



# CHACA Journal

The official magazine of the  
**Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia**

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Victor's white 1974 Mercury Marquis Brougham, restored to perfection.

CHACA members enjoying a wonderful lunch at Sherwood Receptions during the annual club presentation day on Sunday, November 23rd 2014.

## ***CHACA Coming Events***

**January 26th 2015** Australia Day Club run from Lilydale Lake to Marysville  
**February 8th 2015** Tri Cub Sports Day, Lynden Park Clubrooms, Wakefields Grove, Camberwell  
**March 14th 2015** Drive In Night, Dromana  
**April 3rd 2015 (Good Friday)** Hot Cross Bun Run, Cheltenham  
**April 19th 2015** American Motor Show, Mornington

*To bring together persons with a common interest, to encourage the use, maintenance and preservation of automobiles built from the 1st January, 1931 up to 25 years old, without prejudice to make, model, method of manufacture or country of origin.*

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## Meetings

**4th. Thursday** of the month (except December) at CHACA Clubrooms, Unit 8, 41 Norcal Road, Nunawading

Tea, coffee and snacks are served at the conclusion of each meeting. Visitors and prospective new Members are welcomed.

## Club Newsletter

The Journal is published monthly. Items for inclusion in the Journal must be mailed, emailed or passed on to the Editor at Club Meetings. The Committee reserves the right to edit or decline any article deemed unsuitable. Photographs submitted for possible publication should preferably be glossy 5"x 7" or 6" x 4" prints or high resolution jpg/bmp images to ensure best reproduction in the Journal. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Club.

## Journal Closing Dates

Nominally 2nd. Wednesday each month.

## Journal Nights

Normally 3rd. Thursday every month.

## Website

The Club's website **www.chaca.com.au** is updated regularly and features Club History, Club Promotions, an Events

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### CHACA CPS Eligibility Criteria

Committee has looked at the draft guidelines and the Sub-Committee has now produced the new guidelines.

**See Page 18.**

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## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting, on Thursday 22 January 2015, will be the first one for the new year! We're hoping to kick off the new year with an interesting meeting, followed by a great club outing on Australia Day!

James Allan has also been working with a graphic designer on new club logos and art work, and will be offering club logo stickers at upcoming meetings and events, for the very fair price of \$2!

So we hope you can join us on the 22nd and 26th of January! More details inside.

## CLUB RUNS IN 2015

A happy new year to all of you! Some of us have not been sitting still over the December break. Peter Barker for one, has been working on getting the first eight runs for the new year on the drawing board! Please have a look below, most dates and locations are already known, some details will still have to be worked out.

The Australia Day run you already knew about from the November Journal (repeated on page 4). Please contact Peter if you'd like to attend that run!

Date	Event	Location	Coordinator
Mon January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Australia Day Parade	Marysville	Peter Barker
Sun February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tri Club Sports Day	VCCA Clubrooms - Camberwell	VCCA
Sat March 14 <sup>th</sup> (tent)	Drive In Night	Dromana	TBA
Fri April 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Good Friday)	Hot Cross Bun Run	Cheltenham	CHACA Committee
Sun April 19 <sup>th</sup>	American Motor Show	Mornington	TBA
Sun May 17 <sup>th</sup>	National Historic Motoring Day	Yarra Glen	TBA
Sun June 14 <sup>th</sup> (tent)	Tramway Museum	Kilmore	TBA
Sun July 19 <sup>th</sup> (tent)	Mystery Run	West of Melbourne	TBA

But that still leaves 5 months of the year! So, if you have a great idea for a club run/event, please put a simple draft on paper and have a quick chat with Peter. He'll be all too happy to get your help and fill in the blanks for another great club run!

It doesn't need to be a drive; it can be anything else, a museum of interest, a nice lunch, with or without barbeque, some fun games to play, or even better, something to bring the kids along for!

Looking forward to seeing you all on one of our many great club runs!



## JANUARY RUN – AUSTRALIA DAY MONDAY JAN 26TH 2015 - MARYSVILLE

Come and join in the Australia Day celebrations with your CHACA friends and support the local community in Marysville.

For those that missed our birthday run earlier in May 2014, we're heading over the Black Spur, through some gorgeous countryside to enjoy the fabulous drive through the Yarra Valley.

In order to be part of the official parade through Marysville, we'll be turning off at Narbethong and heading into Marysville from the top end of town where we will be marshalled into position by SES volunteers. The parade starts at 11.00am

After the official parade, our destination is Gallipoli Park which includes a sizeable sheltered BBQ area, plenty of room to park and nearby essential amenities. This is a popular day, so it is suggested that you pack a picnic lunch.



