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[www.facebook.com/infoAOMC](https://www.facebook.com/infoAOMC)

Front Cover Photo: The Jets Car Club who won the best club display award at the American Motoring Show in November 2023.

More pictures and results from the day appear later in this issue.

## AOMC Committee 2024

**President:-** Keith Mortimer  
(*Jaguar CC*)

**V. President:-** Iain Ross  
(*Vintage Drivers Club*)

**Secretary:-** Tony Hall  
(*Escape Motoring*)

**Treasurer:-** Mark Fenton  
(*Chrysler Restorers Club*)

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Philip Johnstone:-  
(*Triumph Sports Owners*)

Lawrence Glynn:- (*BMW Drivers*)

Robbie Mihelcic:- (*Vic Torana Club*)

Peter Mathews:-  
(*Classic Motorcycle Club*)

Ken Goodin:- (*Vic Torana Club*)

### Office Administration:-

Howard Billing (*Rover CC*)

### Newsletter Editor & Minutes:-

Daryl McMahan  
(*Vintage Drivers Club*)

# President's Report

## Welcome to 2024

Well, it's certainly been a cool and wet start to 2024 – just as well that we know to expect the unexpected in Victoria when it comes to our weather. I sincerely hope you, your families or their vehicles have not been too impacted by the flooding that we have experienced.

The AOMC has kicked off the year early with a lot of things both happening and planned to happen for the year.

- The Festival of Motoring at Cruden Farm was a great day for all who attended, even the weather managed to largely cooperate. We had 463 cars, 18 Motorcycles (didn't they look fabulous) and 1381 spectators enjoying the day. Notable was the large increase in numbers of veteran & vintage cars and the public numbers were a lot higher than 2023. Most clubs that came last year also increased their numbers and there also appeared to be more family groups this year. I acknowledge all of our volunteers who pitched in both beforehand and on the day and in particular Iain and Maureen Ross, without the efforts of all involved these events wouldn't happen.
- Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> sees the reappearance of the Aussie Classic Car show, this time at Mornington Racecourse. It should be a great way to celebrate all things motoring and Australian. Looking forward to a fabulous event
- Sunday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> is the ever popular British and European Motoring show, returning to its home of recent years at Yarra Glen Racecourse.
- Monday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> is our delegates meeting at the Austin Healey/Jaguar Rooms in Springvale. Our guest speaker is Graham Wallis on the Redex Rerun.
- The Florence Thomson Tour is fully subscribed with over 100 vehicles entered this year. This unique event will tour the lovely Gippsland region in April.

On a more strategic note, the committee has been working away on a project that is essential to the operation of every club - Insurance. We are at present conducting an expressions of interest/feasibility study. If this proves viable all member clubs have the option to participate in a group insurances program through their AOMC membership. This should allow clubs, regardless of size to be able to purchase comprehensive insurance cover through the AOMC program at an affordable cost. Your club will have received an expression of interest package from the association and I encourage you to complete this documentation to see what cover your club could enjoy from participating in this proposed program. If you already have a suite of cover it is also in your interest to complete the EOI to establish if your existing cover is as adequate and economic as possible. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Mark Fenton, Tony Hall, Lawrence Glynn and Iain Ross for their work in bringing this program to reality.

Further to our Strategic plan, the AOMC has also identified the following objectives for the 2024 year. We may get them all completed, we may not but we must have aspirations.

## AOMC Objective's by Priority Area for 2024

### Communication and Enablement – Team Leader: Mark Fenton

- Overhaul social media and online presence (Web/Facebook/Instagram)
- Create additional communication channels (YouTube or podcasts etc)
- Further develop Internal knowledge base, data repository and security

### Events & Community Engagement/Contributions – Team Leader: Iain Ross

- National Motoring Heritage Day – Drive your Car Day – focus on visibility eg old treasury gardens display
- Materials and resources for shows and association promotion.
- Pre and Post Show engagement (stories)
- Promoting the charity elements
- Community Grants
- Electronic booking ticketing voting system for shows.

### **External Engagement – Team Leader: Ken Goodin**

- Continue to build relationships both internal and external eg AOMC/VF Working Group (external)
- TAFE/VACC/Apprenticeships

### **Member Services – Team Leader: Tony Hall**

- CPS handbook
- Trade Day
- Group Insurance
- Club Management - Seminar Series

### **Policy and Research – Team Leader: Lawrence Glynn**

- CPS booklet (also noted in Member Services)
- AOMC Rules review
- Carbon Offset rerelease

Please come and participate in some of the shows the association is holding over the next months and even better come along as a club.

Enjoy Summer and Drive Safe

**Keith Mortimer. President**

**PS** Has your club thought about National Motoring Heritage Day yet? – May 19<sup>th</sup> is not far off.

## **Important Dates 2024**

**Mark these in your Diary**

### **Delegates' Meetings**

Delegates' meetings are to be held in February, May, August and November. The dates for 2024 are as below. Meetings will be held at the Jaguar/Austin Healey rooms at 21 Rosalie Street, Springvale, except for the August meeting which is intended to be held at a regional venue on a Saturday.

**February Delegates' Meeting: Monday Feb. 19th**

**May Delegates' Meeting: Monday May 20th**

**August Delegates' Meeting: Saturday Aug. 24th (venue tbc)**

**November Delegates' Meeting: Monday Nov. 20th including AGM**

### **AOMC Events**

**Aussie Motoring Show - Sunday February 4th**

**British & European Motoring Show - Sunday 18th February**

**Florence Thomson Tour - Fri. 26th to Sun. 28th April**

**National Motoring Heritage Day - Sunday 19th May**

# **AOMC February Delegates' meeting**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Venue: Jaguar/Healey Clubrooms**

**23 Rosalie Street, Springvale**

**Guest Speaker: Graham Wallis**

**Graham will give a presentation on the 70th Anniversary re running of the Redex Reliability Trial that was held in August last year.**

**A light meal will be available from 6.30 pm.**

**Bookings for the meal are essential.**

Cost of the meal will be \$15 per head.

**Please register for the meal and notification of attendance at the meeting by clicking on the link below.**

**[www.aomc.asn.au/forms-meeting-registration](http://www.aomc.asn.au/forms-meeting-registration)**

**or contact the office on: 03 9558 4829**

**or e mail to: [office@aomc.asn.au](mailto:office@aomc.asn.au)**

Please advise us no later than Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

## **Fast Track the AOMC Magazine to your inbox**

If you would like to receive a copy of the AOMC magazine and other important AOMC communications as soon as they are available then you can now subscribe yourself.

Don't wait for the magazine to be passed on from your own Club, but get it as soon as it is available.

This is your best chance to stay up to date and informed about the potential changes affecting the motoring movement and AOMC efforts to protect our mobile heritage for future generations.

To register, go to the AOMC website: [www.aomc.asn.au](http://www.aomc.asn.au) then click on 'Publications' then 'AOMC Newsletters' to find a link to subscribing.

There is no cost for this subscription.

## **AOMC GROUP INSURANCE SCHEME Expression Of Interest**

The AOMC is investigating a group, or master, insurance policy to offer member clubs all the essential insurance they need at a much lower price with the added bonus of additional insurance that many clubs do not take out. In short, this works by spreading the risk over a large number of clubs, only one or two of whom are likely to claim in any one year, which allows the underwriters to still cover the risk but without charging each club to cover the maximum risk of a claim. The AOMC will hold the policy and recover the premium cost from member clubs via additional fees. All insurance claims will be made between the member club and the nominated insurance broker without AOMC involvement, other than confirmation of the Club's inclusion in the policy.

The AOMC believes this will be especially attractive to smaller clubs but will still offer a saving for larger clubs.

The insurance will include the usual public liability insurance and products liability, which most clubs already have, as well as Association Liability and Personal Accident and Voluntary Workers (which includes just volunteers) cover which many clubs may not have because of the cost. Further details of the cover are included below.

At this point the AOMC has obtained indicative pricing for the insurance scheme, based on the number of member clubs we think will join in, how many members those clubs have, and how many of the various types of events those clubs run each year. As we get more detailed information the underwriters will be able to refine the risk and thus the cost. The prices shown below are not final, they may go up or, more likely, down and are not binding at this time.

Your club is not being asked to make a binding commitment at this point, just an expression of interest and, if interested, to supply some information about your club which we can use to refine the quote.

The indicative annual insurance costs (including stamp duties and GST) for the proposed AOMC Group Insurance Scheme are :

- 0- 50 members: \$280
- 51 - 100 members \$365
- 101-250 members: \$400
- 251-500 members: \$480
- 501-750 members: \$660
- 750+ members \$790

As stated, the AOMC make no representation that these prices are final but should be used for the purpose of submitting the Expression of Interest

At this point your club is being asked to express an interest in joining the scheme when it is finalised, probably 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2024.

Initially the costs for the insurance cover will be pro-rata from the date of the expiry of your existing insurance so no club will be required to pay for two policies. Once the scheme is fully implemented, we expect the premium will be payable on 1 July each year to align with the AMOC subscription fee.

**Expression of Interest (including additional data collection)  
should be submitted by 31/3/2024 please**

**AOMC Group Insurance Scheme - Expression of Interest Response**

**Please provide your response to this Expression of Interest  
ONLINE**

via the link in the email sent to all AOMC Club contacts,  
or via the following online form

<https://www.aomc.asn.au/forms-insurance-eoi>

**If you are not able to respond online then please send a response as follows  
NB: Only one response is required from each club**

Club Name :	
Your Name	
Your Email Address	

We are : <i>(Please select one)</i>	LIKELY to join
	NOT LIKELY to join
	We are affiliated with Motorsport Australia with essential insurance covered that way
	NOT INCORPORATED and therefore not included in this initial insurance offer
	Other <i>(Please Describe)</i>

*Thank you for your feedback on the proposed AOMC Group Insurance Scheme.*

*If you responded as LIKELY to join then we will be reaching out, in the near future, with further questions about club events, activities, and potential risk factors in order to fully understand the risks and insurance requirements as the scheme is developed and its costs are fine tuned.*

*Please nominate someone to represent your club by providing the data needed while we go through this important process. Where possible select someone who can communicate via email*

Insurance Contact Name :	
Insurance Contact Email :	
Insurance Contact Phone	

*This information will help us to quickly evaluate the scheme for a range of club sizes*

What is your current VICTORIAN membership count?	
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Please return to \_\_\_\_\_ or send to office@aomc.asn.au  
 AOMC  
 21 Rosalie Street, Springvale, VIC 3171

## **PROPOSED AOMC GROUP INSURANCE SCHEME**

### **Insurance cover to be offered.**

The scheme is being targeted at motoring enthusiast clubs that organise only low risk activities, such as club meetings, committee meetings, runs to a nominated destination, display days, etc. It does not include higher risk activities such as motor sport or speed events. Some large events may require a permit or a prior approval process.

