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# Coming Club Events

## January.

Wed 8 NO MID WEEK RUN IN JANUARY

Mon 13 NO CLUB MEETING IN JANUARY

## February.

**Sun 2 Picnic in the Park** - The main RSCA event of the year, commencing at 4pm at Hovell Tree Park in Albury. Bring your own chairs, tables and a picnic or alternatively, the VRA (Volunteer Rescue Association) will have their BBQ with food for sale. The wood fired oven will NOT be operating.

**Mon 10 Monthly Meeting.** "The Elizabeth Room" of the Commercial Club. Enter from the rear of the Commercial Club. - 7.45 pm

**Wed/Tue 12/18 Great Ocean Road Trip.** Depart Gateway, 7am sharp  
**Night One.** - Torquay  
**Night Two and Three.** - Apollo Bay  
**Night Four and Five.** - Port Campbell  
**Night Six.** - Bendigo  
 Contact Hans or Ida Probst on 0408117695 or 0260257394 for details, but be quick! (see page 21)

**Fri/Sun 14/16 Caravan/Cabin/Camping Weekend at Mansfield\**  
 Accommodation at High Country Holiday Park, 1 Ultimo St, Mansfield. Ph 03 5775 2705. Powered caravan sites from \$30.00 per night and Cabins from \$90 to \$150 per night. You need to make your own bookings with the Holiday park.  
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 Saturday night a group BBQ, Sunday lunch will be at Mt. Buller Alpine Village. Expressions of interest please to Bruce Gibbens – 0418488003 or [bruce.gibbens@bigpond.com](mailto:bruce.gibbens@bigpond.com).

## March.

**Sun 2 Picnic on the Lake** Sun Country Club's display on the foreshore at Yarrowonga. 10am to 3pm. \$5 per vehicle, Food and drinks available. Depart Gateway at 8.30am. Contact John Allott on 60233858 for details



**Mon 10 Monthly Meeting.** "The Elizabeth Room" of the Commercial Club. Enter from the rear of the Commercial Club. - 7.45 pm

**Wed 12 Mid Week Run - Mount Buffalo** - Dep. Gateway 9am, Coffee break at Myrtleford, drive to Mount Buffalo and return to Bright for late lunch. Return to Albury via South Tawonga Gap. Definitely a day for driving some of the best roads we have in our area. Details from Noel Ferri on 02 6029 3133 or Maria Kable on 0408 551 481

## **April.**

**Sun 6 President Breakfast - details next magazine**

**Wed 9 Mid Week Run - Details next magazine**

**Mon 14 Monthly Meeting.** "The Elizabeth Room" of the Commercial Club. Enter from the rear of the Commercial Club. - 7.45 pm

**Sun 27 Memorial Run** - Arranged by last years winners Ray and Marg Tobin - Details next magazine

## **May.**

**Sun 18 National Motoring Heritage Day**

## *Other Events of Interest*

Feb 1 Cars on Parade Show'n'Shine, Lavington Panthers. 10am entry \$5 per car, judging 12.30pm. Live entertainment. Ph 60571400

Feb 28 to Mar 3 Kalimna Rally - ph 60245662 for info

Mar 7/9 Phillip Island Classic Festival of Speed ph 039877 2317

Mar 14/22 Fly The Flag Tour - Eastern Victoria, ph 039739 1146

Mar 15/16 Chryslers on the Murray

Mar 30 Jinderra Swap Meet. Open to the Public 7am, Enquiries to Andrew 60218627

Mar 30 UK & European Classic Showcase (including Japanese Classics), Flemington Racecourse. [www.aomc.asn.au](http://www.aomc.asn.au)

Apr 13 USA Motoring Show at the Flemington Racecourse (100 years of Dodge). [www.aomc.asn.au](http://www.aomc.asn.au)



# Warbirds Down Under

Bruce and Dianne, Neil and Jillian and Wayne and Sue went to Temora for the biennial Warbirds Down Under spectacular and we were amongst a crowd of around 12,000 aircraft enthusiasts who witnessed a fabulous, unrepeatable display.

The day promised to be hot and most were soon cooking in the low 30 degree temperatures - it was as hot as the flying displays were riveting, accurate and spectacular.

