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Alan Brink, Kim McConchie, Gordon Nicholls, Warwick Jones and possibly a couple I've missed!

The days are getting shorter and the colours of Autumn are to be seen everywhere, still it's a glorious time to be taking a drive and seeing how the change of seasons is sweeping over the land. Whether it's a club run or a romantic drive with the promise of a candle lit dinner to finish the day, drive and enjoy!



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NOTE: Club plate holders are required to fill in log books for every journey before you leave home.

Lest We Forget - morning service in Yack.

Credit: Kelli Sheppard.





## Coming Events

### MAY.

Sun 5th.....DRIVE BACK IN TIME. BEECHWORTH.

Always a good day. Depart Gateway 9.00am

Mon.13th....GENERAL MEETING. 7.45pm Commercial Club, Albury.

Wed. 15th....MID WEEK RUN Autumn In The Alps run to Bright.

Sun. 19th....NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY.

A DAY TO CELEBRATE OUR HOBBY.

14 Clubs have been invited to join us at Norieul Park.

10.00am - 2.00pm

Sun. 26th....HISTORIC WINTON. A great day of historic motorsport.

Depart Gateway 7.00am SHARP. Arrive at main entry at 8.00am so we can enter and park together. If you are running late you may have to park in a different area. Some complimentary tickets may be available at the gate.

### JUNE.

Sun. 2nd....LUNCH RUN TO TOCUMWAL. Details from Kim McConchie.

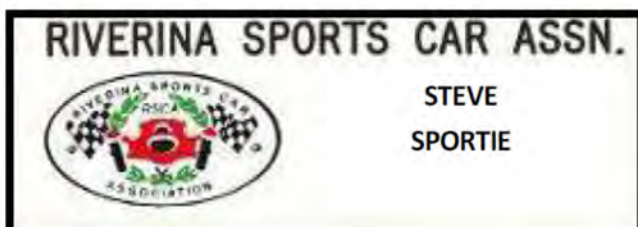
Mon. 10th....WALLA WALLA SHOW AND SHINE. Usually a great display of cars from the Riverina. OWN ARRANGEMENTS. Meet there.

Mon. 10th....GENERAL MEETING. 7.45pm Commercial Club, Albury.

Wed. 12th....MID WEEK RUN.

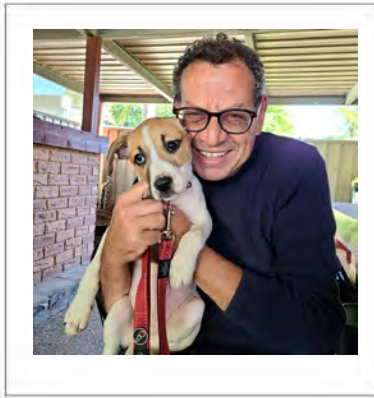
Sun. 16th....CARS & COFFEE. 10.00am

Blind Freddy's Cafe, Elgin St., Wodonga.



**Please remember to wear your name badge to all club events. It is also important for current members to make yourself known to our newer members.**





# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Anthony Saltalamacchia



## *The Prez sez.....*

Greetings Members!

Well here we go again, another report that some will feel obligated to read, and there are others who read it just to see how our magical editor can manipulate and give some boring literature some fun, but there is some important matters here.

The last couple of months have gone along well with some fun and exciting trips and outings. A big thanks goes to Kim for what sounds like was an amazing day in Mitta Mitta and Peter Thompson who lead a group through to Bairnsdale and beyond. It is great to see some clubbies putting their hand up to introduce us to new areas or different activities. I encourage everyone to organise a day trip or weekend for other members and it doesn't have to be a Wednesday or Sunday.

As you all know Gordon Nicholls has spent several years as Events manager and been an inspiration with his methodical planning of events. Unfortunately Gordon will be standing down at the end of the year to pursue some personal time— Gordon you have been awesome!!!

This leads me to you know where..... Yes next year we will be looking for a new Events coordinator and what better time to put your hand up but now, If you or anyone you believe would be great in this role please let us know. In past years it has been interesting to see many new volunteers come into the club, many of which were reluctant, shy or thought they had not been a member long enough, Anyone and everyone is welcome, Don't shy away.....

I look forward to catching up with you all.

Thanks for reading,

Over to Kim for his characteristic edit and the amazing magazine that he produces every couple of months.