It should be a great day to showcase CHACA as a club and our vehicles, mark it in your calendar now !! For those who bring their modern or may not wish to participate in the official parade, you are welcome to go directly to Gallipoli Park.

The rest of the afternoon will be free to enjoy the festivities of the day.

Marysville continues to recover from the tragic bushfires that swept through the town a few years ago. There's lots to see and do as you walk through the main street or, for the more adventurous, take a manageable hike up to the nearby falls.

When you're ready to head home, there's a variety of ways you can go, so do some study and choose the way that suits you best !

Run Coordinator

Where do we meet to start the journey ?

What time ?

What do I bring ?

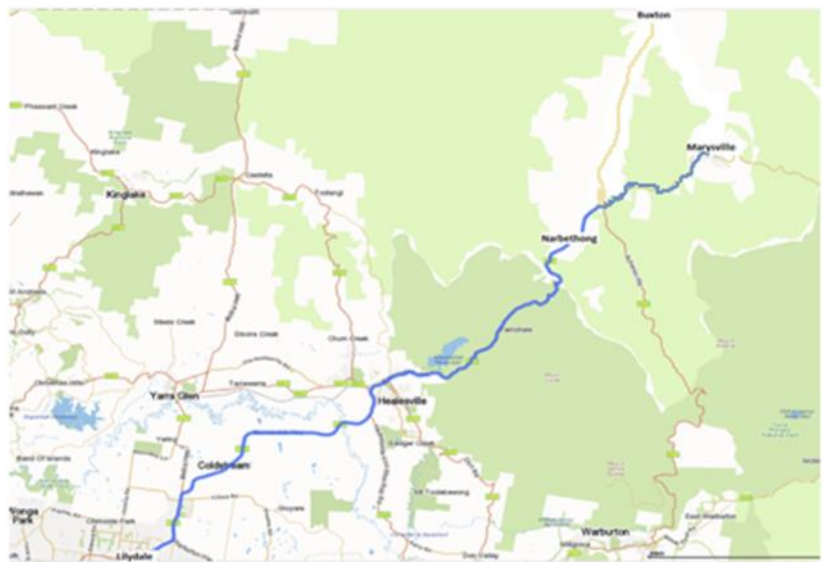
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Lilydale Lake car park – Swansea Rd Lilydale  
(see map below )

Be there by 9.30am for a 9.45am departure

- Your favourite classic car
- Someone to enjoy the drive with
- Picnic lunch
- Cool refreshments in responsible quantities
- Fold up chair or rug
- Sunscreen and a hat

Coming home :There are several choices as to how to get home from Marysville. Recommendations include via Reefton and Warburton or via Buxton.





**Fri 29, Sat 30 & Sun 31 May 2015**

**39<sup>th</sup> Historic Winton, Winton Motor Raceway**

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- 60 years - Peugeot 403, Fiat 600, Triumph TR3, Citroen DS19, Jaguar Mk1, Sunbeam Rapier, MGA, Mercedes Benz 190 SL, Rolls Royce Silver Cloud, Karmann Ghia, Toyota Crown
- 50 years - XP Falcon, HD Holden, Peugeot 204, Renault 16, Triumph 1300

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- a **FordFest** honouring 90 years of Ford Australia and featuring vehicles produced here between 1925 and 1980
- **Australian Grand Prix Aussie Specials**
- **Historic Motorbikes:** the Big 3 - Triumph, Harley-Davidson and Indian
- **Historic Commercial Vehicles**
- Spectator access to the **Competition Paddock** with fabulous old racing machines on open display
- and if you have a **Classic or Special-Interest car or bike**, park in the **Spectator Display Area**.

**Raceway entry fees:** Sat \$25, Sun \$35, weekend \$50, comp paddock \$5, children 16 and under n/c

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### **Friday 29 May 2015 - Benalla & District Classic Car & Motorbike Tour**

Be part of the **Benalla & District Classic Car & Motorbike Tour** assembling 9am on **Friday 29 May** at the Benalla Art Gallery. Red plate vehicles welcome. The tour concludes with a 'Shine & Show' display.

Further information, phone **Graeme McDonald** on **0417 306 332** email [historiewinton@hotmail.com](mailto:historiewinton@hotmail.com)



## 1974 MERCURY MARQUIS BROUGHAM



With enthusiasm running high I started on repairs and a good tidy up. However the enthusiasm was short lived on as delving into the repairs uncovered not only a great deal of wear and tear, but also a poorly executed left to right steering conversion. I was horrified to discover the amount of butchery inflicted on this car during the conversion, and quickly concluded that major reconstruction will be required to correct all that is wrong. This involved a great deal more work than first envisaged, so the decision was made to put the car up for sale in the same condition as purchased.