The insurance covers offered will include all the following:

#### **Combined Public and Products Liability**

Covers the club if it is found liable to pay a claim for personal injury or property damage to a third party.  
*(Assume for the purpose of this Expression of Interest that your club will be able to conform to a process of declaring information relevant to underwriting the risks)*

#### **Association Liability**

Designed for not-for-profit organisations, this insurance covers the club office bearers and employees (which includes volunteers) against personal liability for breaches of their duties as well as the organisation's liability.  
*(Assume for the purpose of this Expression of Interest that your club will be able to conform to a process of declaring information relevant to underwriting the risks)*

#### **Personal Accident and Voluntary Workers Cover**

Personal Accident insurance is designed to provide benefits to volunteers who are injured whilst participating in or volunteering at a club sanctioned event along with benefits for non-income earners and capital benefits. Larger events may need a permit or prior approval process. *(Assume for the purpose of this Expression of Interest that your club will be able to conform to a process of sanctioning events and/or obtaining prior approval as required commensurate with the scale of risk)*

The insurance policy will not cover a club's property, real estate or vehicles. It will not cover motor sport or similar events.

## **Background**

The AOMC has recognised that many motoring enthusiast clubs have struggled to find suitable insurance to cover the club's needs, either at all, or at a reasonable price. It has also been apparent that many clubs, especially smaller clubs, have foregone the requirement to manage their risks and operate without any insurance cover at all, or only have the minimum cover that does not necessarily cover the newer risks that have become more prevalent in our changing society.

The AOMC would like to address that need and, as a new service to members, would like to proceed with a Group Insurance Scheme that not only provides an alternative to existing products that are available individually to motoring enthusiast clubs, but takes advantage of the economies of scale to offer a Group Insurance Scheme that AOMC member clubs can participate in at much lower cost, and with a more comprehensive package of inclusions which many clubs can not afford.

Such a scheme would provide not only insurance at a better price, but would also provide better insurance cover, and hence would be significantly better value to the motoring enthusiast clubs that the AOMC represents compared with the current market offerings for individual clubs.

The AOMC has been working on such a scheme and has identified what it believes will be a viable option that could be introduced in late 2024 if sufficient interest can be confirmed.

You are therefore being invited to consider the proposed scheme by submitting an Expression of Interest that would enable the AOMC to take the next step to finalise the design of the scheme, set final pricing and finalise the detail before launching a scheme with sufficient flexibility to allow Clubs to transition away from any existing insurance policies as those policies expire.

## **The Proposed Club Insurance Scheme**

The scheme involves AOMC taking out a single insurance policy that covers not only the AOMC needs but also the needs of subscribing member clubs. The AOMC will hold the policy and recover the cost from member clubs via additional fees. All insurance claims will be made between the member club and a nominated insurance broker, without AOMC involvement, other than AOMC owning the policy, identifying the subscribed member clubs, and ensuring the policy covers the needs of the nominated clubs.

Under these circumstances the AOMC is the policy holder but will NOT require an Australian Financial Services License as we will not be providing financial product advice. This will be undertaken by the nominated insurance broker.

## **Who is Eligible to Participate in the AOMC Club Insurance Scheme?**

This insurance scheme will be limited to clubs which are Full Members of the AOMC and will be limited to activities organised by incorporated Victorian based clubs only. However ALL clubs, including those who are not eligible, should respond to the survey to help define the current and future scheme requirements.

Unfortunately clubs who are NOT incorporated will not be invited to join the initial scheme as there is no legal entity to insure, however if there is sufficient interest from such clubs then further investigations may resolve the issues involved, enabling inclusion in future years.

Most clubs that are members of the AOMC are eligible to join the scheme, however this Insurance package does NOT cover all possible insurance needs and therefore some clubs may need other insurances to cover the associated risks. For example these policies do NOT include cover for higher risk activities such as motor sport, nor does it include cover for any property owned by the Club.

Some insurance covers are highly specialised or are readily available in other forums.

For example motoring enthusiast clubs involved in motor sport in Australia need to be sanctioned by organisations such as Motorsport Australia, and the essential insurance is automatically included in the Motorsport Australia affiliation fee with additional insurance available at attractive prices. It would not be appropriate to duplicate these insurance covers. Therefore it would not be appropriate for any club affiliated with Motorsport Australia to participate in the AOMC scheme.

Clubs with valuable property assets (clubrooms, storage facilities, trailers, equipment, museums etc) may participate in this insurance scheme but no cover is provided for this property which must be separately insured.

Obviously, this insurance only covers the activities organised by the insured Club, and it is expected that participation in events organised by other clubs limits the extent of liability to the actions of the insured club when organising their own events. It is not insurance to cover the needs of individual members (as distinct from club volunteers) participating in these events but is insurance to protect the financial risks to the Club itself.

Similarly this insurance does not replace the insurances already available for road users via the TAC component of the registration fee.

## **How Would Clubs Participate in the AOMC Club Insurance Scheme?**

These details need further confirmation however it is expected that AOMC member clubs would pay a fee to participate in the scheme. This fee would be payable to the AOMC at the same time as the annual AOMC membership which falls due on 1<sup>st</sup> July each year.



However, given that Clubs may already have a non-refundable insurance policy in place that would make a transition on 1<sup>st</sup> July undesirable, a pro rata fee will enable clubs to join the scheme throughout the year before changing to a 1<sup>st</sup> July anniversary at the next AOMC membership renewal anniversary.

Prior to joining the scheme Clubs would need to complete an application to confirm their eligibility and to confirm their agreement to meet the applicable terms and conditions. These terms and conditions may include not only annual reporting or timely updates of Club executive contacts and member numbers but may also include event-based reporting that notifies the types and number of events being organised, and where appropriate that risk management plans are in place. It is expected that the extent of this event reporting requirement will be commensurate with the likely risks of the event. The reporting requirements will be kept to a minimum and should not take long to complete.

For example a large Display Day event with members of the public attending may require prior notification to the AOMC while a planned coffee run is simply recorded as an upcoming event in Club Magazine. These details are yet to be finalised but such reporting will form part of an overall risk management strategy that ensures the insurance policy obtained by the AOMC covers the actual risks but at the lowest cost – the more the underwriters understand the risk the more they can accurately target the premium cost.

NB: Any requirement to document or implement risk management strategies will be supported by AOMC resources and is consistent with the AOMC strategy to improve the overall risk management of member clubs. It is expected that this strategy would improve the resilience of the motoring enthusiast movement and further reduce administration costs for member clubs.

*(Assume for the purpose of this Expression of Interest that your club will need to comply with these reporting requirements while adopting appropriate risk management practises, but that the AOMC will aim to streamline the process and minimise their complexity)*

### **How Would Clubs Make a Claim?**

The AOMC will NOT get involved with managing insurance claims as it does not have the relevant authority or license. Its involvement will be restricted to confirming that the club is a paid-up participant in the scheme.

All claims for an insured incident will be made direct to the nominated Insurance Broker, who will have a dedicated and experienced claims department in place to receive and process such claims.

### **How were the indicative prices worked out?**

Using what information the AOMC has about member clubs, and a few assumptions about activity levels, the AOMC have received indicative quotes on which the prices are based.

The AOMC is purchasing the master policy and will cover the cost of the implementation of the scheme as a service to members and has endeavoured to prepare an overall package of options that fairly distributes the costs to participating members.

However the final prices will depend very much on the level of uptake by the full range of member clubs, the features that are added or changed, and changes in the general insurance market over time.

### **Small Club access to RACV Sponsorship.**

AOMC have recognised that clubs that do not have an ABN or Incorporation have been disadvantaged by the RACV requirement for a club to have these when applying for sponsorship. To facilitate access to sponsorship for these clubs, AOMC has negotiated with RACV for those applications to be channelled through the AOMC.

**How This Will Work:** Clubs will still make their applications directly to the RACV (forms are available on the AOMC website by clicking on 'Members' then "RACV Motoring Interests").

If the application is successful, the RACV will notify AOMC to provide the sponsorship amount to the club from a pool that they have already given the AOMC.

This pool of sponsorship money is totally separate from general AOMC funds and is only to be used for club sponsorship applications.

**AOMC Strategic Plan 2023—2026:** This has been drafted by the AOMC committee and was presented to delegates at the 2023 AGM. As part of this plan, 5 pillars of focus have been identified, each with its own team leader and team. The plan is published here on pages 10 & 11.

**AOMC Club Community Benefits:** The AOMC has been asking clubs to provide details of their community and charity activities so that a record can be kept of what the movement contributes back to the community. In this issue on pages 26 & 27 we present a couple of submissions, from the Jaguar Car Club of Victoria and the Triumph Sports Owners Club.



# Beyond 2023

Keith Mortimer

AOMC AGM 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Our Purpose:** “To support, protect and promote the interests of motoring enthusiasts and our member clubs”

**Why:**

- Focus on each area
- Spreads the load
- Accountability
- Succession
- Flexibility but structured

**Our Plan:**

## AOMC Strategic Plan 2023 -2026

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### 5 Priorities

Member Services	Events & Community Engagement/Contributions	Communication & Enablement	Policy & Research	External Engagement
<p><b>Focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club Advice</li> <li>• CPS advice</li> <li>• Legal/Management /Financial</li> <li>• Seminars               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Club Mgt</li> <li>◦ Restoration</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Data</li> <li>• Engine Number Records</li> </ul>	<p><b>Focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• British &amp; European</li> <li>• American</li> <li>• Aussie</li> <li>• Florence Thomson Tour (FTT)</li> <li>• National Motoring Heritage Day (NMHD)</li> <li>• Festival of Motoring (FOM)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website</li> <li>• Social Media</li> <li>• Newsletter</li> <li>• Delegates Meetings</li> </ul>	<p><b>Focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy Statements</li> <li>• AMHF Survey</li> <li>• EV</li> <li>• Carbon Offset</li> <li>• Data</li> </ul>	<p><b>Focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VicRoads</li> <li>• Department of Transport</li> <li>• Politicians</li> <li>• Like/related organisations               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Vic Fed</li> <li>◦ CAMS</li> <li>◦ SRF</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### **Member Services:**

- Club advice
- CPS advice and resources
- Legal/financial/management and governance seminars
- Technical and supplier resources
- Engine number records

### **Events & Community Engagement/Contributions:**

- National Motoring Heritage Day
- Shows
  - British and European
  - American
  - Aussie
- Florence Thomson Tour
- Festival of Motoring
- Community Benefit

### **Communications and Enablement:**

- Website
- Social Media
- Newsletter
- Delegates Meetings

### **Policy and Research:**

- Policy Statements
- Surveys and Data Collection
- Developing Fuels/Powertrains
  - Electric / Hydrogen / Hybrid
- Carbon offset program
- Apprentice/Trade collaborations

### **External Engagement:**

- VicRoads
- Department of Transport
- RACV
- Politicians and advisors
- Related organisations
  - Vic Fed
  - Motorsport Aust
  - Street Rod Federation

## AOMC Carbon Offset Program

The AOMC is offering motoring enthusiasts the opportunity to support the environment through a carbon offset scheme. This program enables you to demonstrate a commitment to both the environment and to the preservation of our motoring heritage. It also allows the AOMC to highlight to government that the environment and our heritage fleet can exist in harmony. This will, amongst other benefits, help us to support the current Club Permit system.

