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The Official Newsletter of the All British Classics Car Club of Vic Inc

Your ABCCC News

Front Cover

Photo on front cover –

Spotted in Cairns - Yes this is Phil Cook & this is not his red Morgan. More information on Page 4

Presidents Report October 2024

September has been very busy for me, lots of storms with three big gums down two in the paddock and one in the garden, not much structural damage, just a little Post and Rail fencing and a week cutting and splitting firewood for my neighbours, I no longer burn wood.

We had a good event down to Foster for Sandra's September, ticked all the boxes, good company, good food and wonderful host at the motel (sorry Sandra, had to say it) but the highlight for Maxine and I was catching up with our Foster members Helen and Clive Benoy, Clive suffered a stroke in New Zealand last year which left him paralysed down one side and now drives a electric chair, with a joystick but he is still a hoon with the same sense of humour, and we had a very enjoyable time reminiscing about all the good times we had on the FTF and Club Tours. After leaving Foster Maxine and I went on to Lakes Entrance for a very enjoyable three nights and our friend Michael conned us into a three night club holiday in early April next year, more about that later.

This takes me to the Club calendar planning meeting which will be 11.00am on November 10th at 16 Lawler Lane Coldstream. Let's get some new faces to put their hands up to take us to their favourite places and don't forget to let Maxine know for catering.

In my last report I mentioned about club delegates to AOMC and Federation – not one response.

I also mentioned about a reunion with our sister club in Queensland, on Phil Cook's run yesterday I received two expressions of interest and with the two I received previously that's four members and their partners, so I am going to be very embarrassed to tell Mark Pace the Queensland president, who initiated the proposal, that we are not interested.

Where has this year gone? Maxine has already received four acceptances for the Christmas lunch which has just been published in this Newsletter!

Time to dust off your classics, happy motoring ☺

Tony Pettigrew President

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CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's Website for information about how club matters are conducted. This Website also features information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) is operated by the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc.

Our club does have one explicit rule – for those motor cars operating on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), using the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc., for the ongoing benefit of the VCPS, their owners must continue to be a financial member for the duration of the permit period, and attend a minimum of three club events during the permit's active year. Failure to respect this rule will result in the VCPS renewal being insupportable and void.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. is \$45.00 per annum. This subscription fee also includes the club member's partner. In addition to that, there is a once-only \$30.00 Joining Fee. Please address membership enquiries to: Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Telephone Number 03 9739 1879.

LIFE MEMBERS

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19th September, 1997. The Club is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.

Current Life Members are: Pat J Douglas, Mike Allfrey, Tony & Maxine Pettigrew

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

ABCCC is a VicRoads authorised Club to participate in the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme (CPS)

The ABCCC has set rules & conditions for operating a motor vehicle [twenty-five (25) years old and older on the CPS, for further information about how the CPS is conducted by the All British Classics Car Club please visit the club's Website Link [ABCCC Club Permit Scheme information](#) All the information is available online.

1. **Initial contact** should be made with the club's Vehicle Logbook Club Permit Scheme (VLCPS) Applications Officer, currently Wally Thompson. He will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the ABCCC. He must also provide a first inspection of the vehicle.
2. **PERMIT RENEWALS** VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VLCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VLCPS renewal should be sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria 3770. Enclose with it a stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads, along with a cheque/money order for the VLCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC, and then forward the permit renewal on to VicRoads. The form also requires YOUR signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder as well.

Both Wally & Colin's position are entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting them.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Payment of ABCCC Annual Fees of \$45.00 are due by 1st January each year.

Please post or transfer money to: All British Classics Car Club, Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Tel 0438 508 235

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your surname as a and "dues" as reference.

Please note that, should you be unfinancial and driving a classic car under the auspices of our club on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, you are effectively driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Renewal Form can be downloaded from the ABCCC Website if required to update information.

Thank you, Ed Bartosh

The real story about the Silver Morgan on the front cover. By Phil Cook

Prior to going to Cairns for a 2 week holiday, I was talking to a friend here in Melbourne.

He told me of his friend, who lives near Cairns, who also owns a Morgan Sports Car.

Arrangements were made for Ann and I to meet this gentleman.