What was the highlight? There was something for everyone with historic jets, the RAAF Roulettes, Air Force trainers, the FA-18 hornet, a PBY Catalina and continuous action all day. Hearing that Hornet fire up its turbine for the take-off run was extraordinary.



My favourite was the arrival of the Lockheed Super Constellation that made a rather low key entrance to the field before some low level circuits and just, plain showing off its elegant lines and fabulous 16,000 hour restoration. So you think your fully restored V12 needs lots of cash? Well, consider Connie's numbers – how about:-

4 engines, each being 18 cylinders, twin row and supercharged of 55 litres capacity. In the cruise, expect a fuel burn of 455 litres per hour from each engine. It burns a lot of juice because each engine develops 3,400 HP!



The PBY Catalina was yet another interesting example of a beautiful restoration undertaken here in Australia. These flying boats topped out in cruise at only about 110 knots and were powered by 1,000 HP radials and carried a crew of 10, uncomfortably and slowly!

David Lowy is to be afforded maximum accolades for assembling one of the world's most unique flying collections and being able to present them in immaculate and accurate condition. We are lucky to have such a collection in Australia and to think that it is "just up the road" at Temora.

*Neil Butler*

Noel Ferri is asking members to provide him with some **vehicle** spare parts (new or used) for a **Spare Parts Trivia Run** to be held in July 2014.

Please limit the size to 300mm and a max. of 1kg in weight.

Would you please wrap, tape and label each part with part details and your name so that the parts can be returned to you following the event. Bring them to a Club Meeting in a bag, so that nobody else will see what you are providing, and give to Noel - the more obscure the part, the more interesting the competition. Noel is looking for 50 or more parts (whole cars or motors not accepted) so please help out if you can.

Noel says that Lucas parts are OK as there will not be any smoke detectors on the run (just for you Bryan!).

Contact Noel on 0260 293 133 or Maria on 0408 551 481 if you can help or have any questions.



# President's Report

Firstly, Seasons Greeting to all our members and best wishes for 2014. With the festivities of Christmas and New Year just over when you receive this magazine it is time to wash the dust off those classic cars and bring them to the events we have planned for Summer 2014.

There is no monthly meeting in January, however we can all "kick off" 2014 with Picnic in the Park at Hovell Tree Park, Albury on Sunday February 2nd at 4.00pm. This years event promises to be bigger and better than ever so come along in your classic with a folding chair with or without an esky and picnic supper, as this year there will be a BBQ supplied by members of the Volunteer Rescue Association

This event is closely followed by the February Midweek run along the Great Ocean Road from Wednesday 12th February till Tuesday 18th, which continues our tradition of a Summer Holiday. If you haven't booked and want to go I suggest you contact Hans and Ida, who are organising this event, ASAP. (see page 21 for more details - Ed.)

Also, for your diaries is this years President's breakfast on Sunday April 6th. This event has been very popular with members since the first one at Peter's a couple of years ago.

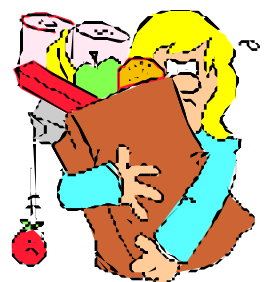
Bruce and Dianne have some fantastic events planned for 2014 so please support them by coming along as it is disappointing for those organising events when only a few members attend. There will be many different events in 2014, some with only a very short drive and others one or two hundred kilometres, so there will be events for everyone and every car. Please put the event summary on your fridge and join in the fun.

Happy and safe motoring

*Howard*

## ! REMEMBER !

Bring your chairs (and table) to Picnic in the Park. Food is optional as the VRA will have a BBQ in operation. And don't forget the Aerogard and something to drink.



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# Minis on the Murray

Today, Sun 17/11/13, I drove my MGB GT, in a run to Jingellic, with the "Minis on the Murray Car Club" members, in which I was the only non Mini. They consider MG's a Morris, so I am part of their family. I gather the car club was formed in May this year, and this was their 3rd run.



There are several RSCA individuals in their membership.