*Anthony S.*

*(actually nothing to add here— he's nailed it this month. And like Mid Week runs, work can be shared)*





## ***From the Hotseat!*** - the Editors ramble for this edition.

It's been a busy busy time at the home of Mackandandah Motors, having a couple of weeks in Tassie with the Toranas was a great break, but everything else seems to be piling up and now it's going like a one legged man in an arse kicking competition to keep up with demands. Cut fire wood, drain swamp, paint shed, shear the cows and milk the sheep, bring about world peace, its damned hard I tell you!

So with the two hats of Editor and, with my better half, the co-ordinators of mid-week runs (organizer implies some degree of organization, well we would hate to disillusion you all, as that went out the door when Malcolm stepped down), I can only endorse the words of El Presidento when it comes to members taking on roles in the club organisation - it's what keeps a club like ours rolling along, and it also gives the way forward with new ideas and ways of making our club responsive to the different interests of the members overall. I don't think anyone wants a club run by retirees, for retirees - there's plenty of them in the region already! (I'd check the mail for funnel webs in a matchbox if I name names!)

The reliance on volunteers and the dwindling supply of them with the time to commit is an ongoing concern for many organisations, large and small—across the board, volunteers for such important bodies as the RFS, CFA, SES are a diminishing commodity, and the same is becoming evident in other community groups— LIONS Club, Rotary, Red Cross, Folk festivals are all feeling the pinch. In other organisations we are involved in there is a lot of focus on the volunteer roles and how to refashion them to enable people to make a contribution - splitting of roles and sharing the load has shown some promise, and may be something to consider for the future for some of the RSCA committee roles to both spread the load and get wider input into what we as a club get involved in.

Next, the monthly Book Review! Now I am seriously going back in time here, to one of the first books that absolutely got me hooked on classic motoring. I am sure may of you will know it, many may have a copy, my first copy was so dog eared and spine damaged I bought a fresh copy recently! It's 'The Great Cars' by Ralph Stein; I first read it as a borrowed library book when I was around 12yo, and the descriptions and pictures of truly great cars gave me another dimension to immerse myself in with aviation and steam railway interests—yes, I became the typical Trains, Planes & Automobiles nerd with the addition of the navy as well! I blame my family background; and no wonder I didn't have a girlfriend....

Ralph Stein was a wonderful author, who drove many of the great cars in the 30's, 40's and 50's, and wrote about them in an engaging and enthusiastic style, which just put me in the drivers seat for many of his anecdotes in this and other books and stories he authored. It is also the book that got me thinking of Alfa Romeos, dreaming of Bentleys, and even always on the lookout for a Simplex



( a 50HP Toy Tonneau Simplex , pre WW1, would be a good thing based on his experiences with one!).

And purely as a result of reading this book, one of the pics that I have always gone back to was the SJ Duesenberg pictured as an overhead shot only—I later found out it is quite famous, absolutely gorgeous, and unbelievably valuable. I can't afford it, but as luck would have it I have just found a large scale model of it on ebay, and it's in the post. Thanks Ralph Stein, you started another lifelong interest!

## *Coming up—May mid-week run, and June Sunday Drive.*

May 15th—the next mid-week run, The Colors of Autumn Alpine drive.

Another of Malcolms Maps revisited, departing Gateway at 9.30am and stopping in Beechworth for the mandatory morning coffee and filling snacks, noting we will have to have patience at the pesky traffic light near Wooragee as repairs to the culverts are still in progress.

From Beechworth, it's down the Buckland Gap Road and on to the Great Alpine road, through Myrtleford and onto the Bright Brewery for lunch. Along the way we will aim for a stop coming into Bright, and a photo of the cars, people and the autumn splendor along the way (hoping all the leaves are still on the trees of course!)

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Sunday June 2nd—we are planning a drive to Tocumwal, taking the Riverina Highway and stopping at the Tocumwal Aviation museum for morning tea at the Drome Café, where the museum exhibits reflect the airfields history as both a civil and military aviation center. There is a \$15 entrance fee, but I will be visiting prior and try to negotiate a group discount!

From there it will be lunch at one of the pubs in town, then finish with a visit to Chrystie's Museum which is described as a private collection of cars, memorabilia and collectibles—ie. all the stuff we used to call junk! There is a \$5 entry fee, cash only—I don't fancy my chances of getting that any lower! Plan is to have a 9am start from Gateway which should get us to Tocumwal before 11. We will firm these plans up mid-May, but in the meantime let me know if you are interested in joining us—[kmconch@iprimus.com.au](mailto:kmconch@iprimus.com.au)



## **MARCH MID-WEEK RUN TO LAKE HUME RESORT**



Now this was a strange one. I planned the run but could not test the route beforehand. Nor could I do the run on the day with the club due to other commitments.