Our rendezvous was a small coffee shop in the village of Yungaburra.

Jim Petrich arrived in his beautiful Silver Morgan 4/4. Ann and I spent much time with Jim discussing our mutual interests etc.

After much chatting and drinks of coffee, it was time to leave in my Hire Car. It was an M.G. (yes..you've guessed it. An M.G. made in China)



ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. Only those events scheduled in this Directory qualify for Victorian Club Permit Scheme requirements. All events are also listed on the club website.

ABCCC Calendar of Events for 2024 If you are attending any of these events please contact the Organiser, as numbers are often required Further details will be provided closer to the event					
Sun. Oct.6th	Visiting Healesville. Ian and Lyn Terry	Sunday Nov 10 th	Club Planning day 11.00am on 16 Lawler Lane Coldstream.	Saturday Dec. 14th	Christmas lunch Maxine Pettigrew
Sun. Oct. 20th.	Gippsland drive, Graham Talmage	Wednesday Nov. 13th	Visit to Beleura in Mornington. Robyn and Robert Joiner		
Mon.Oct.28 th to Sunday 3 rd November	Trip to Mildura Lance Brazier	Wed. Nov.20th	A big kids day out. The 3 G's Geraldine, Greg and Gary		
		Fri. Nov. 22nd-24th	Indulgence weekend Peter McKeirnan		

Reminder for upcoming ABCCC Events Don't forget to RSVP

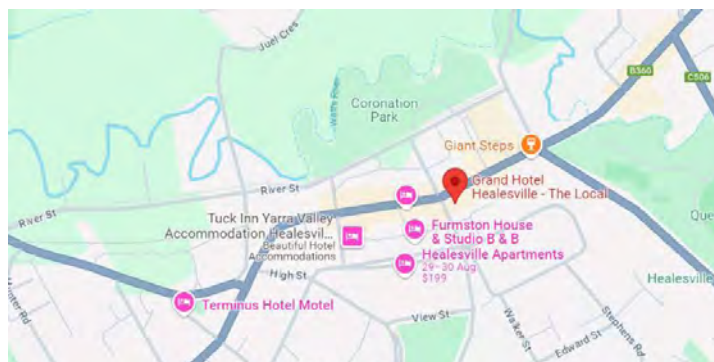
Sunday 6th October 2024 – visiting Healesville Ian & Lyn Terry

Meet at Yarra Glen Bakehouse 9:30am. Mel Ref 275 A/1 Bells St Yarra Glen

Leave for Healesville at 10am to arrive at Healesville Community Market River St car park behind main street shops Mel Ref 270 C/12.

Lunch will be held at the Grand Hotel Healesville, 270 Maroondah Hwy at 12:30 Mel Ref 278 B/1

Please RSVP to Ian and Lyn Terry 0409 097 496 Ian.wfd1947@gmail.com



Sunday 20th October 2024 A scenic run for lunch in Gippsland

Lunch will be at the Travellers Rest Hotel
Thorpdale

This run will commence at the BP Service Station Monash Hwy Officer South, where toilets and coffee are available, meet at 9am for a 9-30 departure

The drive to lunch is 121 kms on bitumen roads taking in part of the Grandridge Road, the views from the road are spectacular.

We need to confirm numbers for lunch by 12th October 2024 to ensure the kitchen is properly prepared for the ABCCC invasion.

To book please phone either Graham Talmage on 0419 399 752 or Kate on 0412 12 63 69



Monday 28th October to Sunday 3rd November 2024 Come and join Lance & Adele on their Mildura Tour

- Depart Monday 28th October via Bendigo to overnite KERANG.
- Tuesday 29th via Lake Boga, Swan Hill, Robinvale to MILDURA for 4 nites
- Wed 30th, Thur 31st, Fri 1st Nov in Mildura.
- 3 days of visits, Activities, & free time, in Mildura.
- Sat 2nd Nov. via Red Cliffs, Ouyen, Sea Lake, Wycheproof to overnite CHARLTON.
- Sun 3rd Home via route best suited to you.

If you have booked with Lance & Adele Brazier, please confirm.

If you want to join our Tour, Please contact us. Accommodation Bookings and other information will be provided to you.

