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



## Coming Events

September.

Sun. 10th. **RSCA Memorial Run.**

Depart Gateway @ 9.00am, Lunch at Everton Hotel \$20 p/H (booking required for lunch)

Mon. 11th. **General meeting.** 7.45pm Commercial Club.

Wed. 13th. **Mid week run.** Depart Gateway 9.00am.

Sun. 17 th. **Cars and Coffee.** 10.00am

Ripe Tomato, Borella Rd, Albury.

October.

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup>. **Sunday Lunch run to Mitta Pub.** Depart Gateway 10.00am, booking required for lunch ,advise Kim if coming – [kmconch@iprimus.com.au](mailto:kmconch@iprimus.com.au)

Sun. 8th. **Lockhart Spirit of the Land Festival.** Art sculpture display. Own arrangements.

Mon. 9th. **General meeting.** 7.45pm Commercial Club.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER— Rob Phillis, 5 times Australian Superbike Champion.

Wed. 11th. **Mid week run.** Depart Gateway 9.00am.

Sun. 15th. **Cars and Coffee.** The Ripe Tomato. 10.00am

**Twin City Classic Vehicle Club's Swap Meet.** See flyer. Own arrangements

Sat. 21st. **RSCA 40th Anniversary.** A full day including coffee, a run and dinner.

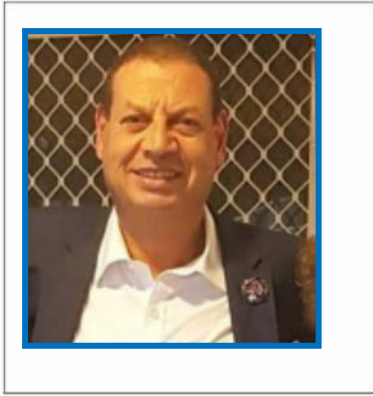
See details elsewhere. Numbers required NOW.

Sun. 29th. **Tallangatta Show 'n Shine.** Depart Gateway 8.30am.



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 the nicer months are heading in and it's time to get our vehicles clean, polished and hopefully running perfectly.

We have a lot of fun days coming up and it would be great to see as many members as possible to join us on our cruises.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you all the amount of enjoyment and reward I have gained from being an active member of our club.

I joined about six years ago and after 18 months put my hand up for secretary, the job was a little daunting at first but as time went on, I got great joy from the position not to mention the extra involvement in interacting with other members, clubs & businesses. After a 4-year stint in the position I put my hand up for President and although I may be a bit unorthodox or at times make a minor or major error I enjoy the challenge and friendships within the club.

Later this year we will be holding our AGM and I encourage everyone to consider taking an active roll in the club. Our committee is very strong in backing each of us up or covering if we need time away. Each position only requires a small amount of time each month to complete tasks, but knowing you belong to such a great group makes it all worthwhile. I am expecting a couple of positions to become vacant, and it is a great opportunity to contribute to the best car club in the Border region!

I look forward to catching up with you all on cruise days and thank you all for your participation.

*Anthony S.*

Anthony Saltalamacchia, and it's all my own work.

**Don't forget—a big day coming up on the 21st October ,as this is the arranged weekend for the clubs 40th Anniversary celebrations—see page 10 for all the details**

**Note: Annual General Meeting Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November At Thurgoona Country Club**





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

The problem with winter nights is it's all too easy to be sitting in a comfy chair, a fire glowing happily nearby and a glass of something red and convivial going down very nicely while having a quick pass through what's new on social media, and ... up pops a memory from 4 years ago. In the HQ on the WA—NT border, during the 40th Anniversary Repco Re-Trial. And somewhere a cog starts turning, that starts a few neurons firing up, and the thought crosses the mind that 2024 will be the 45th Anniversary, and wouldn't it be a good idea to organise something that involved going around Australia again....

A bright idea like that tends to over-ride any common sense, and its only a couple of phone calls to establish that a couple of other people think it's a good idea too, and we should do something about it. Here's where subsequent glasses of something convivial can get you into trouble—in somewhat under an hour a plan is hatched, at an hour and a half a roughed-in route identified and by the end of the second hour, dates set and tasks arranged for my mates, like accommodation planning and contacting other entrants from 2019.