By Victor Pace

I purchased this car in as is condition from an elderly gent in Greensborough around the summer of 1989. The cheapish (read affordable) price paid reflected its condition, as even though only 15 years old, it was in a scruffy and neglected state. At that time a healthy market existed for large American cars, so I reasoned it could be sold on for a profit if I was to become dissatisfied with it. The job of making the car presentable and repairing its faults did not daunt me at the time (how I

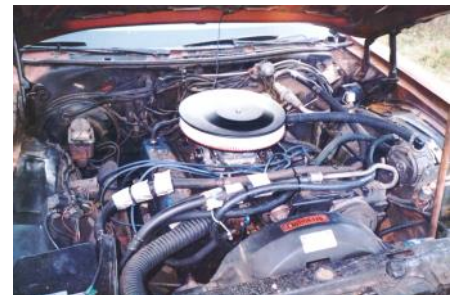


was to regret this later), as I marvelled at what was on offer in terms of comfort, power, luxury refinements and rarity.

I had owned all sorts of British and Australian Fords by then, so the prospect of an up market American Ford appealed to me, especially as it was an unusual (in Australia) prestige Mercury. Living with such a large car was much easier in those days, as the roads were less congested, parking spots were larger, American car values were high as was the prestige of owning such a car.

This yielded no success unfortunately, as all interested parties requested a roadworthy certificate with the sale; not possible without carrying out the extensive repairs required. This next led me to advertising it for sale in the wrecking section of the newspapers, only to be offered peanut money which I refused.

At this gloomy stage I seriously considered scrapping this car and ridding myself of all further problems. Sadly for me, what started as an enthusiastic purchase has now turned into a grand amount of trouble, work and expense.



After much contemplation (read sleepless nights) I made the decision to persevere with repairs and at the least make this car usable. I reasoned that this top of the line Mercury is a welcome change from the more common mainstream American cars found in Australia, and once repaired has much to offer.

It is worth noting that a left to right steering conversion on large American car of this era is not a job to be taken lightly, as a great deal of re-engineering is required to several areas of the car, and not just the steering and dashboard alone. Other affected areas included:

Chassis rails, AC and heating system, exhaust manifolds, foot wells, foot pedals, gear linkage,

brake hydraulics, accelerator linkage, wipers, parking brake, wiring, power seats, switchgear, etc.

Work commenced in earnest around the start of 1990 by stripping the car down enough to access repairs. This next uncovered severe rust in the firewall, plenum chamber and bulkhead areas adding further woes to this already troublesome project. It had now become painfully obvious that recommissioning this car is a far larger job than originally anticipated, and faced with all this gloom the thought of scrapping this car was again considered.



After more deliberation I decided to carry on regardless as otherwise the money and effort already invested would be wasted. I reasoned the only way forward now is to carry out a total restoration and leave no stone unturned. This set the path for all future work and the car was next dismantled down to the bare bones and the restoration started.



Work progressed at a steady rate for the first 2 years, but then (as typically happens) necessities of life got in the way bringing this project to a halt as more important things took precedence in my life.

For the next 10 long years this car laid dormant hidden under covers awaiting further work. This hold up annoyed me no end, especially as storing this large car consumed a great deal of valuable space in my workshop and it was always in my way.

Life changed considerably over this long hiatus, and by the time the dust settled interest in this project had faded away. The idea of throwing

more money, work and effort at this long stagnant project had by now lost its appeal; as had my enthusiasm for such a car. At this low point the thought of scrapping this car and ridding it from my life for ever was again seriously considered.

Planning of a new larger workshop finally became a reality in 2003, and blessed with this extra workspace and much coaxing by my young nephew the enthusiasm for this project made a slow return. One thing led to another, and before long I found myself again deeply involved working on it. This was definitely going to be the last and final assault on this tortured build, and I promised



myself to have it on the road by the day of my 50th birthday in 2005. Failing this, I made a solemn pledge to put an end to this project on that very day, and re-

move it from my life for good.

Many long hours of work during the final stages of restoration paid off, as the car was registered and on the road a few days before my birthday. This memorable day was celebrated by proudly taking my mother for a lovely long drive in my newly restored Mercury.