At this stage we have rooms available, however they are limited & cannot be held for too long.

Longest day travel is 300 km. on reasonable to good roads [110 kph on some]

Looking forward to you joining us. Lance 0403032158. <lwbrazier@hotmail.com>



Sunday 10th November 2024

Club Calendar Planning day

If you have an event please attend.
Contact Tony Pettigrew for more information



Wednesday 13th November 2024

VISIT TO BELEURA HOUSE and GARDENS

MORNINGTON

Beleura House is an elegant mansion built in 1863 and was home to successive generations of distinguished Australians over 160 years, its last owner was John Tallis of J C Williams a global theatrical empire. Beleura is one of the few surviving exclusive summer retreats built for Melbourne merchants that ringed the Mornington Peninsular. Beleura is exceptional not only for its fine architecture but for the intimate and personal life it reveals of its last owner.

At a cost of \$55.00 (concession) per person, the full day (10am -2.30pm) TOUR includes on arrival a simple Morning Tea/Coffee and homemade biscuit and an introductory talk, followed by a Guided Tour of the House and Gardens, a light Lunch of sandwiches and a desert is served at 12.30pm (coeliac and vegetarian options available on request) after which the Guided Tour continues.

As there is no on-site parking at Beleura access is by Bus pick up at 9.50am at the Mornington Golf Course Clubhouse, suggest arrive no later than 9.30am, payment for the day will be collected prior to boarding the bus. Toilets are available at the Clubhouse. The Bus will leave Beleura at 2.30pm to deliver us back to the Golf Club.

For Catering purposes must have numbers no later than 30th October 2024.

Contact Robyn and Robert Joiner 0413 842 696 or email r_joiner@bigpond.com



Wednesday 20th November 2024

A big kids day out (TBC)

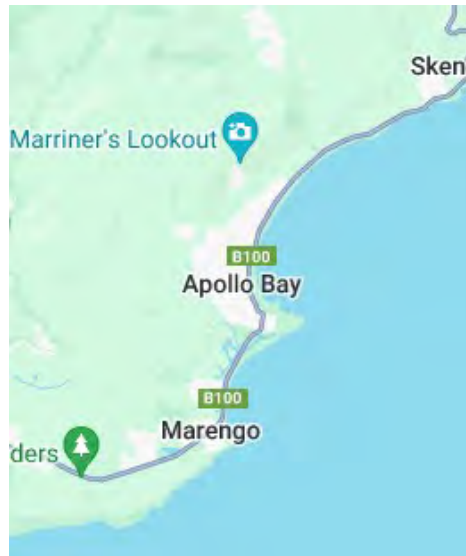
The 3 G's Geraldine, Greg and Gary

Friday 22nd to 24th November 2024 – The Justly Famous Indulgence Tour

Contact is Peter McKiernan - 0407 876 023

This year the Indulgence tour will be travelling to Apollo Bay.

There are limited places available, if you are interested please contact Peter



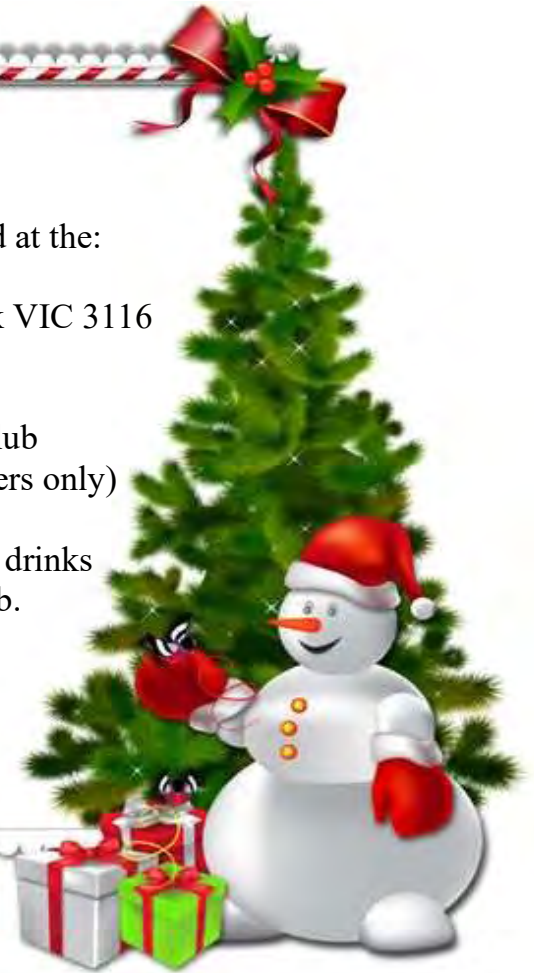
Christmas Lunch
Saturday 14th December 2024
Time: 12pm to 3.30pm