At which time I tell the love of my life about the great idea, and who's getting involved, and the dates, which is September— most of it. The temperature drops about 30 degrees and icicles form on extremities, as the eyebrows arch and in a quiet voice (that's the dangerous one) I am asked "Have you forgotten we have our sons wedding here in October next year??"

The look on my face answered that one. Fortunately, this came as no surprise either, so Diplomatic Relations were able to be restored in the fullness of time. I was deaf for quite a while, though.

So this months book review. Self explanatory really.

Highly recommended for those who have suddenly had an unexpected hearing loss, and wish to know if their pleas for mercy are being considered. And the enforced peace and quiet (truce and quiet?) at least gave me the chance to re-jig the timing, and get us back home with 6 weeks to spare. More on this in the next edition!

### LIPREADING A Guide For Beginners



John Chaloner Woods

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## *The Winton Festival of Speed (the one when it didn't rain).*

### FESTIVAL OF SPEED – WINTON RACEWAY - 6 AUG 2023

The dawn broke with a clear sky and the promise of a dry day which always leads to good racing.

I gathered two fellow club members who are neighbours of mine and headed into our rendezvous point at Wodonga. We three were Brian Giersch in his brand new BMW 220i Coupe, Harley Knott (a new member) in his near new yellow 5 litre Mustang and me in my 43 year old Alfa Romeo Spider. Being first there, a little early I must admit, we stood around chatting about cars, as we normally do before a driving event. The nominated departure time came – and went – still all on our own! Oh well, some may have decided to head to Winton direct from home, so off we three went down the freeway towards Benalla.



We arrived some time after 9.00am but missed the first race which was a Regularity event – a pity as RSCA member Bernie Mylon was entered in his Ford GT40.

The day proceeded as usual with Formula Fords and Vees, various sports car events and the big banger sedan cars making all the right noises.

Highlight events, to me anyway, were the Group S sports cars, the *All MG* races and the *All Alfa Romeo* races. Although the Group N sedans are very spectacular with early Mustangs, Camaros, Chargers and Minis providing great racing and entertainment.

Best for me was the racing in the Group S sports cars with what was a comparatively tiny 1275cc MG Midget mixing in and harrying Porsche 911's and a Corvette at the head of the field and all this on the longer version of the Winton circuit.

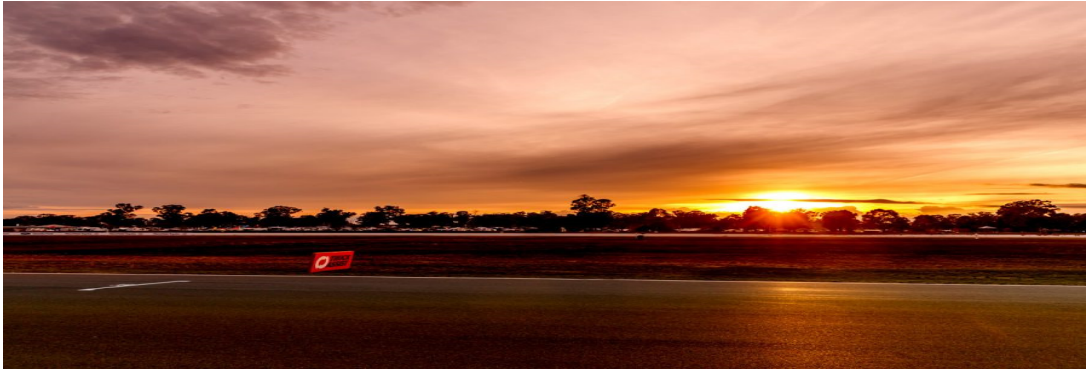


Why was this a favourite event? Well, I once owned an MG Midget and raced it often at club events, so I have a serious soft spot for the type.

Anyway, the other highlights? Just wandering in the pits, looking at the cars up close and occasionally chatting to their owners, is always good, but all events were highlights really. Just watching people banging around the racetrack in their carefully prepared pride and joy is so inspiring and exciting. Even though they looked like a lot of old taxis, the HQ Holden event was keenly contested and the camaraderie that existed in the pits where they all parked together is what amateur racing is all about.