However (1), I could get to the luncheon at “The Boatshed” within the Hume Dam Resort, and however (2), I did do the run a few days later so I guess I could report on the route and the environments through which I passed, oh, and the lunch too.

I could not persuade anyone who went on the run to write up a report, hence, my ramblings.



I did have time to gather with the group at the Gateway to provide their maps and send them on their way. Probably about 12 to 15 vehicles up to 30 people set off soon after 10.00am, I had no nominated leader but as the first stop was Myrtleford via Yack, a familiar morning tea location, this was not really required.

I believe the coffee and the food at the Heiner’s Bakery was up to its usual good standard as well as the good service.

Then it was down the road towards Bright for a few “k’s”, turning left into Happy Valley Road towards Running Creek. This was a beaut little road with some good corners and short straights. And I suppose the countryside looked good too, but I was busy still trying out the limits of the new Giulia.

Then north for a bit until Keegans Lane which took us over the Kiewa River and left into Gundowring Road heading us north again. Now this was lovely country. Open paddocks with happily grazing cattle in a wide valley with well treed (is this a real word?) hills and low mountains on our right. Yes, I slowed down here to appreciate the agricultural and environmental ambience of the drive. Onto the Murray Valley Highway as far as Bonegilla then towards the Hume Dam and our lunch venue.

I got there late (or did the club get there early) and partook of a very nice meal and enjoyed good company.

And so ended another RSCA Run with no-one getting lost and no speeding fines (I hope).

Alan Brink.



## APRIL MID-WEEK RUN

Wednesday April 10th

### A 'BBQ at Griceys



A new slant on the mid-week run this month, with the lunch time destination being a bit of a change from the usual pub, club, or café - very generously, Jim and Cheryl Grice had offered to host the Mid Weekers this month. With the promise of a BBQ with the lot, that was pretty enticing, but also the pizza oven would be fired up so giving everyone the chance to assemble their own pizza deluxe from a wide range of toppings. After passing these foodtastic creations to the honorable Pizza Chef de Jour- ie. Gricey- there would be flurry of pizza juggling in and out of the oven, and before you knew it a plate full of pizza was yours to devour. But more on that later- first, we had to get there!



A civilized start from Gateway at 9.30 saw close on 20 cars departing in the direction of Tallangatta for the requisite morning tea stop at the bakery. As usual, our runners presented themselves in a wide range of vehicles, from the Best of British –

Bill Harding in his magnificent E-type, and Ray and Tina Jones in their Rolls Royce- to classics of the seventies and eighties- Alan and Lynne Brink in the Alfa Spider, Craig Rattenbury in his BMW 635—and muscle cars of different generations— John McInnes had his SS Commodore out for a spin, Harley Knott was exercising the searing Orange Mustang, Steve Jones joined us in his C8 Corvette and Chantelle and I fronted in our Torana XU-1s. And to round it all out with the future is now, Paul Bell made an electrifying appearance in his Tesla 3. Plus the Porsches, Jags, a classic Fairlane and later in the day, a Ralliart Magna- you don't get variety like this too often!

From Tallangatta, where the once



again the bakery managed to meet the critical coffee and snack requirements of the apparently starving mob, it was onto a road less travelled for the next part of the journey.

Down the highway and across the bridge to Old Tallangatta, and there we started up the road less travelled - the Georges Creek Road. Quite a few in the run were concerned it was a gravel road, but no, sometime in the not too distant past it had been surfaced and while narrow in parts, the overall condition was pretty good. And today, it was pretty much all ours! It's a good, flowing road and if only we could organise road closures and keep the locals in HiLuxes occupied elsewhere, it would make a marvelous tarmac rally section which you could run in both directions. Even just a good fang to blow out some cobwebs would be fun, and rumour has it some of our members have done just that since the mid-week run....

On to the Murray River Road, then a left to Bethanga and some more fine driving roads, and then we made our way to Griceys in Bonegilla where the aroma of cooking greeted the now apparently starving (again) runners. Obviously a bit of wheel work and stretching the right foot builds an appetite!

