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Coffee & Cars

February 21st



Another pleasant coffee morning was enjoyed by members, although it was busier than usual due to the City to City "fun run"!

Most were too busy to go on to Yackandandah where hot rods and monthly markets were on offer.

Those partaking included:

Bob Towers, Phil Harrison,
Noel Ferri, Harry Greenhalgh,
David Buckley, Gordon and Janene Nicholls,
Greg and Lyn Harris, Dave Anderson,
John and Eileen Carthew's, Jim and Cheryl Grice,
Roger and Kay Benjamin.



Gordan Nicholls

Sunday afternoon some of our members found another event to visit at Beaurepaires in Lavington where another enthusiastic group displayed their cars

Harry Greenhalgh



Coming Club Events

April

Sun 22 Cars and Coffee - 9am Kiewa Street for a Car Display at Kiewa Street Market Coffee and Food available at Market

Sun 29 Gracebrook Vineyard King Valley– Depart Gateway 9.30 Coffee stop then Gracebrook Vineyards for lunch.
Call Peter Spasojevic for details 0419483022

Sun 29 Social gathering at the Commercial Golf Resort. Meet with other RSCA members for a relaxed time at 5pm to 6pm on the last Sunday of each month. Stay for a meal if you want

MAY

Sun 6 Drive Back in Time Beechworth– Own arrangements -
Plan to arrive around 9.30 am
Main St—Stay until 2pm
Police Paddocks Short Stay

Sat 12 Launch of Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal
10am –1 pm Car Display - assemble before 10am
Gordan Nicholls

Mon 14 Monthly Meeting. "The Elizabeth Room" of the Commercial Club. Enter from the rear of the Commercial Club. - 7.45 pm
Guest Speaker Greg Chapple

Wed 16 Mid Week Run - Depart Gateway 9am. **Bright** for Lunch via John Stanley's Australian Stoewer Car Museum at Tawonga South and morning Coffee
Call Malcolm for details 0418691296

Sun 20 National Motoring Heritage Day– Meet 10.30 am Circus site Gateway .
Depart 11.00 for Cavalcade of cars
Travel in groups via Causeway, Freeway, Thurgoona, Wagga Road, Mate St, Dean St, Wodonga Pl and back to Circus Site.

Sun 27 Historic Winton– Depart Gateway 7.00am **SHARP**
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MAY

Sun 27 Social gathering at the Commercial Golf Resort. Meet with other RSCA members for a relaxed time at 5pm to 6pm on the last Sunday of each month. Stay for a meal if you want.

JUNE

Sat 9 10 11 June Long Weekend

Mon 11 Walla Show & Shine & Swap meet - own arrangements

Mon 11 Monthly Meeting. "The Elizabeth Room" of the Commercial Club. Enter from the rear of the Commercial Club. - 7.45 pm
Guest Speaker Peter Spasojevic :- *The Italian Connection*

Wed 14 Mid Week Run - Cobram -Depart Gateway 9am. Travel via Corowa Chocolate & Whisky factory for morning coffee.
Call Malcolm for details 0418691296

Sun 18 Cars and Coffee - 10am at Harry's BBB on Wodonga Pl., Albury.
(The old Pizza Hut.)
11 –12am Car-Paint-Polishing Demo (Hands On) with David Hunter (Club Member)
@Albury Auto Paints 331B Townsend St

Sun 24 Mystery Tour Depart Gateway 10.30 am
Call Gordon Nicholls for details 0427 215 233

Sun 24 Social gathering at the Commercial Golf Resort. Meet with

Guest Speakers Wanted

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10 April 2018

The Secretary
Riverina Sports Car Association Inc
PO Box 1330
ALBURY NSW 2640

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: LAUNCH OF 2018 SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL

I write on behalf of the Red Shield Appeal Committee for Albury seeking your support, yet again, for the launch which is to be held on Saturday 12th May 2018 from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

I confirm that additional space is now available on the lawns of QEII Square to display your vehicles.

The actual launch of the Red Shield Appeal will take place at 11:00am. The function will close at 1:00pm.

Once again I hope to see you, your members and particularly your vehicles supporting this great cause.

My sincere apologies for the late notice however I am not a member of the Committee and was only informed of the request recently.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Brandt', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT non club sanctioned

**Jerilderie Ned Kelly Show 'N' Shine & Tractors
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**Long Weekend @ Gundagai Express Freight of Yesteryear
Show & Shine -Sylvia's Gap Convoy
9th-10th June proceeds to new Hearitage Center**

**VACC Centennial Calvelcade & VACC Show & Shine
Saturday 22nd Sept 2018
Contact Ian Ross 0409 027 392 for further details**

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President's Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - May / June

The year 2018 is going so quickly and Winter is fast approaching, the opportunities for top down motoring will be reduced, however the bonus is no risk of sunburn. Those members with modern convertibles have seat heating to keep snug and warm.

