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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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CHACA is affiliated with the Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) and the Federation of Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs.

Meetings

4th. Thursday of the month at 8pm (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.

CHACA is a Disabled Friendly Club with fully paved parking facilities, level access throughout, disability toilets, PA system with Tele-Loop compatibility for hearing impaired and wheelchair lift to the upstairs library. The Club is equipped with a portable defibrillator for medical emergencies at all meetings and events.

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 1st. Thursday 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 Calendar, a full Journal for downloading and many photographs of Club Events.

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Ray Griffin, Margaret Griffin, Barry Smith, Jim Kerr, Dale Allen, Eddie Reynolds, Bob Mantle, John Schuurman, Kevin Churchill, John Christie, Ray Nichol

In Memoriam: Fred McGeary, Norm Watt, Don Main, Ian Davey, Tom Lambert, Eddy Dobbs Snr, Col Patience, Gordon Wightman, John Hunt, Henry Alger, Bill Kerr, Max Austin, Roy Pepprell, Patricia Wightman, Peter Galley

Notice To All Reciprocating Clubs

Please address your magazines to The Secretary LPO Box 72, Bittern Vic 3918



CHACA CPS Eligibility Criteria

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

See Page 18.

Ladie's Night

Guest Speaker: Fiona Lane

"A look back in time in fashion."

Thursday 23rd November 7.30 p.m.
Unit 8, 41 Norcal Road, Nunawading
Please Note 7.30 start
Please bring supper

President's Piece

Season's greetings to all of our members wherever you may be. I hope that this Festive Season brings you joy, happiness and classic motoring. If you are not feeling "tip top" I hope that life is as good as it can be for you.

I was saddened to hear that Janet Gally OAM died in September. Janet was a long standing member, having joined in 1969, with husband, Peter who was a Life Member of CHACA. Janet, who was heavily involved in Women's Organisations, and was President of the Box Hill Historical Society for 13 years, was awarded the OAM in 1991 for services to the community. I shall miss her wise counsel.

Our AGM has come and gone for another year. Terry Roberts has joined Committee as Secretary and is a very welcome addition. This will relieve Brian, who has been acting Secretary for some time.

Our calendar of events for 2024 gets off to an early start with a run to Cruden Farm on the 21st of January. December 15th is the cut off date if you are going to Cruden Farm. All bookings are done on line and if you can't manage that ask someone on committee to do it for you. It would be good if those who are attending would let me know so that we can arrange a meeting place and arrive together so that we can park as a Club.

The Club committee is dedicated to doing our best for members and welcomes feedback which helps us to plan events and meeting activities. We would also like feedback on what we might do with our library books. There is a vast selection of books in our library but no one uses them. Perhaps our cars are running so well we don't need the books. Feedback appreciated.

As always, the message is

Drive your historic vehicle while you can.

Kevin

(Kevin Churchill)

CHACA PRESENTATION DAY AND LUNCHEON

SUNDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER 2023

Due to unforseen electrical works in the area near our clubrooms we will have no electricity on the day of our luncheon. We have therefore made the decision to move the event to a new venue. All other conditions remain the same. Please read below.

All members are welcome to our End of Year Presentation Day and Luncheon to be held at the Doncaster Bowling Club,

J. J. Tully Drive, Doncaster.

The Club is just behind the Manningham Council buildings in Doncaster Road.

Arrive from 11:30 for 12:30 lunch A two course fully catered lunch will be provided. A full bar service is provided. Plenty of parking is available. Booking essential. There is no number limit at this venue.

Tickets \$32 per head. Payment by cash, cheque, or bank

transfer, payable to Classic and Historic Automobile Club of Aust. If paying by bank transfer to Bendigo Bank. BSB 633-000 Account # 161901574, insert "First three letters of your Surname & lunch" as reference

Bookings to Brian Garrett no later than 20 th November.