A pleasant afternoon followed, looking at Griceys car collection both large and small, all the while being fed as required until no more could be consumed. It was also a good opportunity to meet David Scaigh, a new member to the club who had, coming from Perth, had flown in too late to join the run but made it to lunch—welcome David, and he is the proud owner of the Ralliart Magna mentioned earlier.



A big thanks to Jim and Cheryl for putting on an excellent lunch at their home, and thanks to the helpers on the day- Pete Dunham and Sally Anne, with Pete showing his prowess at burger flipping and sausage sizzling on the bbq, and Hans Probst and Ida, who helped get the area set up and directed traffic as the cars arrived. If I missed anyone else, my apols, and I'm sure everyone who was there had a bloody terrific day!



## The Mid Week runners were:

Peter & Carolyn Spasojevic- the Jaaaag

Hans & Ida Probst- MB, and thanks for helping on the day

Trevor & Lesley Lashbrook- 1968 ZB Fairlane

Pete & KerrieThompson– Nissan

Jim & Cheryl Grice – well of course they were there!

Neil Butler– Porsche 996

Kim & Chan McConchie—an pair of Torries

Peter & Sally Anne Dunham– thanks again for helping on the day

Olivia & Jeanette Achammer- Honda

Harley Knott– Eye Searing Orange Mustang

Alan & Lynn Brink– Alfa Romeo Spider

Ian & Gail Tuttle– Toyota

Howard Anderson– Audi TT

David Scaigh– Ralliart Magna

John Carthew– Ford

John McInnes & Peter Harding– VE Commodore SS

Bill Harding– E type Jag

Ray & Tina Jones– Rolls Royce

Stephen Jones– C8 Corvette

Ian & Annette McDonald– BMW Z3

Craig Rattenbury– BMW 635

Paul Bell–Tesla 3

Peter Trescowthick– Porsche Cayman





# **NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY**

**SUNDAY  
19TH MAY  
2024**

**10:00AM—2:00PM**



To be held at  
**“NOREUIL PARK “**  
On the grassed area in  
front of “Riverdeck Café”



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## Chiltern Cancer Cruise

Celebrating the memory of the late motoring enthusiasts John Jameson, Kelvin Duke and Bruce Gibbons - dedicated supporters of the Chiltern Cancer Cruise

### *April 14 at Chiltern Park Recreation Reserve*

What a terrific RSCA turnout there was for this great charity event which supports the Albury / Wodonga Cancer Centre!

And, what a great turnout of cars from other car clubs too.

Our club recorded a total of 34 cars and we were just pipped by the Albury Wodonga Vintage Car Club (AWVCC) by just two.

Our club met as usual at the Gateway in Wodonga and while only 10 cars left from here, several cars were already at the event and more RSCA members rolled up during the morning.

The range of cars on display was amazing from a very old T Model Ford and an Austin Seven to near new Mustangs and Porsches. I would guess that every decade was represented by several types from the 1910's to the 2020's. A wander around the park was a real eye opener with immaculate old sedans, big V8 muscle cars, sports cars, an electric powered Mini, giant American beasts, Rolls Royce's and so many other types they just could not easily be listed here.

After doing our usual wandering, most club members sat around in small groups under a shady tree and chatted away the rest of the morning with live music being performed in the background, probably a little too loud for easy conversation.

As the RSCA was collecting entry fees at the gate, we have a complete rundown of the donation going to the Cancer Centre. There was \$1,967 collected at the entry from a fee of \$10 per car plus donations from pe-



destrian visitors. Guest Car Clubs also donated money that they have raised over the last several weeks and including the donation of \$2,000 from our club, which totaled \$2,500 plus \$350 coming from the raffle, the total to be given to the Cancer Centre will be \$4,767.

Prize for best car of the day went to a 1928 "A" Model Ford from the Murray Valley Car Club.

What we got out of the day was the fact that we do not have to run the event next year, having been beaten in numbers by the AWWCC, two of the raffle prizes to our club members and a great day out with perfect Autumn weather to display our cars and view the cars from other Car Clubs.

Alan Brink.