Writing this article (some years later) has reminded me of how much work was carried out on this restoration. This included:

- Totally dismantling the body to a bare shell,
- Repairing the multitude of sins carried out during the original steering conversion,
- Re convert to right hand drive,
- Fabricate a mirror copy heating and AC unit,
- Cut out and repair all rust,
- Remove and delete vinyl roof,
- Strip paint down to bare metal,
- Metal finish all body repairs,
- Change body colour to white using all 2 pack products,
- Fish oil all body cavities,
- Repair, re chrome, re anodize all mouldings and bright ware,





- Fit new front windshield,
- Rebuild, balance, blueprint and optimize the 460cid engine to run on dedicated LPG, including fitting high comp pistons, cam change, hardened exhaust valve seats, re curved distributor etc.,
- Install an Impco LPG system,
- Install a 100 litre gas tank in place of original petrol tank,
- Rebuilt the C6 automatic transmission,
- Rebuilt the 9inch rear axle; including fitting LSD centre and change of axle ratio,
- Rebuilt the front and rear suspension, power steering unit, brakes and tail shaft,
- Install custom made heavy duty suspension springs and front stabilizer bar,
- Fabricate a new right side exhaust manifold and complete exhaust system,
- Adapt and fit a complete dashboard assembly from a 1972 RHD Galaxy,
- Rewire dashboard and engine bay wiring looms,
- Restore all interior fitting,
- Fit new carpet, seat belts, audio speakers, sound system, cruise control and reversing sensors,
- Fit wider police interceptor wheel rims, white line radial tyres and period wire wheel hubcaps,

And a lot more I can't recall.

Some of these jobs certainly pushed the boundaries of my skills at the time, but in the end perseverance paid off and I learned a number of new skills along the way.

Since finishing this project, Niki and I have competed in several classic car events in this car including 7 consecutive RACV Fly the Flag tours. I thoroughly enjoy driving this big car on long distance trips, although cleaning it afterwards is not a chore I look forward to.



#### BEST EVER SENIOR CITIZEN JOKE

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbour and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started." Her neighbour asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster." Her neighbour decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh ..... "Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."



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# CHACA PRESENTATION DAY

Sunday, November 23rd 2014.

The weather was mild and sunny- a great day for CHACA's Presentation Day and Annual Dinner.

It was held at Sherwood Receptions, Greenvale-A very pleasant and ideal location for displaying our cars.

The buffet lunch was followed by our presentations for the year. In all, there were 85 members, children and friends in attendance. A wide range of members' cars was on display.

## CHACA AWARDS 2014:

AWARD	YEAR	RECIPIENT
Club Lady	2014	Kate Marotta
Club Man	2014	Eddie Reynolds
Best Attendance	2014	Victor Pace
Presentation & Participation	2014	Ken Leeden

*Esther and Denis Healey*

*Photos: Eddie Reynolds*

## ATTENDANCE LIST (incomplete)

Dennis & Esther Healey	1981 Auburn Roadster
Norm & Mickey Bradford	1972 Buick Riviera
Ken Leeden	1968 Mini Minor
Peter Cassar	1970 Cadillac
Neville Kunnel	1987 Toyota Corona
John Baker	1981 BMW Bauer
Barry & Ros Smith	1981 Mercedes Benz
Eddie Reynolds & Gail Evan	1978 Mercedes Benz
Kevin & Barbara Oates	1970 Fairmont XY
Garry & Glenda	1957 Oldsmobile
Bob & Judy Wilson	1946 Oldsmobile
Lester & Yvette Cole	1969 Fairlane
Pat & Fred Lombardo and Kathy Austin....	Passengers
Victor & Niki Pace	1970 Triumph
Graham & Judy Bedford	1946 Dodge
John Egglestone	1957 T. Bird
Frank De Lorenzie & family	1985 Ford
Mick & Tina Whiting	1975 Mercedes 450 SL
Rob & Cath Grierson	1975 Oldsmobile
Russell & Lesley Betts	1972 Torana
Ray & Shirley Nichols	1939 Pontiac
David & Margaret Landells	1978 Ford LTD
Jim & Julie O'Keefe	
Robert & Lydia Mihelcic	1965 Mustang
David & Susan Waite & kids	1959 Holden FC
John Rennie	1978 Fairlane
Graeme Moore	1958 Zephyr
Ray & Mary Cooke	1957
Rowland Tidd	1987 Jaguar
Grace Davey	1968 Rover
Henry & Trish Alger	1935 Dodge
Frank Mercuri	1948 Buick