There has been a number of events since our last magazine was published. The most recent being the Chiltern Cancer Cruise where with great attendance by our members we helped raise money for a very worthwhile cause and also secured the trophy for our club with the most cars in attendance.

However the second placed club was only two cars behind us, I believe. Anyway well done and thanks to all those members who supported this event.

Other events in March were the trip to Illabo speedway, Picnic on the Lake at Yarrawonga and our regular coffee and cars gathering. Also our very popular midweek runs to Dartmouth in March and Tallangatta in April.

Our midweek runs are now attracting twenty plus cars each month, which shows how popular this event has become. Reports on these events are elsewhere in our magazine.

Presentations at our meetings are also proving popular. This helps make our meetings interesting and has helped grow our meeting attendance.

More volunteers are required for presentations so see a committee member or Noel.

Happy and Safe Motoring,
Howard

Please remember to wear your name badge
to all Club events.
It is also important for older
members to make yourself know to our



'Show us your Wheels' Moyhu

A grey overcast Sunday morning at 8-32
 A 'Le Mans' start signaled the beginning for the trip to Moyhu
 With smiley faces in Eleven cars, we left the causeway
 With John in his Porsche leading the way

Three Mustang's, Two Holden's, One a Monaro
 A Chevy, one Porsche and a VW Scirocco
 With Three shiny Toyota's all attending the drive
 Without any problem's, at the school did arrive



The weather was threatening, looked like it would rain
 Though only a sprinkle we felt on the way

There was not enough wet to cause any pain
 After we arrived, the sun shone, for the rest of the day

One can only imagine the look of John's total surprise
 As a Kookaburra met its untimely demise
 The bird left his lift off from the road, a second too late
 And crashed into the windscreen of John's Porsche "928"

The parking official thought it kind of a lark
 To confuse Greg Sims about where he wanted him to park
 Time after time he had Greg move the big Ford
 Greg's patience with him, deserved a reward

The cars on display were just beautiful toy's
 With many different marque's, owners pride and joy's I picked out
 about Seven that I would love to own
 But forgive me for dreaming, I'd need a big loan!

Our club scored Three award's today at the show
 Dave Mills won 'Best Paint' with his gorgeous 'Munro'
 Leanne won 'Best Modern' with the 'Stang' white and black
 And Garry Davey's 'People's Choice' with his Mustang Fastback

A raffle was run to assist the school
 Various goods in the prize pool
 Bruce Gibbens won his share of the loot,
 With two prizes coming home in the boot

As the saying goes 'Time Flies Having Fun'
 Too soon the day drew to a close for our run
 We made our home individually, tired but Okay
 Another great day out with our mate's; in the RSCA.

John Carthew



Show us your Wheels' Moyhu

Attendees;

Bruce Gibbens / Jan Salan

Bernie & Susan/ Matthew Campbell..

Bob & Chris Towers...

John & Eileen Carthew ...

Greg Sims/ Leanne Evans...

John Allott....

Dave Mills..

Stuart McMurray...

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Car Lovers Bus Tour



It was an early start for all those attending our Melbourne bus trip. After rising at 5.00am Peter Scott and I arrived at Centro Wodonga and found coach captain Neil waiting, as arranged. Everyone arrived close to on time and we departed at 6.30.

After a comfort stop at Euroa, we arrived at our first dealership - The Healey Factory in Mitcham just after 10.00am. Rob Rowland, the owner, greeted us and was very generous in the time he spent showing us not only the showroom, but also the workshop where they carry out extensive restoration of all types of cars from Ferraris to MGs and lots of Healeys. One Austin Healey fitted with a V8 owed the owner around \$300K!

Next stop, after a display of precision coach driving from Neil, was Duttons in Richmond..

Here again the showroom was full of exotic cars, including Porsche, Lambo's, Ferrari etc., and again we were fortunate to be shown their downstairs area which caters for race preparation of their own and clients cars, and restoration of classics including a Mercedes Benz 300SL roadster.

Duttons also offer a lovely cafe which provided lunch and coffee to our hungry travellers. We were interested to see Allan Moffat enjoying a meal which evidently happens nearly daily.

Duttons spokesman informed us the business is one of the largest car sales companies in Australia, currently selling over 1000 cars a week and aiming to be at 3000 soon. Most of these sales are done on the internet!



Motor personality Alan Moffett arrives at Duttons. Phil Harrison cant resist a photo opportunity

Our last stop, after more precision coach driving was at Lorbeck in Port Melbourne. Again the cars on display were jaw dropping, with some prices around \$1M, but also some excellent value such as a 2010 Audi A8 - V8 quattro, leather and all the bells and whistles for only \$34000. Lorbeck is a new state of the art dealership with 2 street access packed with many fabulous cars. Again, after being welcomed by David Lorbeck, they were very generous in offering complimentary coffee and muffins.