Club Christmas lunch will be held at the:
Chirnside Park Country Club
68 Kingswood Dr, Chirnside Park VIC 3116

Cost is \$48 per person
(this is subsidised by the Club
for members & their partners only)

Drinks, beer, wine and soft drinks
will be supplied by the Club.



RSVP by making your payment by EFT

To: All British Classics Car Club
BSB 063 863 Acc. 1001 3709

make sure you put your **name in the remittance
or post a cheque to Maxine Pettigrew, 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream, 3770.

Website: www.abccc.com.au/calendar

Facebook - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook



What have we been doing?

Sandras September

Tuesday 10th till Thursday 12th Sept 2024

Attendees

Tony & Maxine Pettigrew
Darrell & Peter Jones
Terry Grigg & Gail Minter
John & Jenny Mason
Greg & Geraldine Anglin

Robin Jervis-Reid
Robin McCann
Arie & Val Vermass
Bob & Ann-Marie Wilson
Leigh & Sandra Wishart

Peter McKiernan & Joan
Greg & Phyl Howe
Brian & Annette Aitkins
Trevor & Jill Beaumont

We had 26 members come on our run to Foster, we were very fortunate with the weather. We think most people had a good time with a lot of positive comment about the Gurneys Cider. We would like to thank all of the members who came on the run.

Agnes falls

Hidden within the green, rolling hills of the Strzelecki Ranges, the meandering Agnes River cascades from a 59m height over rocks into a deep picturesque gorge, forming Agnes Falls. Pack a picnic and birdwatch in this protected pocket of old forest and native bushland.

With impressive gorge views, cascading falls, an abundance of wildlife and unique, protected forest, Agnes Falls is a hidden patch of serenity near the Gippsland coastline. A short drive from Toora or Welshpool, it's also a beautiful, scenic stop on a day trip exploring South Gippsland. A 200m walking track leads from the car park to the falls viewing area, where you can see the Agnes River tumble over rocks and into the steep, sheltered gorge below. The falls are even more spectacular in wet seasons and after heavy rain







Wednesday 18th September, 2024 - Coffee & Explore

Attendees

Lance & Adele Brazier
Jack & Shirley Craven
Deb Beal
Greg & Geraldine Anglin
Christopher & Geraldine Constantine

Frank & Sharon Sawyer
Robin Jervis-Read
Leon & Judy Cousins
Colin Oberin

Lovely catch up in the gateway to the Yarra Valley at the Warren Glen Café in Warrandyte!









Sunday 22nd September, 2024 Rainy day in a Morgan

Although the weather looked threatening, it did not rain. It was cloudy, but dry.

After meeting at Lilydale Lake, 10 cars, 22 members, set off through the Yarra Valley.

The drive took us through the back roads to Healesville, passing numerous Vineyards etc. on the way.

Morning Tea was had at the Beechworth Bakery.

Following morning refreshments, we continued our journey through Monbulk and finished for lunch at the Mt. Dandenong Hotel.

Lunch was enjoyed by all, along with the mandatory chin-wag.

It was pleasing to see Christina and Partner on the run. Christina is well known because of her involvement in the running of many of the "Fly the Flag" tours.