## CHACA PRESENTATION DAY—NOVEMBER 23RD. 2014



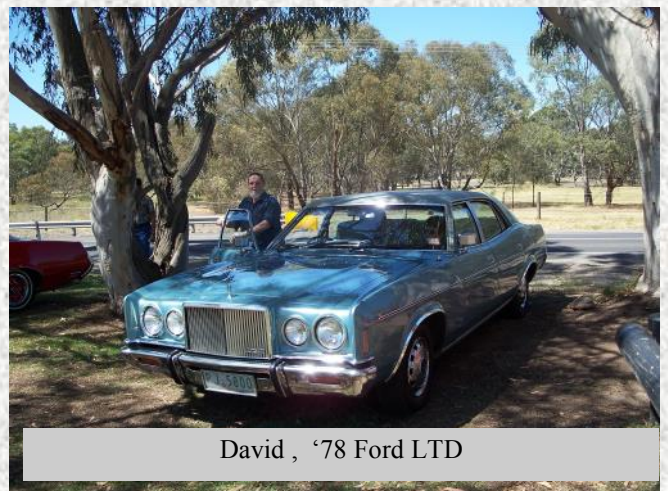
Graeme's '58 Zephyr



Garry & Glenda , 1957 Olds



John's '57 Thunderbird



David , '78 Ford LTD





Dennis' recently acquired Auburn Roadster



Barry's recently acquired '81 Mercedes 380SL





**THIS STORY IS CONFIRMED IN ELMER BENDINER'S BOOK, THE FALL OF FORTRESSES.**

*\*Sometimes, it's not really just luck.\**

Elmer Bendiner was a navigator in a B-17 bomber during WW II. He tells this story of a World War II bombing run over Kassel, Germany and the unexpected result of a direct hit on their plane's gas tanks. "Our B-17, the Tondelayo, was barraged by flak from Nazi anti-aircraft guns. That was not unusual, but on this particular occasion our gas tanks were hit.

sought out the answer. Apparently when the armourers opened each of those shells, they found no explosive charge. They were as clean as a whistle and just as harmless.

Empty? Not all of them! One contained a carefully rolled piece of paper. On it was a scrawl in Czech. The Intelligence people scoured our base for a man who could read Czech. Eventually they found one to decipher the note. It set us marveling. Translated, the note read:

"This is all we can do for you now...  
Using Jewish slave labour is never a good idea."



Later, as I reflected on the miracle of a 20 millimetre shell piercing the fuel tank without touching off an explosion, our pilot, Bohn Fawkes, told me it was not quite that simple. "On the morning following the raid, Bohn had gone down to ask our crew chief for that shell as a souvenir of unbelievable luck.

The crew chief told Bohn that not just one shell, but 11 had been found in the gas tanks! 11 unexploded shells where only one was sufficient to blast us out of the sky! It was as if the sea had been parted for us. A near-miracle, I thought.

Even after 35 years, so awesome an event leaves me shaken, especially after I heard the rest of the story from Bohn.

"He was told that the shells had been sent to the armourers to be defused. The armourers told him that Intelligence had picked them up. They could not say why at the time, but Bohn eventually

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## TRI-CLUB SPORTS DAY

Hosted by the Veteran Car Club

**WHEN:** Sunday 8th February

**WHERE:** Lynden Park Clubrooms, Wakefields Grove Camberwell (Melway 60 F4) off Through Road and opposite Garden Road.

BYO Lunch. Tea, Coffee & biscuits supplied

**TIME:** Arrive around 10 a.m. Sports begin around 1.30 p.m.

Sports Day again! Conjures up images of Gladiators & Star Wars – WRONG! VCCA has in mind some genteel activities to appeal to all ages and abilities. Please leave your modern at home & come in or on your Veteran, Vintage or Classic. Moderns will be accepted but will not attract Club points for the Attendance Trophy.

Please come along & enjoy a fun day out in great company.

Event Organisers Kim & Lea Coillet 9882 4350 OR 0429 408 253

### In a pub in County Cork.

A group of American tourists came in.

One of the Americans said, in a loud voice, "I hear you Irish think your great drinkers. I bet 5,000 euros that no-one here can drink 30 pints of Guinness in 30 minutes. The bar was silent, the American noticed one Irishman leaving, but not one took up the bet.

40 minutes later the Irishman who left returned and said "Hey Yank, is your wee bet still on?"

"Sure" said the American, "30 pints in 30 minutes for a bet of 5,000 euros."

"Grand," replied the Irishman, "so pour the pints and start the clock."