10 vehicles (9 Mini's), met at the BP Lavington (Wagga Rd), drove across the Bethanga Bridge, then up the Murray to Jingellic, posed the cars on the river and in front of the pub for photos, they then held a monthly meeting, had a pub lunch, then drove to the Woomargama Pub,



for another "natta" and refreshment, then went on our way home.

*Jan Edgar*





# Motorclassica

## October 2013

An early start to the day for Neil Butler and myself as we headed to Melbourne for Motorclassica 2013

It's easier to get up early when it's not for work! My daughter lives just near the Exhibition Buildings, so a Local Parking Permit solved our parking problems.



What a display - the cars parked outside in the external display area were fantastic, but when we got inside the Exhibition building, I didn't know where to go first. So many cars to look at and so varied, and so well presented.

There were a range of trade stands. The stand that I spent a lot of time at was with a couple of guys who make superb replicas of the GT40.

The highlight of my day was the 50th Birthday display of Lamborghini. Inside the building there was a display of most of the models ever made, including a matt black Aventador roadster, which looked most evil.



Batman, eat your heart out!

Outside there were many more Lambos, including a very special red Espada, which made me a bit misty eyed.

I counted 55 Lambo's on display - there may have been a couple more that I missed.

The event also hosts an auction of cars and motoring memorabilia. All these vehicles were on display, including a jet propelled land speed record car, a superb Lamborghini Miura and the 1947 prototype Holden - the first fully



Australian made Holden. The Holden sold for \$600,000 (with premiums \$672,000) and the Miura for \$680,000 (with premiums \$761,600).

An absolutely wonderful day.

*John Allott*

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**A short Note received from John Panlook, following the Bright Ford GT run - It was a great success, well over 40 cars attended GTs, HOs, RPOs, SVOs, Mustangs, Mercury and a 66 Fairlane coupe GT.**


*Friday was a get together at the Big 4 caravan park, Saturday a Show & Shine at the clock tower, with lots of interest from the town people and tourists. At 12.30 we left for Harrietville Snow Line hotel - Top Pub for a great lunch, then to Porpunkah with some taking a run to Yackandandah. We had a great time and have decided to make this an Annual Event. Any RSCA members interested, please contact me to add you to our mail out list. John Panlook, 0412563971.*





# Nuts and Bolts

(Ramblings from the Editor)


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 You should have received your RSCA Membership renewal invoice for 2014. Please make a point of carefully checking the accuracy of all the information on your invoice, in particular, information regarding Heritage Registrations, telephone numbers and email addresses, and notify the Club of any changes. It is a legal requirement that the RSCA has an up-to-date list of Heritage Registration details. Additionally, some emails are bouncing even though the address is what was supplied. We need to be able to contact our members when there is a late alteration to an event, and it is in your interests to receive club emails so please ensure your email address is shown correctly. Remember that payment of your 2014 Subscription is due NOW.

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 New members who joined the RSCA in the last couple of months of 2013 will not receive a membership renewal invoice - your 2013 membership fee will also cover 2014.

 **If you have a Heritage Registered Vehicle through the RSCA, remember that you must maintain a current membership of the RSCA. If your RSCA membership lapses, then your car will be deemed unregistered regardless of when the State registration expires.**

 There is no Club meeting in January, nor is there a mid-week run. But don't waste January! Our first event for February is Picnic in the Park on Feb 2, so January can be a time to get your pride and joy sparkling for the display.

 **At Picnic in the Park we put our Club and cars on display. Please wear your name badges and make yourself available to discuss your vehicle with those attending. It is an ideal venue to gain new members and promote ownership of Classic cars.**



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# Paradise Falls

## (CEMCC Combined run)

The Classic & Enthusiasts' Motor Cycle Club invited the RSCA to share a run to Paradise Falls near Whitfield. The meeting place being at the Gateway, where a number of bikes and 2 RSCA cars turned up. After introductions, we headed to Beechworth, where we stopped and collected a few more bikes. From Beechworth we headed to Milawa, where we stopped for coffee. From there it was a short run to Whitfield where we stopped again. (I think that bikes seat must get harder as you get older!). Then it was a short run to Paradise falls, and the promised newly SEALED road to the Falls carpark failed to materialise. After 13 km



of very dusty, rough, gravel road (more suited to the Prado than the Porker), we arrived at the parking area for a 20 minute walk to Paradise Falls. We were lucky, there was still a good flow of water going over the Falls and for those who had never been there before, it was a great sight. (back page)

On returning to the carpark, we were greeted with the smell of BBQ Sausages and onion. With a lot of talking, we all enjoyed a BBQ in the bush. Following checking of bikes and cars, Gricey and myself turned our dusty cars for home, but detoured via Lake William Hovell first.