The annual tax deductible carbon offset fee for a collectable car is very cheap (\$18 for 3000 km/year and \$36 for 6000 km/year) recognising that our historic cars produce very little greenhouse gas per year.

### Why should you purchase Carbon Offsets?

As an enthusiast you probably have a favourite type of car. You also understand that other people like different cars. Some may like old army jeeps, while others like sleek sports cars. And then there are those who like old trucks or even old Triumphs (your parents or grandparents may have owned one as you were growing up). But there are other people who see old cars as just being out of date, unsafe and unnecessary users of petrol.

We understand that big SUV's produce a lot more greenhouse gas than many of our collectable cars, especially as our collectable cars are only driven occasionally. The scheme developed by the AOMC with Greenfleet enables us to show to government and the general community that we are committed to both the environment and the preservation of our motoring heritage.

### Greenfleet

Why buy offsets from Greenfleet? This is a widely recognised not for profit organisation that, since 1997, has planted over 10 million trees and created and is maintaining over 500 biodiverse forests. It is also recognised by the Government with accreditation to provide tax deductible receipts.

**For more information, including how to purchase carbon offsets, go to the AOMC website:**

[www.aomc.asn.au/carbon-offset](http://www.aomc.asn.au/carbon-offset)



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## Sunday 18th February 2024

Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen

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Since 1903 RACV has been taking care of car enthusiasts and their cars. So when you're looking to insure your vintage, veteran or classic vehicle, you can relax knowing RACV's policy takes care of your car almost as well as you do.

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For a quote call 1800 646 605 or visit [www.racv.com.au](http://www.racv.com.au)



RACV Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Insurance is issued by Insurance Manufacturers of Australia Pty Ltd ABN 93 004 208 084 AFS Licence No. 227678. Please consider the Product Disclosure Statement before buying. For a copy call 13 RACV (13 7228). <sup>^</sup>Applies to total loss vehicles manufactured before 31/12/1980.

## **Do You Forward Emails from the AOMC To Other Club Members?**

If this applies to you then you must read this.

The AOMC sends its newsletter and other information to nominated Club officers and delegates via email using its bulk email system (which used to be MailChimp but is now Brevo).

These reputable bulk email systems are designed to be used for marketing campaigns to send large volumes of emails with improved delivery performance while reducing the potential for legitimate emails being classified as spam. As part of this functionality they also have a legal requirement to include an option to UNSUBSCRIBE in case the recipient does not want to receive the emails from that source.

Obviously the AOMC does not use the mailing list to send emails to random (or purchased) email addresses, as all recipients are known to us and are maintained in our systems as the designated officers of your club, and the content should therefore not be considered as spam by those recipients. By maintaining our members database with the correct contacts for our member clubs we can minimise the desire or need for those contacts to unsubscribe. It should be noted that we also have a process to remind all clubs to update the contact details of their committee members and delegates after their respective AGMs, so hopefully that helps ensure that there is no need for anyone to unsubscribe.

It is expected, or hoped, that any relevant information contained in these emails from the AOMC is, in turn, shared with your club members so that they too can be kept informed about what is happening in the heritage vehicle movement. If you do share it then that is fantastic! Thank you.

### **But HOW are you sharing it?**

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## AUSTIN-HEALEYS THAT RACED IN AUSTRALIA

I thought I would search the internet to fill in some of the gaps in my knowledge of Jim Abbott and his Lakeland Hillclimb. Imagine my surprise when I found very little information - amazing that a motorsport entrepreneur of his calibre should be forgotten in only one generation.

I then remembered that at some time in the past I had read an article in a magazine about Jim's interest in cars, so I started by working through my collection of Australian Autosportsman magazines, page by page – bingo! - I found it. In 1963, Jim had written an article about his background in motor sport.

James W (Squire) Abbott was an Englishman who came to Australia and resided in Sydney for a short while in the early 1950's, but returned to the UK and joined the RAF. His first everyday cars were an Alvis Speed 20, then an Allard Drophead which he realised were no good, even for Club racing, so he bought a Ford 10, stripped it, boxed the chassis, modified the engine and made a Clubman style body. He then won his first race at Silverstone, competing against Colin Chapman, who was also having his first race. Jim left the RAF in 1955 and bought a garage in Kent, acquired a 1.5 litre Lea Francis engine, bought the first ever Arnott sportscar and fitted the engine to it. In 1956 he decided to come back to Australia, so he bought an XK 140 Jaguar, which was fitted with a C-Type engine. Two years later Jim sold the car in Australia to start his publishing business, Pelham Press.

He purchased land on Old Gippsland Road, to the east of Lilydale for his home, with the view to developing a Tourist Park on the 70 acre property. Such was his enthusiasm for motor sport, he constructed a hillclimb on the property for his own use.

In May 1960, the Light Car Club of Australia launched a two-monthly magazine, The Australian Light Car magazine for its Members. This magazine then became the Light Car and Auto Sportsman, published by James W. Abbott in September - October 1961 to become the first of an entirely new magazine to appeal both to the enthusiast and the man who simply 'likes cars', but it was still the Official Organ of the Light Car Club of Australia. The third issue became simply, Australian Autosportsman and by Volume 2, in January 1962, it dropped any reference to the Light Car Club. Jim also published a sister magazine on another of his interests, Australian Watersportsman from 1965.

Australian Autosportsman reported that the Division 2 Sports Car race at the first Meeting at Calder in January 1962 was a real crowd pleaser, with David Fletcher in his BN2 and Ian McDonald in his BN1 coming first and third respectively. During 1962 Jim was an enthusiastic promoter of the new Production Sports Car category which had been demanded by owners wanting production sports car only races, but when given the opportunity they couldn't be bothered to enter, prompting Jim to write, **"That instead of cruising Beach Road, the owners of Austin-Healey, MG, Triumph, or any of the 17 models of sports cars available in Australia, should get out on the race track"**. At the second Calder Meeting Frank Hook drove a tidy race in his BN2 to win from one time AHOC member, Viv McLachlan in his Porsche, but by the third Meeting Jim expressed disappointment that only two cars contested the Production Sports Car race, which caused him to write, **"The Collins Street cowboys should take off their fox tails for the day and try their hand at competition"**. Leading by example, Jim purchased a Daimler SP 250 and at the July Meeting 16 cars joined him on the grid. Rob Jamieson Jnr. had an easy win in his BN1. In the Le Mans start for Production Sports Cars Rob had another win in the Austin-Healey from Jim, second in the Daimler. After a see-sawing race at Warwick Farm in October 1962, with a quarter of a lap to go, David Fletcher in his !00S forced the issue with the Daimler to re-gain the lead and win. Jim made the comment that the Daimler was a **"genuine Production Sports Car"**. Jim raced the Daimler extensively until about May 1963 when it was advertised for sale.

Twelve towns were evacuated as a large bushfire raged through the Dandenong Ranges in January 1962, jumped the Yarra River and completely burnt out the Christmas Hills area as it swept towards Yarra Glen. 200

homes were destroyed as well as the access bridge to Rob Roy Hillclimb which caused the Light Car Club of Australia (LCCA) to abandon its lease on the property it had held since 1937. Subsequently, the Club was able to negotiate a proposal with Jim Abbott to run their events at his Lakeland property.

A Meeting was held at the new Hillclimb venue on Jim's property, Lakeland Park, in March 1964, organised by the Light Car Club. The Production Sports Car class was reinstated to give the novice a chance at the silverware. Frank Hook came out of retirement to drive



*David Fletcher chasing Jim Abbott at Warwick Farm in October 1962*



his Motor Improvements Austin-Healey and on this occasion, Rob Jamieson entered his FJ Holden. Following that first meeting Patterson's Corner was opened up, to allow the larger cars to make faster and easier climbs. At the next Meeting Frank drove the Dick Sorenson Bugeye Sprite to a victory in the Under 1100 cc class, to better Sorenson's own time. For the second Round of the Victorian Hillclimb Championship which was held at Lakeland in November 1964 Mike Considine drove the ex-Frank Hook BN2 to a Class win and record of 35.89 seconds, then at the February 1965 National Meeting, Edgar Sharrock (brother of AHOC member Geoff) entered his BN2 fitted with a 100S engine which was referred to as "Zlab", but he faced stiff opposition from Peter Mahoney, who set a new Class record of 34.19 seconds in his Bolwell Mk 4.

The Lakeland property was not only a Hillclimb venue. In fact, the registered name was Lakeland (Picnic Park) Ltd. In September 1964 the property was the site of the first Lakeland Observed Section Trial {mud trial} consisting of ten sections and deep water splashes, an area for motorkhanas was provided and a motorcycle scramble course was proposed. A track for TQ speedway cars was also constructed and on hot days Jim encouraged spectators to swim in the lake he had constructed.

It was the site for the 1965 Australian Hillclimb Championship in March, which won by Tim Schenken, a one-time Austin-Healey owner, in a "Go Kart". This got Jim going and he suggested CAMS set some standards, otherwise next year's Championship could be won by a "Billy Cart".

During 1967 the Lakeland Hillclimb underwent a re-construction, using the resources of LCCA Members who had access to significant earthmoving equipment. This included the length being increased from 740 yards to 1240 yards, the construction of a banked Karussel, a new start line and big terraced viewing areas. The track was re-surfaced and additional catering amenities and toilets were provided. Some of the Meetings were then televised.

In January 1965 Jim placed an advertisement in his own magazine for a **"Bent, battered, or blown up sports car wanted. Prefer an Austin-Healey 100/4, but any sports car will do"**.

He was offered a BN2 from Auburn Auto Salvage, Canterbury. It was a white car, BN2 229703, and was first registered GML 209 on 20 April 1956. Jim decided on a 313 ci Dodge truck engine, a gearbox out of a 21/2litre Riley, a radiator out of a Mk 5 Jaguar and the front brakes from an Austin A105 fitted with Triumph TR3 calipers. He called the car the Healey Taipan.



