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COMMITTEE	OMMITTEE Kym Cooper, Jan Hall, Maurice Emmerson, Ted Julian, Roy Bretag and Terry Mabbitt.					
CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE: to be formed.						
HALL REPS.	Deidre Kitto and Darre	idre Kitto and Darren Fountain				
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	Club Fees	Membership \$35 (including children up to 16 years)				

(No change to fees for 2018/19, 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. Also – drinking Mugs with Club insignia - \$7 each.

OUR COVER PICTURES: (taken at the 24th FX-FJ Australian Early Holden Nationals 2018 "Show-n-Shine" Day at the Murray Bridge Racecourse on 29/12/18.

MAIN PICTURE: 1953 FX Holden belonging to Jason Brine (brother of our Club Registrar, Jamie Brine). Despite its unrestored condition, this car was DRIVEN to the event and I have never seen a man more proud of his machine than Jason. When I suggested he should beware of going over bumps, considering the amount of rust on the underside of the roof, he told me, "It's OK. I've had my tetanus shots!" OTHER PICTURES: Commercial vehicle and utes. 3.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE	
February 15 th (Friday)	Cruise Night	Graham & Maureen Edwards	
March 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.	
March 12 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.	
April 2 nd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.	
April 10 th (Wednesday)	Hills Run to Old Govt. House	John and Vicki Courtney	
(N.B. change of date)			
April 26 th to 28 th (w/end)	Pinnaroo Campout	Alan & Marlene Hagger	
May 7 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.	
June 4 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.	
June 22 nd (Saturday)	Presentation Dinner	MB Bowling Club	
July 2 nd (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.	
(N.B. corrected date)			
July 28 th (Sunday)	Pub Lunch (Gumeracha Hotel)	John & Vicki Courtney	

Other Events of Interest

February 9 th (Saturday)	Strathalbyn CC Rock & Roll Dance	Info this issue			
February 17 th (Sunday)	All American Day Car Show	Info in December issue			
March 3 rd (Sunday)	"Cars and Coffee" (Murray Bridge)	Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.			
March 9 th /10 th (w/end)	Power of the Past (Mt Barker Oval)	Info in December issue			
April 7 th (Sunday)	"Cars and Coffee" (Murray Bridge)	Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.			
(For more information on any of the above please contact the Club Secretary)					

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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.

STOLEN CAR!

(Received this email. Thought it may be of help to include it in this issue of our Magazine – Ed.)

From: Gawler Car Club Sent: Tuesday, 22 January 2019 6:03 PM Subject: E-Torque: Stolen XT GT Falcon

One of our members has had a 1968 Ford Falcon XT GT stolen from his property north of Balaklava some time in the last week. It is GT Gold in colour and not in pristine condition Rego Number RFL762 If you have any info contact Phil on 0481 880 478 Or Crime stoppers or police on 131444

President's Report

2019 is here and January is rapidly disappearing- so, what has happened since we last met for our Club meeting on December 4th?

We'll hear about club events at our February meeting and read about same in our magazine or on our website.

Besides our club events,-Murray Bridge hosted the FX-FJ Holden Nationals at the racecourse - a great day with a great showing of Holdens, good crowd numbers and a very suitable venue.

We have all celebrated another Christmas, welcomed a New Year and witnessed another Australia Day,-all of these events enjoyed and/or celebrated in our own way and in varying degrees of indulgence.

So, now we look forward to 2019 with various plans, possibilities and challenges that may unfold.

I have a challenge/request that I would like to share with you all.

As many of you may or may not know, besides my involvement with the ACC of MB, I am also involved with the Rotary Club of Mobilong. (Liz is the incoming President).

Our Rotary Club has nominated to cater at the Heritage Machinery Association National Rally, to be held at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge, in March. It is being held over 3 days - 22nd, 23rd, and 24th (Friday to Sunday). The Rotary Club will be catering with a selection of barbeque foods, canned drinks and, possibly, donuts.

The number of exhibitors at this National Rally could be up to 1000 (almost 700 at time of publication) and the event is expected to generate 20-30,000 spectators through the gate over the 3 days.

This will be the largest event that we have ever catered for and it is for this reason that we are seeking help in this area.

If you can cook a sausage, flip a burger or help re-stock supplies from the trailer, we need you.

We would really appreciate a few hours of your time and would love to hear from you.

Anyone who is able to volunteer some time will receive a free pass into the event and a BBQ meal. Talk to me at the club or phone 0408 813 436.