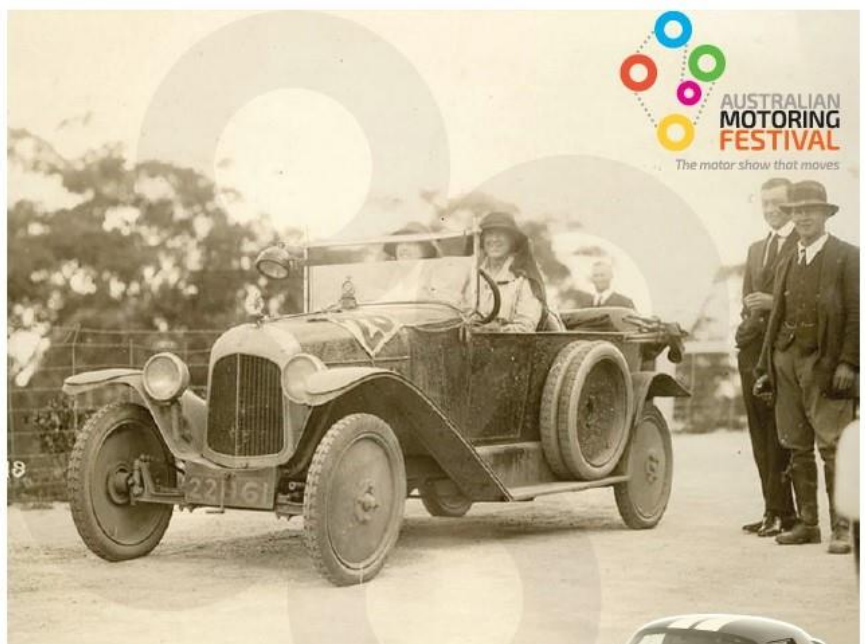
It was very close but the last drop was consumed with 2 seconds to spare.

"OK Yank, pay up" said the Irishman...

"I'm happy to pay, here's your money" said the American. "But tell me, when I first offered the wager I saw you leave. Where did you go?"

The Irishman replied, "Well sir, 5,000 euros is a lot of money to a man like me, so I went to the pub across the road to see if I could do it."

*Peter Hibbert*



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**SAVE THE DATE:**

Thursday 26 March to Sunday 29 March 2015

**VENUE:**

Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale



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## CHACA SOCIAL NIGHT NOVEMBER 27TH 2014

### Should be More of Them!

November 27th. A night to remember when we had in excess of 70 members attend this “social night”.

The Ladies added welcome colour and variety to the occasion instead of the usual blacks, greys and browns commonly attributed to the tones of General meetings.

There was no meeting of course, this was to be a night out for everyone to enjoy, a fitting finale to the year 2014. We did it in style with Phil Golotta of the “Blue Echoes” providing the entertainment and the accompanying music to dance to.

Potted flowers of various colours were handed out to the ladies to help commemorate the night.

Many thanks to Kate Marotta for organising this event along with the catering in the form of sausages, hamburgers and salads.

Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves and hopefully many will be enticed to attend our monthly General meetings, having experienced the comfortable ambience of the venue.

It should be noted that our meetings are not that far removed from this particular night. We have a large variety of foods brought along by members for supper and it’s not out of the question to consider arriving early and enjoying a cocktail or two prior to the meeting.

*Eddie Reynolds.*





## COMBINED CLUBS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PICNIC

COMO GARDENS

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Members who attended:

Noel Collier 1955 Rolls Royce Silver Dawn

John Baker 1984 BMW

Barry & Gillian Gilbert 1958 VW

Clive & Shelly Massel Mercedes Wagon

Frank Stapley 1965 Ford Cortina

Barry & Rosslyn Smith Modern

Tim & Jamie Wise 1980 Toyota Corolla



Probably due to inclement weather and being so close to Christmas this run was very disappointing as far as Club turn out. As George does he had everything ready and looking beautiful. The Museum, the gardens to walk around and of course not forgetting the train, to the children's delight as Father Christmas arrived by train. The VDC and The Cortina Car Club helped with the numbers. Lets hope this year we get a better turn out for our Christmas run.

*Barry Smith*



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## CHACA CLUB PERMIT SCHEME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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

VicRoads has set rules to determine the eligibility of vehicles for the Club Permit Scheme. These may be viewed in the CPS handbook or on the VicRoads website. CHACA has set its own additional requirements for vehicles to be submitted for the CPS using CHACA's authorisation. The additional requirements are in line with the original CHACA charter of vehicle originality and preservation.

The following are CHACA's requirements for Members submitting vehicles for CPS assessment.

1. The vehicle's age must be greater than 25 years from manufacture.
2. Vehicles submitted for CPS application must be as the manufacturer originally designed and built. Some modifications are permitted in line with the original manufacture option list, are period correct, or are based on safety issues, but in all cases must not detract from originality. Replicas derived from a lower model are acceptable as long as the appearance is as original as possible to the intended vehicle model (e.g. GT Falcon from a base Falcon).
3. Applicants for the CPS will certify that the vehicle submitted will remain roadworthy during the permit period and unmodified from what was originally submitted.
4. Once a vehicle has been accepted by CHACA for CPS It will be the members' responsibility to maintain the vehicle as originally presented, with no further modifications and in a roadworthy condition for all permit renewal applications.
5. Determination of the eligibility for any vehicle submitted to CHACA for CPS will be at the discretion of the Committee. Vehicle CPS application must be submitted to the Technical Officer in writing.