And how good was the *All Alfa* event! Most of them even finished!!

So as the sun started to sink in the west, we reckoned we had seen enough so headed for home. This



time, I set the pace, so the old Alfa engine didn't have to work so hard to keep up with the modern machinery.

Yes, a beaut day at the races and I still cannot fathom the lack of support by our club members. Next year we must promote it harder.

Alan Brink.

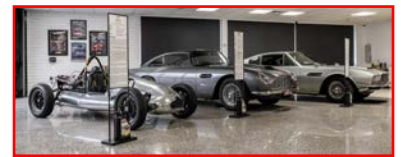
## *It's time for another Bus Trip!*



Warwick Jones, in conjunction with the Minis On The Murray Car Club, is planning a trip to a couple of great places in Melbourne—The Healy Factory, and Lane 88 Auto Museum—aka The Penrite Museum. This opened June 2022 on the site of Penrite Oil's previous headquarters and blending plant in Wantirna South.

The Healy Factory is always worth a visit, both for the cars on site, and to look at the engineering and restoration work they undertake, while Lane 88 has a collection as diverse as the oils Penrite produce!

The date for the trip is Saturday November 18, and if we can't fill a standard coach, then using a smaller Coaster bus is an option. Should be a great day out with the Mini owners, so let Warwick know asap if you are interested — final cost will be depend on how many people join in, so get on board if you can!



*Hold the meat tray! Cancel the chook! Here's the BEST raffle of 2023!!*

*It's the FABULOUS RSCA Annual raffle, and what a raffle it is!*

- Winner receives a paint correction and detail, provided by Customwrapz and Detail to the value of \$700
- Tickets available now at \$20 / ticket
- Drawn at our annual AGM at the Siesta, 11 November

Pay direct to our bank account in multiples of \$20 and I will allot you the appropriate number of tickets.

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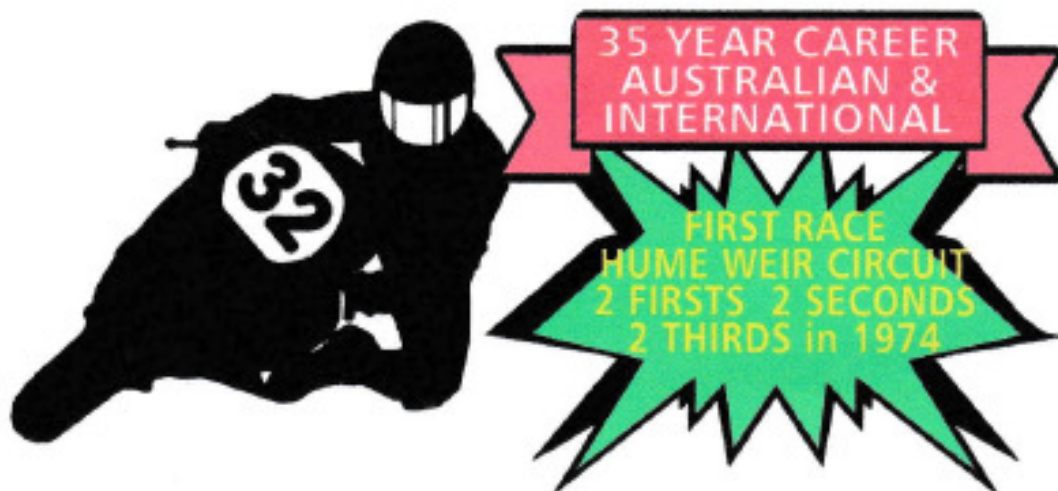


**Put this one in the diary**—we are very lucky to have Rob Phillis as a guest speaker for the October meeting, and if you know of Rob's 2 wheeled career, you will already have the heart beat advancing a couple of notches! Rob will be speaking at the beginning of the meeting, and we will conclude the night with the usual General Meeting Agenda.