It was a great day, the RSCA hopes to forge a closer relationship with the CEMCC and have more shared events in the future

**The Dusty Car owners were**

John Allott with Laurie 87 Porsche 928 S4  
Gricey and Cheryl Grice 70 Holden LC Torana GTR

*John Allott*

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# MID-WEEK RUN

## Details

If you haven't been on a Mid-Week run before, then these events would be a great introduction.

### NOTE!

**There is NO Mid-Week Run in JANUARY**

## **Great Ocean Road Trip - 6 NIGHTS.**

**Depart Wednesday 12 February 2014 from Gateway at 7am sharp**

**Night One.** - Torquay Tourist Cabin: Suggested price of \$125.00 per night 2 people. Extra adult \$15.00 (Other options available)

**Night Two and Three.** - Apollo Bay

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If you have any queries you can contact Hans or Ida Probst via email: at [hans.probst@bigpond.com](mailto:hans.probst@bigpond.com) or Ida's mobile: 0408117695 or home phone: 0260257394.

## **Mount Buffalo and back**

**Wednesday March 12th 2014.** Depart Gateway 9am, and travel some of our areas great roads to Mount Buffalo, Bright and Mount Beauty. Noel Ferri is leading this trip, so contact him on 0260 293 133 for more details.

# Wheels at Westmont

## October 2013

As well as Westmont Village being on display, the Baranduda Mens Shed, which is on-the same site, was also open.



There was an excellent turnout of vehicles. We were all very well looked after for coming and displaying our cars with vouchers for morning tea and vouchers for lunch. The staff are very friendly and if you are looking at retirement homes then this one is well worth a visit.



Light, bright, airy, spacious and lovely gardens.

Most local clubs had someone come along to represent them and display their vehicles. There were quite a few vehicles that we have never seen around the area before.

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*Averil Greenhalgh*



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# “Springtime in the Mountain's”

Well it was more like winter as eleven RSCA vehicles left the Gateway (including four first timer's) en-route to Tumbarumba for our 1st coffee stop.

Leaving Tumbarumba we wound our way up the mountain's leaving the rain behind, the drive was enjoyable with plenty of up's and downs, tight corners and beautiful scenery even through the low cloud in places.



We arrived at the caves, weather dry but still cold, an enclosed shelter complete with tables and benches provided a pleasant place for all to enjoy our picnic lunch. We then booked in for a guided tour of one of the caves.



The beauty that mother nature has produced over millions of years is outstanding and makes one realise how short human life is.



From here everyone made their way down to Tumut and luckily no one made contact with any of the numerous kangaroo's that were seen (by some) on both sides of the road. Booked into the Motel, drinks and nibbles on the lawn, then dinner at the Hotel next door where Lyn Donohue won “Celebrity Heads“ in about 5 minute's flat.



Next morning breakfast at a couple of footpath cafe's and then another pleasant drive through the apple orchards of Batlow and back to Tumbarumba again for more coffee, Midweek Runs are not good for the waist line.

From here we headed to Tooma, some stopped to look at Paddy's river falls and we all meet up at the memorial lookout to the "Southern Cloud" a plane that crashed in the area and was not discovered until many years later.

Time for more food and as Corryong was with out electricity for the day we diverted to the hotel at Walwa where we enjoyed a pleasant country hotel lunch. We said our goodbyes and headed for home along the Victorian side of the Murray River.

We hope everyone enjoyed the run.

