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The Official Newsletter of  
**The Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge**  
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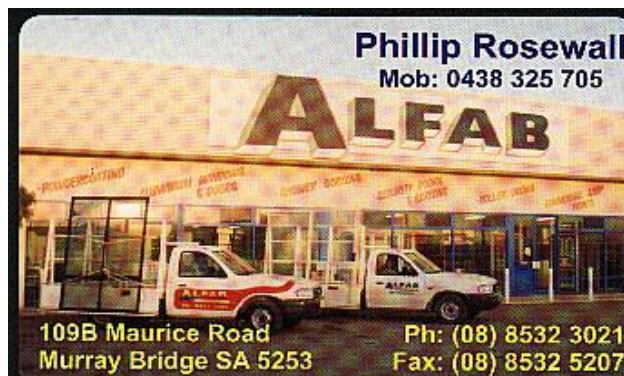
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<b>CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE:</b>	to be formed.		
<b>HALL REPS.</b>	John Courtney and Bruce Phillips		
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	Club Fees	Membership \$35 (including children up to 16 years)	

**\*\*(No change to fees for 2016/17, making membership in our Club most cost effective)\*\***

**ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER**

## FOR SALE

*Club Car Badges are available at Club meetings or by contacting Roy Bretag. \$17.50 each.*

## OUR COVER PICTURES:

**Main picture:** Club Life Members, Neil and May Schubert, with their 1965 Ford Falcon XP Deluxe. The car was purchased originally from Esmond Park Motors Pty. Ltd., Murray Bridge, on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1965, by the Schuberts and has been with them ever since, enjoying full registration throughout.

**Other pictures:** (Left) Front grill and number plate detail. (Right) Inside front detail.

# Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
February 10 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Cruise Night	Swanport Reserve
February 19 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Sausage Sizzle	Terry & June Mabbitt
March 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Power of the Past	Transferred to "Other Events" (below)
March 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	8:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
March 14 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m. – Clubrooms
March 25 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Presentation Night	To be advised
April 4 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	8:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
April 11 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
April 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> (w/end)	Pinnaroo Campout	Alan & Marlene Hagger
April 30 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – N.B. change of date from March	South Coast Run	Graham & Maureen Edwards

## Other Events of Interest

February 19 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Swap Meet	M/B Showgrounds
February 19 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	All American Day Car Show	Info this issue
March 4 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Farmers' Market at the Wharf	** Members invited to take their vehicles for a Run to the Wharf.
March 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> (w/end)	Power of the Past	Info in December Magazine.
April 1 <sup>st</sup> (Saturday)	Farmers' Market at the Wharf	** as above.

(For more information on any of the above, please contact the Club Secretary).

### PROCEDURES FOR ORGANIZING CLUB RUNS

*Anyone organizing a Club Run is responsible for supplying relevant information about the coming event for the Newsletter prior to the event. They are also responsible for a Run report for the Newsletter following the event. (This can be delegated to another person – but the organizer is responsible for getting the article to the editor). Please note that there are available spaces, in the Club Calendar, for members to offer their services in organizing a Club Run.*

### THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

The Provisional Members of 2015/16 who have, in the past 12 months, met with our Club's criteria and are now eligible for Full Membership are:-

- Ronald (Ron) & Fina Jellett of Murray Bridge, and
- Trevor & Ruth Binney of Murray Bridge.

Congratulations to you all and we look forward to your continued company and support of our Club.

Our latest Provisional Members for 2016/17 are:-

- Denis & Elizabeth Barp                      1964 EH Holden Sedan

A warm welcome is extended to you both and we look forward to enjoying your company at our Club functions and outings in the future.

Neil Schubert (Membership Officer).

## News from Other Clubs

**All American Day Car Show**, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Tilley Reserve, Hancock Road, Surrey Downs. (Enter only from Hancock Road). FREE ENTRY to all American vehicles and occupants. Public welcome from 10:00 a.m.. Adults \$7.00, kids U/14 free. All enquiries – contact event Director, Adrian (82649556).

# President's Report

G'day everyone.



So another Christmas has come and gone. Time flies when you're having fun! I hope everyone had a good time, catching up with family and friends, as usually happens at this time of year.