*Jim Abbott and the Healey-Taipan at Lakeland in 1965*

In 1967 Jim imported a 1964 Sunbeam Tiger "Le Mans" Coupe" from Alan Jones, who was buying and selling cars in the UK. It was one of three built with a body by Lister and a 260 V8 engine by Shelby. At the time when it arrived in Australia it was considered to be the Development car, but in his book, John Blanden considers it to be the #8 car which was run at Le Mans by the Rootes Group. Jim ran the Le Mans Tiger at the 1967 AGP Meeting at Warwick Farm, but it was way down on power and failed to perform. He then stumbled across an ex-904 Porsche chassis, which had won the 1966 Australian Hillclimb Championship, sitting at the rear of Porsche Distributors in Melbourne. He purchased it and set about fitting a 289 V8 engine which had been fitted in the Sunbeam by Jim. This car was very successful, snapping at the heels of Paul England and Peter Hollinger in their hillclimb specials and went on to win the 1972 Australian Hillclimb Championship as the Bingham Cobra in the hands of Murray Bingham. Jim then moved on to the ex-Alec Mildren Brabham BT23D and fitted an Oldsmobile engine to it, suggesting it was the first Formula 5000. In this car Jim won the Victorian Hillclimb Championship in 1972. In his book John Blanden does not acknowledge what Jim did to that car, but it is known that it was eventually restored to its Alfa Romeo powered guise.

At about the same time as he imported the Sunbeam, Jim imported two Austin-Healeys, BT7 14969 which has been owned by a few AHOC Members over the years and BJ8 27795 which has been owned by Brian Cross

While all this was going on, Jim was at the forefront of introducing Formula Vee to Australia in 1965. His Taipan Vee, built in 1964, incorporated many of the design features of the early Beach Vee in the USA. It is generally thought that Jim was possibly the original founder of Formula Vee in Victoria. He was a member of the inaugural meeting and he was elected President – a task he is said to have fulfilled admirably. Jim may also have had an interest in promoting the introduction of the Taipan Beach Buggy, which used moulds made and used by J & S in Sydney for their Fun Buggies. The J & S company were makers of hardtops for 100 and 100/6 Austin-Healeys, but got out of the car body industry when the Government banned the shortening of VW floor pans, to then concentrate on boat building. Jim also ran Cosmic Automotive Products which manufactured Cosmic mag wheels-a sought after item in the 1970's.

since 1969. Neither car has been used in competition.

The last time Australian Auto Sportsman was published in the name of James Abbott was September 1967. This role was transferred to Page Publications in Sydney with John Storm as Editor. Jim remained the Melbourne Advertising Representative.

The Austin-Healey Owners Club was invited to a Closed Inter-Club Hillclimb at Lakeland by the Junior Light Car Club in October 1968. Thirty four Austin-Healeys were present and nine entered in the competition. Jim McConville was fastest in his BN2, with a time of 60.8 seconds from David Hunter with 61.1 seconds in the ex-Rob Jamieson BN1. The Club returned to Lakeland in April 1969. This time Jim was beaten by Graeme Rogers in his 100/6 by 0.6 seconds.

The first of the International Motor Racing and Sports Car Show was held in Adelaide, Sydney and at the Exhibition Building in Melbourne during 1969. These events were organised by Abbott Exhibitions, "Lakeland Park" Lilydale. Jim arranged for cars like the ex-Moss 300 SLR Mercedes, the STP Indianapolis Turbine car and the Bertone-bodied Type 33 Alfa Romeo to be imported and displayed. The AHOC had a stand at the 1970 Show and displayed Jim Reddy's BN1, which he still owns, and the 100/6 of Graeme Rogers, decked out with an aero screen and racing numbers. Also displayed was a 100/4 engine and gearbox and plenty of photos. The next Show in 1971 was bigger and better as the "Jim Abbotts International Auto Sports Show" imported a Lamborghini Marzal, Dodge Charger, Ferrari P6, Renault Alpine Le Mans, the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang replica and a hot rod Austin London Taxi for display. Jim combined with the Moscow Circus, using its huge 1.5 acre tent, which enabled him to show some of these cars at Canberra and the Gold Coast.

It had been planned to construct a Rallycross track on the Lakeland property, using part of the Hillclimb, but this did not eventuate. However, Lakeland was used for the final stage of the Alpine Rally in 1969 and the Dulux Rally in 1972.

Jim passed away in early 1973, less than a fortnight after taking FTD at the Mt Leura Hillclimb at Camperdown in his Brabham-Olds. He had won the 1972 Victorian Hillclimb Championship, with the third and final rounds being held at Lakeland.

An Obituary published in Competition Communicator, a monthly magazine of the LCCA, advised that Jim had been an exceptionally competitive person in every aspect of his life and had many close associations with the LCCA. Jim had been a Director of the Company which established the Sandown Park Motor Sport track in January 1962 and his publishing company was appointed to handle the advertising.

The trustees of Jim's estate increased the rental charge for the use of Lakeland Hillclimb, which was not accepted by the LCCA. As a result, their last Meeting was held in 1975. By 1970 most AHOC competition events were being organised by the Marque Sports Car Association, with Lakeland being used on a number of occasions. Following Jim's death negotiations between the LCCA and Mrs Abbott came to nothing, but with the generosity of Mrs Abbott, the MSCA was able to continue to run some events for its member clubs from 1975, so long as all permits, running and maintenance costs were covered by the Association. Following their April 1975 event, Auto Action magazine made the comment, "The MSCA appears to be the only organisation which can run a profitable closed hillclimb in Victoria". The MSCA also ran events for other Clubs, which culminated in the running a Victorian Hillclimb Championship. The MSCA even considered the purchase of the Hillclimb, but it found the required upkeep of the facility too much for a small group of volunteers to manage, so it had to pass up the opportunity to continue with the venture.



*Stuart Powell in his BN2 at Lakeland in 1974*

Mrs Abbott put the property up for sale in 1978, and the Hillclimb finally closed in 1985. The property now contains a small number of lifestyle homes. Looking at Google Maps, there is still a rough outline of parts of the track amongst the many trees, and the lake remains.

Finally, I must make a further comment on the generosity of Mrs Abbott. A colleague I had met through work, introduced me to Mrs Abbott in the late 1970's. She allowed me to go through Jim's old office on the property and to have any magazines or programs I could find. Unfortunately, the contents had been well picked over by then, but it was a nice gesture.

**Ian McPherson (AHSOC)**

*Thank you to Ian for allowing us to reproduce this article, first published in the AHOC magazine 'Hundreds and Thousands.'*

## Romsey Mens Shed 1925 Ford TT (Truck) restoration project.

On 29 October 2022 the TT was donated to the Romsey Men's Shed. It had been stored up on a storage shelf in Romsey for almost 40 years. There was nothing left of the cabin as over the years the windscreen posts had been removed, and all that was left to sit on was a crude cart seat with a horsehair bottom pad. The truck had had a very hard life in a garden supply and had apparently been converted to a tipper using a cut down Furphy water tank.

The picture below is from 29<sup>th</sup> October where it was pressure washed to remove 40 years of accumulated dust and taken to the Romsey Men's Shed where we began investigating what we had and where to start. In March 2023, after quite some persistence and motivation to hear the engine kick back into life, we succeeded in running the engine.



1925 Ford TT (Truck)



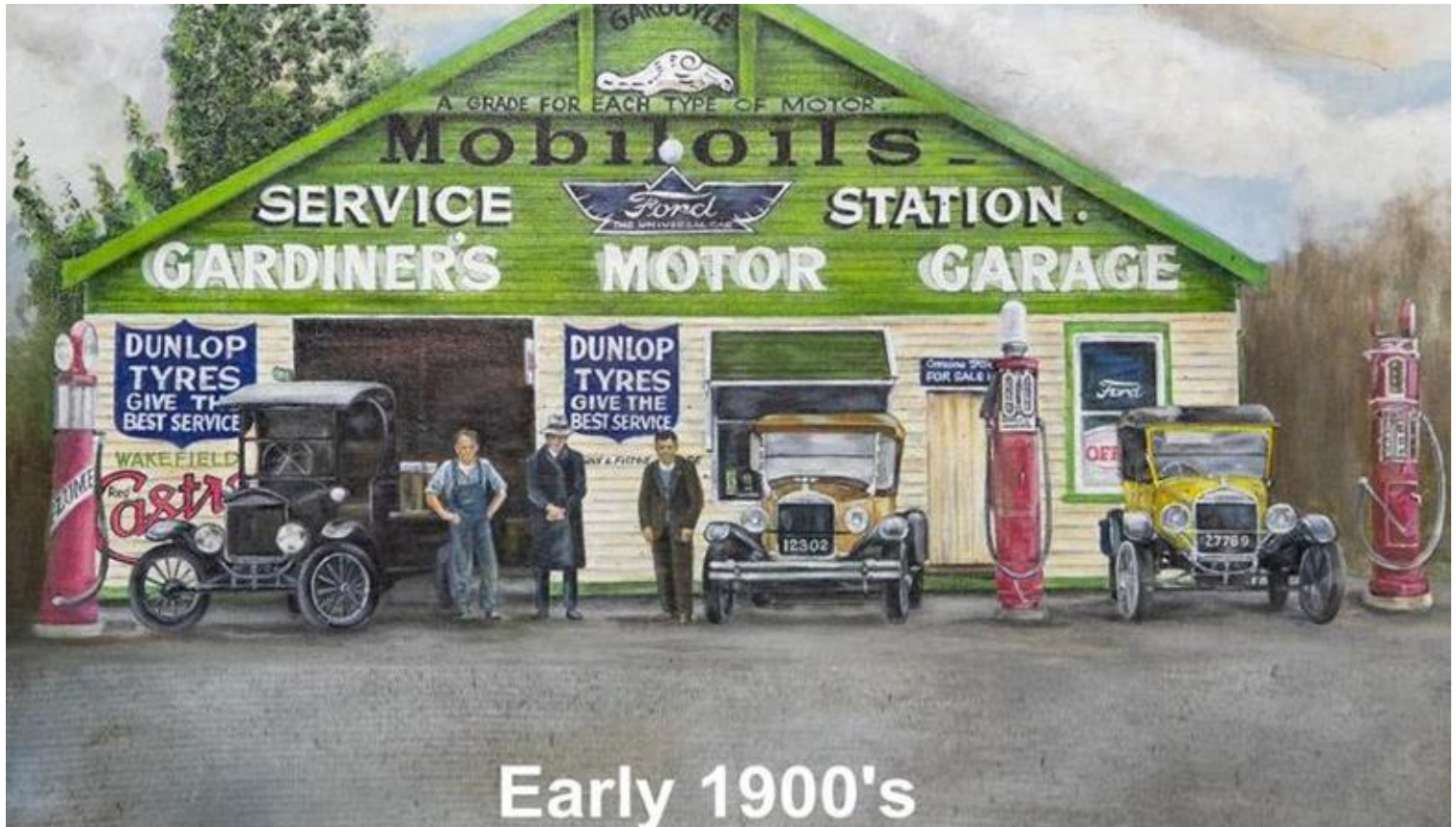
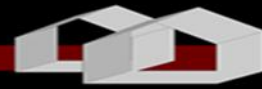
Truck as received

The truck as delivered was simple in that it was crank handle start, using a magneto for spark. The truck has headlights in the photo, but there was no sign of electrical wiring or battery when we got it. The engine has no starter motor or generator. Of particular interest is the fitting of a very rare Moore Gearbox on the tail shaft which gives two speeds, in addition to the two speeds in the Ruxtell rear axle.