*June and Bryan Liersch.*

### **The Midweek Runners were :-**

Ray & Tina Jones.	Ferrari
Howard Anderson & Mary.	MGB-Hot Rod
Hans & Ida Probst.	Mitsubishi GTO
Malcolm & Robin McEachern.	Nissan 370
Barry & Marion Fish.	Peugeot
Di Gibbens.	Pajero (Flat battery in the Ute, Bruce!)
Jeff & Lorri Lenaine-Smith.	MGB-GT
Neil & Jillian Butler.	Porsche
Mick & Lyn Donohue.	Mustang
John & Jenny Hayden.	Corolla-GT
Bryan & June Liersch.	Mustang.



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# Tallangatta 50's Festival

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

The weather gods were smiling as we headed for Tallangatta bright and early. Bruce and I were a little worse for wear having Rock n Rolled Saturday night at the Tallangatta dance, which was terrific.

There was quite a line-up of classic cars, many from the 50s and mostly American.

President Howard and Mary beat us – boy they must have been up early! Parked Marilyn Monaro next to Howard's red MGB



The cars actually took a "back seat" to some great music from the 50s and early sixties. The wonderful "Deltones" entertained us on the day and they were well supported by a duo called "Forever Everly" reviving our memories of those great tunes from the Everly Brothers.



It's a bit scary when you know the words to all the songs and actually have heard of The Stomp and The Twist and even more frightening is that we know how to do them!!

*A compilation from Howard Anderson and Dianne Gibbens*

### **Participants:**

Dianne & Bruce Gibbens	1973 HQ Monaro Coupe
Tony & Joanne Duffy	1964 EH Holden Ute
Howard Anderson & Mary	MGB
Greg Sims & Leanne	Mazda Capri
Brian & June Liersch	Thunderbird
Adrian & Terri Meredith	1955 Ford Fairlane Victoria
Richard Heather	66 XP Falcon
Matthew Liersch	66 Mustang
Mike Donohue	65 Mustang Convertible
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# Motorkhana

## October 2013

The Albury Wodonga and District Car Club invited the RSCA to join them in a Motorkhana and Khanacross at the Wodonga TAFE complex in Barnawartha on Sunday the 27th of October. Three members took up the challenge! David Buckley, Hans Probst and myself went there to have some fun.



All cars were scrutineered then the drivers' briefing given. Four motorkhana courses were set out using "witches hats" and all participants attempted each of the four layouts competing against the clock. These

courses had very sharp turns and the longest straight section was only about 40 metres long thus controlling speed. Quite a few of cars were turbo charged drift cars so these guys and girls loved the sharp turns. (It allowed them to, literally, burn up old tyres!) A couple of the courses tested ones navigational skills which added to the enjoyment.

After lunch the motorkhana was changed to a khanacross layout. The main differences were that some of the tight radius corners were opened out a bit and the straight was lengthened to about 80 metres. (It's amazing the speed you can get up to in this straight!) Each of the 32 cars entered were offered two runs through this witches hat lined course.



Once again the drift cars looked and sounded spectacular. I think the RSCA members enjoyed this more as the course suited our cars better. David loved the power of the Cobra, Hans found out that his Mitsubishi handles well and I found out all the work I did to make the Nissan stop better didn't matter all that much! (As Nicho says brakes only slow you down!) However it was a great day and if the club gets another invitation, RSCA members should consider attending. By the way the best time for the day was put in by a "warm" Morris Mini Deluxe.

**The hooners were:**



**David Buckley**  
AC Cobra  
Python S.

**Greg Chapple**  
Nissan Skyline.

**Hans Probst**  
Mitsubishi GTO

*Greg Chapple*

**We recently received some sad news regarding the passing of Max Maclean of Max's Motor Museum, Corowa.**



**Max is well known in the area, with many people visiting his collection.**

**His contribution to Motoring history will be greatly missed.**

## Lamborghini and Ferrari Club's Drive Day at Winton



These pictures are good but the sound is so much better. Have a look at a youtube clip that I filmed on the same day - and turn the sound up!

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*John Allott*







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# CENTENARY OF CANBERRA RALLY

This year being Canberra's 100th Anniversary, the National Trust decided to hold a huge car rally in Canberra. It was an opportunity to participate by a small band of RSCA members'

We all motored to Canberra on Friday 18th October, arriving at the accommodation for a noisy happy hour' then evening meal at a nearby Ainsley Tavern.