Claude.

Membership Renewals

Last year, this club agreed to change its constitution in an effort to improve and simplify things, particularly relating to membership renewals. Just to make sure that we all understand, it may be a good idea to go through it again. The "Log Book" handling I will leave to the registrars to detail in the next magazine. So here we go:

- The 2018/2019 fees that you have already paid (that is, LAST YEAR) give you an extra 3 months membership **FREE for this time only**.
- The "Membership Renewal Form" will go out with the Magazine at the beginning of **April**, and to those who do not receive the Paper Magazine, at the same time by Australia Post.
- You can pay your fees (\$35) to the treasurer at the **May**, **June or July** meetings, or if you prefer, by post (cheque) or direct bank transfer **BEFORE the July** meeting.
- Please return your "Membership Renewal Form" with your payment or to treasurer if using direct bank transfer.
- Remember, there is NO LONGER a grace period. If you have NOT paid your fees by or at the AGM (this year, Tuesday 2nd. July), you are no longer considered a member and the DPTI MUST be advised and will commence cancellation of your Club Registration, if you have it with this club. If you decide that you wish to remain a member at that stage, you will need to re-apply to the club, be voted in at a meeting and pay your fees. If you also need Club Registration for your vehicle, you will need a new MR334 from the Registrars, a vehicle inspection, and the MR334 must then be presented to Service SA. If all this seems a lot of trouble, IT IS. But we, as a club have no say in this, it is the RULES. So, PLEASE, if only for your own sake, pay your fees on or before the 2nd. July.

If any of this is still unclear, please talk to Claude or myself (John Courtney), Ricky Kaak (Treasurer) or Jamie Brine (Registrar). Again, please do not leave it till too late to avoid additional work for ALL of us.



EDITORIAL.

We all love our cars. They transport from Point A to Point B, come in all shapes and sizes, (a bit like us), carry passengers and all kinds of bits and pieces. However, it is the older vehicles that delight and enthral us the most. Many people wave and look after them on the roads, (I certainly do), and attend open days and static displays, gazing in awe.

Murray Bridge and Districts have been fortunate to host a few vintage/ classic car events in recent months, and all have commanded a huge following of spectators, (including me), and media along the way. As we looked, envied, discussed or dissected, maybe a thought surfaced in our minds, of the lonely vehicle languishing in our backyard and intentions to transform it to its former glory.

The New Year has dawned and perhaps it is time to enact those plans. So best of luck and patience, (we all need that, from time to time), to those of us about to commence that restorative journey, so you too can experience driving the car of your dreams.

To all the other readers who are already driving the dream, sparkle up your "chariot," ready for another year of what promises to hold many exciting outings and events.

Happy driving to all. The Learner Editor – Yvonne Mach.

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi there,

My job has been made so much easier this time round. Our Assistant Editor, Yvonne, is really getting into the swing of things and has written the above editorial piece for this edition. It is just wonderful to see such enthusiasm (not to mention talent!) and I am delighted that our Magazine appears to be in very safe and skillful hands in the future. Thank you, Yvonne!

Hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year and is ready for another year of Car Club activities and events.

Forgive me for using the main photograph on the cover – a change, somewhat, from the usual photo of a restored and pristine vehicle which usually appears. It's good to offer something different occasionally, though. I was so taken with this "project in the rough" at the Australian National Holden event, held at the end of last year at the MB Racecourse . It really "stood out" among all the other fully restored and pristinely presented vehicles on show. Owner Jason Brine (our Jamie's brother) was an extremely proud owner and was very entertaining as he waxed lyrical about his "little beauty". Obviously, in his eyes, it is the most gorgeous car ever witnessed. Who was I to burst his bubble? But I was VERY impressed that he managed to actually DRIVE the car to the event, and, considering the "challenging" state of the interior, I found it hard to imagine actually being able to SIT in it in order to drive it! Beauty certainly is in the eye of the beholder and I wouldn't mind betting that there are a few of our members perusing this magazine who visualise the same glorious dream of a car as Jason does.

Happy reading and "stay tuned"! (Lyn).



MAGAZINE/WEBSITE 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 <u>lyntomwest@gmail.com</u>? Also, please send same to our Webmaster, Pieter Kriel, <u>autocollectorsmb@gmail.com</u> for inclusion on the Club Website. Coming events information and any other articles for the Newsletter should be passed on in the same way. To ensure inclusion in the next Newsletter, articles should reach the Editor <u>AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR</u> to the April meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Lyn W.







PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER the FUTURE of the well renowned TWIN BRIDGES RALLY beyond 2019

Twin Bridges Rally (TBR) Coordinators, Maureen, Graham, Elaine, Roy, Treasurer & Committee, Ricky & Neil have indicated to the ACCMB Committee (ACCMB committee fully agreed with the training of new blood) of their intentions to STEP DOWN from their respective roles after the 8th Biennial 2019 TBR — having then served this role for 6 yrs as co-ordinators, and 4 years as TBR Treasurer & committee.

They feel that it is now time for the **training of new people** for the future, so as to ensure that the TBR continues on into the future & ensuring new ideas by **NEW** people will add colour, variance & contrast to any future events.

Anyone interested would serve with the present coordinators & committee for the next 12 months, right up to and including the 2019 TBR on OCTOBER 18th-19th-20th .

PLEASE CONSIDER SERIOUSLY joining his GREAT team for a well tried and proven event, so that the TBR commenced by Brenda, LATE Les, June, Terry, Lyn & Bob some 14 years ago will **LIVE** on.

Should there be no volunteers forthcoming, 2019 TBR would more than likely be the LAST.

Do we as the ACCMB with some 300 members really want that?????

For further information contact Maureen, Graham, Elaine, Roy, Ricky, Neil or President Claude and arrange a time to sit down and discuss with us what's involved in staging this well known TBR.



MYSTERY CRUISE NIGHT (15-2-19)

** **<u>Please</u>** assemble at the Johnstone Park Community Clubrooms from 4-30 pm onwards.

** Leave at 5-00 pm for mystery cruise (any members unable to leave at 5pm should contact Maureen or Graham for further directions to the venue)

** BYO everything – ie. Chairs, table, eats & drinks.

<u>** Cruise distance</u> – Approx 25 kms. (This is so that members with older vehicles can feel free to dust them off and give them an airing for a short outing)

** All Bitumen roads.

For any further information **<u>CONTACT</u>**, *Maureen or Graham Edwards*.

Phone, 85321175 or 0428813070 prior to the event

*** Please put your name on the run sheet at December and February Meetings ***

7.

Old Government House Run, Belair

Wednesday 10th April

Preliminary Notice

Please note, this was previously listed as "Hills Run" for Sunday 7th April, but they are unable to accommodate us on the weekends. My apologies to any workers who are unable to get "sick" during the week.

Further details will follow later, but we will travel from our clubrooms to the Old Government House, in the Belair National Park, where we will be served morning tea on arrival at 10.30 AM. Cost will probably be \$10, which will include the morning tea with scones and a guided tour of the buildings. BYO lunch, which we will have either at the residence or at one of the nearby ovals. After lunch you will be free to return home, have a look around the National Park or visit the State Flora Nursery, which is just across the road.

So what is the "Old Government House"? It is the former Vice-Regal Summer Residence and was used from 1860 to 1880. It is elegantly furnished with mid-Victorian furniture, has a superb Victorian kitchen in the fully furnished Servants guarters, and boasts South Australia's first indoor swimming pool. Gardens and surrounds are also impressive.

Further details to follow or contact John Courtney, 08 85324107.

PINNAROO CAMPOUT (ADVANCE NOTICE) (APRIL 27TH & 28TH, 2019)

Next year, we will be celebrating our **40TH YEAR** with the **CONROD CAMPOUT**, so come along, join in the Fun & Games, catch up with old friends and meet new ones during the weekend.

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Pinnaroo Motel:		10-12 Mallee Highway Ph: 08 85778261	r, Pinnaroo SA 5304	
Golden Grain Hotel:		Railway Terrace, Pinna Ph: 08 85778009	aroo SA 5304	
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Friday, 26 th April:			– music, beer garden and er facilities, but no power.	
More information in next newsletter.				

Contact:

Alan and Marlene Hagger: 85 354077.

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

December Meeting

Wanted:

VW wide wheels - Tony (0401123283).







8th BIENNIAL TWIN BRIDGES RALLY 2019

BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

OCTOBER 18th—19th—20th

Further details will be published in early to mid 2019

For Further Information CONTACT Graham / Maureen Edwards —0428813070 Roy / Elaine Bretag — 0438425791 Ricky / Neil Kaak — 0434945504 (R) & 0455975055 (N)



Above: Myra Wright found this picture in a magazine and wondered if there was anyone in our Club who might like to "beautify" his/her garden by incorporating an unrestored vehicle within. A rather brave concept, perhaps? – Ed.