In the August 15 2023 edition of the Midland Express an article on our TT was published. To our amazement it was featured on the front page with a follow up article on page five. This article has led to a donation generous

enough to pay for a set of tyres and tubes, and a visit by the grandson of Aleck Gardiner, the details of which are below.

Gardner's Garage in Gisborne was owned at one time by Aleck Gardiner. Peter Gardiner (Aleck's Grandson) read the article and presented the Romsey Men's Shed with a photo of the day our truck was delivered from Ford in Geelong.



*Photograph of our Model TT - on left*

The photo above was taken late January 1926. In the photo is the new owner from Mount Macedon who was there to take delivery of his new truck. The truck has remained in the Macedon ranges area all of its life.

From the photo we know the history and how the cab and fittings are supposed to look for the restoration. It is a typical "C" cab of the era. Whilst a produced painting of the original photograph of the vehicle indicates a black coloured model T, the new paint scheme proposed will be MG maroon with black guards and gold pin striping with a wooden drop side tray.

The engine block was cast in Canada in December 1925 (Engine no.C605919). Trucks were all made in Canada for taxation reasons and this truck does have "Made in Canada" cast on the head and block.

Work is ongoing with the engine being first priority with limited funds. So far the block and head have been surfaced, with new valve guides and valve seats fitted. One piece stainless valves along with adjustable cam followers have been fitted, being driven by a reground camshaft. We were fortunate enough to be able to get the original trembler coils operational, and these feed spark to period correct spark plugs and wires. Sand blasting of the chassis and wheels was carried out by a specialist in Riddells Creek.

Parts to date have been sourced from Henry's T & A's in Darley Victoria, and from Lang's T model Spares in the USA, and from some private individuals.

The truck, which will stay with the Romsey Mens Shed (not to be sold), will be used in any appropriate Macedon Ranges community event. With our goal to complete the restoration for its 100 year anniversary, we aim to show off the Model TT (under its own power) in the 2025 Daffodil parade in Kyneton.



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# AOMC / Shannons American Motoring Show 2023

The much anticipated return of this major event on the AOMC calendar was held on Sunday November 19th at Event Central , Caribbean Park. This was the first staging of this event since 2019, and after the 2022 event had to be cancelled due to a week of very wet weather prior to the date.

The turnout of around 450 vehicles was lower than expected, but those attending had a good time.

Plenty of work goes into planning and running these events, with volunteer marshalls and judges on the day and all the setting up on the day preceding. We are grateful for the support of Shannons in staging this event, and the committee members who assisted. Special acknowledgement to Iain and Maureen Ross who put countless hours into the preparation and running of these events.

## American Motor Show 2023 Award list

### Best Twenties Vehicle

1929 Nash Fred Menke

### Best Pre War Vehicle:

1933 Hupmobile Ray Nichol

### Best Custom:

1955 Chevrolet Domenic Lapadula

### Best Muscle Car:

1972 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu Andrew James

### Best Post War 50s-60s Classic:

1959 Chevrolet Corvette Craig Donohue

### Best Classic Fins: 1954 Cadillac Coupe DeVille

Gary Driver

### Best Hot Rod: 1923 Ford Bruce Macdonald

### Best Motorcycle: No Award made

### Best Commercial Vehicle: 1964 Cadillac Hearse

Phil Smith

### Best Rambler/AMC Vehicle : 1964 AMC Rambler 770

Colin Main

### Best Convertible: 1960 Ford Thunderbird

Mario Gambin

### Presidents Award: 1929 Oldsmobile Ray Cook

### Best Club Display: Jets Classic and Custom Club





Images on this page are of the various car club displays, and at the bottom are all the trophy winners with AOMC president Keith Mortimer.



# Festival of Motoring - Cruden Farm



This popular annual event, sponsored by the RACV and organised by the AOMC was again well attended with 463 cars, 18 Motorcycles and 1381 spectators attending and enjoying the day.

Cruden farm is a wonderful setting for this event and once again it was in full bloom.

Proceeds raised by the event all go to Beyond Blue, a well known Mental Health charity organisation.

Special thanks to the volunteers who assisted in making the event run smoothly, extra special mention to Iain and Maureen Ross who shouldered most of the pre event organisation.

There were awards given out on the day, and the winners are listed below.



## **Best Pre 1930 Vehicle:**

Doug Stevenson  
1929 Graham Paige



## **Best Pre 1940 Vehicle:**

Bill Dineen  
1930 Cadillac

## **Best Pre 1950 Vehicle:**

Ian Lightowlers  
1946 Ford Mercury



## **Best Pre 1960 Vehicle:**

Peter Hibbert  
1956 Ford Fairlane

## **Best 1960 - 1998 Vehicle:**

Alen Pullar  
1966 HR Holden

Thank you to Ken Goodin for all the images from the day.





# Community Benefits

*The AOMC has been asking clubs to provide details of their community and charity activities so that a record can be kept of what the movement contributes back to the community. Here we present a couple of submissions, from the Jaguar Car Club of Victoria and the Triumph Sports Owners Club.*

## **The Jaguar Car Club of Victoria – supports sick children, charities and the homeless**

Our club has been quite active over the past 30 plus years doing their best for the community to support those less fortunate than themselves. I have listed some of the interesting opportunities we have proudly participated in. Some were one offs and others like The Smith Family continued year after year.

**JCCV Sponsors a Jaguar at the Zoo in 1987** - The club donated \$1000 to help with the care of “Di” the Jaguar for a 12 month period. This was an Annual Sponsorship Scheme and a very important element of the support received by the Board for animals exhibited at the Melbourne Zoo.

**Challenge for Cancer kids** - In 1991 our members provided a ride around Albert Park in a Jaguar to put a smile on a child dealing with cancer treatments and spending many months in hospital

**The Skilled Variety Bash 1995** - 3 Jaguar enthusiasts drove a Mark 2 from Melbourne on the Burke and Wills Track. The Club donated \$500 and members also sponsored the team.

**Challenge for Cancer– Biggest Aussie Pie Night 2008 and 2009** - The first year was so successful raising over \$1100.00 with handball competitions, money trails and a raffle. The second year we added an Auction. All items were donated by members. The proceeds the second year amounted to \$4710.

All monies were donated to help fund research and treatments for children with cancer. As a Major Sponsor we received a trophy for raising almost \$6000. A Sherrin Leather football signed by Nathan Buckley and mounted on a polished wooden stand sits proudly in our Library to thank the members for their amazing donations.

**Clean as Casper - Mobile shower for the homeless** – this was the brainchild of Steve Winterton who once asked a homeless man named Casper what would be the best thing he could do for him. Casper replied “I would like to be able to have a regular shower” something perhaps we often take for granted.

A small trailer was converted to hold a shower and Steve and other volunteers transported it around the suburbs of Melbourne. The volunteers also worked together to pack small bags with the donated toiletry products for the people taking advantage of the mobile shower.

An area was set up in our clubrooms for members to drop off donations of personal toiletry products such as soap, shampoo, hand wash and towels. Members willingly embraced this and most purchased an extra item whenever they were shopping. This was most successful and continued over a few years. Collection only ceased when the voluntarily run organisation received a grant from the Government to assist in their charitable work.

**Shitbox Rally** – a couple of members participated in this rally in an old Jaguar. The club donated \$500 and other members donated and signed the car to support the cause. According to the female member of this couple it was a very challenging trip but she was proud to help raise \$146,000 donated for Cancer research. Little did she know that a couple of years later she would be benefiting from that research herself.

**Relay for life** - Each year the Goulburn Valley Regional Register of our club participated in this annual event. Their efforts helped the community raise much needed funds.

**The Smith Family** – Since 2001 – 2019 members have annually donated new toys for the organisation. Most years we collected 6–8 large cartons of toys during the months of November and December and personally delivered them to the Showgrounds for sorting and distribution to needy families in time for Christmas.

**The Smith Family** - COVID collections – Online Giving Tree

Due to Covid no physical gifts were collected and to allow us to continue our Christmas giving an online Giving Tree was set up in 2020 for our club. This continued in 2021, 2022 and 2023. Our members online donations over 4 years have exceeded \$23,600.

# Triumph owners dig deep

South West Healthcare has taken another step towards purchasing new equipment for its mental health service thanks to a donation from the Triumph Sports Owners Association (TSOA).

Members of the TSOA were in Warrnambool earlier this week to present a \$1500 cheque to SWH community partnerships manager Suzan Morey.

The funds were raised during the clubs 2023 National Rally, held in late October, which included a 'Show and Shine' event at lake Pertobe.

"Our rally also included a reverse raffle and the winners of that also donated that money back to this appeal, which was wonderful," TSOA life member Catherine McDonald said.

"This hospital is a wonderful facility, offering vital services to the community and now we're proud to be able to make this donation."

In accepting the cheque on Monday afternoon, Ms Morey said the donation was greatly appreciated.

"This money will go a long way towards the \$9,000 we need to raise for toys and play therapy equipment for our Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service," Ms Morey said. "We are grateful to the group for this incredibly generous donation towards our appeal. We're hoping to hit our target before Christmas so that we can kick off 2024 on such a positive note."



South West Healthcare's community partnerships manager Suzan Morey (right) receives a cheque from The Triumph Sports Owners group. Pictured, from left, are Pete Lane (club treasurer), Roger Jeary (rally convenor) and life members Ursula Weidenmuller and Catherine McDonald (life member). 2023D

As reported in the October 2023 AOMC newsletter, the following clubs also made significant contributions to community groups.