Saturday, most of the few hundred entrants drove to Tarago for morning tea at the Sports Ground where locals and community groups welcomed us with food, period dress, events and displays (and lots of smoke from the Sydney fires). We

then travelled to historic Bungendore for lunch. After checking out Bungendore the convoy returned to Canberra with very poor instructions resulting in many entrants being lost, not excluding the happy campers from RSCA!



Happy hour again at the motel before dinner at the dining room, the company being what these RSCA events are all about.

Sunday AM saw an assembly of a few hundred cars, officially around 500, at the EPIC centre before a parade through Canberra to the uncut lawns in front of Old Parliament House.

The display and entertainment lasted until the afternoon. All good, as many of the cars on display we don't get to see normally.

Again 'happy hour' then dinner at the nearby Club ended our Sunday. At this point it should be noted that if you are not with the RSCA, don't stay in the same motel! We are a noisy bunch!!

Monday AM, home with only a short shower of rain. The Cooper's proving again, with the hood down you don't get wet if you are going fast enough! ..... and would you believe we have a photo of Bryan Liersch riding in a British sports car with a smile on his face!!!!

### Those attending from RSCA :

Gordon & Janene Nicholls	Holden 48-215 with battery problems
Ross & Petra Edwards	Daimler SP250
Bryan & June Liersch	Mustang 66 Fastback
Peter & Deb Cooper	Austin Healey 3000

*Peter Cooper*

## Mal Rapsey Memorial Run

Numerous Ford owner's as well as the owner's of other makes and model's of vehicles, both old and new gathered at Hovel Tree Park on Saturday the 2nd of November to commemorate the passing of RSCA member Mal Rapsey known to many as "Mustang Mal".



Mal's two son were present and bought along their Dad's 1970 Boss 302 Mustang. This car has won several "Best in Country" awards in past years and it was great to see it out and on display again.

This was the third such event and it would have been pleasing to Mal's family to see the roll up and know their Dad was still remembered

*Bryan Leisch*



Happy Birthday to John Hayden who celebrated his birthday with the Mid-Week Runners at Tumut



Alan Young has recently had a couple of weeks off work - maybe this has given him time to do some further work to the Riley??

An email recently received :-

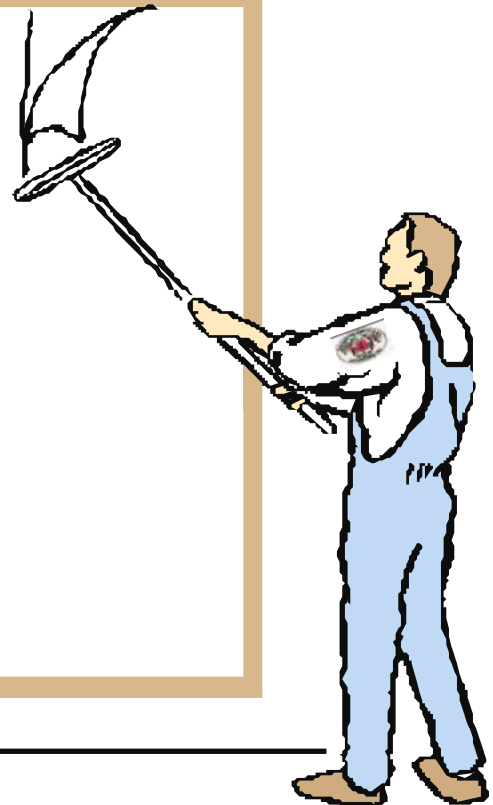


*Thanks for thinking of, and missing us on your recent Mid-Week run to the caves, we hope the trip went well. We are in Galway at the moment. On arrival in Dublin we travelled along the coast staying at Rosscarbery, Kenmare and Galway. We have visited many of Irelands attractions and enjoyed the hospitality of the Irish people; Many a pint has been had in the small, open fired pubs listening to traditional Irish music. The weather has been rather kind with Ireland having one of its warmest autumns, however we have had some rather wet days as well, good excuse to enjoy a latte or another pint. We have decided to stay a further 2 weeks in Ireland and travel to Belfast before heading to Paris for Christmas.*