Again, the cherry picking run was a great day out, even for Vicki and myself, as we were not picking this year. We had a good crop of cherries at home this year, but we were pretty worried about the forecast rain spoiling them. Crossed fingers must have worked, as they turned out fine. But it is a great spot for morning tea at Stella Creek, so we had no problems sitting back, talking and taking in the fantastic view. Lunch was great and the Mabbits added a bit of drama afterwards, when the Fairmont would not start, but of course, being a Ford, we got there in the end.

The Christmas Picnic was everything we have come to expect, although a bit cooler than some years, which was nice. Entertainment, food and company was terrific, the raffle made a small profit of about \$100 and everyone pitched in to clean up afterwards in very quick time. Very enjoyable and a big thank you to all involved.

The Pizza night has now also been, as has the Australia Day Run, so now time to look forward to the rest of the activities for the year. In particular, there is the Presentation Dinner (see elsewhere in the newsletter) and of course the AGM in April. Please have a good think about who you want to do things in your club and perhaps there is some way you can contribute yourself. Again, if you have any ideas for club runs or activities, please let us know, particularly as we need to set our run agenda immediately after the AGM.

Most of you will be aware by now that the Minister, Stephen Mullighan, has proposed significant changes to the Conditional Registration scheme that we enjoy for our historic vehicles. I have attempted to pass on as much information as I can, mainly by email and would like to thank many of you for your comments and questions. These have formed the basis of our response to the Minister, as a club, to the proposal. The Minister is very clear on what he wants the scheme to become, but at this time there is no new "code of practice", so it is unclear exactly how the new scheme will work. For that reason we have cautiously welcomed the changes. The next step is for the Minister to get the changes through Parliament, then formulate the "code of practice" which he wants to happen by 1<sup>st</sup> of July. I personally think he is a bit ambitious with his timeframe, but maybe this has already progressed further than I am aware of. I will let you all know as best I can.

It is important to remember that as far as Conditional Registration goes, **AT THIS TIME, NOTHING HAS CHANGED**. You will still need to get your Stat Decs signed, make sure your vehicles have been inspected **WITHIN TWO YEARS**, pay your membership fees and have your log books endorsed. **EXACTLY AS YOU HAVE BEEN DOING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS**. Failure to follow this process will result in your vehicle being unregistered. If you have ANY doubts, please talk to one of the registrars or inspectors. There will be an opportunity to have vehicles inspected at the Cruise Night to Swanport Reserve, or on meeting nights, but NOT at any other times. Please help us to help you.

Well, that will do for now. See you at Swanport  
John Courtney

## ***Congratulations!***

### **GOLDEN WEDDING**

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### **80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

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**MAY SCHUBERT**

On 9/4/17.

# Historic Registration 2017/2018

You have until the end of the June Meeting to renew your membership otherwise transport SA will be notified you are no longer a Member of the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge. Shortly afterwards you'll receive a letter from them advising your conditional registration has been cancelled.

Below is a Checklist to Get Your Logbook Endorsed?

