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***Morning tea with four of our long-time lady members  
Beverley Robinson, Pearl Anderson, Joyce Turner, Sandra Cassar.  
Read their stories in the centrefold!***

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**From Oct 1st 2016 the joining fee is \$35. The Membership fee is \$55 pa or \$40 pa with an email only magazine**

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**Peter Bradbury \*\***

**\*\* Deceased**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS** are held at "The Library"  
Mornington Gardens, 98 Bungower Rd, Mornington.  
2nd Tuesday each month at 1:15pm  
Tel 0420 927 073 (Paul Lucas) .

### PRESIDENTIAL JOTTINGS



Special Connection with Peter Bradbury Mystery Tour destination.

Many months ago I had mentioned to Committee that I would like to set up an event to have a lunch, for instance, at Warneet.

In the process of planning our event held a couple of Sundays ago, John Becker decided on Warneet independently of my intentions, as the spot for a picnic lunch/BBQ, and that was great.

If you've never been in there, it is on a pretty little tidal inlet off Westernport Bay, near Tooradin.

When I was a little tacker, we regularly went to Mum's Auntie and Uncle's shack there on weekends, and Mum had no doubt been there before that, this couple being close to Mum who was left without a mother from birth, and she often holidayed with the Woods.



Importantly, Sydney and Jessie Wood were the owners of the Paige, up until it was gifted to me in September 1963. Of course the Paige was always at Warneet when we visited, and it served in a capacity similar to a typical 4WD at a bush shack nowadays, launching boats, pulling scrub, or whatever was required. Sometime just before that September, '63, the Warneet property had been offloaded, and the Paige wouldn't have graced the tracks there for about 60 years.

Back then, from leaving Baxter Tooradin Road you negotiated a two wheel-rut sand track for several kilometres (which, of course, were miles then too) so very different to what we experience nowadays

When we arrived there earlier in the month, the sun was shining, and the tide was in, and it was beautiful.

At low tide the other jetty would be a better destination, but John had chosen the North Jetty, he obviously

organised the tide and the sun also, well done. About 1940'ish Uncle Syd had rallied a lot of local land-owners, and he being a competent builder/wood craftsman, saw to the building of the original Jetty there, at which I am pictured with my older brother. It doesn't seem that long ago that we wandered around the tracks, and played in the mud waiting for the tide to come in and clean us up. Makes you realise how short, and precious, life is. Sweet memories for me, and thanks John



### ***Thank you — Marie Turner***

My thanks are extended to members of this wonderful car club. You have been a large part of our happy retirement days in this beautiful part of Victoria. Fantastic people, cars; the very best of many makes.



Friends have been made. Alan welcomed and enjoyed the visits by many of you at Rosebud Hospital. Large numbers shared in the celebration of his life, so very well lived.

### ***From the Editor***



Firstly a big thank you to Alan Tyler, I'm sure you will agree he produced a terrific magazine last month.

More than that he has added some of his expert techniques behind the scene to make the editors job easier and the quality of the magazine more consistent.

It is a relief to know that there is a willing and capable substitute editor if the need arises.

Thank you as well to all who contribute to your magazine.

While overseas my motoring highlight was to see at least 60 old Fiat 500's displayed in the main square in Valletta, Malta

### ***Help is on the way***

If you would like to attend meetings but are uncomfortable about night travel, or perhaps unable to drive on that particular night, please contact one of the committee members.

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———Your committee



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## ***Past Event—Lunch at the Atrium. Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2019***

A big thank you to the 60 members who turned up, although the weather was WET and COLD. We enjoyed a large room to ourselves, with the choice of a full menu, we think the staff did a great job keeping the meals coming. The food was enjoyed by all. It was a very social day, the last of us did not leave until just on 3pm.

The lucky Door Prize for Mothers Day was won by Marion Beckman, Paul and Marion being new members. (No...it wasn't rigged.)

It was great to see everyone mixing well and catching up with old and new friends, which makes a social occasion very successful. We will certainly make use of The Atrium in the future. We had a great day and we are sure everyone else did too.

JOHN & CHRISSY BECKER



## ***Past Event—Flinders Motor Heritage Car Display. Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> 2019***

We met at the Flinders Hotel Car park after a chilly drive down to Flinders but the sun was out and it turned out to be a beautiful Autumn day. We were split up into different groups which was not anticipated, however, organization will be different next year and we will be allocated a club site.

