house and the shed are still okay but they can't live there as there is no power and hence no pump to get water.

The Club presented Ian and Marion with a Hamper at the Club meeting in April.

Helen also provided copies of old photos featuring the Hooleys from the Club archives.



## CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL RENEWALS

### CACMC Membership renewals for the coming financial year are due by 30 June 2023.



Please note that Concessional Registration for historic vehicles is only valid so long as your club membership is FINANCIAL. CRS registrations become INVALID after 30 June 2023 if you allow your club membership to expire.

- For CACMC members **without email addresses**, your Annual Renewal Form is included with the May edition of The Colonial.
- CACMC members **with email addresses** will receive their forms attached to individual emails during the month of May. The forms include full instructions on how to pay your membership. It is also important to check your contact information and update details of your vehicles (eg new or changed registrations, disposals, vehicle color) . The Club is required to maintain an accurate register of members and vehicles endorsed for CRS.

**PLEASE ACT EARLY TO ENSURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS REMAINS FINANCIAL.**

**Contact:** Richard Thwaites

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**Standing Invitation to join The Retreads for lunch  
At the Canberra Southern Cross Club  
First Friday of the month**

In the last year or so a considerable number of new members have joined the CACMC. These new members they may or may not know that within our club there is a group of members that call themselves Retreads. Retreads are retired or semi-retired club members who get together every first Friday of the month for sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club.

In the past the lunches were well attended, but unfortunately in recent years the number of members has dwindled to less than ten. This is because many have passed away and others are no longer able to drive.

We normally spend over an hour having lunch and talking mainly about cars and restorations taking place. It is a trove of knowledge that is passed to one another.

So why not come along  
and join us!

Joe Micallef



**Retreads Lunches—first Friday of the month for sandwich lunch at the Southern Cross Club—Woden**

- 7 June
- 5 July
- 2 August



## OUT AND ABOUT (REPORTS FROM CLUB RUNS & EVENTS)

### Club Trip to RollonIn Cafe Bowling— 14 April 2024

The run to Rollonin at Bowling saw a good and varied collection of vehicles set off from Kambah Village. All made it to the destination except for one—Howard's MG which rolled to a dignified stop at a safe spot on the Mountain Creek Road. Its lack of forward progress was tracked down to a faulty new coil from Repco . Howard and Margaret didn't miss out though, arriving at the lunch destination in Brett Robinson's HZ Holden Premier,. They then got home with Neil Buttriss in his Humber Vogue sports. (Thank you Brett and Neil).

#### Attendees

1-Richard & Dilber Thwaites	1953 Daimler Conquest
2- Howard & Margaret Taylor	1970 MGB
3-Neil Buttriss	1963 Humber Vogue
4 Richard & Judy Taber	1985 Mercedes
5- Mark Collins	1992 Suzuki Cuppacino
6-Joe & Liz Micalfeff	1980 Honda Prelude
7- David Nielson	1994 Ford Capri
8 Geoff & Laurie Fiddian	1984 Mercedes
9-Malcolm Noad	1956 Austin Healy 100/4 BN2
10-Wayne & Sandra Smith	1954 Austin Healy BN1
11- Brian & Margaret Ely	Modern
12-Allan Sjaarda	1982 Ford F100
13-Keith& Lilly Carswell	Modern
14-Helen Phillips	Modern
15-Hillary Sorrell +2	1989 Honda Concerto
16-Chris & Irene Berry	1983 Toyota Crown
17- Brett Robinson	1977 Holden HZ Premier
18-Paul Bray	1985 Rover Van den Plas
19 Frank Maatouk	1955 Vauxhall Velox
20-Gerry & Kay Walker	Modern
21-Roger Amos	Modern

*Club members enjoying the outing and the good company*



*Joe getting to grips with his lunch*



From Helen ...

*I would like to thank Neil Buttriss for taking me to Bowning. The first time I have been able to go to this venue and I wasn't feeling too good so thought it best to get a ride.*

*Neil kindly helped Harold and Margaret too in bringing them back to town and taking them to get a trailer and vehicle to retrieve their car which "failed to proceed".*



*A failure to proceed ...*



## National Trust Open Day at Woolshed Sat. 20 April

Article from Graham Boyce

We had a nice turn up today with six members presenting a cross-section of cars ranging from 100 year-old to 20 year-old vehicles.