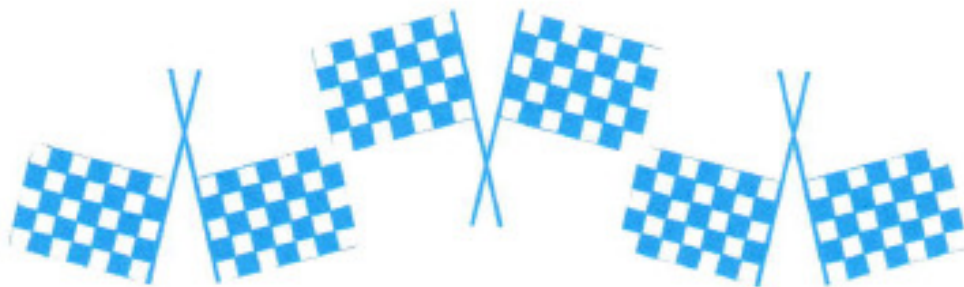
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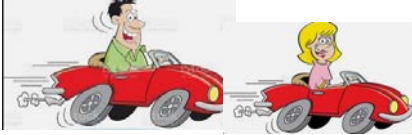
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Guest Speaker 9th OCTOBER





## Mid Week Run for August

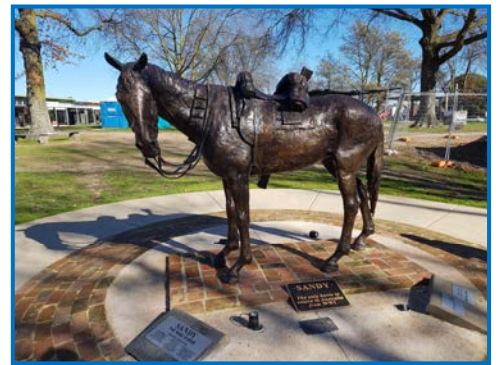
16 August— the long way to Albury!



This run was organised by Bernie and Sue Campbell and not only was it a great drive, they also arranged some fabulous weather to go with it. Bernie could not get to the start so delegated the arrangements on the day to me.

A total of 27 fellow enthusiasts braved to chilly early morning air and following the usual drivers briefing, we headed east towards Tallangatta via the Murray Valley Highway. With little traffic on the road, a very pleasant drive was experienced with the surrounding rolling hills blanketed in green winter growth on one side and a full Hume Dam storage on the left at times being close to the edge of the road. We also welcomed a new member on his first run with us, he being Harley Knott with his big burley orange 5 litre Mustang which made all the right noises.

Our scheduled “smoko” break was in the various coffee shops in Tallangatta after viewing the recently unveiled bronze statue of the WW1 War Horse, “Sandy” who came from the Tallangatta area. This was the only waler allowed to be brought back to Australia of the 169,000 horses to be shipped to Egypt. Sandy was the personal mount of Major General Bridges who was shot at Gallipoli and died of his wounds. His last wish was that Sandy be allowed to return to Australia, which was granted.



In small separate groups, the members, now replenished with sugar and caffeine, left town for the



luncheon destination of the Albury SS&A Club. This was done via the always popular Granya Gap route which fully tests the club’s racers and trundlers alike. As my Alfa was at the Auto Electrician (yes, again!!), I was in my Ford Territory so adopted the “trundler” attitude and for the first time on this road I actually saw the beautiful scenery in this area. No up and down the gears with Lynne getting thrown from side to side. No, just stick it drive and trundle – very pleasant. Oh dear, showing my age here!!

Back down the Gap Road to the northern wing of the storage and after the challenge of both spotting then avoiding the many potholes on the River Road, we motored over the Bethanga Bridge and on into Albury for lunch.



Cleverly positioning we noisy RSCA members well away from other diners, we all enjoyed an excellent lunch made even better by the lively conversations between our members.

Thanks Bernie for organising this run, It was a great day out.

Alan Brink

Attendees were:

John Buckley - Ford Falcon; Robyn & Malcolm MacEachern – Jaguar XF; Gail & Ian Tuttle – Honda Accord  
 Kerrie & Peter Thompson – Ford Capri; Lynne & Alan Brink – Ford Territory; Harley Knott – Ford Mustang;  
 Denise Bell & John McInnes – Porsche Boxter; Zonnie & Peter Taylor – 280E Mercedes;  
 Olivia & John Achammer – Honda; Chris McQuelin – Abarth; Lorraine & Peter Daly – Jaguar XF;  
 Lyn Mansell & Allan Black – Rover P6; Julie & Phil Wilkins – Datsun Fairlady; Neil Butler – Porsche 911  
 Darryl Baxter – Saab Convertible; Glenda & Col Schumack – 280SL Mercedes.