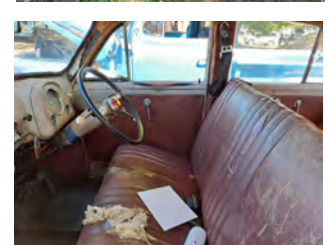
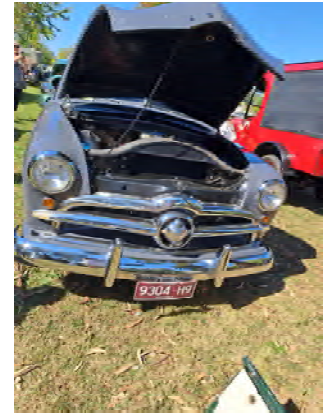


Ray Tanners HX was also out on the day, proudly displaying the awards from the last 3 All GM days shows– great to see, Congrats Ray! it is indeed a worthy winner.



## Making it a great day at Chiltern: (sorry if I missed someone)

Gordon & Janene - Nicholls Ford V8,  
 Stuart McMurray - 66 Mustang,  
 Ross Edwards - Daimler SP250,  
 Bryan Giersch - BMW 220,  
 Bruce Walford - MG RV8,  
 Phil Harrison - MGB GT,  
 Ray Tanner - the Kingswood,  
 Ian Tuttle - Honda 1300 coupe,  
 Warwick Jones & Shane Reid - Porsche 911,  
 Harley Knott - Mustang,  
 Peter Thompson - Capri,  
 Alan Brink - Alfa Spyder,  
 Peter Taylor - Mercedes,  
 John McInnes - Studebaker,  
 Alan Lawrence - EH Holden,  
 Kerry Bedford - EH Holden,  
 Bruce Doughty - Ford XY GT,  
 Richard Heather - FX Holden,  
 Neil Butler - Porsche 911,  
 Adrian & Terry Meridith - Ford XB Coupe,  
 Peter Radcliff - MX5,  
 Ray & Marg Tobin - Chrysler Sebring,  
 Kim McConchie - Mercedes 280SE,  
 Chantelle McConchie - Renault 16TS,  
 Jim & Cheryl Grice - Torana GTR,  
 Bryan Liersch 66 - Mustang,  
 Julie Wilkins - 66 Datto,  
 Peter & Sally Dunham - Porsche Boxster,  
 Des Saunders - Mustang.



## ***RUTHERGLEN RUMBLE.***

### ***April 7 was Showtime!***

It was another great autumn day so muggins thought I had better be on time at Gateway to lead the hordes to the show!! However, at the allotted time it was myself and Peter Thompson with Peter Dunham in the immaculate Porsche and Peter Spasojevic who departed.

We took the scenic route from Barny across through Cornishtown to Rutherglen to avoid the potholes on the M/V Highway. The Rutherglen showgrounds were already busy when we arrived so after a short wait for coffee we wandered off to look at the cars. There were many interesting, some immaculate and varied cars there. A comment was made that with the cost of paint and mechanics, motors etc the amount of expense in the paddock would be enormous!!

Those who attended:

Gordon Nicholls, Peter Dunham, Peter Thompson, Craig Lemke, Richard Heather, Gordon Mackinlay, Ian Tuttle, Malcolm McEachern, Rob Masolin, Peter Radcliff, Kerry Bedford, Alan Lawrence, David & Eliza Buckley, Tony Barlow.

Sorry if I missed anyone! - *Gordon Nicholls*





The last couple of Cars and Coffees have been fairly quiet.

On 17/03/24 we had an convivial gathering at the Ripe Tomatoes. The following enjoyed either brekky or coffee 'n cake. Those who attended:

Gordon & Janene Nicholls, Peter & Kerrie Thompson, Bruce Walford & Liz Spencer, Phil Harrison, Bryan & June Liersch, Peter Spasojevic.

Then on Sunday 21/4/24 only 4 members braved the cold breeze to have their coffee's.

Those participating were Gordon & Janene Nicholls, Phil Harrison, David & Leanna Scaigh (new members from Perth), David & Eliza Buckley.

**RUMOUR FILE!** Apparently Peter Spasojevic is enjoying his European vacation, and has been shopping...

Contributions to his maxed out credit card gratefully accepted. He may set himself up as a charity and they can then be tax deductible. All donors will be guaranteed a drive at the Logic Centre, although half the spark plugs will be disconnected and the hand brake will be firmly on. Send all money to the Editor, and he will ensure its passed on to Poverty Pete & his new Engulf & Devour Porsche. Can he get it home as carry on luggage?