- **Mustang Owners Club** raising \$5000 from events run for Dolly's Dream, Headspace Youth Mental Foundation & Echuca Village CFA
- **Jets Classic & Custom Car Club** raising \$200 from events run for Isabella & Marcus Foundation
- **Wolseley Car Club** raising \$700 from events for Helping Hands Mission & CFA Mernda
- **BMW Drivers Club** in conjunction with **Volkswagen Car Club** raised \$25,000 at the German Auto Show for Beyond Blue
- **Early Holden Car Club Wangaratta** raising \$2000 from events for the Wangaratta Men's Shed and SES

If your club has been involved in assisting a community group in any way, please let us know so that we have ammunition as to what the movement contributes to the general community when we are in discussions with government bodies. To notify the AOMC, click on the link below.

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## Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs

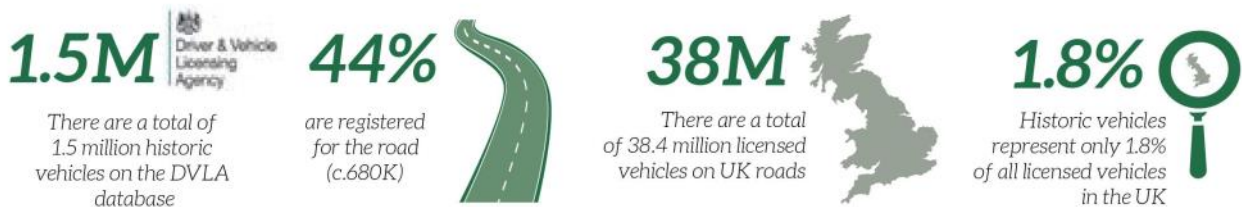
The following fact sheets, based on information received in their 2023 survey, were published on the FBHVC website and present an interesting environmental argument relating to historic vehicles.

### THE NATIONAL HISTORIC VEHICLE SURVEY 2020/21 ENVIRONMENTAL FACT FILE



#### #1 OLD VEHICLES ARE DIRTY, SMELLY & POLLUTING - RIGHT? WELL NO ACTUALLY! CONSIDER THESE FACTS A-D:

A. There are not that many historic vehicles compared to the total number of vehicles on UK roads today.



B. Historic vehicles are not driven very far each year which means they don't actually account for that many miles.



C. Total emissions from fuel used by licensed historic vehicles are low by comparison to those emitted by all other licensed vehicles.



Given the high proportion of cars and motorcycles in the historic vehicle group and the relatively low number of buses, coaches, heavy goods, agricultural and military vehicles, the level of actual emissions is likely to be even lower than the mileage driven would suggest.

Note: when comparing emissions from new vehicles, figures must reflect the carbon footprint of manufacture. The carbon footprint of the manufacture of historic vehicles has already been sequestered. There is a strong case to encourage owners to retain and repair vehicles rather than purchase new.

D. The environmental footprint associated with historic vehicles spending is smaller than that of normal consumer spending.



There are three main reasons for a smaller footprint - 1: spending on classic and historic vehicles has a high labour content and low energy and materials content, 2: the philosophy of repair rather than new build means the industry focuses on re-use, and 3: these types of vehicles typically have very low levels of usage.

Source: *The Economic Impact of the Historic Motor Industry in the UK, HERO-ERA / CEBR December 2020.*

# YES, THERE ARE SOME EMISSIONS BUT THESE ARE HERITAGE ASSETS



## #2 HISTORIC VEHICLES STILL CAUSE SOME ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION SO SURELY YOU SHOULD STOP USING THEM?



NET ZERO

Of course historic vehicles cause some pollution but owners are aware of the environmental issues, and we have seen this from our survey. The FBHVC is committed to carbon zero.

Already, **35%** of enthusiast owners either contribute to a carbon off-set programme or would do if a suitable programme was available

*The FBHVC is working towards creating a carbon off-set programme that will be available to all historic vehicle owners and allow enthusiasts to achieve carbon zero for their historic vehicle use.*

## #3 NEARLY 1 IN 3 OF THE BRITISH POPULATION THINK THAT HISTORIC VEHICLES SHOULD BE USED RATHER THAN SIT IN A MUSEUM



USE THEM

We know from previous research that a significant proportion (**32%**) of the population think that historic vehicles should be used rather than sit in a museum and that nearly half (**48%**) believe they should be preserved for people to enjoy in the future.

A similar proportion believe historic vehicles are an important part of our heritage.

### HISTORIC VEHICLE ANNUAL MILEAGE

Source: 2020 National Historic Vehicle Survey



1,395  
Cars

881  
Motorcycles

71  
Tractors

827  
Bus/Coach

1,387  
Vans



THE FUTURE

The FBHVC is working towards creating a carbon off-set programme that will be available to all historic vehicle owners and allow enthusiasts to achieve carbon zero for their historic vehicle use.

For more information please contact: [environmental@fbhvc.co.uk](mailto:environmental@fbhvc.co.uk)



For more information on the survey or other opportunities to get involved email: [research@fbhvc.co.uk](mailto:research@fbhvc.co.uk)

# TALES FROM THE AOMC ENGINE RECORDS

## What did it cost to register your utility in the country 70 years ago ?

The vehicle was a Chrysler utility located in the west of Victoria and re-registered until 1952. The cost of registration was based on Power Weight Units where the power was 23 Rated HP and the weight 27 cwt giving a total PWU of 50. This was then assessed at 3 shillings per PWU to give £9-17-6 or \$19.75.

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BOX 1644N, G.P.O., MELBOURNE, C.1  
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MEMO.

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**Kindly have the Engine Number clean and visible for inspection.**

Under the Motor Car Act it is an offence not to have the current Registration Label affixed to the car.

**A. H. O'DEE,**  
Officer in Charge.

# Robert Shannon Foundation



The Robert Shannon Foundation was established in 2003 to perpetuate the memory of Robert Shannon, founder of Shannons Insurance, who died unexpectedly in March 2000. Robert was an avid classic car enthusiast, who especially enjoyed his 1930 Invicta S Type. He was a strong supporter of the historic motoring movement and was concerned that it was not attracting enough younger people, particularly in the areas of the preservation and restoration of classic vehicles. The Robert Shannon Foundation has no connection with the Shannons Insurance organisation. All correspondence related to the Robert Shannon Foundation should be sent to the Robert Shannon Foundation through the relevant State Council.

**AIM:** After the success of the Shannons 2001 National Motoring Tour, the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) established the Robert Shannon Foundation. The AHMF is the national body representing classic and historic vehicle clubs in all states and territories. The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage people under the age of 30 to become involved in the restoration and preservation of veteran, vintage, post-vintage, historic 50's, historic 60', historic 70's and historic 80's vehicles up to 30 years old.

The Foundation may:

- help with the purchase of specialist tools or equipment
- assist with the actual cost of restoration work
- contribute toward TAFE or other fees
- contribute toward any project considered worthwhile by the Trustees.

**Funds:** The Robert Shannon Foundation operates a limited funds account to fund these grants. Essentially the funds are invested for the year at the best current rates available through an Australian financial institution. The sum available for grants is then based on sum of the interest earned on that investment.

To assist in increasing the value of these grants we would appreciate donations to help build our investment funds. Unfortunately, although having gained recognition as a charitable organisation we are still working on the process for tax deductability of donations.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any person or group of people under the age of thirty years and engaged in studying automotive restoration and preservation or actively working on historic vehicles is eligible to nominate for a grant.

***Applications for 2024 grants must be received by the AOMC by May 1st., 2024***



## RACV free2go

**RACV free2go is a roadside assistance package developed especially for young people new to the road.**

Available to all Victorians aged 18 to 20 years, as well as Year 12 students, free2go provides emergency roadside assistance.

And to help young people on the start of their driving life, it's free if you're 18 or in Year 12 at school and half-price if you're 19 or 20.

And it comes with all the other benefits of RACV membership as well.

## Coming Club Events

The following few pages promote events that are being staged by car clubs around Victoria. Further information on any of these events can be found on the AOMC website (in the Club Events calendar section), or by contacting the event organisers.

**NOTE: These are all club events. All enquiries and feedback should be directed to club contacts, not the AOMC office.**

All events will have some sort of covid protocol in place so ensure you check on those details before attending.

Also note that some parts of Victoria may be subject to Code Red fire or weather alert days which could affect the running of events.

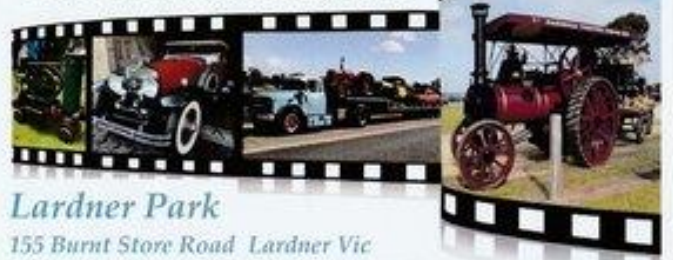
To get your event posted on the AOMC website, and subsequently the newsletter and facebook site, just go the the AOMC website then:

- click on "Shows & Events"
- click on "Club Event Calendar"
- click on "Submit Your Event"

Then follow the prompts on the online form.

## Heritage Vehicle & Machinery Display

3rd & 4th February 2024



Lardner Park

155 Burnt Store Road Lardner Vic



Public Gates Open (No Dogs Allowed)

Saturday 3rd - 10am to 4pm  
Sunday 4th - 9:30am to 2pm

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## BERWICK SWAP MEET 2024

### SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2024

Akoonah Park, Princes Highway, Berwick

Presented by the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.

No Alcohol and No Fires. FREE off-street parking

**GATES OPEN**

Friday: 1.30pm (Sellers setup only) Saturday: Sellers 5am, Buyers 6am

NOTE: Gates closed Friday night from 11pm to Saturday 5am

Seller sites: \$25 plus \$5 per person entry. Site size: 6m x 6m

Buyers entry: \$5 per person

Children under 14 FREE

**GENERAL INQUIRIES**

Ian 0419 312 304

**INDOOR SITE INQUIRIES**

Michael 0474 835 334

NO PEGS OR STAR PICKETS TO BE USED IN GROUND - Akoonah Park Regulations

Powered sites only available by pre-arrangement - \$10 per lead.