A few of the club cars were together and we had the club feathers on display there. It was a very pleasant social day and we had 15 cars on show. Rod Nash had his promotional Moffat Mustang on display next to the gorgeous current model Aston Martin. There were some magnificent cars there.

The Best Outright Winner was a 1913 Rolls Royce – just superb. A Jaguar E-Type won Best Sports Car and Greg Collins in his magnificent GT 40 won Top Modified Car.

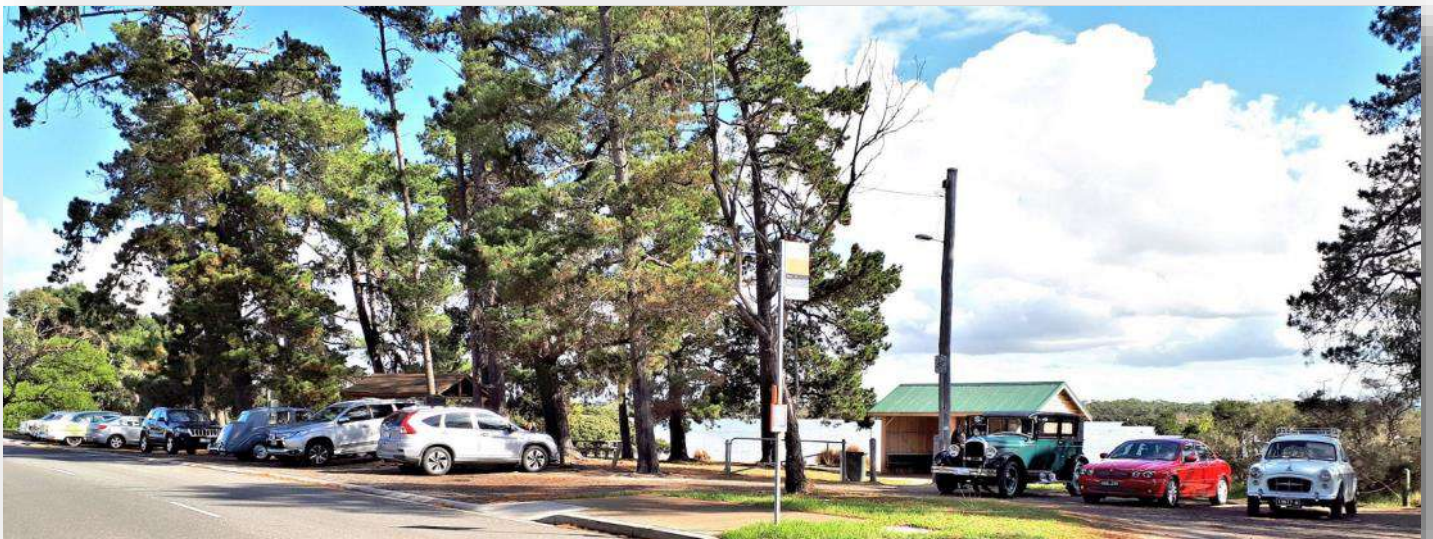
All-in-all a very enjoyable time was had and finished off with a lovely sunny drive home.

JOHN & CHRISSY BECKER



## ***Past Event—Peter Bradbury Mystery Tour. Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2019***

Participants, winners and some cars.



***We wish all of our members and their families who have not been enjoying the best of health lately, a speedy recovery and return to good health. Members are not named for privacy reasons and also we do not want to cause offence by failing to mention someone by name.***

## 2019 SHANNONS MELBOURNE AUTUMN CLASSIC AUCTION RESULTS - 29 APRIL



A "stalwart" group of Club members, including our President, attended the auction. Also good to see Noel Meates sneaking around.

Once again, a large audience of car enthusiasts made it a very big night for the Shannons' team, with a total of over 3.3 million dollars changing hands!

Some interesting statistics -

Total CARS offered — 45 (24 without reserve)

Total passed in — 8 (approximately 20%)

Highest priced car — Holden Torana — GTR-XU 1 (pink) \$183,000

Highest priced number plate: No. 59 was \$535,000!!