Congratulations!

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Dear Federation,

SEATBELT LAW CHANGES FOR HISTORIC VEHICLES

I am writing to advise you that regulation 37(1) of the South Australian Road Traffic (Road Rules—Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2014 has been repealed, taking effect as of 13 December 2018.

The repealing of this regulation means that people travelling in vehicles registered on the Club Registration Scheme (the Scheme) that are fitted with seatbelts must wear those seatbelts.

Previously, this regulation effectively exempted any person travelling in a vehicle registered on the Scheme from wearing a seatbelt, even where the vehicle has seatbelts fitted. As you are aware, a review of the Scheme saw changes to the eligibility age of vehicles from 1 July 2017. As the Scheme is now open to later model vehicles, vehicles that are 30 years old or more (on a rolling basis), many of which are fitted with seatbelts, such an exemption is no longer suitable.

In addition, vehicles registered under the Scheme are now subject to seatbelt and child restraint laws under the Australian Road Rules (the ARR). While rule 267(1A) of the ARR still provides an exemption from wearing a seatbelt if one is not fitted, this exemption does not apply to a person who is under seven years old. In addition, any child under the age of seven must be restrained in a suitable, properly fastened and approved child restraint.

While it is appreciated that this may pose difficulty for vehicles in modifying them to provide for seatbelts and child restraints, allowing children to travel in vehicles without being appropriately restrained is not considered appropriate. Given one third of driver fatalities involve people not wearing a seatbelt, the decision to repeal regulation 37(1) is consistent with South Australia's Road Safety Strategy.

Attached is a copy of the Gazette Notice for your reference. It would be appreciated if this information could be communicated to your members.

Yours sincerely

Emma Kokar Registrar of Motor Vehicles



December 2018

South Australia

Road Traffic (Road Rules—Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Seatbelts) Variation Regulations 2018

under the Road Traffic Act 1961

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Part 1—Preliminary

1-Short title

These regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Road Rules—Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Seatbelts) Variation Regulations 2018.

2-Commencement

These regulations come into operation on the day on which they are made.

3-Variation provisions

In these regulations, a provision under a heading referring to the variation of specified regulations varies the regulations so specified.

Part 2—Variation of Road Traffic (Road Rules—Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2014

4—Variation of regulation 37—Exemptions from wearing seatbelts

- (1) Regulation 37(1)—delete subregulation (1)
- (2) Regulation 37(2)—after "rule 267(3)" insert:

(Exemptions from wearing seatbelts)

Note-

As required by section 10AA(2) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1978*, the Minister has certified that, in the Minister's opinion, it is necessary or appropriate that these regulations come into operation as set out in these regulations.

KOAD I TAILIC (KOAD KULES—Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Seatbelts) Variation Regulations 2018 Part 2—Variation of *Road Traffic (Road Rules—Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2014*

Made by the Governor

with the advice and consent of the Executive Council on 13 December 2018

No 248 of 2018

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Auction Auction Auction

Clubrooms, March 5th, after the General meeting

One of our members, Jack Grover, passed away last year. At one stage, he ran a garage at Woomera and finished up with lots of vehicle related parts. You may remember that these parts and equipment were auctioned off last year. Recently his wife Denise donated the "leftovers" from this auction to the Auto Collectors Club.

Accordingly we will have our own "mini auction" after the March general meeting. All parts will be on display before the meeting.

Some of these parts are listed below. I have listed part numbers where I have been able to find them and in some instances, the identity of that part.

I TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONDITION, THE PART NUMBERS OR THE IDENTITY OF THAT PART. PLEASE VIEW THE ITEMS AND MAKE UP YOUR OWN MIND.

Here are SOME of the parts. Repco Water Pump WP1587 (MAY be Holden EH/HD/HK/HR) **Blueline Water Pump WP220** Motorcraft Water Pump APW5013A Repco Master Cylinder P6614 (Holden HQ Drum Brakes?) Pair Speakers 60Watt, 6 Inch, 4 Ohm Toyota Positraction Diff. Centre (Rear) 4515230 Falcon XF/XD Boot Lock **XF Bonnet Strut** Brake Shoes E1163 Brake Shoes E619A Brake Shoes 1176 Brake Shoes ARC6DZ-2097-BRB Toyota "something" C21352 41011 All the above I believe are new, with the possible exception of the Motorcraft Waterpump. There are also other bits and pieces and some parts cross reference books

As I said, HAVE A LOOK AND MAKE UP YOUR OWN MIND.