5 O'Donnell St, Viewbank, 3084.

Phone: 0400166762

Email: bjgarrett@optusnet.com.au

CHACA Events Calendar

2023

August.

24th. General Meeting. Clubrooms. Nunawading.

27th. Coffee Morning

September.

24th Mulberry Hill. Details in Journal

28th. General Meeting. Clubrooms. Nunawading.

October.

15th. Coffee Morning. CHACA.

26th. CHACA Annual General Meeting. Clubrooms. Nunawading.

November.

12th Yarra Glenn Truck Display. CHACA invited to display our vehicles.

19th. Shannons American Motoring Show

24th. General Meeting. Ladies Night. Presentation by Fiona Lane on Display & Collector Clothes from past.

26th Presentation Day. Clubrooms, Nunawading. 12:30 Spit Roast lunch

December.

2024

January

21st. Festival of Motoring. Cruden Farm



A Tour of one of our oldest Icon DAME NELLIE MELBA

Would you be interested in a run next March 2024. To Coombe Cottage & tour of the Athenaeum Theatre Lilydale, which was built in 1888. Dame Nellie Melba performed there on 4 occasions, there is a Melba Room with some memorabilia.

The tour of the Theatre takes about 1 hour and is free.

Morning Tea, Devonshire Tea and a tour of the grounds of Coombe Cottage at a cost of \$30 P.P. Or just Devonshire Tea \$15.00 P.P.

We can also arrange Lunch if required at one of the Hotels.

We will leave the Lilydale Lake at 9.30am

Do you want a Midweek or Weekend.

Pending the interest shown whether it goes ahead. Rosslyn & Barry Smith.

0408 440 240



VALE JOHN KELLY 20/06/1939—30/10/2023

Much loved husband of Carmel (Dec.). Loving and proud father of Elise and Andrew, Sarah and Paul, and Claire. Precious Grandpa to Jacob and Sarah, Keely, Amiel, Kian, Harriet and Maeve.

John and Carmel joined CHACA in 1985/6 with a 1947 Austin 16 and a 1961 Valiant R Series. They enjoyed many runs and events in the early days and acquired a a 1961 Chrysler Valiant R Station Wagon, also a 1964 Plymouth Signet Convertible Coupe in the years that followed.

John also had the largest collection of Model Cars, Trucks etc. that I have ever seen.

On behalf of CHACA our condolences go out to John's family.

Eddie Reynolds







Festival of Motoring

at Cruden Farm Sunday 21st January 2024

Open to all Historic, Veteran, Vintage, and Classic vehicles over 25 years old. Club displays welcome

A Celebration of Motoring Throughout the Decades.



CHACA JANUARY 2024 CLUB RUN

Please join our Club display at

Cruden Farm, Langwarrin.

Display vehicles from 9 a.m.
Entry is \$20 per vehicle including passengers
Entries now open until 15th December.
Entry form at aomc.asn.au/festival-of-motoring

Please book now to

avoid disappointment and let us know you have entered and we will send details of meeting points etc. Kevin Churchill <u>28tudor@protonmail.com</u> or 0412 802 177

Presented by the Association of Motoring Clubs in association with RACV

For further details contact 0473 832 277

www.aomc.asn.au and aomc facebook

Shannons says goodbye to classic car auctions in Australia

Shannons is shuttering its auction business after more than 40 years in Australia, but will continue offering insurance.

William Stopford

Shannons is widely known as both an insurer and an auction house, but it's dropping one of those businesses.

The company has confirmed it will end its auction business in Australia after four decades. Shannons will continue to provide insurance as a subsidiary of Suncorp.

"The car auction landscape in Australia has changed significantly in recent years with an increasing number of competitors offering frequent and low-cost online auctions to keep up with customer demand in real time," the company said in a statement.



"Shannons has been at the forefront of catering to the unique needs of motoring enthusiasts for many years, and our auctions business has been a key part of our offering.

"Recent years have seen a notable increase in the options our customers have in buying and selling vehicles and plates, which has prompted us to review the offering to determine whether auctions is still a unique need alongside Shannons Insurance and Club.