Cars of special interest -

1. 1971 Citroen DS 21 Pallas Sedan bought by Judith Durham (Seekers) new in Paris 1971 - \$40,000
2. 1960 Jaguar Mk9 3.8 Saloon — Estimate \$14-\$18,000 — Brought \$32,000
3. 1962 Ford Falcon XK Panel Van V8 — top restoration - \$50,000
4. 1959 Chevrolet Impala - \$84,000
5. Holden HT Monaro 383 VB - \$107,000

Number plates never cease to amaze us regarding high prices — 3 digits around \$150,000 and two digits — No. 59 - \$535,000!!!

It is always an entertaining night and well worth a visit. It would seem that prices for well presented examples are holding well but cars which are still needing a little T.L.C. will often fall short of anticipated estimates. Mike Hurd

### ***Don't Judge A Bottle By Its Cover***

***Terry Opie.***

You may be wondering why I am writing about a stone bottle (with a fish and ring printed on the front) in our club newsletter. Before I disclose why, I will present you with a little bit of folklore, thought to identify the bottle and more importantly, the contents held thereof.

For many years in the bottle collecting world, the bottle has been described as a Ginger Beer or Ink Bottle, containing, Ginger Beer, Ink, Furniture Polish and even Cod Liver Oil. The bottle has been dated from the late 1800's to the early 1900's?

Recently, a bottle with a partial label has been found, and it can now be proved conclusively, that it once held 'leather reviver'.

Further reading of the label identifies the content as being a liquid used for restoring the leather upholstery in early model cars. There are 2 known size bottles. The bottle pictured is 17 cm or 6 3/4" high, and was sold for 1s 6d and 2s 6d.

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## *Caught in the Headlights*

### *The Octogenarians*

*Morning tea with four of our long-time lady members*

#### **BEVERLEY ROBINSON — THE CONSUMMATE GARDENER**

The Octos called on the Robinsons only to find them both unwell having picked up a bug on their last cruise. However the “ever much on the ball Bev” had prepared some notes and it is an interesting story.

“I was born in Carlton in 1938 and am the eldest of five children, four girls and a boy. We lived most of our childhood in Bentleigh and had Marriots market gardens near us and paddocks where we used to build bonfires and pat the draft horses.

My dad cut wood around Bullengarook for a living. I used to go with him when I could and help. I boiled the billycan, which was difficult when it was too wet to light the fire. I also helped with the winch to drag the logs to load the Brockway truck. He also had a Morris Truck with a winch on the back.

I started work at fifteen sewing and that’s the only sort of job I had until I was 60 when I retired. I got married in Bentleigh in 1960, Don was a grocer at Moran and Cato’s. He got a manager’s job at Rosebud so we lived there for six years. I had my four children at the then new Rosebud hospital. We then lived in Altona for two years.

We built our own house in Bayswater and the children went to Bayswater State and High schools. We were there for 23 years. We then decided to move to Mt Martha. I played bowls at the Mt Martha Club for six years. and we had a nice house with a big vegie garden (The Octos agree. It was a lovely garden tended by a real gardener!) It was a beautiful place to live. We are now in Beleura Village Mornington which we enjoy and are both playing pennant bowls, plus other activities including managing a small vegetable garden. We both have enjoyed our 28 years with the Car Club and have many wonderful memories of tours, picnics and fun days out together”.

The Octos can verify the skill and dedication Beverley has put into the cottage style front garden area of their Beleura home. It must be magnificent through the spring and summer flowering period.

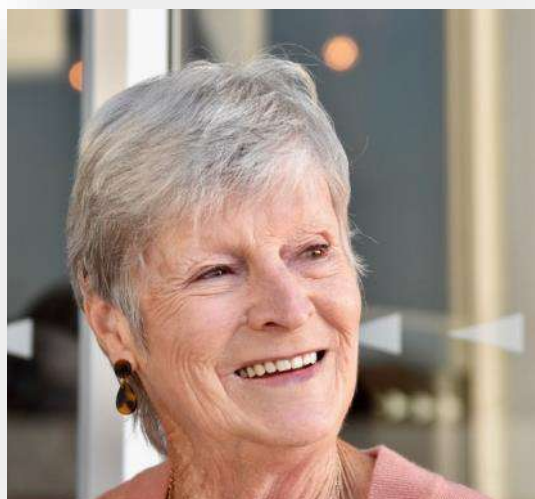


#### **SANDRA CASSAR — A BORN CARER AND LOVING PERSON**

Sandra was born at the Queen Victoria Hospital and lived with her older brother and parents in Middle Park where she attended the Middle Park Central School until entering the respected Mac.Robertsons Girls’High School gaining Leaving Certificate. She enjoyed ballet at Mrs Butterworth’s School of Ballet, culminating at 11 years of age with an appearance before the Queen during her Melbourne 1954 visit.