John Courtney



Strathalbyn Car Club Rock N Roll Dance

Just a reminder for the Rock N roll night coming up in February. The Rock N Roll dance. 50s 60s & 70's music by a D.J When: Saturday 9th February. Where: Lutheran Hall Strathalbyn BYO of drinks and nibbles. Finger food supper will be provided. The cost is \$15 Per person If interested in going please get your tickets by contacting Barry Marr or Kate. Barry: 0447 870 232 Kate: 0429 671 685

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CHERRY PICKING RUN (12/12/18)

On a fine Wednesday morning 6 ACCMB members met at Johnson Park Clubrooms before heading off to Lenswood in the Adelaide Hill to pick cherries.

Driving via the Old Princess Highway and on to Dawesley, we travelled through Brukunga

and then onto Woodside where we met 3 extra family members who joined us on the way to Lenswood, finally arriving at Stella Creek orchards at 10.30 a.m. in time for morning tea.





The weather was a perfect 25 degrees and it didn't take long, after much tasting of cherries, to fill our buckets with the amount of cherries required . Then we all returned back to the shed to pay.

We gathered our chairs and settled in under the pines for our BYO picnic lunch overlooking the panoramic views

of the valley below.

Thank you to all who joined us today your good company made this event a pleasant day's outing.

(Another good Run organised by Elaine and Roy Bretag – many thanks. Report and photos kindly supplied by Elaine – many thanks. Ed.)

CHRISTMAS PICNIC (9/12/18)

On Sunday, 9th December, members of the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge gathered together in the Clubrooms at Johnstone Park to celebrate Christmas 2018 and the end of another year of Club activities.

The hall had been decorated and set up in readiness on the previous evening by Terry and June Mabbitt, John and Vicki Courtney, Roy and Elaine Bretag, Brenda Cowie, Jan Hall, Helen Hosgood and Tom and Lyn West. Everything looked very festive and it didn't take long for everyone arriving at about 10:00 a.m. to settle down for some convivial chatter with a cuppa and some morning tea.

At about 10:45 a.m., Vice-President, John Courtney, welcomed everyone, ran through some housekeeping notices, encouraged everyone to purchase raffle tickets and, as members have come to expect, related a good joke, this one about himself and his wife facing up to the aging process and lamenting lost youth. He then handed over to Lyn West who introduced Di Walton, from Murray Bridge Players and Singers. Di addressed the group, with a very informative overview of the history of Bridge Players and Singers and its headquarters, and the 'behind-the-scenes' facts regarding the running of the group and producing performances. After her address, interested members were invited, for a nominal donation, to travel the short distance to the Murray Bridge Players and Singers headquarters in Short Street, Murray Bridge, to see for themselves the extent of the complex which caters for all aspects of the organisation's needs – costuming, props, sets, and theatre rehearsal area, etc. The visit was very well received by those who attended and many were surprised and impressed by the facility and gained an insight into the time and effort needed by a lot of dedicated people in order to run an amateur theatrical group. A most sincere "Thank You" goes to Di Walton for enabling our members to experience something quite new to most of them.

Returning to the Clubrooms, lunch was announced by John Courtney and served up by Brenda Cowie and her team of helpers. As usual, Brenda expertly organised the cold meats and pooled salads lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Every club should have a Brenda! Our secretary is a no-fuss, tireless, efficient worker who gets the job done with understated expertise. Thank you, Brenda!

An afternoon of entertainment followed lunch. Lyn West emceed a varied programme of vocalists, musicians and audience participation.