We then departed for home and after a refreshment stop on the way out of town and a comfort stop at Euroa again we arrived home about 10.30pm.

Along but enjoyable day! Many thanks to Neil Kilby for arranging and driving the coach and also to Peter Spasojevic for his contact at Duttons and Malcolm McEachern for his contacts at Lorbeck.

Positive feedback from the day means that we may look to other dealers next year and make this an annual trip.

Those who attended (members and visitors) :

Neil Kilby, Gordon Nicholls,
Ray Tobin, Dave Anderson,
Bryan Liersch, Ray Jones,
Malcolm McEachern,
Peter Spasojevic, Phil Wilkins, Noel Ferri,
Neil Butler, Bernie
Campbell, John Carthew, Daryl Baxter,
Glen Perry, Graham Bartell,
Warwick Jones (assistant treasurer!) Greg
Harris, Tim Banks, Ian Edgar,
Brian Aplin, Ian Tuttle, Ellis Thompson,
Brian Barber, Gordon Mackinlay,
Ross Edwards, Phil Harrison, Terry Gay,
John Buckley,
Hans Probst,
Stewart McMurray,
Peter Scott,
Bob Towers, Michael
Georgiou,
Dave McCabe,
Tony Duffy, Neil Rogers.





Maserati Global Gathering

I went down to have a look at some of the Maserati parked in the carpark of the Atura Hotel recently.

Unfortunately there were not many of the older cars making the run to Sydney. Most had remained in the Melbourne area or were going to join when the run arrived in the Sydney area. It was still good to see such a gathering including a couple of modern cars I have never seen before.

Unfortunately there was a very sour note to this Global Rally with a number of cars not being allowed into Australia to take part in the run due to them possibly having asbestos in the vehicle.

To make it worse, approval had been sought by the organisers over 12 months ago to bring overseas cars into Australia for the rally only, and to have the asbestos rule waived for these cars. The notification that these vehicles were not permitted into the country was only give 2 weeks prior to the event. By that time a number of cars were on board ships or planes and nearing Australia. Not only had the owners paid to have the cars shipped to Australia, but had paid accommodation/Rally costs, so it was understandable that a number of overseas owners were upset and the organisers frustrated.

It gets even worse as it also affects us, if an Australian owner ships their older car to a rally overseas, it is quite possible that the car will not be allowed back into the country, even though it may be currently registered in Australia. I'm not just talking overseas manufactured cars – if you ship your Monaro, Charger or GT to New Zealand for a run, you may not get the car back into the country unless you pay massive amounts of money to get the car cleared of asbestos and remove so much of the car, that it may not be classed as original....This country is going mad, and we as members of Car Clubs need to be doing our best to get this sort of craziness worked out.

John Allott

N.B. - the views expressed above are John's and not necessarily that of the RSCA



Maserati 1980

Picnic on the Lake

Sunday morning an intrepid group of 16 members and two visitors met at 'The causeway' for our gazetted run to Yarrawonga.

The posted time of 8.30am was extended to 9.00am to allow for any late attendees. Three cars arrived during the revised start (no names will be mentioned).

'The Causeway' was also the meeting place for the Morgan Country Car Club this morning which caused (pardon the pun) a little confusion for both of our club's members.

Some of our group mingled with the other group and they with ours. More than once I heard "I have not seen that car in our club before!" until the mix-up was revealed.

A pleasant 1 hour drive had us arrive and park our cars on the foreshore of the Lake. Our member's cars added to 160 beautifully prepared, shiny vehicles on display.

Trophies were awarded for the (in the judge's opinion) best cars in various categories.

Our own Ross Edwards won "

THE CAR of the SHOW'

with his 250 V8 Daimler Sports Car, congratulations Ross I .

Leanne Evans was also a winner when her gate ticket won a Car Care package.

The Mustang will Really shine next outing, Leanne ????. (Two outings, Two prizes, having won a 'Best Modern' with the Mustang at Moyhu last weekend!)



The big 'Cumberoona' paddle-steamer was moored adjacent to the venue and was offering excursions on the Lake during the afternoon. It was good to see the old girl doing what she was made for and doing for Yarrawonga what she could/ should have been doing for Albury (this writer's personal opinion!).

It was a glorious sunny day, the company and conviviality of our member's as we sat in a circle in the shade of a big tree partaking of lunch, added to the enjoyment of the outing.

This event is a car lover's extravaganza and should be on your list of places to attend in the future.

We departed Yarrawonga and made our way home having enjoyed a great day (again) with our Club.

John Carthew



Attendees:

Greg Sims / Leanne Evans
John & Eileen Carthew
Bernie & Susan Campbell
Matthew Campbell

Bob Towers

Dave Mills

Ian & Gail Tuttle Honda

Phil Harrison

Ross Edwards

Chris and Lyn Gay with visitors

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Illabo Speedway Trip 10/11th March

T'was with great anticipation that 13 car's with 25 member's aboard, departed the causeway at 9-30ish as we headed off on the jaunt to Cootamundra for the night, before making our way to Illabo on Sunday to attend the Speedway meeting being held there.