*Pop those corks!*

*Ring them bells!*



It's all happening for the  
**RSCA 40th Anniversary!**  
**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

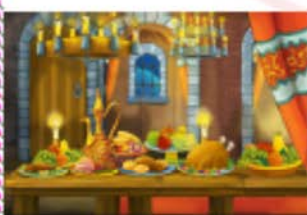
**PROGRAMME**



*10 am - lets start with catching up with the members you know and the ones you don't!*



*Noon — a re-run of the 1983 Observation Run, a test of the powers of observation and the ability to follow directions, while maintaining peace and harmony in the car!*



*6.30 pm - the 40th Anniversary Dinner  
 To be held at Quality Siesta Resort,  
 Wagga Road Lavington*

*2 Course Dinner, with a very special after dinner  
 guest Speaker*



*And then finish the night with Music & Dance,  
 get out on that dance floor and cut a rug, jitter  
 that bug, twist and shout, let it all hang out!*

*Accommodation available on site  
 which includes Fully Cooked Breakfast, or come back for  
 A delicious Sunday Morning Fully Cooked Breakfast \$20*

## The Annual Memorial Run September 10, 2023

It was a well attended Memorial Run held on a Sunday, and thoughts were with members past as we were briefed on the route and the observation tests along the way. After a grey and tepid start, the



clouds broke up and the sun made a valiant (possibly a Regal, but definitely not a Charger) attempt to provide warmth and delight to the members as we arrived for coffee and the usually necessary food for the soul at the Bundalong Café. Let me just give a vote of thanks for the sausage rolls, a life saving mix of fine filling and puff pastry that could put a smile on the face of a Rechabite locked in a winery with not another drop to drink. Come to think of it, that would put a smile on my face too!

As always on a Memorial Run, there was an Observation test to be completed, put together by our very own President—as arcane and cryptic as a mind like his can devise. Yes, there was a cryptic question. No, it was not easily deciphered. Hieroglyphics in an Egyptian tomb are probably easier, but everyone had a go at it and the other tests of observation which, in some cars, may have led to Words Being Spoken between driver and navigator. Such are the joys of running in an Observation Rally!

On to the Everton Hotel for lunch, sitting outside with a mild breeze blowing and the sun now shining, and what a fine way to end the day! Anthony had arranged a very special door prize—a brand new Porsche! Cody was the lucky winner, spotting it sitting above the front door of the pub—the rest of us didn't think to look up.... The list of attendees was taken by the President, so I don't have a list here to share; but I believe when the results are announced at the AGM, he has promised all the members who attended will be awarded a bag of golden coins from the Italian odyssey coming up, a voucher for \$100 for a meal at his next culinary venture, and a personal letter of thanks sealed with a kiss for good measure. I can hardly wait!

All in all a very fine day out, thanks to Anthony for the organisation, and Sue and Bernie for helping get the route established.



**Winners are grinners!**



# THE (MUCH ANTICIPATED) SUNDAY LUNCH

## RUN TO MITTA PUB

*Sunday October 1st*

*The Route is promising a delightful drive through the early spring in the Alpine region, with the option of a stop at Dartmouth Dam on the way home.*

*Meet 9.30am at Gateway for a very respectable hour of 10am depart,*

*Arrive at Tallangatta bakery for morning tea at 10.45,*

*depart 11.15ish via Tallangatta South (Omeo Hwy),*

*to arrive at the Laurel Hotel, aka the Mitta pub, by 12.30 for lunch.*

***Bookings essential!***

*(will need to confirm numbers a couple of days prior)*

***Please email [kmconch@iprimus.com.au](mailto:kmconch@iprimus.com.au), or call/message me on 0427 964 257***

***(if I don't answer please leave a voice message)***



Planning is underway for the 2024 Bairnsdale Bash!

## Proposed Bairnsdale Trip away

Weekend of 16, 17, 18 February 2024.