Tom West (accompanying himself on guitar) opened the programme with his own adaptation of a song which he named "Headlights to Tail-lights". This was Tom's second appearance at our Christmas functions and his items have been very popular with the group. Following that, members were invited to stand up while a list of questions was given to them by Lyn. If the answer applied to them, they were to sit down. The last one standing won a prize. A lot of the questions were quite humorous and it brought a lot of laughter. Deidre Kitto was the last woman standing! Next, Lyn performed her version of "Poor MacDonald bought a wreck" (an adaptation of "Old MacDonald had a farm"), a fun story of a car restorer and his wife who were at odds about his hobby. Jill Matschoss accompanied on keyboard. After that, Vernon Graetz and Peter Geue sang a bracket of three songs, which Peter accompanied on his guitar. These two guys hit the stage with absolutely no practice whatsoever and it speaks volumes of their abilities that they were in fine voice and were able to produce very creditable performances under such circumstances. The entertainment then (I don't know whether to say "deteriorated" or "escalated") into a "laugh-a-thon" when one volunteer from each table was requested to come forward to do strange things with oranges. A line of ten people, alternately positioned men and women, brought the house down when they attempted to pass an orange, tucked under the chin, to the next person's under-chin, without using their hands. There were some very close embraces and most unusual body gyrations going on, I can tell you! But, what a lot of fun was had by all, audience and participators alike. Another game followed, this time with skewers and life-saver lollies. This time, EVERYONE took part and tables played against each other. Skewers in teeth, the life-saver was to be passed to the next person's skewer and so on. One person managed to get his nose scratched, so **<u>be careful</u>** if you ever try this game in the future. The entertainment section was rounded off with three Christmas songs performed by Elaine Bretag, Aileen Geue and Lyn West, accompanied by Jill Matschoss on keyboard and Peter Geue on guitar. A very big "Thank You" goes to all who participated in the afternoon's entertainment.

The Raffle Draws were next and Lyn invited Jan Hall and Helen Hosgood to handle this part of the proceedings. Jan and Helen had been diligently applying themselves to the happy task of collecting goodies to make up raffle baskets during the preceding weeks. They obviously enjoyed their task and it was lovely to see. We are all most grateful for their efforts. A volunteer to draw the raffle was requested and Pat Jennings put up her hand. There were nine happy winners of prizes.

Following the raffle draws, John Courtney fronted the microphone again to announce afternoon tea. Prior to that, he thanked everyone involved in arranging the event, naming names which have been previously mentioned in this report. He also paid tribute to the contribution of two of our members who are retiring from the Club – Jill and Leon Matschoss – a couple who will be greatly missed. John then told another joke, asked for people to help clean up once afternoon tea was over and wished everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

A lovely, pooled afternoon tea was enjoyed by all. Everyone was in a happy frame of mind and many, many hands made light work of the cleaning up of the hall afterwards, which was back to its normal self in no time.

It was a very happy day and there was a smile on everyone's face as people left to head home. A great way to end the year (apart from the Cherry Picking Run, of course, which is scheduled for 12/12/18)!

(The Christmas Picnic is organised by the ACCMB Committee and this report was written by Lyn West.)

PIZZA NIGHT (18/1/19)

Well, how lucky can you be! After a few days that the Weather Bureau said constituted a "heat wave", Friday the 18th, proved to be just what the doctor ordered, cool and pleasant. Even sitting in the sun did not cause discomfort, so a very relaxing evening kicked off on our back lawn. As usual, everyone wanted to know what everyone else had been up to over Christmas and offer "Season's Greetings" to those that they had not seen for a while.

Maria from Pizza Hut rang full of apologies to inform us that they had a problem and that the pizzas would be a quarter of an hour late, but that seemed of little consequence as everyone continued their noisy conversations. This of course soon ceased as near silence descended on the crowd with the arrival of the pizzas shortly after and by the time the second batch of pizzas arrived, everyone started to appear very satisfied indeed.

At that stage, most decided to investigate the Courtney restoration progress from last year and fortunately there had been some. We started with the "memorabilia room", which now had at least some items on display. Some old toys, including a Falk steam engine that had been given to my grandfather in 1911, some old PMG equipment and some old signs had made it to the display, plus the latest addition, a Gilbert and Barker petrol bowser, resplendent in its new COR livery. It had only been finished (well, nearly finished!!) a few days before. Then on to the workshop, where some progress had also been made on the 1929 DA Dodge, which now had all new glass windows fitted, door handles, vinyl roof and various other bits and pieces. Naturally, considerable discussion occurred over all these things, before we returned to finish our meal with the customary water melon, pineapple and this year, supplemented by some Courtney nectarines.