FACEBOOK: Berwick Swap 2024

**CATERING**

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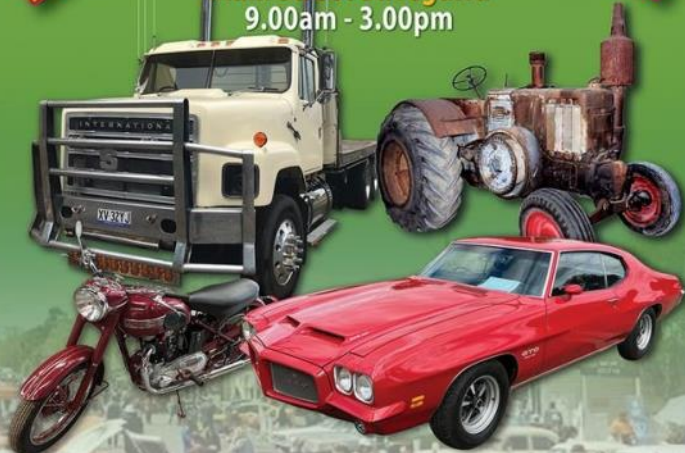
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## SHOW "N" SHINE

FEBRUARY 17TH 2024

Main Street Birregurra

9.00am - 3.00pm



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**SATURDAY 10th FEB, 2024**

Set-up Friday 9th



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Craig 0412 508 170

Dave 0409 142 391



Ballan District Vintage Machinery & Vehicle Club Inc.

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Sunday 18th February 2024

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- \* Fabulous Handcrafts
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- \* Vintage Stationary Engines
- \* Working Demonstrations
- \* Classic Cars & Trucks
- \* Sheep Shearing Demos
- \* Classic Motorbikes
- \* Model Aircraft Displays



Old Ballan Racecourse, Racecourse Road. Ballan 9am - 4pm  
ENTRY: Adults \$10, Family \$20, Kids free

Exhibitors: Free entry for each exhibitor plus one helper or passenger. All others must pay entry fee. Tractor drivers and engine operators must have insurance card/docs., & Driver's Licence. Junior operators under 17 must comply with NHMA requirements. Camping permitted. Set up Saturday OK.

Note: Rally Subject to all Covid-19 Regulations in force at the above date

Enquiries: Jason 0409 557541. Jennie 0425 772 431

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# Yarra Glen 2024 Swap Meet

**Vintage Cars  
Parts & Accessories**

Garagenalia - Collectibles  
Show & Shine  
Vintage and Pre-War Cars

## Sunday 10 March 2024

Yarra Glen Racecourse - Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen Vic

**Gates Open**  
Sellers 6:30am - Buyers 7:30am - Show n Shine 8:00am

Site Fees - from \$25  
Entry - \$10 (children u12 free)

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The Vintage Drivers Club  
[www.vintagedriversclub.com.au](http://www.vintagedriversclub.com.au)  
Site Booking & Enquiries - [yarra@vintagedriversclub.com.au](mailto:yarra@vintagedriversclub.com.au) or Iain 0473 832 277

# SWAP MEET

## MG and Morris Minor

Restorer's Group event

### Saturday 24th February 2024

At

### M G Car Club Vic

Unit 53, 41-49 Norcal Road, Nunawading 3131

**Sellers \$20 per site**

**Set up at 7am**

**Free entry for buyers after 8am**

**Enquiries and site bookings**

**Ian 0411 180 242**  
**or Neil 0412 587 510**

## Wandin Draught Horse & YesterYear Festival

24 & 25 February 2024

Mont De Lancey  
Homestead  
71 Wellington Road - Wandin

10 AM to 4:30 PM  
Adults \$15  
Children Under 15 Free  
Cash & EFTPOS available at gate

Something for all the family

- Historic Homestead and Museum
- Working Draught Horses
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- Children's Activities
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- Vintage Cars

Further details contact 5964 2088  
Online tickets via Mont De Lancey <https://montdelancey.org.au/>

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Sunday 17th March 2024



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RHONDA 0408 317 872

**RACV**

# 66th KALORAMA RALLY

Sunday 24th March 2024



**Kalorama Memorial Reserve**  
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## Saturday 6 April 2024

### Horsham Show Grounds

**Trading 7 am to 2 pm**  
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Site Holder Details:

- **NOTE** New format - No prebooked sites
- \$30 (admits 2 people),
- Additional sites - \$20 each.
- Sites Size - 6 m trpm x 8 m deep
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**Further Enquiries:**  
Terry Pollock  
0406 006 040  
[swap@wmhvs.org.au](mailto:swap@wmhvs.org.au)

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# 47th HISTORIC WINTON

## 25th and 26th May 2024



[www.historicwinton.org](http://www.historicwinton.org)  
Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla, Victoria



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## Minutes of the AOMC Delegates Meeting

Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7.30pm

Venue: Austin Healey/Jaguar Clubrooms

There were 87 attendees representing 67 clubs and 1 visitor (Guest Speaker).

Chair: Keith Mortimer, President AOMC

Minutes of the August meeting were accepted on a motion moved Daryl Meek (Goldfields CC), seconded Damian O'Doherty (Vintage & Classic CC Ballarat) and carried.

**Presidents Report:** American Motoring Show held yesterday was a good day with approx. 450 cars in attendance. A lot of work from AOMC committee, particularly Iain & Maureen Ross, Howard Billing, Mark Fenton and Philip Johnstone. Reward for Keith was wandering around and seeing the young families in attendance.

VicRoads working party met via zoom last week, with Keith (AOMC), Neil Athorn (VicFed) and 3 VicRoads representatives. Issues raised were license plates, illegal CPS usage, renewal issues, conditions on permits and inconsistencies around M & H plates. Further meetings will be scheduled.

### Coming AOMC Events:

- **Festival of Motoring – Sunday 21 January 2024 at Cruden farm.** Closing date for entries is December 15.
- **Aussie Car Show – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at Mornington Racecourse.** Iain Ross encouraged the Australian make clubs to support this show.
- **RACV British & European Motoring Show – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at Yarra Glen Racecourse.**
- **Florence Thomson Tour – 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April.** Based around Traralgon and touring the Gippsland region.
- **National Motoring Heritage Day – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024.** Looking to support various events around the state.

**Treasurers Report.** Mark Fenton, AOMC Treasurer, apologised that he did not have the quarterly report with him as he had concentrated on the annual report. He reported that several clubs are yet to renew subscription.

**AMHF Survey.** Has been completed with around 6,000 respondents. Data is being processed.

**Engine number records.** Philip Johnstone reported that demand continues with various makes being submitted, including Torans, Monaro, EH Holden, Ford Gt, Falcon, Land Rover and 5 Lancias.

### Delegates reports / General business:

**Peter Paproth (FX-FJ CC) –** Noted that the state titles were held recently in Ballarat, and it was pleasing to see the next generation of young kids coming into the movement. Director of the event was a young woman in her 20s.

**Rick Cove (EGHVC) –** Rick noted that he attended the Ballarat Delegates meeting via zoom, and although he could hear everything he was not able to make a comment. Similar thing happened with the taxation seminar.

**Ian Clarke (Dandenong Valley CC) -** Reported that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Berwick Swap will take place on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023. Also, the club is revising the Australia Day Car Show with an event being held in Dandenong on Friday January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Guest Speaker: Scott Watson – Variety Around Victoria.** Scott is the events manager for Variety running the "Variety Bash" and "Rally Around Victoria". Variety's main car event is the Bash, but not many people know what happens with the money raised. It helps kids with illness, disability and their families reach their potential. Since the NDIS started, they have aimed at covering those who are not covered by NDIS.

In 2022, \$13.3 million was granted impacting 152,312 kids. 2023 saw a 48% increase in requests for support.

Rally Around Victoria is a 3 year old event that started during covid, as drivers were unable to leave Victoria. It is a 3 day event open to all vehicles and is mainly tarmac based with some small dirt sections. This years event starts at Cruden Farm and travels to Waratah Bay, Raymond Island, Bairnsdale, Walhalla, Marysville, Healesville and to Berwick for the finish.

It is limited to 60 vehicles because of the size of the towns they are visiting and staying at.

Keith Mortimer thanked Scott for his presentation and announced a short break for supper at 8.05pm.

**Meeting Notes of the AOMC Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 8.30pm**  
**Venue: Austin Healey/Jaguar Clubrooms**

**Treasurers Report:** Mark Fenton presented the annual financial report for 2022/23 financial year. Accounting systems and support have been improved, financial standing is good and accounts have been independently reviewed. Total equity as at June 30, 2023 is \$255,728 leaving the AOMC in a steady financial position.

The accounts show a \$7,846 loss for the year, mainly due to the timing of event transactions.

There have been questions about the healthy bank balance of the AOMC. Mark pointed out that some of these funds are held in trust for the RACV for grants to small clubs also, there are liabilities for upcoming events.

A healthy bank balance also enables the AOMC to invest in programs such as the recent AHMF survey, and we are also ready to underwrite a group insurance scheme for clubs.

Shows and events have been good fundraisers in the past, but this has been challenging of late. The great work of Philip Johnstone with the Engine Number Records service has again raised over \$9,000 for the year.

Fees have remained stable, even though they are not covering the day to day running of the organisation, and Mark proposes no change to the fees for the 2024/25 financial year.

The financial benefit to the community from the movement is being measured by AOMC, and clubs are encouraged to provide data re charitable activities that can be put together as general movement contributions.

**Notices of Motion:**

**It was moved Mark Fenton (AOMC, Chrysler Restorers Club), seconded Bill Ballard (F.O.R.D) that the 2022/23 annual financial report be accepted. Motion carried.**

**It was moved Mark Fenton, seconded Peter Welten (Triumph CC) that the fees for 2024/25 remain unchanged. Motion carried.**

**Presidents Report:** This past year the committee started to look at its purpose. It has come up with the following: **“To support and protect the interests of motoring enthusiasts and our member clubs.”**

The committee has also formed five priority areas, each with a team leader and a sub committee. These are:

**Member Services** – Club advice, Engine Number Records, seminars.

**Events & Community Engagement** – Events, Shows, Community benefit.

**Communication & Enablement** – website, social media, newsletter, delegates meetings.

**Policy & Research** – policy statements.

**External Engagement** – VicRoads, Dept of Transport, Politicians, Vic Fed, ASRF, Motorsport Australia, RACV, and any other organisation we need to deal with.

Keith then introduced Geoff Hergt (Jaguar CC) to chair the election of office bearers and committee.

All positions were declared vacant and nominations called for.

**Secretary** – Tony Hall (Escape Motoring) was the only nomination and was duly elected.

**Treasurer** – Mark Fenton (Chrysler Restorers) was the only nomination and was duly elected.

**Vice President** – Iain Ross (Bristol Owners Club) was the only nomination and was duly elected.

**President** – Keith Mortimer (Jaguar CC) was the only nomination and was duly elected.

**It was moved Daryl Meek (Veteran CC) seconded Peter Welten (Triumph CC) that the number of Ordinary committee members be 8. Motion was carried.**

There were 5 nominations for committee positions being: Lawrence Glynn (BMW Drivers), Philip Johnstone (TSOA), Peter Matthews (Classic Motorcycle Club), Robbie Mihelcic (Vic Torana Club), and Ken Goodin (Vict. Torana Club). There being no further nominations those 5 nominees were duly elected to committee for 2023/24 year.