We were cruising through Culcairn when we came upon a flashing Red and Blue light and one of our own, pulled over on the side of the road (a yellow Monaro coupe). I admit that much speculation crossed my mind as to the reason for the stoppage. Morning tea in The Rock revealed that the Police were merely conducting an RBT and no indiscretion had occurred.

Morning tea was (as always') a cacophony of noise with every-one vying to be heard. From The Rock we had a pleasant drive through Collingullie and Coolamon to Junee. We broke our journey at Junee and attended some of the Rhythm and Rail Festival activities.

There was a small local car club display of restored vehicles, a line of market stalls selling the usual fare and other points of interest including The Roadhouse Museum, Monte Christo and (my pick) The Chocolate and Liquorice Factory.



We made our way to Cootamundra at our own leisure and booked into our allotted rooms before an impromptu meeting in the shade of a huge tree with some of our crew, where we quenched our parched throats and held a post mortem of the day's events thus far.



A maxi cab had been arranged to ferry our mob (those of us that desired not to drive their own car's) to the evening venue which was to Graham and Robyn Snape's magnificent shed full of interesting vehicles and a Bar-b-que dinner.

This shed held an enormous collection of Alfa Romeo's and vintage race car's. I will not try to describe these car's as I would not do them justice although one with a '55 supercharged Zephyr engine threatened to raise the roof when our host Graham started it up.

The meal was excellent and we enjoyed the evening in the company of the local car club member's who also attended the event. The Host's Graham and Robyn were very gracious and deserve every accolade one could bestow on them

Sunday morning breakfast at the Cootamundra Gardens Motel was most enjoyable with a few member's a little worse for wear after the free drink's at the shed the night before. (No names available) A photo shoot was organised by Mr Hugh McMinn our calendar publisher, at the Captain's Walk (a park where bust's of past Australian Cricket Captains are on display. (Cootamundra; Birthplace of Bradman) before we made our way to Ilabo speedway.



To say this venue was hot and dusty would be an understatement. The dust billowed from the track blinding the driver's and patrons alike.

Water was spasmodically applied to the circuit but I think it dried as it hit the surface. No shade in the 37c heat made for a little discomfort for some!

The cars were not racing as such, but drivers displayed their historic Speed Cars, Sprint cars and T.Q.s as they drove around the dusty track.

It was really a great weekend and enjoyed by all.

Thanks must go to David Anderson for organizing this outing!

Thankyou Dave!

John Carthew



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Midweek Run

Tallangatta-Dartmouth Dam Wall– Eskdale

A glorious morning greeted 20 cars with 15 passengers on the causeway before embarking the familiar drive to Tallangatta for morning tea.

The usual fare of coffee, cakes and sausage rolls were devoured amid hearty, vibrant conversation permeating the Bakery.



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After 'smoko' we departed for Dartmouth travelling over the picturesque Lockharts Gap and out past the Eskdale Hotel to the Dam.

Arriving at the dam wall we enjoyed approximately 30 minutes taking in the spectacular views from the wall whilst bathing in pleasurable sunshine and friendly banter.

The public toilets were a welcome 'destination' for some and more than one of our group commented on the cleanliness of the convenience.

Back on the road to Eskdale for lunch we encountered Bryan and June coming toward our convoy. It transpired that after leaving Tallangatta a phone call from the shire office had alerted them that a wallet with Bryan's I.D. had been handed in. A hasty retreat recovered the wayward wallet, minus the cash that had previously resided with-in. Thankfully with all card's and licences intact.



Attendees;

- | | | |
|-----|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Malcolm & Robyn McEachern | BMW 220i Convertible |
| 2. | Noel Ferri & Maria Kable | Saab |
| 3. | Raymond & Tina Jones | XKR Jaguar |
| 4. | Peter & Carolyn Spasojevic | XK Jaguar |
| 5. | Greg & Carol Chapple | Porsche Boxer |
| 6. | Darryl Baxter & Glenn Perry | Saab 9001 |
| 7. | Bob Towers | Toyota 86 GTS Coupe |
| 8. | Bryan & June Liersch | Shelby GT “ |
| 9. | Bruce Gibbens & Jan Salan | GTS Monaro “ |
| 10. | Neil Sutherland | Datsun 260Z “ |
| 11. | Greg Sims | Mustang “ |
| 12. | Stuart McMurray & Lora Thomson | Mustang “ (Convertible |
| 13. | Graham & Patricia Bone | Audi TT “ |
| 14. | Brian & Yvonne Aplin | MGB Roadster |
| 15. | Ray & Marg Barrette | Mazda MX5 |
| 16. | Bernie & Susan Campbell | VW Scirocco Coupe |
| 17. | John Carthew | Ford FG GTV Sedan |
| 18. | Tony & Joanne Duffy | Holden EH Ute |
| 19. | Alan Brink | Alfa Romero Spyder |
| 20. | Barry & Marian Fish | Peugeot 407 HDV Coupe |



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**ESKDALE HOTEL**

The lunch menu at the Hotel was well presented and generous, I heard no adverse comment at all.