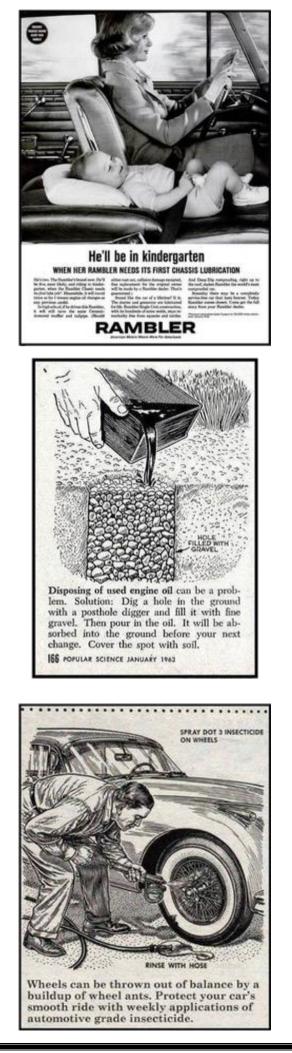
All this seemed to hit the spot, so gradually the crowd decided that they had better go home, so disappeared into the night. Vicki & I hope you all had a very pleasant evening. We certainly did. Thanks for making it another successful "Pizza night".

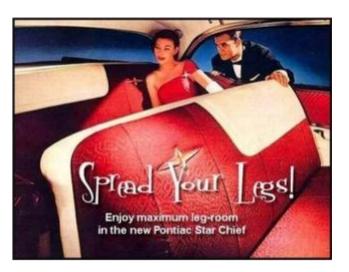
(Many thanks to John & Vicki Courtney for hosting this event and for this Report – Ed.)

The following old advertisements were kindly contributed by Roy and Elaine Bretag, who were quick to remark that none of them would stand up today in more enlightened times! I am sure that they will bring a smile to many faces, though. How did we ever survive, I wonder? – Ed.













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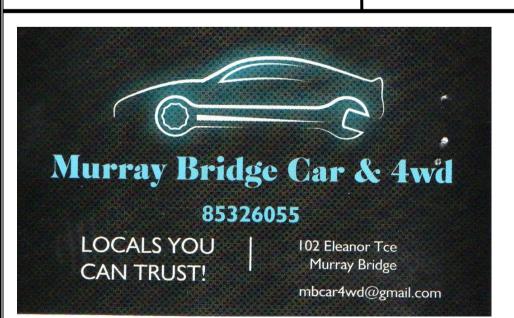
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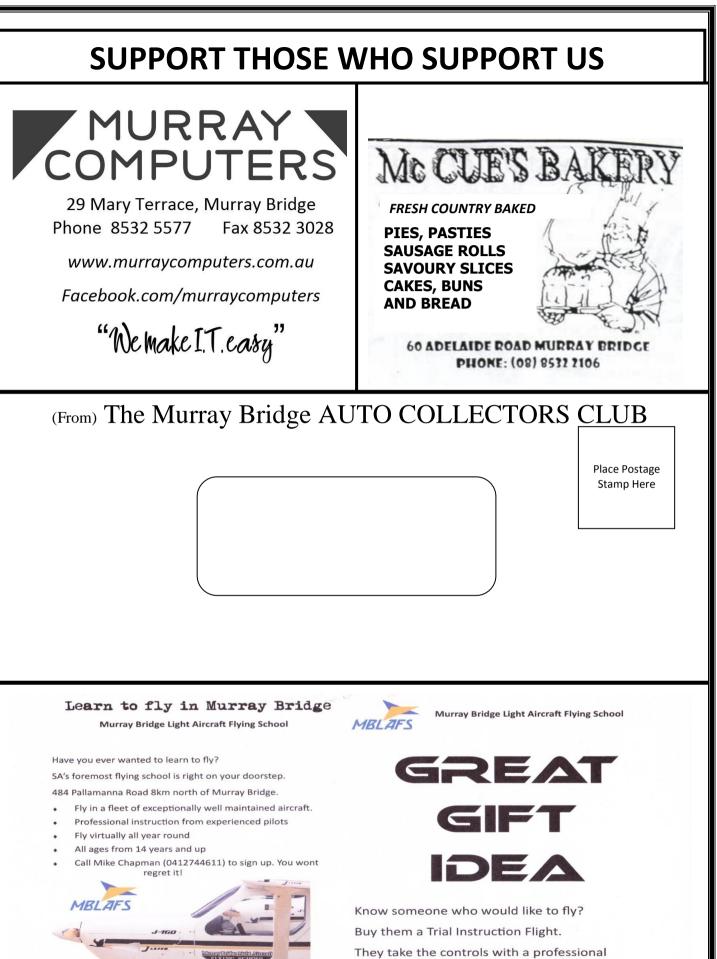


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