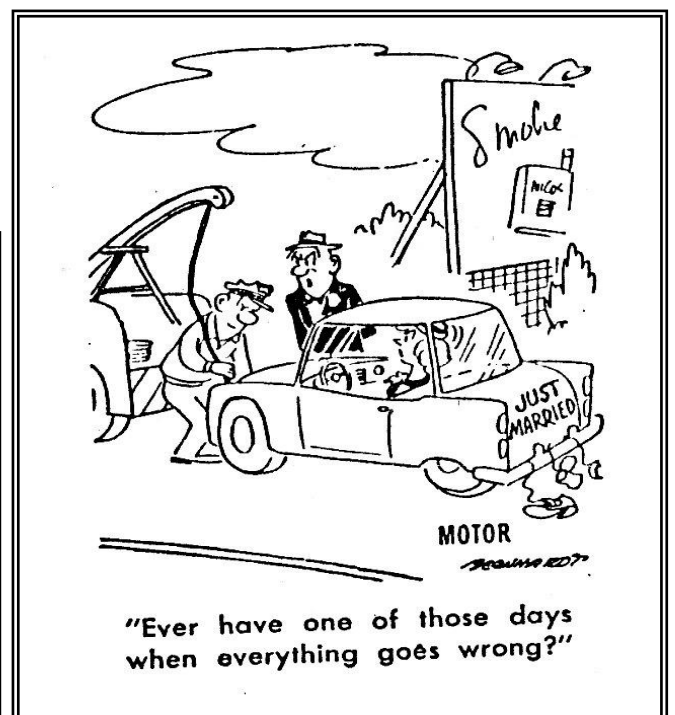
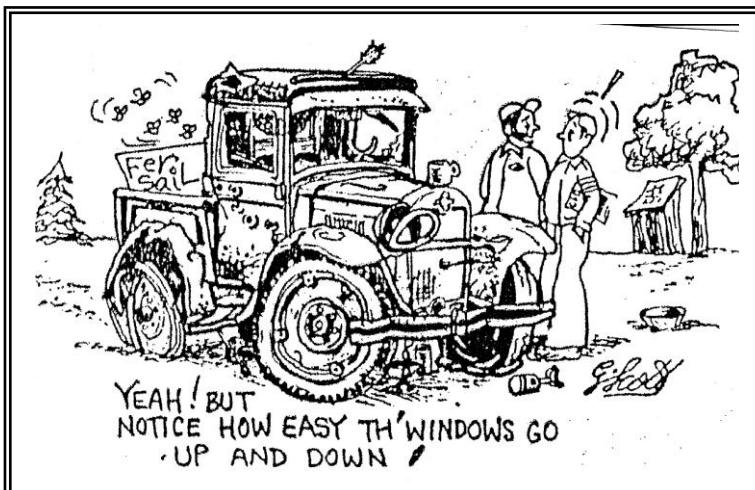
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- ☐ Statutory Declaration complete & signed
- ☐ Registration Papers
- ☐ Logbook
- ☐ If New logbook needed \$3 each
- ☐ Stamped self-addressed envelope
- ☐ No Valuables pens or leather covers,
- ☐ Please ensure your Vehicles have been inspected. An inspection date after June 2015 must be sighted in your logbook or your log book will not be processed.

Kindest Regards

Registration Team

Jamie, Kym, Alan and Darren

*I believe we owe these two cartoons to Joyce and Bob Burt – many thanks – Ed.*



## FROM THE EDITOR

Hi there,

And a Happy New Year to you all!

Hope everyone enjoyed Christmas and managed to spend some quality time with family, friends and loved ones. 2017 has started with a get-together of Club members at the Pizza Night in January. This function is always met with enthusiasm by our members and heralds another calendar year of Club events, some of which are coming up soon and you can read all about them in this issue.

Speaking of reading the Magazine, if you wish to have your special birthdays, anniversaries, etc., published in the Magazine, make sure to let me know, in writing or by email, please. There is no accessible data base of members' birthdays for me to tap into, and those published in the Magazine are only those which I have been informed about, either by word-of-mouth or by noting announcements in the Standard. Similarly, for special anniversaries. So, if your birthday or anniversary (kept to those with a "0" on the end!) has not appeared, it is because I have not known about it.

With this Magazine you should receive a Statutory Declaration form and your Membership Renewal form. Those who have elected to receive the Magazine on line will have the forms posted to them if they are not collected at the February General Meeting. Please contact me or John Courtney if you do not receive these forms. Also, included herewith are Nomination Slips for election of officers at the A.G.M. in April. As before, please contact me if you do not receive a slip in some way, shape or form.

Don't forget our A.G.M. is coming up in April. Please give consideration to nominating anyone you believe would be a worthy Office Bearer or Committee Member of our Club. You may also like to give thought to standing for a position yourself – it is a good Club in which to be involved.

Good Reading and "Stay tuned" - Lyn.

**Please note!**

### MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Would members who organize Club Runs please write a report on their run and deliver to Lyn West either by post/hand delivery to the letter box at 55 Verdun Road, Murray Bridge, 5253, or email to <lyntomwest@gmail.com>? Coming events information and any other articles for the Newsletter should be passed on in the same way. To ensure inclusion in the Newsletter, articles should reach the Editor **AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the April, June or August meetings.

Many thanks for your cooperation – Lyn W.