Thanks to all participants - Phil Cook





Events of interest: Calendar dates from Federation and AOMC, as published on their respective websites



2024

- 19th October 2024 Federation – Delegates Meeting (Baw Baw)
- 20th October 2024 Federation - Baw Baw Picnic
- 26th October 2024 AOMC Club & Trade Showcase
- 16th to 17th November 2024 Federation - Bendigo National Swap Meet
- 18th November 2024 AOMC – AGM & Delegates Meeting

2025

- 29th & 30th March 2025 Federation - Wunghnu Picnic
- 19th January 2025 AOMC - Festival of Motoring – Cruden Farm
- 8th February 2025 Federation – Delegates Meeting (Bacchus Marsh)
- 16th February 2025 AOMC - British & European Motoring Show
- 17th February 2025 AOMC – Delegates Meeting
- 23rd February 2025 AOMC - American Motoring Show
- 28th to 30th March 2025 AOMC - Florence Thomson Tour – Ladies get ready!
- 27th April 2025 Federation - Scoresby Picnic
- 17th May 2025 Federation – Delegates Meeting – (Swan Hill)
- 18th May 2025 National Motoring Heritage Day
- 2nd August 2024 Federation – Delegates Meeting – (Woorineen)
- 3rd to 9th August 2025 Federation - Open Tour
- 31st August 2025 Federation - Marong Picnic
- 18th October 2025 Federation – Delegates Meeting – (Llanelly)

2026

- August/September 2026 Golden Oldies Tour



- <https://www.aomc.asn.au/events>
- <https://www.federation.asn.au/events>



Photos above taken from the Federation event: Golden Oldies August 2024

Club Merchandise

Contact Maxine for further details & availability of items.

	Item Description	Item Cost
	Club metal grill badge, cast, enamelled, 90mm dia	\$ 25.00
	Sew-on Patches, small, 80mm dia	\$ 4.00
	Lapel pins, enamelled, 25mm dia	\$ 5.00
	Club Cap, Navy with white trim, cloth, adjustable	\$ 12.00
	Club Vest, Navy,	\$ 50.00
	Windscreen decals	\$ 2.00
	Club metal grill badge, inexpensive, cast, 90mm dia	\$ 5.00

Update on Tony's very British Project Jaguar Mark V - Oct. 24

Not a lot of progress since my last report, one step forward then two steps back then that is normal in car restoration, particularly when you didn't pull them apart yourself. Things were going well, I took her (she's a bitch) for a drive and coming up my driveway in second gear I planted my boot and the clutch slipped, so I checked the adjustment and went for another drive same result. I had no history of the clutch that came with the car, but it was clean, and the plate was as new and I could see grinder marks on the pressure plate, so it was all go but when I bolted it to the flywheel it didn't feel right, Oh how I wished I had trusted my better judgement!

So, I consulted the workshop manual which clearly stated to remove the clutch you must drop the engine and gearbox from the bottom into a pit or from a hoist. What a lot of crap said I, as I proceeded to remove the gearbox from underneath, as I have done on many many cars over many years. With a jack under the engine, I slid the gear box out until the bellhousing touched the firewall, then dropped the engine until the rocker box hit the bulkhead and it was still half an inch short of dropping the gearbox. In my other life I would have cut some of the floor to clear the bellhousing but as my father taught me if a jobs worth doing, do it right. After removing the engine, I sent the clutch to Queensland to be rebuilt and two weeks later and after re-assembly I dropped the engine and gearbox back in from the top, proving workshop manuals are not always right.

Since then, I have driven the car, and it has surprised me with it's power and smooth gear changes and no slipping clutch and I am confident it will be a car Maxine will be proud to sit by my side as we tour around Coldstream.

After that episode I have spent two weeks fitting four doors, the worst designed hinges on any car I have ever worked on and to get the correct door gaps is by fitting packers, so every door was fitted several times. Not 100% happy with the gaps but they will do for now until I install the door seals.

Tony Pettigrew







ABCCC members in the news

ABCCC Members Terry Sully & Mal Clark featured in Star Mail
Star Mountain Views Mail, 24 September 2024 - pages 1 and 6 By Mikayla van Loon

Here are some snippets from the paper.

If unable to read, you can digitally read this article. follow this link

<https://mountainviews.mailcommunity.com.au/digital-editions/>



Sunbeam and Talbot Car Club members Terry Sully and Mal Clark worked to restore the 1939 car to its original running condition. (Mikayla van Loon: 433316)

Back to its former glory

A piece of Lillydale and Yarra Valley's history has been restored to its former glory thanks to the work of two men.