"As part of this review, a decision has been made that Shannons will no longer be facilitating auctions as part of its core business."



The company has auction showrooms in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.

It has held auctions since 1981, with innumerable vintage, modified, and sports cars crossing the block since then.

Shannons has also auctioned off motorcycles, as well as automotive memorabilia and even number plates.

The most expensive vehicle at its winter auction in August was an R34 Nissan Skyline GT-R M Spec, which went for \$332,000.

The most expensive lot, however, ended up being a set of New South Wales heritage number plates with the number 262, which went for \$431,000 – though more expensive plates have gone under the hammer, with NSW '4' plates going for \$2.45 million back in 2017.

The auction house was founded by Robert Shannon, who teamed up with auctioneer Bill Weld to hold the first auction in Melbourne in December 1981.

Auctions used to alternate between Melbourne and Sydney, but the company moved to online auctions

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in 2020 and subsequently opened its showroom in Brisbane in 2021.



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MGB returns to Australia with EV power and manual transmission

Ultimate MG resto-mods – including a mighty 280kW V8 version – could be on sale in Australia by early next year

British MGB resto-mod expert Frontline Cars has introduced two new MGB GT creations including one with an advanced all-electric powertrain combined with a traditional manual transmission.

After the signing of a new Australian distribution deal with NSW-based Modern Classic Cars, Frontline Cars Au could begin importing the reborn MGB LE60 and MGB BEE EV models as soon as early next year.

The MGB LE60 – created to celebrate 60 years since the first MG was introduced – is limited to just 30 units globally and is set to become the most powerful Frontline model in the three decades since the company was first founded, while the LE60 is powered by a 280kW 4.8-litre V8.



Frontline hasn't said exactly how quick its latest V8 resto-mod is, but with a kerb weight of 1122kg we expect a sub-5.0sec 0-100km/h sprint time.

To cope with almost three times more power than it was built for, the Frontline MG gets a strengthened chassis and a wider body. There's also a five-speed transmission sourced from Tremec and a limited-slip rear differential, plus 310mm vented front brake discs with six-piston callipers.

A set of larger 16-inch Dunlop-style alloy wheels and an all-new high-performance suspension set-up developed by Nitron complete the hardware changes, which contribute to a near-perfect 50:50 weight distribution.



For those who desire the classic British sports car look but want a zero-emissions powertrain, the Front-line BEE Roadster and BEE GT coupe could be just the ticket.

It's powered by a 90kW electric motor fed by a 40kWh battery that provides for a range of around 225km.

Despite adding a heavy battery, the all-electric MGB remains light, tipping the scales at just 1186kg, but the most intriguing technical highlight of the BEE is that it retains its manual transmission as part of Frontline's plan to offer an engaging, fun and driver-focused classic.

Frontline says drivers will delight in their ability to heel-and-toe one moment and drive the car like an automatic (in second or third gear) the next. The small electric motor is also capable of revving to 9000rpm and is said to have torque characteristics that match a combustion engine.



Engineers have even managed to replicate the LE60's 50/50 weight distribution for agile and well-balanced handling, although the battery-powered MGB isn't exactly quick with the 0-100km/h sprint taking 8.8 seconds.

Charging, meanwhile, takes around five hours using a 7kW charge point.

Pricing for both cars is yet to be released, but it's thought that the cheaper BEE GT will be priced from around £80,000 (\$A150,000) while the MGB LE60 will cost more than £150,000 (\$A285,000).

Commenting on the launch of the new models, Frontline Cars founder Tim Fenna said: "The LE60, a tribute to our enduring commitment, is a culmination of years of passion and dedication. It's a testament to the art of restoration and enhancement, a harmonious blend of heritage and modernity.

"The BEE model line-up captures the essence of the MG's timeless design while propelling us into a future of sustainable mobility. It's a symbol of progress and a momentous celebration of where we've been, where we are, and where we're headed."