### APOLOGY

I wish to offer my sincerest apologies to Dianne and Bruce Dawson, who were inadvertently omitted from a "Deepest Sympathy" notice in the December, 2016, issue of our Club Magazine. The notice, as it should have read, is below.

Lyn West (Editor).

### *DEEPEST SYMPATHY*

Goes to **STEPHEN AND JEAN MOBBS** and **DIANNE AND BRUCE DAWSON**, and their families, on the passing of Stephen's and Dianne's mother, **Ella Mobbs**, on the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

Sincere condolences from all in the ACCMB.

At the funeral, family members were conveyed to the Chapel and Cemetery in the Mobbs family's 1965 Chevrolet Impala (now in Stephen's care). The family is grateful for the kindness of Claude Minge, who drove his Vintage Nash Hearse, carrying the casket, to the Murray Bridge Cemetery.



# Coming Events

## CRUISE NIGHT (10/2/17)

This is a "cruise", but has nothing to do with boats!!! In our terminology, it means that it is an informal run, where you can come and go as you please. We are going to Swanport Reserve, so come along for a yarn, B.Y.O. tea, tables, chairs, etc., and enjoy looking at the vehicles. Come along any time from 5.30.

**There will be vehicle inspectors on hand if you want them to check your vehicle and issue an inspection certificate.** Remember there is no longer an Inspection Night held in February/March as in past years, so this may be your last chance before your log book is signed/renewed. Unless you have an *inspection certificate* you **WILL NOT** have your log book processed.

Hope to see you there.

For more info, call John Courtney, 85324107

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE (19/2/17)

- Being held at Murraylands Gem Club Rooms at Palmer oval.
- Meet at the car club rooms for a 9.30am departure.
- BYO morning tea. Hot water is available.
- BYO salad, plates etc., as usual.
- There will be some interesting things for you to see and do.
- Please put your name on the Run sheet for catering purposes.
- Any questions phone Terry or June 85313848 --- 0409692520

## PRESENTATION NIGHT (25/3/17)

The Presentation Dinner will be held at the Murray Bridge Bowling Club, Corner Adelaide Road and Thomas Street Murray Bridge.

- Proceedings will commence at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. start to dinner.
- A 2 course meal will be offered at a cost of \$25 per head.
- Meal will consist of an alternate drop of Roast Beef and Roast Apricot Chicken Roll followed by an alternate drop of Cheesecake and Pavlova.
- Bar will be open

Please indicate on the Run Sheet available at either the February or March meeting if you wish to attend, or contact John Courtney (85 324107).



### 2016 TROPHY WINNERS PLEASE NOTE:

If you have a perpetual trophy in your possession, it will need to be returned by the March General Meeting, at the very latest. This will allow the necessary time for trophies to be engraved and ready for presentation to this year's winners. If you cannot attend a meeting, please return to Brenda Cowie (85 310151).

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



## **SOUTH COAST RUN (30/4/17)**

***South Coast Run to the "SOUTHERN FLEURIEU HISTORICAL MUSEUM" at Port Elliot***

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- \*\* 8-45am -- **SHARP** -- Leaving Johnstone Park Clubrooms.
- \*\* 10 am -- **Morning Tea. BYO everything.** -- Soldiers Memorial Garden area Strathalbyn, near the Swimming pool.
- \*\* **Women's Business.**  
Immediately following morning tea while the men talk amongst themselves, kick tyres and look under bonnet's at whatever it is they look at under bonnet's, ladies will have the opportunity for a quick visit to the nearby Strathalbyn Community Arts & Craft Centre. The shop has hand made item's **for sale**, or simply go for a look. (Men too if it's your scene).
- \*\* 12 Noon -- **Lunch at HMVC Clubrooms** (Victor Harbor Car Club)
- \*\* **COST** -- \$15 per head maximum. Includes B.B.Q. with Salad, Desert & a Soft Drink.
- \*\* 1-30pm -- **Visit "Southern Fleurieu Historical Museum" – Port Elliot.**
- \*\* **COST**-- \$5 per head.
- \*\* Leave for home in your own time and any which way.
- \*\* **FINAL** run sheet, directions and map available on departure.