**Keith Mortimer announced the meeting closed at 9.06pm.**



## CLUB CONTACT DETAILS - ANNUAL UPDATE

Please provide us with information about your club, as of your previous financial year. This information will help us define the size and importance of the movement we represent and help us in our advocacy role.

1. Print clearly in CAPITAL letters, completing all sections.
2. Return completed form to address above or email to [office@aomc.asn.au](mailto:office@aomc.asn.au)
3. Private addresses are preferred as this helps prompt delivery where snail mail is used.
4. We understand that email addresses are lower case BUT using capitals makes the address less vulnerable to mistakes thus causing bounces.

*We appreciate your time in assisting us to keep our database up to date.  
 Please include data relating to the past 12 months  
 so that we can better understand, and advocate for, the movement we represent*

### UPDATE BY

<b>Your Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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### CLUB

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Abbreviation:</b>	
<b>AGM Month:</b>		<b>Marque(s):</b>	
<b>Number of Victorian Members:</b>		<b>Number of Vehicles:</b>	
<b>Manage CPS for Members:</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>	<b>Number of Vehicles on CPS:</b>	
<b>Is the Club Incorporated?</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>	<b>Incorporation No:</b>	

<b>We cover the following vehicles</b> Please ✓ one or more as applicable e.g. British & European ✓ Motorcycles ✓				
British & European	Asian	Australian	American	
Cars	Motorcycles	Commercials	Military	Hotrod

### MAGAZINES

<b>Name of Publication:</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>
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### INSURANCE

**We have the following insurance cover** Please ✓ one or more as applicable ✓

Public & Product Liability	Personal/Volunteer Accident	Professional Indemnity	Management Liability
<b>Insurance Provider:</b>			

### FINANCIAL SIZE

Describe the financial size of the Club in the last 12 months  
 eg as reported in the Annual Report to Consumer Affairs for Incorporated Clubs/Associations

<b>Annual Revenue/Turnover (\$):</b>
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### COMMUNITY BENEFITS

List any charitable donations made by the Club in the last 12 months

<b>Description:</b>	<b>\$ Value:</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<b>\$ Value:</b>
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<b>Description:</b>	<b>\$ Value:</b>

## CLUB CONTACT DETAILS - UPDATE

NB: If required use the following pages to add or change contacts,  
or make corrections by overwriting on the AOMC Organisations & Contacts Report sent to your Club.

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### CLUB POSTAL ADDRESS & CONTACT DETAILS

Name		
Street/PO Box		
Town	State	Postcode
Phone	Mobile	
Email	Website	

### PRESIDENT

Name		
Street	Town	Postcode
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

### VICE PRESIDENT

Name		
Street	Town	Postcode
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

### SECRETARY

Name		
Street	Town	Postcode
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

### TREASURER

Name		
Street	Town	Postcode
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

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# CLUB CONTACT DETAILS - UPDATE

## EDITOR

Name		
Street	Town	Postcode
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

## DELEGATE # 1

Name		
Street	Town	Postcode
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

## DELEGATE # 2

Name		
Street	Town	Postcode
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

## DELEGATE #3

Name		
Street	Town	Postcode
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

## CLUB PERMIT OFFICER

Name		
Street	Town	Postcode
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

## OTHER (please describe).....

Name		
Street	Town	Postcode
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

(1/7/2022)

# ARCHIVED REGISTRATION & ENGINE NUMBER RECORDS

An initiative of the

**Association Of Motoring Clubs Incorporated**

## ENGINE RECORDS SEARCH SERVICE

The AOMC has introduced a simpler method of requesting an engine number search. The process is now available to directly input the requested data online and also make an online payment. This will avoid the need to download a Search Application form and enter your credit card details.

The advantages are both to the user and the AOMC.

You will not need to print out the search application form, enter data, scan it and send it by email or Auspost to the AOMC. You will receive a copy of your search request automatically emailed back to you confirming your application. You are able to manage your own payment through a secure process.

We get a legible application (poor writing or scanning often requires a follow up phone call to clarify the details), the payment process is automatic without the need for us to manually enter your credit card number. If you have doubts as to your information or whether the search can be made we are able to take a phone call if you have any queries before proceeding.

This all helps in the search process but unfortunately we are still left to make the manual search through the many card records. Whatever the outcome of our search you will get a reply.

For more information go to the Engine Records pages at [www.aomc.asn.au](http://www.aomc.asn.au)

## WANTED – MATURE APPRENTICE

### For the AOMC Engine Records

The AOMC maintains over 4 million records dating from 1930 up to 1984. There is a continuous demand for details of these vehicles from owners seeking original registration number, dates and changes in the vehicle history. This could be to enable re-registration in Victoria, or interstate within Australia, or overseas; or perhaps to expand on their family history research. We have need for some assistance to continue this work and now seek an apprentice to understand and operate the service. Ideally the person should be:

- Interested in Motor Vehicle History
- Have knowledge of vehicle makes and their company families
- Able to write letters and answer telephone queries
- Comfortable on a step ladder (rare event)
- Able to lift and carry a 7kg tray of records
- Able to enter data on computer
- Able to tolerate monotonous sorting of records
- Available during the week
- Live in SE suburbs

Some tasks can be undertaken at home while others are within the storage site.

If you reckon you could take instruction from a pedantic

senior please call Philip on: **0417 014 636.**



The Engine Number Records search application can now be made via the AOMC website. Just click on the “**Engine Number Records**” button and then click on the “**Start Online Search**” button to reach the online application form.

Below is what the form looks like and the information you need to supply.

## Contact Details

Name \*

*First*

*Last*

Email

Phone #

Mobile#

Street Address

Suburb

Postcode

## Search Fee (Incl. GST)

Period	1901-1919	1920-1932	1933-1984
Reg No.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reg. Date	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eng No.	No	No	Yes
Eng No. changes	No	No	Yes
Make	Possibly	Yes	Yes
Owner Name	Yes	Possibly	No
Owner Address	Yes	Possibly	No
	<b>\$115</b>	<b>\$115</b>	<b>\$90</b>
	<b>Maximum fee \$160</b>		

Note that all search fees are payable whether or not they are successful. If you are not sure whether the vehicle was registered in Victoria prior to 1984 please call us on 03 9558 4829 to determine whether or how to proceed

## Vehicle Details

Year/Make/Model \*

Engine Number \*

Chassis Number

Registration Number

## Any other relevant information

•Is the engine stated consistent with the make and model?

Yes  No  Unsure

•Has the vehicle been registered in Victoria prior to 1984? \*

Yes  No  Unsure

•Is this the original registration number? \*

Yes  No  Unsure

# Archived Engine Number Records

## Charges for Information

Search for a single engine number whether it is on card or computer file	\$90
Follow-up for the same or related vehicle or engine number	N/C
Search for a single registration owner details (1910 to 1932 only)	\$115
Maximum Fee for search 1910 to 1984	\$160
Sale of all computerised records for a marque to a club that has an interest in the marque. For each 100 records (or part thereof)	\$250 <sup>#</sup>
Sale of all computerised records for a marque to a person or commercial group that has an interest in the marque. For each 100 records (or part thereof)	\$460 <sup>#</sup>

## If a Club wants to computerise the records for their marque:

- a deposit of \$500 is to be paid before any tray is handed over into the custody of a club, and will be refunded upon completion (or premature termination of the task)
- non-returnable fee of \$200 for each of the first 4 trays of cards (or part of a tray)
- non-returnable fee of \$100 for each tray or part tray after the 4<sup>th</sup> tray
- only one tray at a time is to be in the custody of the club
- cards in each tray to be counted (or weighed) before being handed to the Club and upon return from the Club
- records are to be computerised using the AOMC supplied software
- a copy of the computerised records for each tray is to be returned to the AOMC when the tray is returned and BEFORE the next tray is handed to the club
- non-marque cards are to be separated and placed at the end of the tray without being computerised
- payments are to be made before a tray is handed to a club

## Individuals who wish to computerise the records for a marque may, at the discretion of the Committee be approved to do so, provided:

- a deposit of \$200 is paid before a tray is handed over,
- only one tray at a time will be in the person's possession,
- all computerised records for the current tray of records are handed to the AOMC **before** the next tray is provided,
- the deposit is refunded at the completion (or premature termination) of the computerisation of the marque.

In all circumstances the AOMC will continue to charge for searches although it may, at the discretion of the Search Officer, refer requests to the Club that has a computerised version of the records for the marque in question.

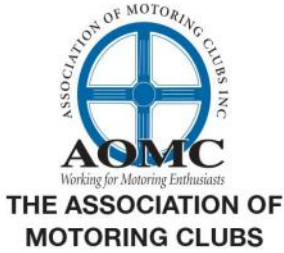
# These amounts may be varied on a case by case basis by consideration of:

- the number of cards (records) for the marque,
- whether or not a club interested in that marque exists in the state of Victoria,
- the number of club members,
- the number of vehicles of that marque in the possession of Club members,
- the number of vehicles of that marque still likely to exist.

The AOMC's Search Officer shall keep a paper list, at least, of the Clubs and individuals who currently have custody of a tray of records. Such list shall be forwarded to the AOMC's Secretary for presentation at each Committee meeting.

The AOMC's Treasurer shall report at each Committee meeting the total amount of deposits held as part of the Liabilities report.

# AOMC Carbon Offset Program



*The Association Of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) through Greenfleet, is proud to announce a new initiative where motoring enthusiasts can support green programs in Australia through a carbon offset scheme.*



Your support of this program demonstrates the enthusiast movements commitment to both the environment and the preservation of moveable cultural heritage and allows the AOMC to advocate that the environment and our heritage fleet can exist in harmony.

To play your part

- Nominate how many kilometres you will travel each year in your historic vehicle(s).
- Pay a small annual fee to offset the carbon generated.
- It's that simple.

GreenFleet invests funds by planting and maintaining legally protected, biodiverse forests and since 1997 GreenFleet has planted over 10 million trees creating 500 native forests and your support enables this fabulous work to continue and thrive.

All donations to Greenfleet are tax deductible and you will also receive a certificate in recognition of your support.

To be part of this exciting new program today

[www.aomc.asn.au/carbon-offset](http://www.aomc.asn.au/carbon-offset)

 [fb.com/GreenfleetAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/GreenfleetAustralia)  [fbcom/infoaomc](https://www.facebook.com/infoaomc)



*Thank you for helping to grow climate hope by offsetting your historic vehicle's carbon emissions today.*



**10**  
million trees  
planted



**500+**  
native forests  
created



**3.9**  
million tonnes of  
carbon offsets