- Eddie Grima with his 1924 Dodge Tourer (100 year old) four cylinder which he restored in 1975 called "Genevieve".
- Lee Gaynor with his 1934 DeSoto Air Flow town sedan restored in 1968, 6 cylinder. Stunning car with an unusual body line.
- Roger Amos with his 1937 Vauxhall DX restored in 2014, 6 cylinder. British pride on display.
- Ben Van Eldik with his 1965 Humber Vogue. A very nice original car. It must be noted that Ben was on instructions to take the Humber to be exhibited by his wife Carroll. Good job Carroll. Thanks for your support. Ben did as instructed.
- Dino Benedetti with his nice burgundy 2004 Holden Statesman Caprice. It has very complimentary colour that was nice to see out.
- Graham Boyce with 1929 Silver Anniversary Marquette master six, Sports Coupe.

The day was good weather wise. The public asked a wide range of questions taking pictures and videoing the cars. Many conversations were passed between car owners and the public.

The old woolshed was a good setting for the old cars and being a smaller event, time could be spent having a yarn between mates and the public.

Thanks to Bob Garrett for organising the event.



## Wheels of Wamboin—Saturday 20 April

Article from Mike Norman

Despite this not being an official Club event, at least 6 club members participated with their cars. Wheels of Wamboin is an annual event which supports the local Wamboin bushfire brigade through gold coin donations at the gate.

The weather provided a perfect backdrop for the turnout which saw over 400 cars attend from across the local region. These were accommodated easily on the Wamboin oval. Participants covered a wide range of makes and models including an impressive turnout from the trucking community. Shannons was also there with their large support truck.

The event was well represented with plenty of people stopping for a chat or to reminisce that their father or grandfather owned a car like the Zephyr.

Michelle and I attended in our 1960 Ford Zephyr with Michelle taking the reins and driving out to the event in the morning. She was very pleased with herself overtaking an Audi up a hill heading out of Canberra (the driver it should be noted, seemed to be half asleep or their coffee had not yet kicked in). Very impressively the old Zeph managed to get up to over 100km/h on the highway - not bad for a 64-year-old car. We arrived early but as the Club members didn't arrive together, we were unable to group the cars in a block and were scattered across the oval. Perhaps next year we can fix that!

I will certainly be heading back again next year,





Club Cars (apologies if I missed other Club members at the event)



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## CLUB MEMBERS' VEHICLES

### Greg Barber's 1960 Ford Ranchero

This 1960 Ford Falcon Ranchero is my first foray into classic car ownership, and it came about somewhat accidentally. I had decided a couple of years ago that I wanted to buy a classic car, but I wasn't specifically looking to buy a Ranchero. I had been spending a ridiculous amount of time trawling various auction and car sales website sites trying to determine what classic car I wanted. I was researching a wide range of vehicles. I don't have a strong brand loyalty to either Ford or Holden, and a quick look through my saved cars on carsales or facebook market place brings up VWs, Fiats, Volvos, SAABs, BMWs, Datsuns, Land Rovers, MGs, Leyland P76s, Studebakers and even a Tatra 603 (a beautiful car).



Finally I saw a green 1960 Ford Ranchero (Australia's equivalent is the XK Ford Falcon Ute) at a Shannons Auction in Melbourne being sold without a reserve. I wasn't really after a left hand drive car or a car with auto transmission, however there had been a green XK ute on our family farm when I was growing up and so this green Ranchero must have plucked at some deeply hidden memories.

I had seen a left hand drive vehicle go cheaply at an auction about 6 weeks before this Shannons auction and with the Ranchero being sold without reserve I thought it might go cheaply too, so I decided to bid, despite not having viewed the vehicle in person. I watched the auction online for a while, and then on the last day put in my maximum bid that I didn't really think would be successful and walked away from all devices for the rest of the night so that I didn't get caught up in auction excitement and chase the bidding higher than I wanted to.

I awoke the next morning a bit surprised to find that I owned a Ranchero. Then I set about sorting out the logistics of getting it to Canberra, sorting out insurance and rego etc. The transport company picked up the ute from Shannons within a day or two but then fuffed about for around a month before getting it on a truck to Canberra. Not having seen the vehicle in the flesh before buying it I was keen to see if it matched the photos. The auction houses do a pretty good job of taking photos that portray the vehicles in a good light so I didn't expect it to be as good as the



photos. Surprisingly it was just as good as the photos, and even passed rego at the government inspection station at Hume without any issues. Six weeks after the auction it was registered and on the road.

The Ranchero drives exactly as you would expect for a vehicle that is over 60 years old. Vague steering, ordinary brakes, soft suspension and poor fuel consumption but lots of smiles from the driver. So far I'm driving at least once a week and its getting a fair bit of attention every time I take it out, and I'm not spending too much time working on it.

What exactly is a Ford Falcon Ranchero? It is a ute version of the Ford Falcon, a smaller Ford introduced in the US to meet demand for a smaller family car and in Australia to compete again the home grown Holdens.