A rendition of one of your writer's poems was read by me and was received well by the member's (or perhaps they were just being kind!)

As with all of Malcolm's organised midweek runs, the day ran smoothly and we all had a joyous day, Thank-you Malcolm!

All too soon the time to head home arrived so we bid each adieu as we departed and silently resolved to attend another mid-week jaunt in the near future.

John Carthew



THE SUNDAY DRIVE

One Sunday morn, not so long ago, to my wife, I said
 Let's get old Lizzy our '29Ford, out of the backyard shed
 We'll take a drive along the weir, we wont need a map
 For we know the road that we'll be on, we'll go out to the 'Gap'

That sounds a lovely idea, I'll pack a picnic lunch
 And when we get to Granya town, we'll stop and have some brunch
 The sun was bright, the sky cloudless and not a hint of a shower
 Old Lizzy was cruising along, flat out, Thirty-eight miles per hour

Now the old 'A' Model Ford, is not a modern car
 And we love to take her for a drive, but not from home too far
 She's not real fast but chugs along, she does not have much grunt
 And Forty two can be gained with a tail wind and a shun

We left our home in Lavington, We'd set off in good cheer
 Over the bridge at Bethanga and out along the weir
 We hadn't travelled very far when some-one in a 'bug'
 Came up beside my window and yelled to me "Get off the road ya mug"

I'd forgotten to check my mirrors since I'd left the Bethanga span
 Until I heard a horn blasting from behind, it was coming from a Van
 His arm was waving out of his window shaking his fist with rage
 I could see the line of car's behind him likened to a funeral cortege

I thought I'll get off the road, and let them all go past
 But no –where on this stretch of tar, could I get off the on the grass
 So I pushed my boot to the floor to try and gain more speed
 But the old girl was already flat and gave my plea no heed

Another five miles further on I found a likely spot
 And pulled old Lizzy off on the verge, now she was running hot
 Thirty seven cars passed by, all on a Sunday outing
 Most were waving their fist's, sounding horn's and shouting

Back on the road again , aster Lizzy had cooled down
 We finally made it into "Granya" the old mining town
 By now I needed a cup of tea, and Lizzy need a nap
 A lovely picnic, we enjoyed before we faced the "GAP"

The road up the "Gap " is windy , narrow , steep and sheer
 And half way up I began to think this is not a good idea
 The old girl started boiling, the gearbox moaned and groaned
 We should have brought the "Toyota' out, the other car we owned

Onward ever upward we climbed Mount Granya Gap, in fear
 The whistling and hissing of the radiator, was all we could hear
 By the time we'd reached the summit, we'd lost most of our power
 And with poor Lizzy hanging on she was down to five mile an hour

Now we thought the uphill jaunt was scary, as we made our decent
 But the down-hill trek was terror as we made our fast descent
 The brakes on old Lizzy were the mechanical type of shoe
 They don't work as well on vintage cars, as the modern classic's do

Now instead of growling gear box and the radiator hissing steam
 It's the smell of burning brake shoes' that threaten to end our dream
 And motorists coming, towards us up the hill had better give us ground
 Because I had no way of stopping or even slowing down

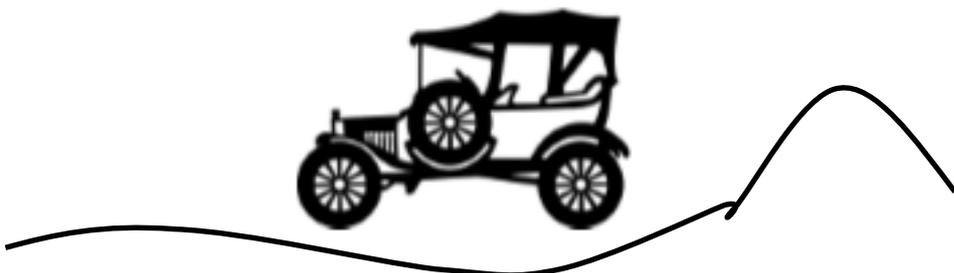
Down the mountain slope we hurtled, Lizzy gaining speed
 Rocking, rolling, lurching we were in dire strait indeed
 around the hairpin turns with lizzy lifting wheels
 Had me swearing under-breath the wife emitting squeals

I need to stop, I need a pee, I'm giving you warning
 With-out much thought I answered back '
 you should of thought of that this morning
 My mind was focused on avoiding death and the impending doom
 But I knew if we survived this drive, I's sleep in the spare room