**RUN SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING**

***For any Further details, contact Maureen and Graham Edwards. 85321175 or 0428813070***



### **Preliminary Notice**

## **ACCMB 7<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL TWIN BRIDGES RALLY**

**20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017**

(Please note change of time from previous years)

Hope to see you there!  
Roy Bretag (Rally Coordinator)

Contact: [roy.bretag@bigpond.com](mailto:roy.bretag@bigpond.com) or P.O. Box 2124, MURRAY BRIDGE, 5253.



## **TWIN BRIDGES RALLY**

### **ATTENTION LADIES**

While our Rally Sponsors are generous with items for our raffle draws during the weekend, they are predominantly weighted towards men.

If any lady club members would like to make and donate any items suitable for ladies' prizes, they will be most welcome. Small items will be put together as a package. If you have a talent in knitting, crochet, embroidery, quilting or other craft and are willing to contribute something, no matter how small ( eg a covered coat hanger ) it will be gratefully received.

You may wish to indicate your intentions to donate to the Ladies' TBR committee. Listed are their names and phone numbers. **Maureen** (0428 813 070) **Elaine** (0438 425 791) **Ricky** (0434 945 504).

You will have from now until the **30<sup>th</sup> September** to complete and hand your donation to T.B.Rally Committee members, Maureen, Elaine or Ricky. **THANK YOU**

## CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

### December Meeting

#### **Sale:**

- 1998 Hyundai 5 speed, manual, a/cond. – registered to 23/3/17. Robert (85324209).
- 1949 Vauxhall Velox, 4-door sedan  
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#### **Wanted:**

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- 20 foot container – Goran Yakas (0413580779).
- WLA Harley Davidson parts – David Burt (0419840195).

### LET'S LAUGH A LITTLE!

#### **GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD:**

- Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- Forget the health food, I need all the preservatives I can get!
- When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.
- I thought growing old would take longer!
- Inside every old person is a young person wondering what happened.
- Be nice to your kids – they will choose your Nursing Home.

#### **THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE**

- You believe in Santa Claus.
- You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- You become Santa Claus.
- You look like Santa Claus.

#### **SUCCESS:**

- At age 4, success is not piddling your pants.
- At age 12, success is having friends.
- At age 17, success is having a driver's licence.
- At age 35, success is having money.
- At age 50, success is having money.
- At age 70, success is having a driver's licence.
- At age 75, success is having friends.
- At age 80, success is not piddling your pants.

*(Taken from the Echunga Community Times, Sept. 2016 edition – handed to me by Pat Jennings (I think!) – Ed.)*

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# ***Run Reports***

## **CHERRY PICKING RUN (7/12/16)**

It was an early 8 a.m. start for the day's outing with good weather forecast. At 8.30 a.m. 21 members in 11 vehicles left the clubrooms and headed to the Adelaide hills taking the scenic drive through Dawsley, Brukunga, Woodside and onto Lenswood. Arriving at the Stella Creek Cherry orchard at 9.45 a.m.!

We enjoyed morning tea sitting under the pine trees and looking out over the panoramic views of the Lenswood Valley.

We registered at the Packing shed, paid a \$5 deposit, and were given a plastic bucket for the cherries. Then we were escorted by a friendly staff member who gave us a talk on the different varieties of cherry trees planted throughout the orchard along with a taste from each variety that were ripe and ready to pick.

We were then left to fill our buckets while sampling as we picked.

It was not long before we all managed to return back to

the shed with our buckets laden with tasty cherries. The top weight for the heaviest bucket went to Brenda Cowie, well done Brenda!

We left Stella Creek at 11.45 a.m. to head back through Lenswood and onto Oakbank where we were booked into the Hotel Oakbank for lunch.

After the morning's workout on the slopes of the cherry farm it was good to sit and enjoy our meal with good company and conversation.

President John Courtney thanked Roy and Elaine for organising the day's outing, which was enjoyed by all.