This vehicle is one of the early models of the 2nd generation of Ranchero, the earlier and later generations of Rancheros are based on larger model Fairlanes. There are a few physical differences between the US made Ranchero and the Australian made Falcon utes of the same era (XK, XL, XM & XP). The Ranchero has longer doors and more space behind the seats which is where the spare wheel is located. The Falcon uses that space as tray/tub space with the spare wheel located behind the number plate under the tray/tub. The Ranchero came with chrome trim around the top lip of the rear tub and across the rear edge of the cabin, and the B pillar is narrower and the rear window is vertical. The Falcons got a more decorative and wider B pillar, and the rear window is at an angle.

The Ranchero tray/tub was extended to keep a tub length of 6 feet resulting in a longer overhang than the Falcon's behind the rear axle. The Ranchero also has a full chrome rear bumper bar whilst Falcons either had no bumpers or small corner bumper bars. The Falcon fuel filler is closer to the cabin whilst the Ranchero's is located behind the rear wheel at the rear of the tray/tub. There may also be other things I haven't worked out yet.

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My Ranchero was manufactured on 24 March 1960 at San Jose, California. It was fitted with a 144 cubic inch (90hp, 2.2 litre) in-line 6, and a 3 speed (3 on the tree) manual transmission. Original colours were Corinthian White roof with a Monte Carlo Red body. Black and white vinyl interior.

The vehicle has undergone a restoration whilst in the USA with installation of a 200 cubic inch (120hp, 3.3 litre) in-line 6 with a 3-speed automatic transmission, and the paintwork changed to the metallic green as you see it today. New black vinyl upholstery was installed, along with tinted windows, a liner for the tray/tub and lowered suspension to complete the package.

This vehicle was imported to Melbourne following purchase (by another owner) at the

August 2018 Mecum Auction in Monterey California. It was very lightly used for 5 years before being purchased by me at the Shannon's winter auction in August 2023. The vehicle is now registered on the historic rego scheme in Canberra and driven weekly



## CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR (including extra runs and swap meets)

### Club sanctioned events:

*You will notice some events listed below have a # in the title. This means they are a club sanctioned event where members participation is being sought. These go under club runs in your log book. The remainder count towards the 60 day usage under the scheme.*

**MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE A LOG BOOK OTHERWISE IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE YOUR VEHICLE ON THE ROAD.**

Date	Event	Contact Details
2-5 May	Pre 1931 Tour—Orange For Veteran & Vintage Vehicles Only	Hosted by the Central Tablelands Historic Car Club: <a href="http://www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au">www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au</a>
5 May	EJ-EH Chrome Bumper Show Viking Park	EJ-EH Holden Car Club ACT (see page 23 for details)
19 May	# National Motoring Heritage Day— Canberra Cavalcade and Club Presentation Lunch	See page 20 for details
25 - 26 May	Historic Winton	See page 24 & 25
June (date TBA)	Battle of Waterloo  Venue: Spanish Australian Club, Narrabundah	Hosts: Triumph Car Club of ACT

## COMING EVENTS

**Sunday 19 May— National Motoring Heritage Day—Canberra  
Cavalcade and Club presentation lunch**

**Sunday 19th May. National Motoring Heritage Day Canberra cavalcade and Club presentation lunch - Oaks Brasserie Weston Park**

For National Motoring Heritage Day each year we stage an informal parade through the popular central areas of the National Capital, ending with a commemorative Lunch including presentation of the Club's annual trophies for restoration and preservation of heritage vehicles.

**10am:** Convene in the carpark at the summit of Red Hill, by the former Carousel/On Red Restaurant.

**1030:** Depart on a leisurely itinerary, winding at slow pace through Forrest, Red Hill, Manuka, Parliament House, Parkes, Reid, Braddon, Civic, and Yarralumla.

**1200:** Park near the Yarralumla Nursery for our Presentation Lunch at the Oaks Brasserie. A reservation has been made for a substantial group in the weatherproof marquee section at the back of the historic cottage premises.