She met Charlie around the age of 14 and things got serious a few years later. She first worked at the ATC [Australian Telecommunications Commission] and in her leisure time, skated at Saint Moritz Ice rink and took people on horse riding tours. They were married on Grand Final Day in 1963 when Sandra was eighteen and set up their first home in Mulgrave They had two children by the time she was twenty-one, a son and daughter whom remain very close to their parents..

Sandra and Charlie have shared very full lives. When they moved to Mornington 32 years ago, she became a mother-craft nurse working with handicapped children and is still involved in this rewarding work. She also volunteered at the Viola respite centre. Charlie built a 21foot launch powered by a jet drive 351 Cleveland (as one would expect) and as a family, they spent many happy holidays living on board, exploring the waters off Welshpool and further afield. Of course cars played a big part in their lives. They joined the SPHCC on arrival in Mornington in its early years when it was known as The Crankhandle Club and have made strong friendships within the Club, going on rallies to all parts of Australia in a great variety of cars. Tours included Tasmania, the well-known Bay to Bay Rally and dozens of local events, including dressing up,(imitating characters) along with other Club members, creating much



amusement. The Octo's can recall seeing Charlie and Sandra in the beautiful old Buick, exposed to the elements, appearing to enjoy every minute as the Charlie took the car to its limits. Sandra is also in the Mornington Combined Probus Club and for many years played golf, mostly at Mt Martha, as well as enjoying working as a volunteer at The Bays Hospital in Mornington.

"Its been a good life" mused Sandra as she summed up her past, confirming what the Octos perceived and by all accounts this will continue for some time to come. Despite serious health setbacks six years ago, Sandra is now back to her bright self and provided she is careful, her former illness does not hinder her lifestyle what-so-ever, always cheerful and happy. It's a very welcoming home to visit.

### **JOYCE TURNER — A LIVELY LADY AND RACONTEUR**

On a sunny morning recently the Octos called on Joyce Turner in Mornington and just what one would expect from Joyce, midst a lovely garden in full bloom. Joyce is a genuine Mornington girl virtually having spent her entire life around Mornington, and originally lived in a house built by her builder father in 1928, on a 13 acre block near what became Bentons Square. Joyce had six siblings, she being the second oldest. She started school at the Mornington Primary then moved to the Osborne Rd School where all her siblings attended. Frankston High was the next step. Joyce rode her bike to meet the bus each day.

Joyce was too young at 17 to go direct to Teachers College in Ballarat so spent two years at Mornington Primary as a trainee teacher. She enjoyed her time at Teachers College, boarding at the YWCA. Her first posting of two years was to

the little three teacher school attached to the Menzies Boys Home in Frankston. Joyce first met Laurie through her parents who were friends with Joyce's parents and they attended local dances. Joyce remembers on one occasion the Blitz tow truck was their only transport to a local dance. They married in 1954 and Laurie built their first home in Alameda Ave later moving to their Mt Martha home with a spectacular view of the Bay before moving 18 years ago to their present home.

During the late 1960s Lawrie joined a group of car enthusiasts to form what became known in the early 70's as The Crankhandle Club before a name change to our present Club in the early 1980's. Joyce has always been a great club supporter with Laurie in their beautifully presented cars at all our events. She is renowned for her highly amusing and professional anecdotes and jokes performed at our Annual Dinners.

They adopted a boy and girl, just babies, 2 and 4 weeks, which Joyce admitted was a very steep learning curve and then went on to foster a lovely teenage girl who became an adored member of their growing family. All are still a very close family unit, two of whom live in WA.

Joyce's interests are wide, a great gardener, she is a forty year member of the Mornington Garden Club and a foundation member of the lady Probus Club of Mount Martha. Both Laurie and Joyce were strong members of St Peters Church.