For further questions, please contact the committee.

### CALL FOR ARTICLES!

To All at CHACA, want to share any interesting story, piece of automotive history, fun piece of trivia, or a "me and my car" story, email us and send us some photos as well! We enjoy writing and reading on fellow club members, so feel free to send us YOUR story.

Also, we don't want this to be a "boys only" journal, so ladies, please do send us your story, even if it's your tip to fellow car-enthusiast-wives on how to get him out of the garage for longer than just dinner!

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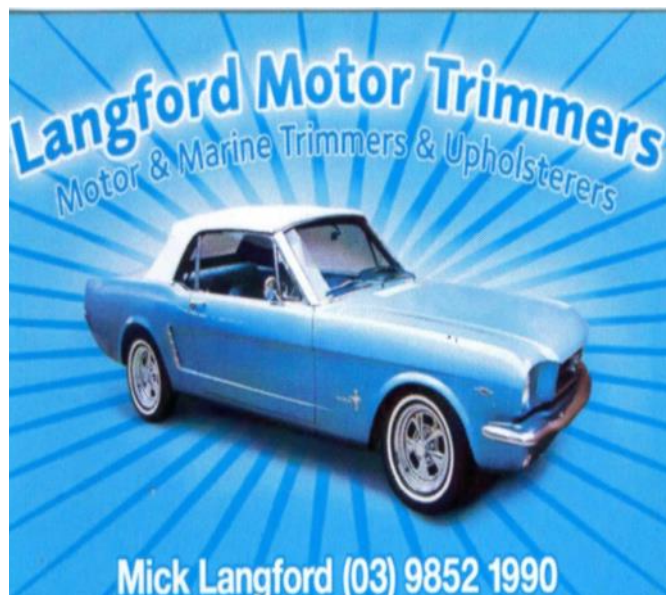
RACV Australia Day Picnic and Federation Vehicle Display - Kings Domain  
Alexandra Gardens

Shannon's Aussie Classic Car Show - Mornington Racecourse

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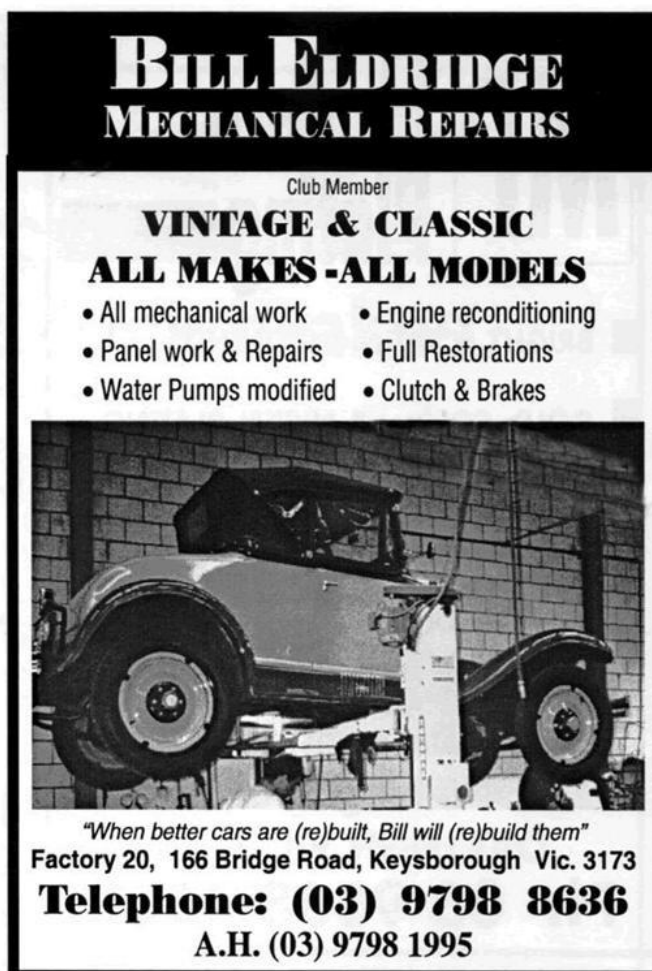
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Advertisements that do not comply with the above will not be listed, nor will it be the Editors responsibility to seek such information.

**SELL:** 1966 Ford Mustang h/top Coupe Palomino Gold V8, auto, pwr steering, console, new twin exhausts, runs unleaded petrol, low miles, California car, all matching numbers, very good condition interior/exterior CHACA REG = CH3263 M. Taylor 97175732 (0214)

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### Memo ; To all Clubs

Vic Roads are experiencing delays in processing Club Permit Scheme renewals that are posted to their head office address. Delays are being caused by the current changes in staff arrangements, that will see a large reduction in Vic Roads staff numbers.