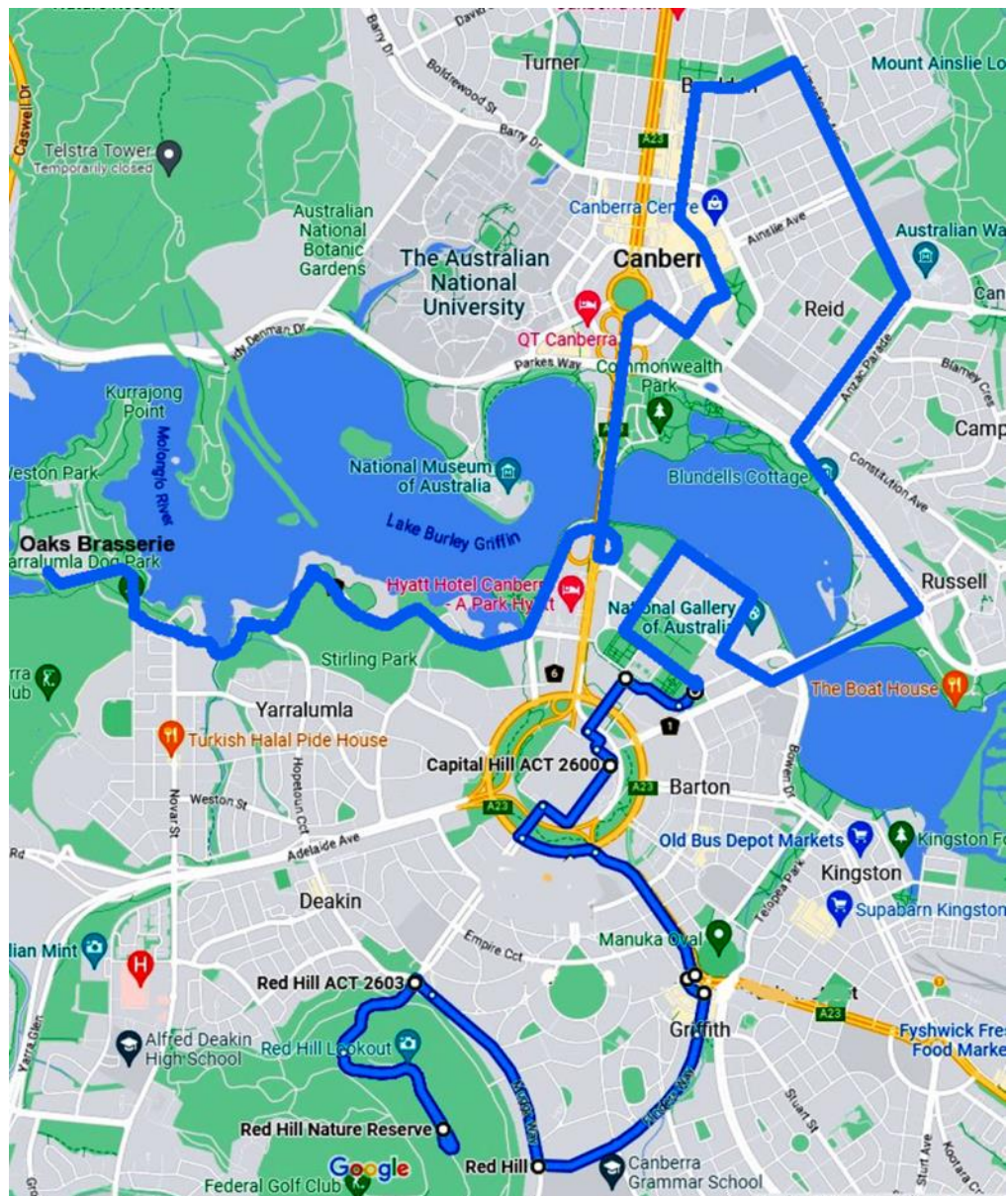
**We will need to confirm numbers closer to the date.**

Those who **tell us in advance** their **food orders from the Brasserie Menu** will receive priority service.

Use this link to check the Brasserie Menu and make your selections:

<https://www.ygob.com.au/our-menu>

**Contact:** Richard Thwaites **email:** [events@cacmc.org.au](mailto:events@cacmc.org.au) **or mobile:** 0414 241 079



This document is also available for download from <https://cacmc.org.au/website/wp-content/uploads/Heritage-Day-route-instructions-1.pdf>.