*(Good one, Roy and Elaine! Maybe I'll get there one day!? Thanks for the report, too. – Ed.)*

## **CHRISTMAS PICNIC (11/12/16)**

A happy group of members duly left the Clubrooms at 9:30 a.m., in very pleasant conditions. Some had already gone straight to the Palmer Oval and were settling in with morning tea on their minds when we arrived. Brenda Cowie and her helpers were on site early, preparing the luncheon in their most efficient way. A small group of members had set up tables, chairs, Christmas tree, etc., on the previous evening, so it didn't take very long for everyone to find a place, get their morning cuppas and to buy tickets for the raffle, which was to be drawn later in the day.

At approx. 11:00 a.m., our President, John Courtney, took the microphone and welcomed everyone along. He managed to get everyone laughing with his telling of a good joke and set the mood for a fun day. There was entertainment a-plenty, beginning with our resident musicians, Peter Geue (on guitar), Howard Wright (on trumpet), Graham Edwards (on saxophone) and Jill Matschoss on keyboard, playing several bright and breezy Christmas numbers. This was followed by a lovely vocal



Cherries for the picking!



Deirdre and Trevor Kitto seem to be enjoying themselves.

rendition of the old favourite, "White Christmas" by Vernon Graetz. Jill Matschoss entertained, in her own inimitable way, giving members a comic slant on the benefits of Cabernet Sauvignon, and Lyn West sang a version of "When The Saints Go Marching In" which alluded to our Club and its vehicles and members.

After the first of the entertainment, two raffle draws were conducted and the lucky winners were Lorraine Wye and Fina Jellett.

Lunch was next to be announced by our President, but, before we tucked in, our catering crew of Brenda Cowie, Pam Wehrman and June Mabbitt were summoned from the kitchen and presented with official Club aprons, complete with Club logos on the bib fronts. The ladies obliged by modelling them for us and they looked very professional. It was approved by Committee during last year to purchase the aprons, as a token of recognition for the work some of our ladies do behind the scenes, and it was a very appropriate occasion on which to present them.

Lunch was lovely! Cold meats with a super array of salads, accompanied by bread and butter were appreciated by all present, as was dessert of fruit salad and icecream.

After lunch, the entertainment continued when a rendition of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" was narrated by Lyn West and was accompanied by appropriate sound and/or visual effects "deftly" executed by an enthusiastic little band of "players", namely Myra Wright, Jill Matschoss, Elaine Bretag, Aileen Geue, Bob Hunter and Tom West. This unique performance was well received by the audience.

The final two raffle prizes were then drawn and Fina Jellett couldn't believe her luck when she received another prize. Tom West was the lucky winner of the final prize of a Christmas hamper/basket of goodies.

Music was back on the agenda with the "Christmas Quartet" (Myra Wright, Elaine Bretag, Elaine Geue and Lyn West), accompanied by Jill Matschoss on keyboard, singing three Christmas songs before leading our members in the community singing of a few Christmas carols and other songs.

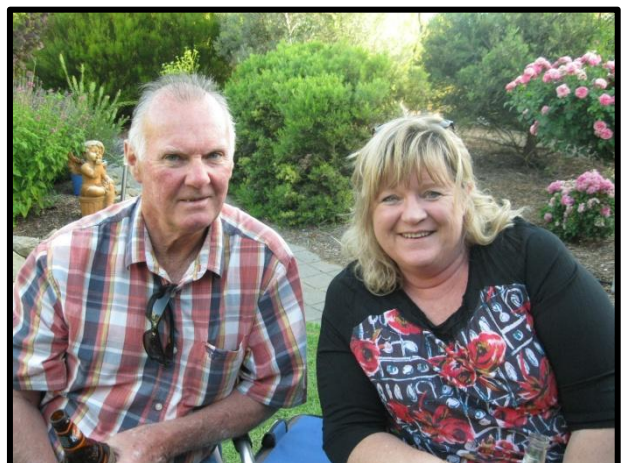
We didn't need it exactly, but we all then indulged ourselves in the most scrumptious afternoon tea to finish off the day. President, John Courtney, thanked everyone for their input into making the day a success and all those who attended, before requesting volunteers for help in cleaning up. There was no shortage of willing helpers and the Palmer Hall was back in ship-shape condition in no time.

The 2016 Christmas Picnic was a very enjoyable day it seems.