Lady Pamela Vestey, granddaughter of Dame Nellie Melba, was once the owner of a 1939 Sunbeam-Talbot Ten, a classic in the world of old cars.

As restorers and Sunbeam-Talbot enthusiasts, Terry Sully and Mal Clark couldn't pass up the opportunity to save such an extraordinary vehicle when given the chance.

Over five weeks the pair worked to bring the car back to life, unveiling the working car on Wednesday 18 September.

To read more, turn to page 6

NEWS



Mr Sully added the indicators for safety purposes and the number plates are the original British standard. (433316)



The 1939 Sunbeam-Talbot Ten in gunmetal grey belonged to Lady Pamela Vestey. (433316)



Mr Sully and Mr Clark couldn't believe the near perfect condition of the car despite being 85-years-old. (433316)

Restored to its former glory

By Mikayla van Loon

Some 85 years ago a young woman received a car for her 21st birthday.

That young woman just happened to be the late Lady Pamela Vestey, granddaughter of Dame Nellie Melba.

And the car, a 1939 Sunbeam-Talbot Ten, has re-emerged in its original working condition all thanks to the handy work of two restoration enthusiasts Terry Sully and Mal Clark.

But the story for them began much earlier than that, some 27 years ago when Lady Vestey was looking to get one more ride out of her beloved car.

At the time Mr Sully was president of the Sunbeam and Talbot Car Club of Victoria, and so receiving a call about vehicle in need of repair wasn't uncommon but to travel to Coombe Cottage, that was slightly more unusual.

"Lady Pamela Vestey rang up and said, 'I've got an old Sunbeam Talbot and I'd like to make a run again'. And 'could somebody come up and have a look at it? Can you do that sort of thing?'" he said.

"So I went up there. Mal went up there. Mal's a restore extraordinaire, probably one of the best, he does beautiful work. We actually got the car to go within half an hour.

"And she got in and drove it around the farm and she said 'I'm happy now, I've driven it again'."

Mr Sully said from the one small interaction, he could tell she was "a very lovely lady, very easy to talk to".

In those two and a half decades, Mr Sully said he hadn't known what happened to the car, until once again he received a phone call inquiring about a valuation.

This time it was from Coombe Yarra Valley managing director Grant Cummin.

The historic Talbot had been safely tucked away in the stables, protected from the elements for all those years.

"There was no rust in it but when it was in the shed, the rats and mice, the vermin, ate away all the interior," Mr Sully said.

The estate however, had spent quite a sub-



The ribbon cutting honour was given to Deakin MP Michael Sukkar on Wednesday 18 September. (Mikayla van Loon: 433316)

stantial amount on repairing and restoring the interior with new carpet and seating.

"I had no intention of buying the car but Mal and I were worried about what would happen to it," Mr Sully said.

That's all it took for Mr Sully to purchase the car and with the help of Mr Clark, bring it back to life.

"It's only done 32,000 miles [50,000km]. Mal found under the bonnet, engraved under the bonnet, the engine's been replaced. It's done 500 miles. It's a brand new engine," Mr Sully said.

"The car basically hasn't been used, and I can't verify this, but it basically hasn't been used for 75 years, minimum, because [Lady Vestey] bought a Holden and a Mercedes.

"We pulled the whole front of the car off, all the headlights, and pulled the radiator out, we couldn't believe how well made the thing is."

Mr Sully said over the five weeks it took to re-

store the old car to its original running condition, "it was a labour of love."

"That's the thrill of doing up old cars, chasing the original parts, it's a lot of fun," he said.

Despite saying that it's "chalk and cheese to modern cars," Mr Sully said hearing the sound of the gears and all the work of the engine, makes for a joyous ride.

The only downside is the maximum speed of 30 miles per hour or around 60 kilometres per hour, a reason Mr Sully could understand Lady Vestey's purchasing of a Mercedes instead.

Officially unveiling the Sunbeam-Talbot in its former glory on Wednesday 18 September in Mitcham, Mr Sully said "it's a part of history".

Now, the decision on where it will go next is still to be decided.

"I'm very careful where it's going to go next. We've got interest from England on the car and I

said no, it must stay in Australia," Mr Sully said.