### Turn by turn route directions:

From Red Hill summit parking area: follow Red Hill Drive down to the roundabout.  
 Turn **RIGHT** along Mugga Way  
 Turn **LEFT** down Flinders Way  
 Turn **LEFT** at Franklin Street, Manuka.  
 Turn **RIGHT** at Furneaux Street  
 Turn **LEFT** at Canberra Avenue.  
 Turn **LEFT** at State Circle  
 Turn **RIGHT** at Melbourne Avenue  
 Turn **RIGHT** at Parliament Drive  
 Turn **RIGHT** at Federation Mall, then immediately **LEFT** to cross to the Northbound lane of Federation Mall  
 Turn **RIGHT** to proceed north on Federation Mall  
 Turn **RIGHT** at Queen Victoria Terrace  
 Continue **LEFTWARD** around Walpole Crescent then **LEFT** along King Edward Terrace, across the front of Old Parliament House  
 Turn **RIGHT** at Parkes Place West and continue all the way to the lakefront between Questicon and the National Library  
 Turn **RIGHT** along Queen Elizabeth Terrace across the lakefront, then up Parkes Place East past the National Gallery  
 Turn **LEFT** at King Edward Terrace and continue through the roundabout to the sliproad onto Kings Avenue  
 Turn **LEFT** onto Parkes Way  
 Turn **RIGHT** at next roundabout onto Anzac Parade  
 Turn **LEFT** onto Limestone Avenue  
 Turn **LEFT** at Girrahween Street towards Braddon  
 Turn **LEFT** at Lonsdale Street  
 Through Braddon, cross Cooyong Street and continue straight down Genge Street  
 Turn **LEFT** at Bunda Street and continue through shared zone  
 Continue **STRAIGHT** into Allara Street and past the Casino  
 Turn **RIGHT** at Constitution Avenue  
 Turn **LEFT** at Vernon Circle and continue onto Commonwealth Avenue  
 Across Commonwealth Avenue Bridge, take **LEFT sliproad cloverleaf** to Flynn Drive.  
 Follow Flynn Drive past Lennox Gardens.  
 Turn **RIGHT** at roundabout, into Alexandrina Drive  
 Turn **RIGHT** at Banks Street into Weston Park  
 Turn **LEFT** at Robert Boden Drive toward Yarralumla Nursery and The Oaks Brasserie.  
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A field of classic Ford Cortinas, one of Australia's legendary cars, will race it out at 47<sup>th</sup> Historic Winton on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May.



*Driver in front - Jeff Vaux. Photo: Peter Knights*

The race is a collaboration between Historic Winton, the Historic Touring Car Association of Victoria (HTCV) and Cortina Mk 1 Owners Club.

Secretary of the HTCV Jim Collins said that the Mk1 Cortina has been one of the most popular cars racing in Historic Touring Cars since it was first released in 1963.

“How better to celebrate the 60 plus years of competition than to have a “Cortina Challenge” feature race on the short track at the Historic Winton meeting where numerous drivers would have had their first experience of historic racing,” Jim said. “The challenge is open to all Mk1 Cortina Group Nb and Nc class log booked competition vehicles.”

He said that after promoting the concept of the “Cortina Challenge” to various Mk1 Cortina drivers they think it is a great idea and they are all looking forward to the event and especially their own feature race.



“The Winton short circuit used for Historic Winton has always been considered ideal for the Cortina. The drivers will be checking that they will have the right diff ratio for their car and brakes are in excellent working order before the event,” Jim said.

Like the previous Mini Dash, Historic Winton introduced special ‘type-only’ races onto the program a couple of years ago.

Historic Winton race secretary, Peta Lee said that Cortinas have always been uncompromising competitors in the Group N touring car races against all sorts of hard-top cars, big and small.

“Spectators enjoy seeing much beloved, former everyday vehicles race and it draws quite a crowd,” Peta Lee said. “Cortinas were a small, family car that was Ford’s competitor to the Holden Torana.

“In fact, there have been some edge-of-your-seat moments in the past in the Group N events, with Minis and Cortinas entering into close battle, so it will be interesting to see just how competitive Cortina against Cortina becomes.”

The 47<sup>th</sup> Historic Winton, Australia’s longest running and most popular historic car and motorcycle race event, will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Winton Motor Raceway, near Benalla.

Discounted online tickets and bookings for camping are available at this link:  
<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/historicwinton>

**LINK to Historic Winton video:** <https://youtu.be/tvg4-39dZmY>

For the latest Historic Winton news, please visit [historicwinton.org](http://historicwinton.org) or follow us on Facebook or Instagram @historicwinton.

**And if you have an old Cortina that you'd like to display at Historic Winton, please email [displays@historicwinton.org](mailto:displays@historicwinton.org) to find about about a free ticket for the driver.**

## CACMC FACEBOOK PAGE

We now have a Facebook Group called “Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club – CACMC”. This is a private group that we have established for Club members only, where we can quickly post information about upcoming club events, local car shows in the area, place for sale advertisements for vehicles & parts, pictures of members vehicles, club runs & events, and any other relevant information.