*(My own thanks go to all who assisted in making this day go as smoothly as it did and I have to own up to writing this report! Look for some pictures included after the "Run Reports" – Ed.)*

## **PIZZA NIGHT (20/1/17)**

First event on the club calendar for the 2017 year was once again the Pizza night. This year the weather was pleasantly cool but most still elected to sit in the shade, at least to start off with. As usual a very relaxed evening followed with the usual banter and discussions about what everyone got up to over the Festive Season. Good to see new members Les and Mary Casey (pictured at right) along for a look at what they have gotten themselves into (see picture at right). I hope we behaved ourselves. Then I lost the plot and forgot what







Brenda Cowie (left) and Pizza Night hostess, Vicki Courtney, in the Courtney's lovely garden.

time I had ordered the Pizzas for, but fortunately there was no shortage of people to remind me, in particular my good wife Vicki. Thanks for your help everyone!!!

This year the pizzas were supplied by Pizza Hut, same people running the show (thanks Marie, for looking after us again), but different product, so I had to take an educated guess as to how many we would need. Just when I think I have got the hang of this pizza ordering, the size and shape change and I have to think again. Well, it did not go too badly

and no one went hungry. The hungry hordes were again fed in two batches, about 30 minutes apart, so for a while the noise level decreased to a soft roar, as appetites were satisfied. As usual, watermelon and pineapple then filled any remaining gaps.

Having avoided a shed inspection last year, I was not so lucky this time. Progress on the DA Dodge restoration was inspected and it was agreed that there actually had been some (well, it is actually two years since the last "viewing", so there should be some progress). The fact that it is now on four wheels helped that impression.

And so the evening gradually drew to a close, with everyone departing into the night in dribs and drabs. Hope you all had a good time.

*(We did have a good time, John and Vicki, and many thanks from all of us for hosting such a pleasant Club event. Thanks, too, John, for this report. – Ed.)*



"Anyone for Pizza?" Host, John Courtney (right) serves up the Pizzas to the hungry hordes.



Some of the vehicles lined up in front of the Courtney residence.

## **AUSTRALIA DAY WALKER FLAT RUN (26/1/17)**

On a beautiful Australia Day morning a group of our club members gathered at our Johnstone Park clubroom for an 8.30am departure. Ron Jellett left immediately – perhaps keen to show us how his 1948 MGTC could perform. We only caught up with him on Mannum Road. From there it was a leisurely cruise to Mannum, through a very busy main street due to Australia Day breakfast, and then past the Mannum caravan park – a place that is always well patronized!

Why don't we have a caravan park on our riverfront at Murray Bridge?

We cruised the scenic route along the river past Greenings Landing before branching inland to Walkers Flat. A black SS Holden from M.B. was just a blur as it passed our convoy (Kevin Lukey).

We arrived at Walkers Flat at 9.45am and the lawned assembly area was already 50% filled. Our group of 20 cars was able to park together along the riverfront. Some people thought Joe & Betty van Eck's 1956 Dodge was fitted with a steam engine as it gained everyone's attention when they arrived with "a full head of steam".

We all settled in along the riverfront, viewing cars, enjoying our picnic lunches and watching the passing parade of speedboats, jet skis and the ferry crossing.

Ian Rowley was checking out the latest model Ford Mustangs on show - counting the days 'til he can drive a red one!

Former club member, Mike Zerna, had his 1934 Ford on show - still fitted with a V8, but now a 5 litre fuel injected Ford.

Lyn Buchanan won the raffle – a wheelbarrow full of goodies. The wheelbarrow was also part of the prize which initially created a problem as Ian & Lyn could not fit it in their car – a 67 Chev Camaro; however Allen & Eunice Wegener came their rescue with their Holden Ute.

Vehicles on show for the day varied from a 1907 Renault to the latest model 2017 Shelby Ford Mustang. There was a mixture of restored vintage & classic cars, some original condition. Also Hot rods and modified cars; some simply with engine upgrades, others with lowered (chopped) roofs such as the black FJ Holden ute which won the "peoples' choice award" for best car displayed.

The Murray Mallee Auto Club, based at Nildottie, hosted the day which is an annual fundraising event. This year, the Mary Potter Hospice in North Adelaide was the worthy recipient.

Happy birthday to Victoria Johns on the day!

Thanks to all who attended this event.