The Bairnsdale trip away I mentioned at the meeting before last, will take the following format (**below**) to which I am open to suggestions for changes.

Day 1. travel to Bairnsdale

Day 2 Visit Gippsland Vehicle Collection Maffra, and, continue to Moe

Day 3 Visit Holden Motor Museum at Trafalgar

The trip will terminate after the Trafalgar Holden Museum visit to allow members the choice of driving home, or going on to visit Melbourne for whatever reason.

Those interested please let me know by return email ([kerriethompson2@bigpond.com](mailto:kerriethompson2@bigpond.com)) by the end of August, and if enough members are interested, I will continue with the event and make the necessary bookings.

The Riviera Lakes Car Club of Bairnsdale may be joining us for the visit to the Gippsland Vehicle Museum and lunch in Maffra, this is to be confirmed. The club is very similar to ours and it will be a great opportunity to connect with another club with similar interests.

If you require further initial details please ring or email me, or talk to me at the next meeting.

Regards

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Day	Location	Activity	Distance	Notes
Day 1	Wodonga	Gateway gather 7.30 for 8.00am start 1hr 15 min 95Klm	95klm	
	Bright	9.15 arrival Coffee stop, depart 10.15 drive to Mt Hotham 1 hr 55Klm	55klm	Coffee Shop TBA
	Mt Hotham	Regather at Mt Hotham, toilet break 15 mins Depart Hotham for Omeo 11.45 55Klm 45mins	55klm	
	Omeo	1.00 pm lunch at "Fresh Air Cafe" Depart Omeo 2.15 for Baimsdale 1hr 45 min 121 Klms	121klm	Cafe prices
	Baimsdale	Arrive Motel TBA approx 4.00pm Dinner 7.00 ish		Baimsdale International RSL Club, walking distance from hotel Baimsdale International
	Day 2	Maffra	Breakfast depart for Gippsland Vehicle Museum 9.30 with Riviera Lakes car club to Maffra 50 mins 65 Klms	65klm
Day 3	Maffra	Gippsland Vehicle Museum 10.30 Lunch Maffra Pub 12.30 Depart to Moe 2.00 1 hr 15 mins 90 Klms	90klm	Adults \$15 - Concession \$10 Moe Motor Inn \$100 per double \$10 extra single. Moe Hotel TBA TBA Cafe.
	Moe	Arrive Motel TBA approx 3.30/4.30pm Dinner		
	Trafalgar	Breakfast Depart Trafalgar Holden Motor Museum 9.30 15 mins 10Klms	10klm	
	Trafalgar	Arrive Motor Museum 9.45		
		End of Trip		



Adults - \$15.00  
Seniors - \$10.00  
Child - \$5.00  
Family - \$35.00

It's been a while since the last road trip over a couple of nights, so thanks Peter for organizing this one— looks like a great way to get away for a good drive!

# *Grace, Space, Pace*



In the Spirit of Sir William Lyons, words by Malcolm J McEachern OAM

**The iconic Series 1 XJ6 Jaguar.**

**An Ode to Timeless Elegance.**



As automotive enthusiasts, we often find ourselves captivated by the sheer beauty and engineering prowess of classic cars. In the realm of luxury sedans, few vehicles can match the timeless elegance and impeccable craftsmanship of the Series 1 XJ6 Jaguars. Produced from 1968 to 1973, these Jaguars represent an era of automotive design that seamlessly blended refined aesthetics with cutting-edge technology. The series 1 XJ6 Jaguars are revered for their graceful lines, luxurious interiors, and a driving experience that effortlessly marries power and comfort.

At the heart of the Series 1 XJ6 Jaguars lies a range of power train options that were ahead of their time. The most notable engine choice was the 4.2-litre straight-six XK engine, Renowned for its smooth power delivery and effortless acceleration. Paired with a four-speed automatic transmission or a rare manual variant, the XJ6 offered an exhilarating driving experience. The innovative independent rear suspension system ensued exceptional handling and ride quality, setting new standards for luxury sedans of its time. The series XJ6 Jaguars were the first production cars to feature Jaguar's new self-leveling suspension, further enhancing their ability to glide gracefully over any road surface.