John Mahoney

https://www.carsales.com.au/editorial/details/mgb-returns-to-australia-with-ev-power-and-manual-transmission-142623/





Sunday 18th February 2024

Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen



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 must have been manufactured prior to 31st December 1992.
- 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.

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Associated Clubs:

Independent Clubs Associated with the

Classic& Historic Automobile Club of Australia

Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia Wagga Wagga Region Inc.

Secretary: Jenny Myers, Mobile 0403 678 246

Web: www.chacawagga.com.au

PO Box 749, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650 **Meetings:** First Tuesday of the Month,

at the Rules Club

Wagga Wagga 7.30pm.

Guests and visitors are welcome.

Morgan Country Car Club

Secretary: Tony Nelson, Phone: 0403 152 474

PO Box 428, Albury, NSW 2640

Meetings: At Clubrooms on Jindera Sports Grounds, 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.
Members may arrive from two hours prior to
meeting times to have meal and chat.

Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Caboolture Inc.

Secretary: David Alsbury PO Box 514 Caboolture,

Qld.4510. Mob 0468 361 490 email: secretary@chacc.com

Meetings: 1st Sunday of Month (February to November) meeting at Sundowner Hotel Motel Car Park - 8/14 Aerodrome Road Caboolture at 8.30 am for 9.00am start.

We also have Monthly Wednesday midweek runs

Ring for details

EVENTS & SWAP MEETS OF INTEREST TO CLUB MEMBERS

3rd Dec Celebrating 100 years of Farmall, Bendigo Agricultural Showgrounds, Bendigo VIC

10th Dec Surfcoast Streeters Cars & Coffee, Four Kings Carpark, Anglesea VIC

3rd—4th

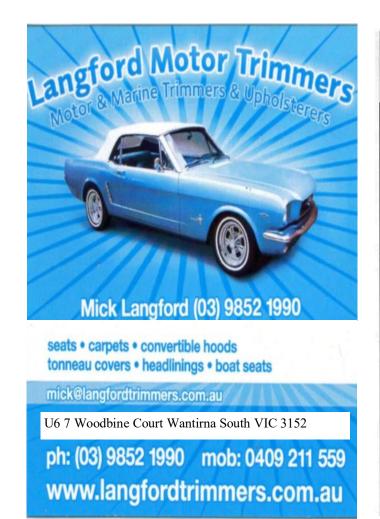
Feb Heritage Vehicle & Machinery Display—Larden Park VIC

11th Feb Picnic at Hanging Rock, Hanging Rock Reserve, Newham VIC

18th Feb Ballan Vintage Rally & Tractor Pull, Old Ballan Race Course; Ballan VIC

24th Feb MG & Morris Minor Swap Meet, MG Car Club Victoria; Nunawading VIC

17th Mar Springthorpe's 11th Annual Classic Car Show, The Village Common; Macleod VIC





BUY, SWAP AND SELL

Advertisements in this column will appear for three consecutive months unless instructions to the contrary are received by the Editor. Victorian State laws require all advertisements for registered vehicles to display a Price and Registration Number, and for unregistered vehicles, the sale price together with the engine or VIN/Chassis number.

Advertisements that do not comply with the

WANTED: Looking to buy a Bedford CA Van (1952-1969). The condition isn't a concern as long as frame isn't bent, we're expecting whatever turns up will require a large restoration job.

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Mob: 0447 723 707

mail: lelongjames@gmail.com (0522)



WANTED: I have been collecting Australian issued automotive sales

brochures for over 40 years and would love to add the following to my

collection. 1932 Ford Australia brochure, 1932 & 1933 Buick GMH

brochure, 1932 & 1933 Oldsmobile GMH brochure, 1932 Pontiac GMH

brochure. I have items to trade (36 Buick, 36 Chev) if that makes it

easier, or I will buy outright to add to my collection.