Car owner Terry Sully admiring the engine work. (433316)

The ideal scenario, Mr Sully said, would be if it could stay in and around the Lilydale region, and in some way put on display to remain a part of history.



HAVING A LAUGH

A Police Officer pulled over a suspect car, & during its search found some matches & lighter fluid in the glovebox.

“What are these for?” he enquired.

The driver explained that he was a juggler & he was just on his way to a show.

Not convinced, he was asked to prove it, so the driver got out his props & began to juggle three flaming torches.

Just then an elderly gentleman & his wife drove past, he said to her.

“I’m so glad that I gave up drinking years ago”

“Why dear?”, she remarked.”

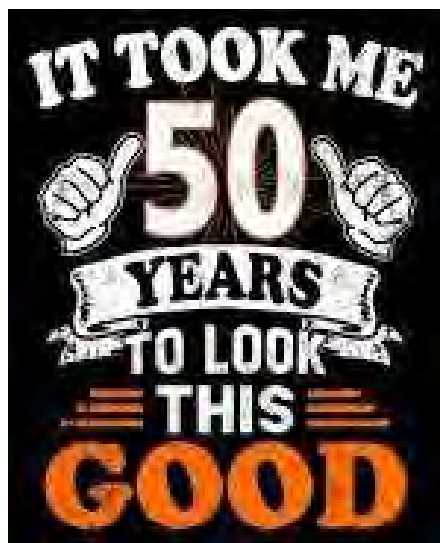
“ Well, just look at the road side test they give you these days”



16 Things That it Took Me Over 50 Years to Learn

(by Dave Barry on the event of his 50th Birthday) (thanks to Lance Brazier)

1. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
2. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be “meetings.”
3. There is a very fine line between “hobby” and “mental illness.”
4. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.
5. You should not confuse your career with your life.
6. Nobody cares if you can’t dance well. Just get up and dance.
7. Never lick a steak knife.
8. The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.
9. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight savings time.
10. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests that you think she’s pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
11. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age eleven.
12. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.
13. A person, who is nice to you but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person (This is very important. Pay attention. It never fails.)
14. Your friends love you anyway.
15. Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.
16. Final thought for the day: Men are like fine wine. They start out as grapes, and it’s up to the women to stomp the snot out of them until they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with.



Big Ben “Road Hog” 7.6mt 36 Cylinder Motorcycle

Was auctioned by Burns & Co in September (information found on

<https://burnsandcoauctions.com.au/portfolio/big-ben-road-hog-7-6mt-36-cylinder-motorcycle/>

3 x V12 Jaguar engines (36 Cylinders) and weighing in at approx 2 tonne, this bike is a monster

Was officially recognised by the Guinness Book of Records as the longest motorcycle in the world at the time. Measuring 7.6 metres.



Notice for upcoming Auction

The Motorist Museum Collection – End of an Era

Sunday 20th October 2024

ABCCC member David Peck wishes to advise members that his museum collection will be auctioned by Burns & Co. All items being offered will be on an unreserved basis.

Please visit Burns & Co website for details of the auction and to get all the updated information.

<https://burnsandcoauctions.com.au/preliminary-notice-the-motorist-museum-collection-gembrook-vic/>

Please note: Under NO circumstances will any items be available for sale PRIOR TO THE AUCTION

Its certainly an end or era for David and his collection, ABCCC members visited David’s museum in Gembrook back on the 9th July 2023. They described the collection as “a potpourri of all things car and motorcycle including books and magazines. They wondered how the bus got in? David answered: Very carefully!”



Included in the auction will be (but not limited to): Rare brass bodied 1925 Studebaker stretch limousine; 1925 Chevrolet; 1951 Daimler; 1991 London Taxi; Restored 1934 Federal bus; New tear drop caravan; 1928 Chev National delivery; 1974 Rolls Royce Corniche Convertible; Signage including rare original James Flood Motor Body Builders; Other dealership signage plus some petrol and oil; Vintage and veteran car parts and accessories including lights, radiators etc; vintage workshop; Cabinets, displays, furnishings; Mannequins; number plates; Flags; Stop lights; Large range of car and vehicle manuals; Vintage workshop equipment; sundries and much much more