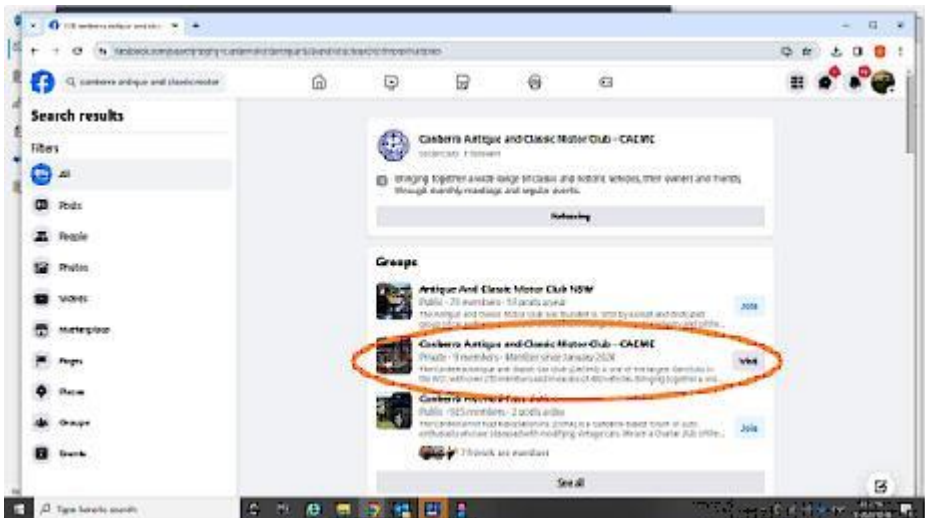
This will also have the benefit of allowing us all to interact with each other more, through the ability for all members of the page to comment and correspond with others in the Club.

As it is a private group, where you can only be approved as a member after applying to join the group, the information published on this group will not be able to be seen by the general public.

If you do not currently use Facebook you can just set up a basic account with no pictures or information on it, apart from your name, and restrict access to a level that is comfortable for you. We have quite a few members who are only on Facebook so they can see what is happening with other car clubs that they are in, and do not use it for anything else at all.

If you are on Facebook and would like to join our Group page, you can do so by following these steps:

Simply type in “Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club” in the search section of Facebook and hit search.



Then click on the CACMC private group as highlighted above.

This will then take you to the group page where you will find just underneath the photo a blue “join” box. Click on this box and this will send a request to us to join the group.

Once we have accepted your request you will then be able to access the page and will receive notices when we publish anything.

Please note: If you are using a Facebook page that isn't in your membership name then you will need to let us know, otherwise we will not recognise you and therefore not approve you to join the group.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Scott Molloy on 0408 308 088.

## OLD COLONIAL MAGAZINES WANTED.....1967—1989

**Call Jim Orman 0412241636 for pickup**

Our magazine beginning from 2011 is already available in digitised format that can be searched on both the Club Site and the Heritage Library site. We are now looking at digitising the earlier magazines and we need a set of magazines for the earlier dates. It is not an option to break up the bound copies we have in our library, or the bound copies in the Heritage Library. To scan from the bound copies is a much more difficult task, so this is a request for earlier unbound copies.

The Heritage Library have kindly offered the use of their equipment and software to do the digitisation, on the basis that the club donate the labour to get the job done. If you are interested in helping please contact Jim Orman by email at jimorman1234@gmail.com or on 0412 241 636. The Heritage library will supply the club with a copy of any digitisation.

Digitisation of the magazines will give our current members, future members and the public an excellent reference source. Your grandchildren's grandchildren will be able to research grandpa's cars, articles and club activities.

Thanks to Dino Benedetti and Brian McKay for their donations.

If you have any of the earlier magazines (1967 to 1989) we would be glad to hear about them. If they are valuable to you they could be loaned (for scanning and return), but if donated they will be used to fill gaps in the clubs collection or disposed of by sale or otherwise once they have been digitised and the digitised copies backed up off site.

## HEADS UP!—THE AGM IS COMING

Hello fellow members both old and new.

All Club's run (some successfully, some not so much) on similar lines, but the success of the Club is dependent upon the input by it's members.

Our AGM is coming up in September where all Committee positions will be declared vacant. If you are able to, please come along to the AGM —its very important to have a good turnout that night. You might even consider putting your hands up for a Committee position,.

It does require an investment in time, but it is worth it—you get to see how our Club works, and you can influence the direction our Club takes. A new influx of ideas and opinions is always welcome.

Quite often the Committee roles fall on those members who have been with the Club for a long time, but I would encourage new club members and those that have the capacity or interest, to consider putting their hands up for positions within the Club's Committee when they are made vacant at the AGM.

Last year I put my hand up for the Editor's role—its been fun and challenging but very rewarding. It also gave the opportunity for a club member who had been doing a fantastic job for 20 years the chance to step back and relax (something that other Committee members may also like the opportunity to do).

So please consider volunteering for the Committee positions and make a difference for your Club.



## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF MOTORING

Did you hear about the transport plane carrying Japanese car parts that exploded recently? First responders said that it was raining Datsun Cogs...!

Ever had one of those days?