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# Toranas to Tassie

## Part One—Getting There Is Half The fun

If you are old enough you will possibly remember coming back to school (Primary School, unless your Secondary College had some interesting quirks) after a holiday break ended and being given a writing assignment so that, basically, the bored, possibly hungover, and certainly with a mind elsewhere teacher could have some quiet personal time without having to re-adjust children's attitudes and get little Johnny down off the roof. Topics such as 'If I were a Penny', 'If the Queen came to visit', 'Where does Granny keep her teeth at night' and the ubiquitous 'What I did on the Holidays' were great time wasters while said teacher recovered from the shock of being back in the classroom and facing what appeared to be 36+ fresh, glowing faces with various teeth missing, possible mange, and a great deal of attitude - and knowing there is a whole term to go.

So here I go, What we did on our Holidays!

Well, every couple of years a loose association of Torana owners with GTR's or XU-1's get together for special events, and the numbers vary depending on the occasion - from over 120 at Bathurst, to a dozen or so for a trip like this. The numbers really don't matter, it's the fun you have at the time and while we know a lot of the owners, every event brings someone new to the scene.

This one was also the full stop to end the Round the Block for Brock event in 2022—we hit every state except Tassie, so 2024 it's lets get that box ticked too.

Fourteen cars took to the boat to get there, and a couple of those cars were no sure thing. One car was still a body on a rotisserie around 5 weeks out; it was on the road 5 days before the boat sailed, but still had to get down from Townsville; another was out of the shed 32 years since it was last registered with 6 weeks to kick-off. The latter car is a one owner car, and being worked on by its owner, Glenn, pretty much on his own, in a friends shed near Grafton. He lives in Sydney...so he slept in the shed for 6 weeks as he worked on it. We knew him from being a co-driver in 2022, and that trip had got him over a divorce and determined to get his car back on the road. We had a lot of on-line and phone call help sessions, part technical, part therapy and part motivation to keep going. And mailing bits express post when there were none other available.



From rotisserie to on the road with 5 days to go

We were taking the one car for this, two cars on the ferry was equivalent to a lot of money best spent elsewhere - 98 in Tassie, for starters, that put our fuel prices into perspective. Chantelles car got the nod as mine was finishing off the respray, and fortunately not much prep was needed—it went pretty much as it finished the 2022 event, just with all the stickers off it. Oil change, pump the tyres up, easy peasy.

Our friend in Grafton wasn't having such a good time. Every time you read about a car coming out of long term storage and firing up in a trice before driving off down the road are highly unlikely stories... in Glenn's case, there was a lot of rebuilding. And replacing. With 2 weeks to go, it started for the first time in many



years. With 3 days to go before it was to be on the boat, it got its roadworthy (there may have been a nod and a wink regarding certain oil leaks and a couple of other non-safety issues), with 2 days to go it was registered, with its original rego number as well! And with that sorted, we had arranged for him to arrive the day before we headed to Geelong to get on the ferry, and waited for the appearance; and waited; we got a message around 3pm to say they had cleared Sydney but the car was using exorbitant amounts of fuel and they had to drive with their heads out of the windows due to petrol fumes...

At 2.45am I heard the phone go Ping! And it was a message to say they had arrived in Yack, the car had stalled in the main street and was parked there, and a list of parts needed followed. His co-driver, Darren The Brave, had been dispatched with a torch to try to find the entrance to the Yack motel (heritage overlay, it's not obvious) and having found it, returned to find Glenn making snow angels in the middle of High street. Lets just call it stress and move on, and thank Yack for a total lack of traffic at that time of night.

The sun rose, and soon after they arrived - unfed, sleep deprived, they rolled into our place looking like crap and with a car barely running. In red with black sections where surface rust had taken hold, it was promptly christened the Lady Bug. Coffee, food, and into it. A mate from Albury who was in the 2022 event swung by first thing to help, and we diagnosed the fuel problem—a pinhole in the fuel pump body, wafting a squirt of 98 with every pump stoke—and the oil leak problem, just a failed gasket with a stripped thread contributing to a rocker cover leak. Changed the pump, tapped the thread and a new gasket and bolt, and good enough to get on the road a bit after 11am. On to Geelong!