### **PEARL ANDERSON — A PETIT LADY WITH A BIG HEART**

The Octos'called on Geoff and Pearl one sunny Autumn morning at their home high above McCrae overlooking a sparkling bay, obviously a contented place for retirement. They are very hospitable hosts. While reminiscing, Geoff reminded Pearl when they were building their home, how she had helped him to lift and hold the a/c sheets in place for the eaves on the two storey house while standing on planks at least ten metres above the ground!

Pearl's family lived at Hull in the UK and at the outbreak of WW2 Pearl, then twelve years old, along with two brothers aged seven and fourteen, were sent to Australia in 1940 together with 500 British children. They sailed on a ten week voyage in the Polish ship "Batory" under a British Government scheme to keep the children in safe havens away from the war. They were met on the Melbourne wharf by their Uncle and Aunt who had agreed to take care of them for the duration of the war at their home in Mordialloc where Pearl went to the local high school.. Their Aunt's health deteriorated with the addition of the three children, to the point she



## *.....Caught in the Headlights – continued.*

could no longer look after them, so they moved in with another caring couple who lived nearby.

Pearl first met husband Geoff at the age of 16 when she attended a church social put on for members of the ATC (Australian Training Corps.) and their relationship blossomed. When the war ended Pearl and her brother returned to England but could not settle and convinced their parents to apply for immigration to Australia. They then found there was a two year waiting list to migrate to Australia. Geoff, now serving in the RAAF, was not one to take this rule lying down, called the Minister of Immigration, Arthur Calwell, on the phone and pointed out he had broadcast the fact that husbands and wives of servicemen (including those who were engaged to marry) were to be given first priority. Almost instantly, Pearl's parents were informed that their application was approved to travel within two weeks! A courageous decision by Pearl's parents. Arriving back in Australia they all initially moved in with Geoff's parents in Ringwood before setting up home in Pasco Vale. As it turned out, Pearl's parents settled happily into life in Australia and only made one trip back to the UK during the rest of their lifetime.

Geoff and Pearl were married in 1949 (they had to wait until she was 21 ) and Geoff built their first house in Heathmont doing much of the sourcing of materials, cartage and some of the actual building himself because building materials were in such short supply in the immediate post war period.. Pearl gave birth to their first child, a daughter, almost on the day they moved in to their new home, to be eventually followed by four sons.

Pearl had her hands full with five children but accompanied Geoff on his diving pursuits as members of the Underwater Diving Club, to various places like Mallacoota. They joined the SPHCC in its formative years and became very involved in all its pursuits. Pearl made mention of making many lifelong friends within the club. In the early days she made most of the clothes for their five children but still found time to join classes in callisthenics which may account for the robust good health she enjoys today. In 1981 they built their current home in Outlook Rd McCrae, A beautiful two storey home with steep stairs to the upstairs living area, a fact which had the poor old Octos gasping for breath while Geoff looked on with a deep smirk on his face. No wonder they are both super fit. And to think they are both in their nineties! You would never believe Geoff had a severe heart attack at the age of thirty but then went on to have an illustrious career as an underwater commercial diver.

This remarkable loving couple have made a great success of their lives, with a happy grown family, a host of outside interests and good friends .... Life does not get much better than this!

## ***The voting on the proposed change to our Constitution, at the May General Meeting***

After the motion was moved, seconded, and spoken on by myself as proposer, I invited comment from the floor. Brian Crocker raised an issue, claiming that notice to members was not legal, and thus our application to Consumer Affairs Victoria for a change to our constitution would be dis-allowed. There was new legislation enacted in 2012, and it would be under these rules on which Brian was basing his criticism, no doubt.

However, our constitution, whilst it was re-printed in 2016, is actually almost unchanged, or perhaps unchanged, since March 11<sup>th</sup> 1998 – presumably the date of the incorporation of the Club. The Committee acted according to our constitution, and the process followed was based accordingly.

Ray Beagley expressed concern about some wording, which he feels will be unacceptable to CAV, but without trying, I believe we could never predict what would, or would not be acceptable. The clause which is hopefully being made redundant is very unclear and potentially ambiguous, even though we know by implication what it is trying to say.

Be assured that a lot of work was put into drafting the change, and that the Committee, acting on a voluntary basis, only have the best interests of the Club, and its Members in mind.

At the vote, there were about 80 members present, and we had 2 proxy votes in the affirmative, none against the motion. Whilst a count would have been necessary to be sure that over 75% had voted in favour of the motion, when those voting against it numbered only 4, the motion was clearly carried.