*Recently I was doing an oil change on my car. After emptying the sump I turned my attention to the oil filter. Carefully loosening it and slowly unscrewing it, in the back of my mind the little voice was saying to me "make sure you hold on to it and don't drop it in the oil tray"... obviously my fingers decided to ignore this sage advice as a minute later the oil filter ended up in the oil pan splattering oil everywhere... maybe next time my fingers will listen!!!*

An old lady offers the bus driver some peanuts... so the driver happily munches them. Every 5 minutes she gives him a handful more peanuts..  
 Driver: Why don't you eat them yourself?  
 Old lady: I can't chew. Look, I have no teeth..  
 Driver: Then why do you buy them?  
 Old lady: "Oh, I just love the chocolates around them."



*We could all do with some of this in our shed!!!!*

# AUSTRALIAN MOTOR HERITAGE FOUNDATION— RELEASES ECONOMIC VALUE STUDY

## PRESS RELEASE

### Survey reveals Australia’s historic vehicle owners spend over \$9.9 billion annually

- Over 6,000 respondents across 800 motoring clubs in a nationwide Economic Value Study confirm close to \$10 billion in annual expenditure on historic vehicles
- An estimated 970,000 historic vehicles in Australia with owners spending close to \$10,240 per vehicle per year
- Australian Motor Heritage Foundation: “In carrying out this study, we have shown that the historic vehicle movement is a large and vibrant part of Australia’s society and economy”

*Sydney, 11th April, 2024* - The owners of Australia’s historic vehicles spend some \$9.9 billion each year on their passion, according to a new survey.

The Economic Value Study (EVS) of well over 6000 Australian respondents, distributed to over 800 motoring clubs nationally, was conducted for the Australian Motor Heritage Foundation (AMHF) by The Mercurius Group (TMG). The Foundation is champions of Australia’s motor heritage, and an organisation dedicated to promoting and preserving Australia’s motoring history.

The enthusiast owners of an estimated 970,000 historic vehicles in Australia spend on average \$10,240 per vehicle annually, around 12.5% more than people who own daily driven cars. The historic vehicle fleet represents 4.4% of Australia’s 21 million total vehicle fleet. Around 50% of the survey respondents own only one historic vehicle, the other 50% owning two or more vehicles. “Historic” vehicles are in two categories: those 15 to 30 years old defined as “classic” vehicles and those over 30 years old defined as “heritage” vehicles.

The survey also reveals the total annual economic impact, including both direct and indirect expenditure, is \$25.2 billion: with the sector creating almost 79,000 jobs - 42,000 direct and 37,000 indirect. These jobs generate \$6.2 billion in wages and salaries annually. These are very large numbers by any standard.

To download the full report go to the Australian Motor Heritage Foundation website at:  
<https://motorheritage.org.au/economic-value-study-of.../>

## NEW AD HOC POSITION FOR HELEN PHILLIPS WELFARE OFFICER/SOCIAL SECRETARY

The Management Committee agreed on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to appoint me to provide social content for the magazine. Keep track of members in need of cheering up or congratulate them on reaching a milestone birthday.

The morning after the meeting I had a text that the Hooleys had lost their home in a fire.

I made contact with Ian and found out that their church and neighbours had rallied and they had somewhere to stay and had been given necessities. He said they would be okay financially. The Committee decided to make a donation to be spent on basic things they would need.

The result was the presentation of a large hamper which David and Jenny Fox kindly put together. Ellen Waite thoughtfully dug out some photos and was able to present and old one of Ian and Marion and their historic vehicle which burnt in the fire. Ellen put more photos on a USB which Ian will be able to access when he replaces his computer. In her bag were other things like pad, puzzle book and biros. Helen also presented a bag of winter things like beanies, scarves and gloves as well as other bits and pieces hopefully to bring a smile to their faces.

The latest sad news is that one of our members had motor neurone disease. John has sold his stable of Ford vehicles and is getting about on a mobility scooter. This enables him to visit his mate Charlie and I'm sure they talk about old cars and maybe he even gives Charlie advice on whatever project Charlie is working on at present. Thinking of you, John.

Harold had the misfortune that his vehicle "failed to proceed" on the trip to Bowring. Whatever it was had Harold stumped. Harold and Margaret got a lift to the lunch and then Neil Buttriss brought them home and took them to get a trailer and tow vehicle. Good on you Neil.

On the way to Rollonin Café, Judith Taber got news that her brother-in-law had passed away. He had been in great pain with cancer but it is still heartbreaking when death finally comes. Richard was quick with a hug to comfort Judith. Our sympathy to the family.

Do keep me informed on what's going on with our members please. Hopefully some happy news in the next issue.

Meanwhile Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our Club. I hope you are spoiled on the day. I always look forward to flowers and chocolates!

Helen Phillips

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# DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 9— /04/2024

## Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club General Meeting 9 April 2024 Minutes

### Attendance

Members 43  
Visitors 2  
Apologies 2

### Welcome

President Graham Waite welcomed **two new members to the April meeting and in particular** Ian Hooley.