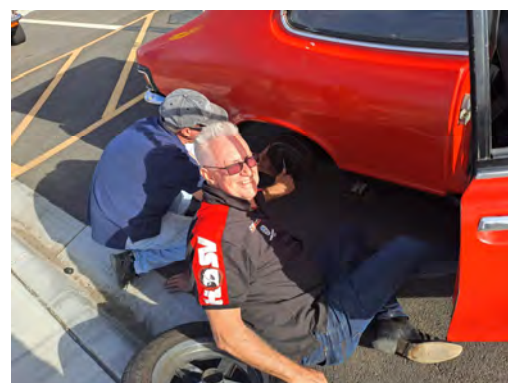
There's almost a spare car in the boot— aids traction apparently

We planned to avoid the shitty Ring Road and divert at Broadford to Gisborne, and head down the back roads via Bacchus Marsh to Geelong. Glenn and Darren reported over the 2-way that the air was a lot cleaner, the fuel consumption looked a lot more respectable, but - there is a 'orrible graunching noise from somewhere down the back. Near Seymour it was pull over and lets have a look see - and bloody hell, one of the rear wheels could fry an egg, a rasher or two of bacon, and probably a tomato as well. Yes, the brake appears to be jammed on.

A side of the road adjustment, back the brakes off as far as humanly possible, and press on. Missing the boat was not an option. Having front brakes only was.

At a reduced pace we kept on, always watching the bars on the phone in case we needed to call in the SWAT squad (Savior With A Truck), we made Geelong. The noise from Glenns car could be heard as he drove through the streets to the ferry, causing dogs to howl, small children to run in terror, and heads to turn to look at the tosser in the old car that appears to be seriously broken.

We made the terminal with an hour or so to spare, met up with some other Torana people we knew, and started repairs while we waited for the boat to load. A pin that locates the brake shoes had jumped ship, leaving the pads to move around as they saw fit, and the clip that retains the pin jammed between the pads and the brake drum on an intermittent basis. No pins in anyone's spare parts, so we zip-locked the shoes away from the drums and



that was good enough to have us ready to load from 7.30. No point looking for dinner, we'll get that on the boat.

While waiting we noticed a lot of Citroens in the queue, so got chatting—175 of the French wonders were due to spend 10 days in Tassie getting in everyones way, waving baguettes, and singing the Marseille's at every opportunity. We were to see a lot of them.

At 8 PM, we got a text message thanking us for our patience and we would load soon.

At 9 PM, we got a text message thanking us for our patience and we would load soon.

At 9.45PM, we started loading, with another text message thanking us for our patience.

At 10.35PM, we were on board, grabbed a meal, and headed for the bar.

At 1AM, we realized we were finally going through the heads, we were still in the bar, and we really should stop now and head back for a sleep.

Eventually, we did so.

And so the getting there sloshed, rocked and rolled through the night until it became we have got there.

2 and a half hours late.

The reception party for the Toranas on board had left.

Surely it can only get better?



Waiting, waiting...hungry, cold, thirsty, not happy

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Next mag—Part 2.Yes, it did!





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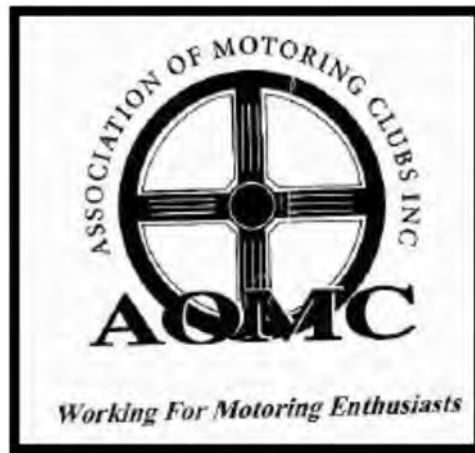


# TONNEAU TALK

We welcome our new members this month—

John & Annette Morey—1966 Mustang  
Dianne davey & Phil Prap—1969 MGB Coupe

*See you on the next run!*



## Attention NSW members on H and D plates

Log Book entries for NSW vehicles on H or D plates TfNSW now has a permanent NSW Police liaison officer attached to the Historic and Classic Industry Working Group. Recent reports and social media posts have led to that officer providing the following suggested message to clubs.

This is quoted verbatim for your advice:

*"When completing a log book entry, the person who is completing the log book entry for the day should ensure that they are recording their "Full Name".*

*It is important that the log book entry is completed correctly and before first use of the vehicle on that day, abbreviations, initials or "ditto" marks do not fulfill the requirements of the conditions of the log book.*

*One entry is required in the log book for that day regardless of how many drivers use the vehicle. The instructions are in the front of the log book. Remember, log books allow personal use of vehicles and are an important part of the registration and insurance process, incorrectly entered or log books not completed could result in police action or non-payment of an insurance claim."*

Club members are advised to heed the advice of the Police liaison officer.



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