*Peter & Carolyn S.*

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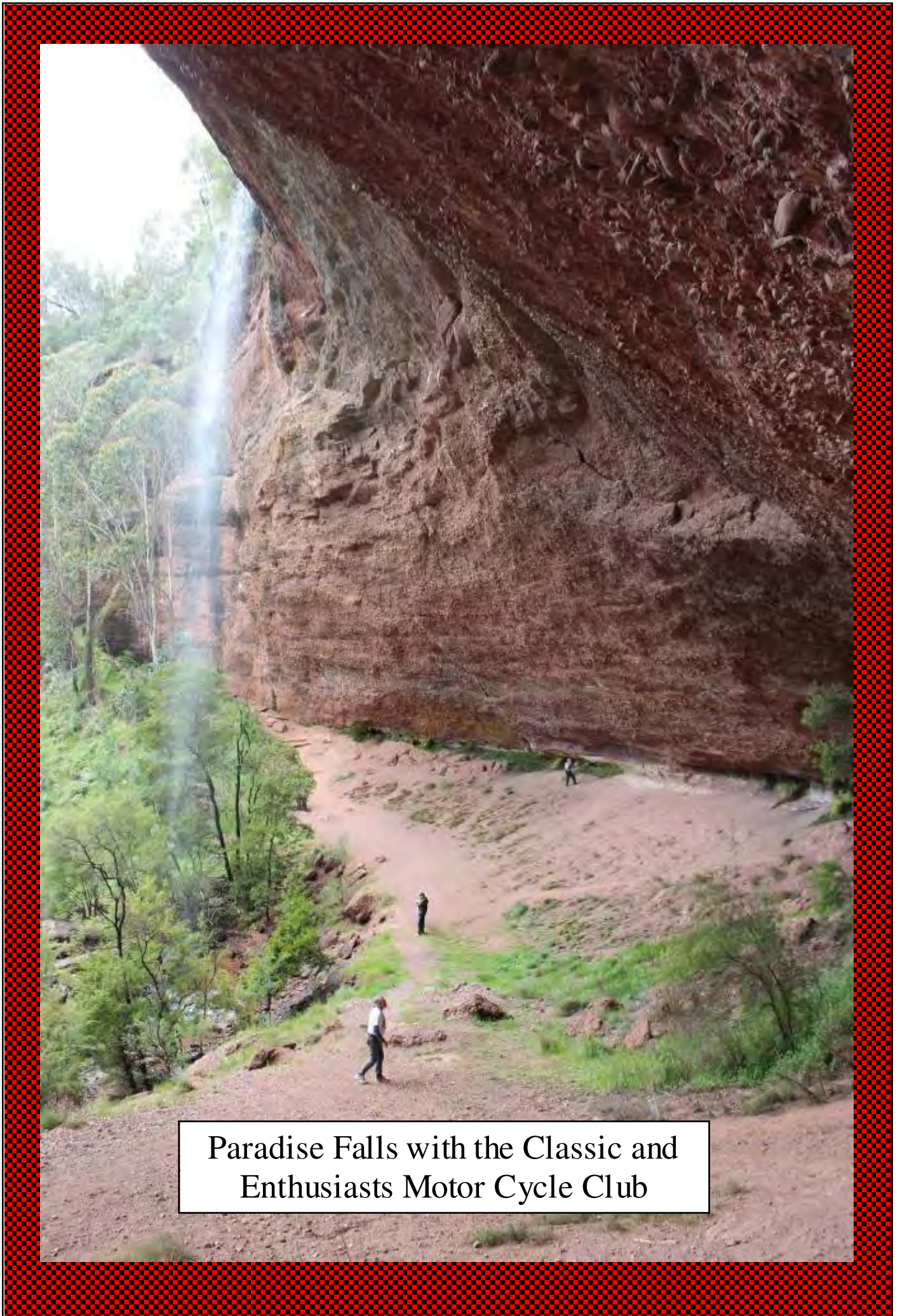
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