It is believed that scheme participants that renew at their local Vic Roads office will not be affected by this delay.

It is recommended that for the time being renewals should be forwarded in person to the branches rather than posted to Vic Roads headquarters.

Regards

*Graeme Jones*

Office Admin

Ph : 03 9555 0133 Mob : 0422 16 88 29

Email : [aomc\\_sec\\_admin@bigpond.com](mailto:aomc_sec_admin@bigpond.com)



### Extracts from letters written by council tenants:

1. It's the dogs mess that I find hard to swallow.
2. I want some repairs done to my cooker as it has backfired and burnt my knob off.
3. I wish to complain that my father twisted his ankle very badly when he put his foot in the hole in his back passage.
4. Their 18 year old son is continually banging his balls against my fence.
5. I wish to report that tiles are missing from the outside toilet roof. I think it was bad wind the other day that blew them off.
6. My lavatory seat is cracked, where do I stand?
7. I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall.
8. Will you please send someone to mend the garden path. My wife tripped and fell on it yesterday and now she is pregnant.
9. I request permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.
10. 50% of the walls are damp, 50% have crumbling plaster, and 50% are just plain filthy.
11. The next door neighbour has got this huge tool that vibrates the whole house and I just can't take it anymore.
12. The toilet is blocked and we cannot bath the children until it is cleared.
13. Will you please send a man to look at my water, it is a funny colour and not fit to drink..
14. Our lavatory seat is broken in half and now is in three pieces..
15. I want to complain about the farmer across the road. Every morning at 6am his cock wakes me up and it's now getting too much for me.
16. The man next door has a large erection in the back garden, which is unsightly and dangerous.
17. Our kitchen floor is damp. We have two children and would like a third, so please send someone round to do something about it.
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Barry Smith 14 Jacqlyn Avenue, Rye Victoria, 3941

**Joint Membership** – Husband/Wife, partner etc..

**Renewals** – If joined Nov-June, must renew when due on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If joined July-Oct. Membership will carry through to renewal date in following year.

#### Club Permit Scheme Renewal of Permit.

Send to Neville Thomas Kunnel the Permit together with a copy of your current Membership Card and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Neville will return it to you for you to pay at your nearest Vic Roads Office. You can also see Neville at meetings, **please bring along a copy of the Permit for Club records, also the 3 photos of your Club Permit vehicle/s if Neville doesn't already have them.**

FOR New Applications/renewals: Contact Neville Thomas Kunnel

Email.....[thomas\\_neville@yahoo.com.au](mailto:thomas_neville@yahoo.com.au)

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#### To all Permit Plate Holders

Due to VicRoads tightening their control on all Clubs involved with the Club Permit Scheme (CPS) we now request that all members issued with a Permit through CHACA under the new Log Book scheme attend at least one Club Run or Meeting every 6 months **with the Car**. This will assist the Club in ensuring your vehicle continues to meet with all the guidelines and conditions of use as set out by VicRoads and CHACA.

Members are also reminded that the Club is bound by the new rules of this scheme to advise VicRoads of any Permit Holder who is no longer a financial member of the Club.

Any queries please contact

Neville Thomas Kunnel on **Ph: 8712 3161 Mob: 0422 324 072**

#### Photos for Club Records

All members

***Please send 3 photos of your Club Permit vehicle to Neville (if you haven't already done so).***

1. A 3/4 view of the front right
2. A 3/4 view of the rear left
3. The engine

Size of photos: 6x4 inches or 15x10cm.

#### CPS Handbook

The CPS handbook is available from Neville Kunnel or Eddie Reynolds at meetings or runs. The price is \$5.00 in person or \$6.00 posted

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### Meetings:

*First Monday of the Month, at Rules Club, Jezza Room*

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### Morgan Country Car Club

Secretary: Tony Nelson

Phone: 0403 152 474

PO Box 428, Albury, NSW 2640

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First Tuesday of every month 7.30pm.

### Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia Sydney Inc.

Secretaries: Anne Campbell, 0414 521 521

38 Wattle Crescent, Glossodia NSW 2756 .

Phone 02 45765872

Email: annecampbell3@bigpond.com

**Meetings:** All Sunday meetings start at 2pm.

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### Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Caboolture Inc.

Secretary: Jan Beatson PO Box 514 Caboolture, Qld. 4510, Phone 07 3267 0363

email: [secretary@chacc.com](mailto:secretary@chacc.com)

### Meetings:

*2nd Sunday of the Month. Meeting at the Sun-downer Hotel car park, Caboolture at 6.30am*





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