*(Many thanks to Claude & Liz Minge, who organised this event for our Club, and thanks, too, for a most comprehensive report. – Ed.)*

## **CHRISTMAS PICNIC PICTURE GALLERY**



"T'was The Night Before Christmas" narration with percussion and special effects (from left – Tom West, Bob Hunter, Aileen Geue, Myra Wright, Elaine Bretag, Jill Matschoss & Lyn West).

Receiving their Club aprons (from left – Pam Wehrman, Brenda Cowie & June Mabbitt).







Top Left: Instrumentalists (from left) Howard Wright, Graham Edwards, Peter Geue and Jill Matschoss entertain.  
Top Right: Vernon Graetz sings "White Christmas".



Clockwise from bottom right: Raffle winners, Fina Jellett & Lorraine Wye.  
"The Christmas Quartet" (from left) Myra Wright, Lyn West, Aileen Geue, Elaine Bretag, with Jill Matschoss on keyboard.  
The scene at the Palmer Clubrooms.  
Val and Paul Wade enjoy the proceedings.

*Photos kindly supplied by Ricky Kaak, Graham Edwards and 'yours truly' – Ed.*



### **DEFIBRILLATOR for Johnstone Park Complex**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of December saw the official presentation of the new Defibrillator at the Johnstone Park Combined Clubrooms (JPCC).

Some time ago, a suggestion from a member of the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) that the club purchase a Defibrillator machine. From that suggestion, the ACCMB applied to the Rural City Council of Murray Bridge for a grant through the "Community Events, Grants & Donation Program", and was very fortunate in being successful in obtaining a grant for nearly \$2,500, thus enabling the ACCMB to purchase a Defibrillator and cabinet from St John Ambulance SA. This unit has been installed in the JPCC and is now available should it be needed by any person or group using the facilities. Ongoing maintenance of the Defibrillator will be carried out by the JPCC management committee, with the support of St John SA.

Training in the use and functions of the unit was presented to all groups who use the complex, before and during the December meeting of the ACCMB, by Mr. Henry Cowell, a First Aid Advisor for St John. During Mr. Cowell's demonstration of the workings of the Defibrillator, he gave some of the facts about this machine and its purpose, as are listed;

- Approx 33,000 Australians suffer Sudden Cardiac Arrest each year.
- A person's chance of survival decreases by 10% EVERY MINUTE DEFIBRILLATION IS DELAYED. (Small window of time to save life and minimize consequence of incident.)
- Early intervention with a defibrillator can increase the chance of survival by up to 75%.
- Defibrillators are easy to use by any person, with no formal training required. Defib provides clear step by step voice prompts, including instruction for delivering CPR.
- A defib will only advise to deliver a shock if the person is in cardiac arrest and you cannot accidentally shock or hurt someone.

In closing the demonstration, Mr. Cowell advised the members of the ACCMB that St John SA is the leading provider of First Aid training and Equipment in South Australia and is a non-profit organization who works closely with South Australian Sports Clubs, Schools and Businesses alike, to make sure that they are equipped, should there be an emergency.



Photographed with the Defibrillator (from left), Trainer/presenter, Henry Cowell, MB Councillor, Andrew Baltensperger, ACCMB President, John Courtney and JPCC Representative, Darren Fountain.

To learn more about St John SA, go to the website ----  
[www.stjohnsa.com.au/about us](http://www.stjohnsa.com.au/about-us)

ACCMB President John Courtney thanked Henry for his detailed presentation in the use of the Defibrillator to all the groups and wished him a safe return home.

*The above article was written by ACCMB Publicity Officer, Graham Edwards, and was published in the Standard, 5/1/17. The article and photograph is reproduced here by courtesy of the Standard.*

### **LIMERICKS**

The hands they were made to assist  
In supplying the features with grist.  
There are only a few –  
As a rule, about two,  
And are hitched to the end of the wrist.

No matter how grouchy you're feeling  
You'll find the smile more or less healing.  
It grows in a wreath  
All around the front teeth –  
Thus preserving the face from congealing.

*(The above limericks are attributed to Anthony Euler and were presented to me, some years ago, by John Trapnell. Thanks, John! You had to wait a while to see them in print! – Ed.)*



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