Step inside the cabin of a Series 1 XJ6 Jaguar, and you are transported to a world of refined opulence.



The interior boasts a tasteful blend of sumptuous leather, genuine wood veneers and carefully crafted details. The seating is plush and supportive, offering a perfect balance of comfort and sportiness.

Every switch and control is intuitively placed, allowing the driver to focus on the joy of driving.

The Series 1 XJ6 Jaguars were also at the forefront of automotive

technology, featuring innovative amenities such as electric windows, central locking, and



air conditioning, which were considered to be cutting-edge at the time.

**The Jaguar saloon 2006 S-Type 3-litre.**

**An elegant Blend of Luxury and Performance.**

For automotive enthusiasts seeking a balance between refined luxury and exhilarating



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performance, the Jaguar Saloon 2006 S-Type 3-Litre stands as a testament to British engineering prowess. This mid-size luxury sedan embodies Jaguar's commitment to elegant design, superior craftsmanship, and dynamic driving experience. The S-Type's exterior exudes classic Jaguar styling with sleek lines, a bold front grille, and distinctive rear haunches that pay homage to the brand's heritage. The 2006 model year introduced subtle refinements, further enhancing the S-Type's timeless appeal.

Underneath its elegant exterior, the Jaguar Saloon 2006 S-Type 3-litre houses a 3.0-litre V6 engine that delivers a seamless blend of power and sophistication. With its advanced technology and refined tuning, the engine generates a respectable output, providing ample performance for spirited driving. The S-Type's handling is precise and responsive, thanks to its well-tuned suspension and rear wheel drive configuration. Whether navigating city streets or cruising on the open highway, the S-Type offers a balanced and composed ride that caters to both comfort and performance enthusiasts.

Step inside the cabin of the Jaguar Saloon 2006 S-Type, and you are greeted by a refined interior that showcases the brand's commitment to luxurious comfort. Plush leather upholstery, carefully selected materials, and meticulous attention to detail create an inviting and sophisticated atmosphere.

The S-Type's cabin is thoughtfully designed, placing controls and features within easy reach of the driver.



Technological amenities such as a premium audio system, climate control, and advanced safety features elevate the overall driving experience. With its comfortable seating and



generous leg room, the S-Type offers a pleasant environment for both short commutes and long journeys.

In conclusion, the Jaguar Saloon 2006 S-Type 3-litre epitomizes the essence of a luxury sedan for discerning car enthusiasts.

With its timeless design, powerful yet refined performance, and opulent interior, this Jaguar model remains an attractive choice for those seeking a sophisticated driving experience.

Whether appreciated for its distinctive British styling or enjoyed for its engaging dynamics, the S-Type stands as testament to Jaguar's unwavering dedication to crafting vehicles that combine elegance, performance, and luxury.



**Unleashing Power and Elegance.**

### **The Jaguar 2017 XF 25t**

For discerning car enthusiasts seeking a blend of performance, luxury, and refined British craftsmanship, the Jaguar 2017 XF 25t is an irresistible proposition. This mid-size luxury sedan embodies the essence of Jaguar's iconic design language, with its sleek lines, muscular stance and attention to detail. The XF 25t commands attention on the road, boasting a perfect balance of elegance and athleticism. With its impressive power train and advanced technology, this Jaguar model promises an exhilarating driving experience that will leave enthusiasts craving more.

Under the bonnet of the Jaguar 2017 XF 25t is a spirited 2.0-litre turbocharged four cylinder engine that delivers a potent combination of power and efficiency. Generating 247 horsepower and 265 lb-ft of torque, this engine propels the XF 25t with remarkable grace and responsiveness. Whether sprinting from a standstill or overtaking on the highway, the XF 25t offers a seamless surge of power that puts a smile on the driver's face. The engine's smooth delivery is complemented by a well-tuned suspension and precise steering, ensuring a dynamic and engaging driving experience that Jaguar enthusiasts crave.

Step inside the cabin of the Jaguar XF 2017 25t, and you'll find a meticulously crafted interior that exudes elegance and sophistication. Fine materials, and soft leather upholstery, real wood veneers, and brushed aluminium accents, create an atmosphere of opulence and comfort. The XF 25t also

offers an array of advanced technologies, including an intuitive infotainment system, a premium audio system, and driver-assistance features that enhance convenience and safety. The attention to detail is evident in every aspect of the cabin, making every journey in the XF 25t a memorable experience.