Thanks from the Committee for your attention to this important matter, and, of course, thanks for the show of confidence in our endeavours on your behalf.

*Since the drafting of the foregoing words, a review of some of Consumer Affairs Victoria's website indicates that we ought to err on the side of safety, and you will have received a second notice, with a few words changed so that compliance with the 2012 legislation is assured, and the Committee are now asking members to vote again at the June meeting, with apologies for any tedium this creates. One would hope that as we are re-visiting a subject clearly supported by the membership last month, that minimal debate will ensue.*

*Remember, that clearly we are not changing anything which members considered to exist in the way our membership works, but just to clearly define eligibility to privileges for a large number of people who could have been seen to be denied them if the existing constitution was taken literally.*

Geoff Bartlett. President.

## COMING EVENTS



### JUNE

Tue 4<sup>th</sup>      **GENERAL MEETING**  
Guest Speaker Julie Ellis-Jones

**REMEMBER THIS IS LADIES NIGHT SO MAKE SURE YOU BRING YOUR WIFE, PARTNER ALONG FOR AN ENJOYABLE NIGHT**

Thu 6<sup>th</sup>      **ELFIN HERITAGE CENTRE**  
12 noon, Lunch at the Sandbelt Hotel, good seniors meals. 630 South Road Moorabbin, cnr Bignell Road. Then on to Elfin Centre 1:00 PM, 29 Capella Cres., Moorabbin

Tue 11<sup>th</sup>      **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tue 18<sup>th</sup>      **LUNCH AT "SOUTH BEACH RESTAURANT"** 12 noon, 464 The Esplanade Mt Martha  
We have very good reports of this Restaurant

### JULY

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup>      **GENERAL MEETING**  
Guest Speaker Brian Graham

Tue 9<sup>th</sup>      **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Sun 21<sup>st</sup>      **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** at the Atrium Restaurant 12 Noon. 10 Country Club Drive Safety Beach. Come along and enjoy some warm companionship with your fellow club members, with a lovely Meal and Christmas Pudding

### *Bye Bye Blackbird by Max Caddy*

It's gone! Wally and Brenda Allen's lovely black 1953 FX Holden Sedan sold after 19 years of ownership. Many members will be aware and even fond of this car, so sedately driven by Wal, accompanied by his lovely navigator, Brenda.

I cannot think of a club activity where this Australian icon was not in attendance. I, myself, have a soft-spot for the '53 FX, as my dad purchased a '53 when it was just a year or so old. The '53 FX was followed by the new model, FJ, late the same year—the tenth month, I believe. Wally's and my dad's car being late models had the new modified suspension fitted. Sadly, Wal's Holden has been sold to an enthusiast residing in Wallan. Apparently, the car was placed on a nature strip in the Mornington-area. The for-sale sign was spotted by a guy who has a hobby of taking photos of such cars, and then placing them on Facebook. On the negative side, Wal received an infringement notice for illegally parking, to the value of \$278.

Some members will not be aware that Wally originally owned a matching pair of these Holdens, purchased with the view to running a wedding business. The wheels never got turning in this venture and one of the Holdens was sold to a fellow who owned an accommodation stop on one of our club rallies. He just had to have it; it was the best one, too.

Wait, there's more! This entrepreneurial couple later purchased a brand-new pair of s-type Jaguars, again with the view of establishing a special event-type service. Wally was busy driving his tour buses and displayed advertising material about his car service on the rear of the tour coach. He only managed to get one job and he was busy with the coach work, so he decided the Jags had to go. Wal was good enough to gift me an explanatory video that came with the new Jags. I still have the video today. Never mind, Wally, third time lucky.



## Minutes Summary – SPC&HCC – General Meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Meeting opened at 7.34pm by president Geoff Bartlett. Emergency procedures read out.  
Visitors: Lou Thomson and Steve McPherson. No new members for their first meeting.

### Present:

79 as per attendance book. **Apologies:** Ian Davis, Paul Lucas, Anne Kruger, Don Monro, Mick Daddo, Warwick Spinaze, Stuart West, Geoff Anderson, Tony Guy, John Pollock, Julie and David Jones, Doug Meates, Bruce Rogers, Ron Townley, Paul Goethel, Keith Morrison.

### Minutes of the General Meeting Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

As printed in Crankhandle.