Scott Garnett 0434330165 or ozscott@iprimus.com.au

The images are to show what I have to trade. 1936

Buick, 1936 Chevrolet Thanks, Scott (0123)



SELL: 1932 Austin 7 Opal Tourer. Very Good Condition, recent motor rebuild. On club plates. \$18,000. Engine number V128780E. Previously owned by Les Standing.



Phone Dawn 0414 455 989. (0323)



Ken's Joke of the Month

A young Portsmouth woman was so lonely she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the sea.

But just as she prepared to throw herself from the wharf, a handsome young man stopped her. "You have so much to live for," said the man. "I'm a sailor, and we're off to Australia tomorrow. I can stow you away on my ship, and I'll bring you food every day and keep you happy".

With nothing to lose, combined with the fact that she had always wanted to go to Australia, the lass accepted.

That night the sailor sneaked her aboard, and hid her in a small comfortable compartment in the hold. From then on every evening he would bring her 3 sandwiches, a bottle of wine, and make love to her until dawn.

But two weeks later she was discovered by the captain whilst on a routine inspection. "What are you doing here?" demanded the captain.

"I have an arrangement with one of your sailors," she replied. "He brings me food every day and I get a free trip to Australia".

Her conscience then got the better of her, and she added, "Plus, he's screwing me".

"He certainly is," replied the captain. "This is the Isle of Wight ferry".

Collective Nouns

A Gulp of Swallows A Hover of Trout A Pod of Whales A Chime of Wrens A Leash of Foxes (three) An Ambush of Tigers A Turn of Turtles A Wisdom of Wombats A Destruction of Cats (wild) A Parade of Echidnas



CHACA Membership Details.			
Category	Joining Fee	Annual Subscription	Total
Single Member - Printed Journal Single Member - Electronic Journal	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$90.00
	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$80.00
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	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$90.00

Contact: Brian Garrett, Ph. 0400 166 762 LPO Box 72, Bittern Vic 3918

Joint Membership – Husband/Wife, partner etc..

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

Club Permit Scheme Renewal of Permit.

Send to Barry Smith the Permit together with a <u>copy of your current Membership Card</u> and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Barry will return it to you for you to pay at your nearest Vic Roads Office. You can also see Barry at meetings, **please bring along a copy of the Permit for Club records**, also the 7 photos of your Club Permit vehicle/s if Barry doesn't already have them.

FOR New Applications/renewals: Contact Barry Smith,

14 Jacqlyn Avenue, Rye Victoria,3941

Email: rozbar@bigpond.com

PHONE: 5985 9220, MOB: 0408 440 240

To all Permit Plate Holders

CHACA encourages members with CPS vehicles to attend runs or meeting with their CPS vehicle where possible.

Members are also reminded that the Club is bound by the 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.

Barry Smith on Ph: 5985 9220, Mob: 0408 440 240

Photos for Club Records

The photos that are required when applying for Club Permit are as follows.

Size of photos 6x4 inches or 15x10 cm please get them printed at Harvey Norman, Office Works, Big

- 1. Photo of the front view
- 2. Photo of the rear view
- 3. Photo of the right side view
- 4. Photo of the left side view

- 5. Photo of the engine
- 6. Photo of the Vin or Chassis number
- 7. Drivers view of the car showing the steering and dash preferably taken from the back seat

All photos should have date imprints on them with the owners name and signature on the back of each photo. If in doubt please contact Barry Smith.

CPS Handbook

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

VicRoads queries 9854 2432 60 Denmark Street, Kew 3010.

Club Merchandise

The following items are for sale to members.

Contact Property Officer, Eddie Reynolds at meetings or phone (03) 97701231 or 0429142460

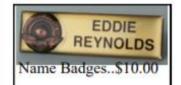


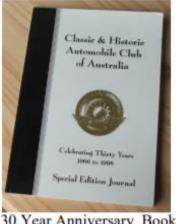
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pel Badge \$2.00



Badge.....\$40.00











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