In conclusion, the Jaguar XF25t encapsulates the essence of a luxury sedan for car enthusiasts who crave both power and refinement. Its striking design, exhilarating performance, and sumptuous interior combine to create a truly captivating driving experience. With its distinctive British flair the XF 25t stands as testament to Jaguar's unwavering commitment to create vehicles that embody the perfect harmony between power, elegance, and luxury.

**Malcolm J McEachern OAM**

*(and the rozzers were pretty chuffed with getting one too!)*



# Lies, Damned Lies, and Pommy Auto Elecs...

So having cursed the miserable Pommy panel beaters who were, at best, panel bodgers, I can now turn to the next horrors revealed as the restoration continues. Another of the many invoices from the UK is one submitted by the panel shop for 'Complete Rewiring of Vehicle', with a reference to an auto electrician—hard to read his name, I think it's Arthur Jobdone—who has charged a good wad of the coin of the realm for the complete rewiring of vehicle. Lies!! Damn LIES!!!

What is rewired is largely what can be seen fairly easily, or in the case of the power windows, what probably wasn't working at the time. The quality of the workmanship, the expertise of its execution, fully matches what we found on the body. I would expect a professional job to use soldered connections, with proper terminals, and match the factory wiring colours wherever possible. Pffft.

What we have are crimp connectors, not particularly well crimped at that, and maybe 4 or 5 different wire colours compared to the dozen variations listed on the factory wiring diagram. The fuse box has clear written descriptions of what goes on each terminal—and there are quite a few of them, individual fuses for each high and low beam of each headlight for example — however a random order has been used, so that has taken a bit of sorting out. Remove wire, see what no longer works, replace to correct position as required, repeat process with wire now removed....

Where it was well hidden the original loom remains, usually connected by a crimp connector but if not judged important, simply not connected. Reversing lights? Pah not needed. Boot light? Under bonnet light? Door frame warning lights? Same. And then we get to the power window switches, which weren't a good fit into the door-trims. Good reason—they would have had a flat electrical connector on the back originally, now gone and replaced by more crimp connectors which don't fit in the cavity, pushing the switch out of its mounting. And the connectors used in the loom—oh lordy! Strips of screw connectors! With wires twisted together and a blob of solder added if wires had to be siamesed off the back!



*Original lamp holders needed repair.*



*Quality job that Guv, best I've ever done!*



*Replacement connectors a bit neater.*

So I have fixed, replaced, re-soldered lamp holders, arranged a flat connector set to the switches, sworn and cursed the work of a man who surely did his apprenticeship at Lucas, fine tuned his skills at British Leyland during the decade of troubles, and struck out on his own contracting to dodgy panel beaters across the land! Oh, and he glued the instrument cluster into the dash housing as well.....



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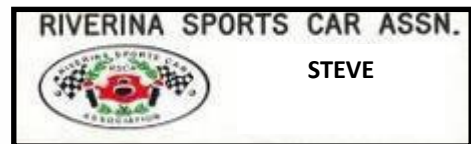
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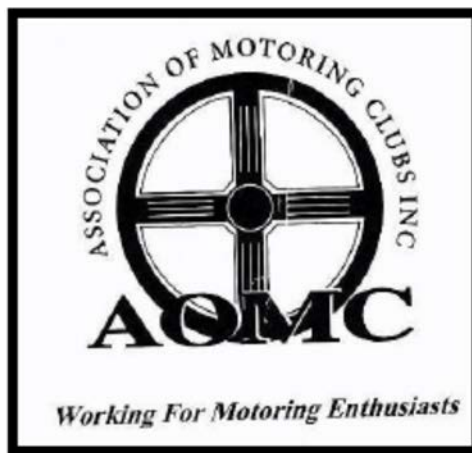


# TONNEAU TALK

We welcome two new members this month—

Harley Knott, with a 2022 Ford Mustang (in magnificent Grabber Orange!),  
and John and Lauren Tants with a 2008 BMW 325i Convertible

*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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