We finally made it to the base and gave the car her head
 The shoes were gone, they were worn, the asbestos pads had shred
 My right foot aching with cramp t'was now off the useless brake
 I did not need to be informed by the wife,
 This trip's been a terrible mistake

So Lizzy's gone back in the shed, I'll fix he brakes one day
 So she'll be ready for another run, should some Sunday,
 I wake up and say
 Let's take old Lizzy for a drive, we'll take her for a lap
 But you can be assured the drive will not include, the crossing of
 THE GAP

John Carthew 6-3-17



Electric Cars

Malcolm apparently gave us all food for thought at the last meeting, posing the problem how tax and revenue might be expanded so as to collect additional funds from those owners of electric vehicles.

I recently returned from a trip to Hong Kong where Teslas are bog common. They are everywhere and particularly popular with Uber and it is an interesting study why Teslas are represented there in disproportionate numbers.

The HK government has always dissuaded private ownership of vehicles in an effort to steer the population onto the excellent, reliable, cheap and clean public transport system.

They incrementally increased taxes on initial registration until it became absurd, but this didn't stop the punters. Ferraris, Lambos, McLarens, Bentleys, Aston Martins and Mustangs are common and I have even seen a Commodore ute!

Owning a vehicle in HK is a terribly expensive exercise that is beyond most middle class people.

- For a start, when you buy a vehicle, the first year's Motor Registration is MINIMUM of 60% of the "sticker price". For example, you buy a new (base model, bog-common) Tesla for \$100,000 and before you leave the showroom, you stump up the Rego of \$60,000, making a total of around \$160,000.
- Parking is cute, too: You need to rent a car park at, or near your apartment at around \$450 / month and of course, you will need another somewhere near your office if you plan to drive to work. In reality, you leave the car parked at home and catch a bus, taxi or MTR to and from work. On the other hand, you may choose to buy a car park (just one, cramped spot) for around A\$250,000

Petrol? Try A\$2.63 / litre.



Now, take a look at the make-up of electric vehicles in Hong Kong and in Australia

	Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Terri- tories	Australia
Population	7.35M	24.13M
Total Highways (km)	2,101	826,500
Total registered vehicles	732,000	18,400,000
No of Registered Electric Vehicles	10,588	~1,800
No of Registered Teslas	~8,600	~600
Teslas per person	0.001	0.000025
Teslas per km of Highway	4	0.00072
Cost of a new Tesla S (In AUD)	-	\$112,000
	\$102,60	
New Tesla with tax incentive	0	-
New Tesla since new tax im- posed	\$166,60 0	- -

In the case of electric vehicles, the HK government waived the initial registration tax, so you purchased a Tesla for around A\$102,600. In May '17, the government imposed the Registration Tax on all electric cars, to the previous Tesla price increased to around the A\$167,000 mark. This is about the same that one would pay for an E model Mercedes Benz, so the Tesla sales dried up almost instantly.

In February '17, Tesla sold 1,010 new vehicles, but April sold ZER-RO! Prior to the tax hike, sales were around 3 – 400 units per month, so HK was a substantial market for Tesla.

New initiatives are currently being discussed to reinvigorate the sales of EVs in Hong Kong...

Neil Butler

Chryslers on the Murray

Another Chryslers on the Murray has come & gone.

This year was a record for numbers. 855 entrants in the displays and a record no of swap sites.

Once again 3 local Fire brigades benefited, Bonegilla, Thurgoona & Keiwa.

The display covered almost every era of Chryslers, Inc 20s/30s/40s. There were the fins of the 50's,

The Australian production cars, standard & modified. American of the same, even Centura & early Chrysler/ Mitsubishi.



Car of the show was a VG Valiant hardtop that had better than \$200k spent on it.



RSCA was represented by
 Colin Frohling, Valiant & Lancer Coupe.
 Ray Tobin Dodge Lancer.



Unfortunately I didn't get to see all vehicles on display, but I did see a couple of Dodge Challenger Hellcats & a Jeep Cherokee Hellcat (707hp from the factory).



All in all, a great weekend, and if you missed the Saturday night cruise, you'll have to wait until next year.

Dave Anderson

Chiltern Cancer Cruise 2018

A delightful sunny morning greeted us, as approximately 35 cars assembled at the usual venue for our 'cruise' to Chiltern for the annual Cancer Hospital foundation charity benefit.

This year, our usual promoter of this run, Bruce Gibbens, was not in attendance as he was in hospital having treatment for the effects of this insidious affliction.

The mantle of "Tour Director" was handed to 'yours truly' as requested by Bruce. I declare that my small part in today's 'organizing' was far exceeded by Bruce's sister Beverly who worked tirelessly throughout the entire day assisting Kevin Mayhew with Raffle, Gate takings, Trophy distribution and more.