No business arising. Moved—Ken Burrows, Sec. John Watson. Carried.

### Correspondence In/Out since last general meeting.

As detailed by secretary. Moved Greg Cripps, Sec. John Becker. Carried.

### Treasurer's Report 30<sup>th</sup> April balances only in treasurer's absence.

Financial details available to members on request. Moved that balances be received  
Charlie Cassar, Sec. Bill Glover. Carried.

### Membership Report 240 members – Anne recovering well from surgery.

### Past Events April 6<sup>th</sup> – Great Macedon Grand Tour – 8 from our club.

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Flinders Motoring Heritage – good turnout.

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Peter Bradbury Mystery Tour. Winners: 1-John and Geraldine Hehir, 2- Greg and Jennifer Cripps, 3- Wally and Brenda Allen.

### Coming Events Historic Winton May 18-19. Free passes still available.

May 21- Hardman Engineering visit – 6.15pm Dingley – contact Brian Florrimell.

May 25 – Repco Hastings Car Display – sporting theme – 12 cars wanted. 10am to 2pm

BBQ supplied – contact Jamie Mason 0419304877.

May 26- Yarra Glen Racecourse – “Cavalcade of Transport”.

June 4<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting – Ladies Night – Speaker Julie Jones.

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Elfin Centre – Moorabbin – see John Becker for details.

June 11 – Committee Meeting.

June 18 – Lunch – South Beach Restaurant – Mount Martha.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – General Meeting.

July 9<sup>th</sup> – Committee Meeting.

July 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas in July with Bass Coast Car Club.

Next Year – 28 Mar to 3 April. AHMF Rally. From Albury/Wondonga. View at

[ahmf.org@2020tour](mailto:ahmf.org@2020tour). 700 cars expected.

Michael Hurd brought Shannons auction report.

### General Business

Alex McKinnon wants name of a local car painter – good job at reasonable price.

### Cars/Parts – For Sale/ Wanted

Max Caddy wants a small automatic sedan for \$4000.

Allan Tyler has sold MR2 to Brian Florrimell

John Steele – selling MB \$10,000 with RWC. Allan Tyler has 1927 Wolseley 6 manual.

Mike Goethel said our club could have a display at Winton.

Club defibrillator discussed – those attending favoured it. Committee to seek financing.

The change to our constitution was presented to meeting. Moved Geoff Bartlett, Sec. Colin Jordan. Brian Crocker and Ray Beagley brought up issues which impinge upon it. The vote was overwhelming Yes.

Meeting closed at 8.33 for supper

### CLUB MERCHANDISE

#### For Sale to Members—More new lines coming soon

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## What happened to American Cars?

Australians' love affair with American cars began with the T model Ford and continued virtually unbroken until the outbreak of war in 1939 when shipping turned to war transport. After the war US cars, both imported and locally made cars commenced to flow again, after all they were well suited to Australian conditions, especially in the country where the US cars robust construction and low stressed engines coped with our poor road conditions.

In the mid 1950's the Australian Federal Government raised the sales tax on cars and at the same time General Motors convinced Australians that a smaller car was a better option, cars like their locally produced Holden and later Ford with the Falcon. UK, after difficult war and post war years got its act together and Australians imported cars in large numbers in the CKD format. Cars like the locally assembled Austin A40, and the German VW became big sellers. A little later Japanese car manufacturers began producing highly improved cars suited to our conditions and even later that paved the way for Europeans to reintroduce many of their earlier tried models, until nowadays they are a common sight on our slowly improving roads.

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### DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the driver of a club red plated vehicle being driven to ensure the vehicle is in a current roadworthy condition.

### CLUB PERMIT HOLDER'S RESPONSIBILITY

It is the club permit holder's responsibility to remain a financial member of the club and contact the club permit officer after disposal of a red plate vehicle

### CPS REMINDER

The Committee wishes to remind the following members of permits becoming due in the next months:

#### JUNE

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E BONE	B LESLIE	J SMITH
D BUCHANAN	J MASON	L STAMPTON
B CROCKER	D MASON	D TURNER
M GALLICCHIO	E NEILL	P WARREN
J JONES	B NIBLOCK	
C JORDAN	F PYE	

#### JULY

E BONE	S ROSE	C WILTON
P BOULTON	J STEELE	P WARREN
J DICKIN	D TURNER	
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## ***The Flutter Over The FORD QUAIL. Thomas Taylor (Car Classics August 1971)***

With the single possible exception of the Rolls Royce Flying Lady, the most popular radiator ornament in the history of automobiles was almost certainly the Flying Quail designed and sold for Ford Model A's. More than 700,000 of these attractive little ornaments have been sold in the original form, and probably several thousand more in replica form\*. Bacon, designer of the ornament, said over 250,000 were sold in one year alone!