### Guest Speaker

Vice president Joe Micallef introduced the Capital Paint, guest speaker— Chris Jarrett who made a presentation on spray painting motor vehicles.

### Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the March meeting were confirmed without amendment.  
Moved Graham Gittins    Seconded Mike Norman    **Carried**

### Treasurer

Current balance \$52,559.47  
New membership applications have slowed down .  
Moved Bob Judd    Seconded Roger Amos    **Carried**

### CORRESPONDENCE GM 9/04/24

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

- Car Club Magazines – Milton Ulladulla, Young, Cowra, Wollongong, Chrysler, Gundagai.

#### Membership Applications

- Anthony Ryan – 1964 Chrysler Valiant.

#### IN Via Email

#### Magazines via Email:

- MPHVC, Retroautos, Australian Motorlife.

#### Membership Applications



- Alf & Maria Alfano – 1979 Holden Kingswood
- Daniel Hayward – Isuzu Van.

### Membership Enquiries

- N/A

### Membership Renewals

- N/A.

### Other Emails

60 years of the Cortina in Australia- 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May24 Winton Raceway.

- Bridge Club no longer need us to move November GM.
- Beyond Bank - opening accounts for club.
- Milton Ulladulla Vintage & Classic Car Club – proposal for Magazine exchange.
- National Trust ACT Festival Open Day 20/04/24

### OUT

- Information Officer – replying to Heritage Festival Open Day
- Treasurer – Beyond Bank response  
Acceptance moved DF, Seconded xx      Carried.

Moved David Fox    Seconded Roger Amos    Carried

### Reports

President Thanked members who have helped Ian and Marion Hooley following their house fire, in particular David and Jenny Fox, Helen Phillips and Ellen Waite

It was a rough start for Helen Phillips co-opted to the position of Club welfare officer. Members were asked to let her know of Birthdays and important family events.

The president then called on Anne McKernan to receive her OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) certificate. Joe was thanked for preparing the certificate.

Members were advised that our 2023 AGM is planned for Sept and were asked to think about how they might be able to help manage the Club.

**Vice President Joe Micallef**

May Guest speaker will be Bob Gane from Mercy Ships

Ticket #3` ?? Baric

Last Run #3 Wendy Noad

**Editor**

Looking for members vehicles to write about in the Colonial.

**Events Committee Report**

- April run is to the Roll-on inn at Bowning
- 19 May is National Motoring Heritage Day and presentation luncheon.  
After the run around Canberra meet at the Yarralumla Nursery café for lunch and presentation of trophies.

Raffle D68 Graham Waite

**Supper Coordinator Report**

Nothing to report

**Registrar's Report**

- Nineteen vehicles inspected / Car Trailer has been out a few times
- Had an enquiry about a milk truck joining the CRS It was pointed out to the owner that a heavy lift jack would be required to inspect the vehicle suspension none of the inspectors had a heavy lift jack.

Bob Alexander then suggested that the club committee should look at membership requirements with a view to amending the club constitution. For example, a Car club in Coffs Harbour will not inspect vehicles for CRS built after 1980.

Dave Rogers advised that the club inspectors were not required to inspect vehicles for safety it is not the club responsibility it is the vehicle owner to make sure the vehicle is in a road worthy condition.

Bob Judd advised that the Club's interest was in historic vehicles. It would appear that some new club members not interested in participating in club activities.

Anne McKernan advised that years ago that it was proposed that new members had to attend X number of runs or meetings.

Graham Waite advised that the Club committee would follow-up and consider options

Committee to discuss.

### **Librarian' Report**

No new donations

### **Membership Report**

Richard Thwaites reminded members that they had to renew their club membership not later than the 30 June. If they have not done so by that date their CRS registered vehicle will be deemed unregistered and should not be driven on public roads until the membership fee has been paid.

### **Shop Manager Report**

No report

### **Information Officer Report**

Bob Garrett advised that vehicles were needed for the National Trust open day on 20 April.

### **Council of ACT Motor Clubs**

Roger Amos advised that the last Council meeting was mainly taken up with a wash-up of the Wheels vehicle display.

### **Publishing Committee**

No issues

### **Webmaster**

Richard Thwaites needs help for a club member in updating the club data base

### **General Business**

#### **Graham Gittins**

Joe and Graham travelled on Sunday to Goulburn for the swap meet only to find when they arrived that it had been cancelled.

Peter Hoskins provided travel advice (based on a recent experience) that a good place to visit and stay is accommodation near Tailem Bend on the Murray River" - **(Pit Lane Hotel, Motorsport Park Nr Tailem Bend)**

Hope to have a Bristol car rally in Canberra later in 2024

Jim Orman

Buick parts available

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Graham Gittins

Minute Secretary

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