Thank-you to *Jan* and *Angela* who assisted Bev during the day selling tickets. (If I missed any-one else I hereby apologize for not mentioning you) and those who volunteered their time in the gazebo, more thanks.

A special thanks also goes to *Owen Gibbens* for having our Banner and Gazebo up by the time our convoy arrived. Also for his entertaining aerial display's with his model Planes.

I will now include a copy of a text I received from Bruce from his hospital bed that he wished for me to include ; " *Thank-you to Owen and my Sister Beverly for picking up the strings for me and thank-you to the lovely people who donated articles for the raffle, Eileen for. The painting and Penrite for the Oil and the car thing . With-out these people we would not have a raffle and would not have raised extra money for the Cancer Hospital. A big thank-you to all the attendee's for making the day possible and to John for running the run and the report. Cheers Bruce.*"

The (over 200) cars on show today were magnificent with many coming from distant towns and regions and I believe another record number of entrants were on display.

Some of our members arrived at different times during the morning swelling the final number to 44 cars (unless I missed any) securing the Trophy for the most cars per club for the third year in a row. (Just!) A big thank-you to all attendees for making this event an outstanding success.

A copy of the results of the Raffle, the Trophy winners and the attending clubs is forwarded for your perusal.

A great day was had by all and too soon it was time to journey home. Let's make it bigger next year.

John Carthew.



RAFFLE PRIZES

1st Purple F12 - Ave 0401782298
 2nd Green D59 -Marg Martin 60245662
 3rd Green D18 -Doug Seacombe 6A244787
 4th Orange C42 J Hare
 5th Purple F 33 Rav Tanny

Painting by Eileen
 Patio Heater
 Car alarm system
 Penrite oil
 Wine & Vase



Donations

Chiltern Girl Guilds Donation	\$50
Wodonga Historical Car Club	\$800
Corowa & Dist Car Club	\$200



TROPHIES

John Jamison Memorial Peter Derth Beechworth Old Cranks Motor Club

Entrants Choice Terry Bradbury Ford XM "Henrey"

Best Club Display RSCA44



ATTENDING CLUBS

TOTAL VEHICLES

Riverina Sports Car Club	44
Murray Heritage Club	42
Sun Country	8
Morqan Car club	5
Albury Wodonga Morris & mini	5
Wodonga Historic Car Club	18
Corowa & Dist Car Club	10
Beechworth Old Cranks Motor Club	6
Extras unknown Clubs	65+



PLUS Profit for the day approx. \$2,600 All proceeds going to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Fund Inc.

Attendees;

Beverly Gibbens
 Len Bosland & Jan Bosland
 Ray Tanner & Ian Tuttle
 Ian Edgar
 Jan Salan
 Darryl Baxter & Glenn Perry
 Allen Lechmere
 Bernie, Susan & Matt Campbell
 Adrian & Terri Meredith
 John Carthew
 Anthony Saltalamaccia & Angela
 Hunter
 Greg Sims & Leanne Evans
 Alan Brink
 Garne Filer
 Phil Wilkins
 Harry & Averil Greenhalgh
 John Panlook
 Owen Gibbens
 David C
 Ryan Panlook
 Russell M
 Dave Mills
 Kerry & Toby Bedford
 Stuart McMurray
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 Noel Ferri& Maria Kable
 N & Liz Pearce
 Gordon Nicolls
 T Collins & Damien Pearce
 Catherine Muir
 Garry Davys
 Phil & Lorraine Craig
 M Bradbury & Mary
 Jeff & Lorraine Seidel
 Ross Travers
 Greg & Lyn Harris
 Mick & Lyn Donohue
 Richard & Lyn Heather
 Peter & Carolyn Spasojevic
 Wayne & Kerstin Shelton
 Don & Patrica Coysh
 David & Eliza Buckley
 Andy, Lily & Darcy Nicholls
 Alan L

Toyota Prado
 Porsche
 Holden Kingswood
 MX5 Coupe
 Toyota Celica
 Saab 9001
 Toyota 86
 VW Scirocco
 XB Falcon Coupe
 XC GS Ford
 Arbath Spider

 Ford Mustang
 Alfa Spider
 MG TC Datsun
 Fairlady
 300c Mercedes
 1930 A Model Ford
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 VC Torana
 XF Falcon
 HX Monaro
 E H Holden
 Mustang
 Mustang
 Saab Convertible
 Falcon
 48/215 Holden
 Zephyr
 XD Ford
 Mustang Fastback
 MGB
 XWGT
 Subaru WRX
 EH Holden
 Prado
 Mustang '66 coupe
 Holden FC
 Jaguar coupe
 54 Chev Impala
 Saab Sport
 Ford Territory
 LJ XU1
 EH Holden



John Carthew's new baby is a VW T3 1984 Transporter
 Phil Harris new addition 75 GT MG
 Wanted to buy Mini
 contact Denys Walton 0427552325 SCVMC