Like many other men, Irving R. Bacon, the man given credit for the creation of the quail, was an unsung hero who should be remembered for his contribution to the romance of automobiles, but instead he has almost been forgotten. He was hired by Ford as a young man about 1917 and spent several years doing routine assignments for the great industrialist.

The little bird is at once functional and sturdy. It kept dirt out and the water in while giving the car a bit of dash and class that the ordinary cap couldn't impart.

But even though the emblem looks simple, it was far from simple to produce. A dead bird in the road went a long way toward the initial idea for the ornament when Ford asked Bacon to think up an emblem for the new Model A which would espouse the idea of a quick takeoff.

A rabbit had served the Apperson automobile very well, and Bacon suggested this first, but Ford rejected the idea. The quail idea satisfied Ford, and a short time later Bacon found a dead one in the road which he had mounted.

Using the dead fowl as a model, Bacon sculpted a bird flying with the wings down, a distinct change from the usual bird positions which had the wings pointing up. Bacon was a true genius, that was obvious.

Like other men of art, Bacon was to face the test of faith in himself and his work before the quail reached production. The road to artistic achievement is often a rocky one as the artist was soon to learn.

As a touch of originality, Bacon designed one quail with a motometer under the wings. This ornament, along with the more conventional versions, was mounted on six Model A's for Edsel Ford to look over.




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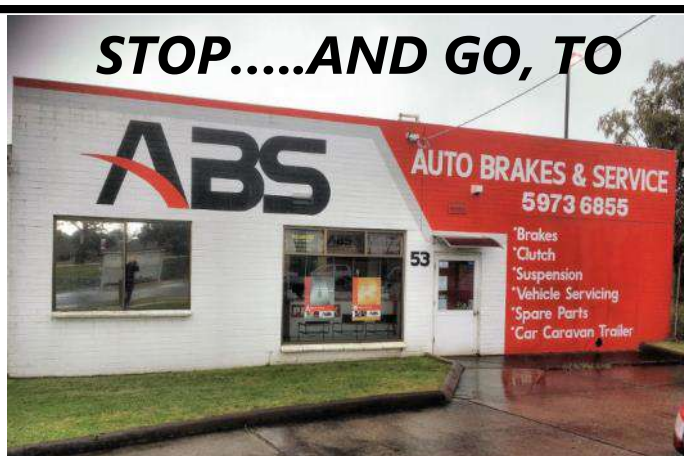
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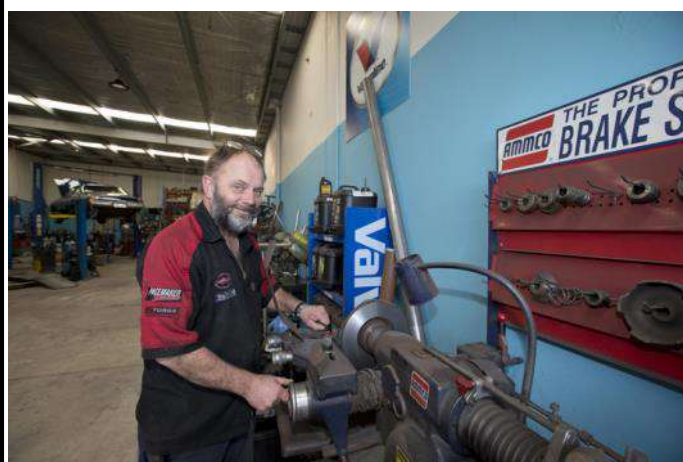
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From that moment in the mid 50's, unfortunately imports of USA sourced cars virtually stopped for over half a century and only now with the private imports for the classic car market do we see the many models for the first time. (Peter Hibbert's twin spinner and John Watson's and Bill Hall's cars for example)

With the closure of our local car plants we are now faced with yet again another change in our car landscape. What lies ahead ? Bill Glover

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