Welcome to New Members:

Kansas & Leanne Michael	Ford Falcon 1980
Andrew Ahlquist & Priya Titheradge	Pontiac GTO 1967
Max & Stephanie Morgan	Ford Falcon 1970
Raymond & Raylene Tanner	Holden HX 1976 Kingswood
Len & Marijki Bosland	Porche 911-933 1996
Helen Vukasinovic	VW Beetle 1958
Ron & Mavis Lutton	BMW E28 535i
Adam & Terry O'Brien	Porche 928S

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Mid Week Run Tallangatta Via Chiltern



There was excitement on the 'causeway' for the word had passed around
That Malcom had planned a run for us today,
The plan included luncheon at the Tallangatta Hotel,
And our members love a 'mid-week' run - "don't they?"

Eighteen shiny auto's 'mustered', to leave the site at nine
with various make's and model's on display
The weather was pleasant the day was warm and fine
For Malcolm would not have it, any other way .

Before we left the starting grid we were handed a hand drawn map
to show the route - we'd follow to the Pub
I could follow the directions to Chiltern, where we stopped and had a break But I admit the final leg-- left me, (and other's) in the scrub.

A lot of makes and models came- as they usually do
with four Porsche's the most represented here today
MG, Toyota and Beema's came in secondly- with two
The rest - single badged 'marques' had come on out to play

There was 'Harrison'-- in a small, red and spritely car
Something like a Ferrari - 'undersized'
Few can stay behind him when his blood is up so far
with fire and brimstone burning in his eyes.

Morning tea at Chiltern at the quirky Hub Six - Two
With a steaming cup of coffee and a slice
Enjoyed with the company of members, as we always do.,
the service at the place, worth twice the price

We departed the Town of Chiltern-after our morning fill
To wend our way to Tallangatta for our lunch
A few of us took a scenic tour, our map reading skills were nil
But at Tallangatta we caught up with the bunch

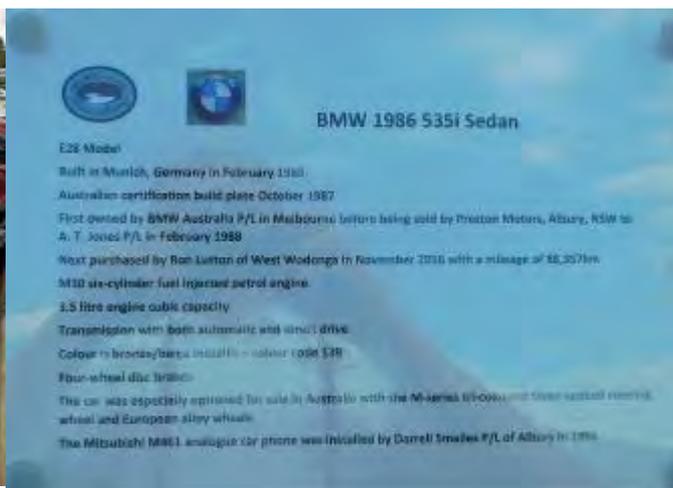
The fare at the red brick pub was plentiful- prices fair and just
The staff were patient and friendly, while busily running round
A meal at this pub if you're in town - would have to be a must
A better establishment, could not easily be found

Another 'midweek' run was over, our day was nigh at end
As we bid adieu to each other from the town
A most enjoyable day spent in the company of friend's
Can't wait until the next one come's around.

John Carthew {apologies to A.B. Paterson}

MIDWEEK RUNNERS

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Malcolm McEachern | BMW220i Convertible |
| 2. Phil Harrison | MGB GT |
| 3. Ron Lutton & Ian Elston | BMW 535i (86) Sedan |
| 4. Noel Ferri & Maria Kable | Saab Convertible |
| 5. John Allott & Graig Nesire | Porsche 928 |
| 6. Len Bosland | Porsche 993 |
| 7. Peter & Carolyn Spasojevic | Porsche |
| 8. Bob & Chris Towers | Toyota 86 |
| 9. Jan Salan | Toyota Celica Convertible |
| 10. Graham & Patrica Bone | Lexus IS200 |
| 11. Harry & Averil Greenhalgh | Mercedes 330SE |
| 12. Les & Shirley Eddington | Mazda MX5 |
| 13. Neil & Jillian Butler | Porsche 996 Cabriolet |
| 14. Ray Tanner/ Ian & Gail Tuttle | Holden 76 Kingswood Sedan |
| 15. Bernie & Susan Campbell | VW Scirocco |
| 16. John & Eileen Carthew | Ford FG GT |
| 17. Hans & Ida Probst | Mitsubishi GTO |
| 18. Brian & Yvonne Alpin | MGB Roadster |



Ron Lutton & Ian Elston out in Ron's recent purchase from Warwick Jones





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