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The Official Newsletter of  
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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Terry Mabbitt, Darren Fountain, Brenda Cowie, Roy Bretag, Trevor Wehrman, and Goran Yakas.		
<b>HALL REPS.</b>	Darren Fountain, Jan Hall and one other position to be filled.		
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	Club Fees	Membership \$35 (including children up to 16 years)	

**\*\*(No change to fees for 2021/22, making membership in our Club most cost effective) \*\***

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

### OUR COVER PICTURES:

Brauhaus Hotel at the Barossa and various pictures of club members

enjoying their day out dining and catching up with fellow enthusiasts.

# Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
<b>2021</b>		
Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Birdwood Museum	Claude & Elizabeth Minge
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> (Wednesday)	Drive Your Old Car Day	Jan Hall
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Patron's Run	Bob Hunter
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Murray Bridge Show	Jeff Martin
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)	Wellington Strawberry Fete	Lyn West
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Neutrog Factory Kanmantoo	Graham & Maureen Edwards
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Alawoona Run	Elaine & Roy Bretag
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> (Sunday)	Callington Show	Brenda Cowie
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant	ACCMB Committee
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Christmas Party Palmer	ACCMB Committee
<b>2022</b>		
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	<u>NO General Meeting</u>	
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Pizza Night	John & Vicki Courtney
Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Cruise Night	Jan Hall
Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Mar 6 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Sausage Sizzle	Terry & June Mabbitt
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> (Weekend)	ACCMB 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	ACCMB Anniversary Committee
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.

Apr 6 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Ladies' Day	Brenda Cowie
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Early May	Conrod Weekend	Bordertown Car Club
Jun 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Jun 18 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Presentation Dinner	ACCMB Committee
Jul 5 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.

### **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.*

## Other Events of Interest

Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge
Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Bay to Birdwood	Contact Bay to Birdwood Organisers/ Website
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge

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

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### **MAGAZINE/WEBSITE ARTICLES**

Would members who organize Club Runs please write a report on their run and deliver to Yvonne Mach either by post/hand delivery to the letter box at 296 Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge, 5253, or email to as a **WORD Document** to [yvonnemach@bigpond.com](mailto:yvonnemach@bigpond.com). Also, please send same to our Webmaster, Pieter Kriel, [autocollectorsmb@gmail.com](mailto:autocollectorsmb@gmail.com) 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 **AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the October meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.

### **DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Is extended to club and family members who have experienced the loss of loved ones. Our condolences to our members, Raelene and Colin Wegener, and their family on the passing of Raelene's mother, Mrs. Helen Gladys Paech who passed away peacefully on July 21st, 2021, at the age of 96. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.





# President's Report

FOR THE AGM 6/7/2021

It has been a little over nine months since our last AGM which was held on 1.09.2020. A "Claytons AGM" was held in June 2020 to enable our club to continue with a caretaker committee and office bearers. Even though we encountered many restrictions such as our clubroom being locked down when we did re-open there were a new set of rules regarding numbers attending meetings, signing in and distancing. Whilst these restrictions are still with us, they have been eased; although there remains the possibility of future lockdowns, wearing of masks etc, if and when someone is detected with the virus.

Yes, life is different. We have all adapted to the "new normal". A new normal that will be subject to changes dependent upon factors such as vaccination levels and new strains of the virus, as is evident with the Delta strain. We are gradually returning to some of our normal activities with club runs and social gatherings, but we are mindful of the fact that these could be cancelled or postponed very promptly by a directive issued by SA health or the SA Government.

But rather than paint a picture of "doom and gloom" let us be positive knowing that we are far better off in country SA than our eastern states cities. In fact, Australia is by far the best place to be living during this worldwide pandemic.

Looking back over the year we have had many successful club outings and events. Perhaps down in number from previous years, but hopefully we can improve on that in the coming year. I encourage you as members to throw around some ideas amongst each other regarding possible club runs and activities.

Thank you to those members who have suggested, and organised club runs or outings during this past year. Thank you to all who participated, and we look forward to your continued involvement over the next twelve months. Thank you to all the Club members for making this year the success it has been by adapting to the COVID -19 regulations that we encountered. To the committee and office bearers I thank you both personally and on behalf of the club for your time and efforts volunteered throughout the year. I look forward to working and volunteering with you once again in the ensuing twelve months. Let us also remember that 2022 will be the 50th anniversary of the formation of the ACCMB so please give support to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee members who are planning the celebration of our golden year in March 2022.

PS 24/7/21 I trust you are all coping with the current lockdown. Our Alawoona run on 25.7.21 has been postponed until October. Let us hope that life will be back to normal sooner rather than later.

Claude Minge



## A Healthy Bath

It was MAUREEN'S first visit to a health farm and she was about to experience a milk bath. "Would you like the milk pasturised?" ask the attendant. "Oh, no!" replied MAUREEN, "Up to my neck would be just fine!"



The new 1957 Standard Spacemaster Sedan. It has a different grille, new fin-treatment of the rear wings and several interior refinements. The 68 bhp wet-sleeve engine remains unchanged, as does the three-speed gear-box with synchromesh on all gears. An optional extra is the electrically-operated Laycock de Normanville over-drive.

Thank you to Graham Edwards (above) and Alan Wegener (right) for these contributions.

## THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

### Our New Provisional Members are: -

- John & Elona Koop - 1953 Holden 48 -215 Sedan
- Derick & Kelley Van Caspel– 1977 Ford Fairlane Sedan
- Steven Sim – 1977 Toyota Corolla Sedan

### Achieving Full Membership: -

- Geoffrey & Karen Wegener – 1988 Nissan Patrol Wagon
- Johannes & Deirdre Robat – 1966 VC Valiant Sedan, 1966 Valiant VC Wagon, 1966 Valiant VC Sedan, 1962 Valiant S Series Sedan, 1939 Packard 170 110 Sedan.



Congratulations to you all. We look forward to your continued company at meetings and events.

Trevor Wehrman (Membership Officer)

## From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of “Auto Torque”.

A change of season. Winter has arrived. Brrr. The welcome and highly anticipated rain has been a delight though. It is the time for us to stay indoors in the warmth with a different set of activities and hobbies. I am a bookworm and love nothing better, than in the cold and the wet, to curl up in a chair, listen to the rain and lose myself in the pages of a good book. So, snuggle up in a chair, open this magazine and catch up with all the Auto Collectors Club latest.

Our Presentation Dinner was a very different experience with having a Guest Speaker on the night. Unfortunately, the presentation was difficult to see for those members who were seated towards the back of the room. The good news is, that feedback to the Golf Club, will see the installation of a much bigger screen for future events and controlled lighting.

Brenda Cowie, after 11 years, has handed over the Secretary’s position to Paul Geiger.

Congratulations to Brenda for her enormous effort and hard work over these years on behalf of our club members. The Committee has a few new keen and willing volunteers and have put together a new Calendar of Events. Please refer to page 4 for details. The Anniversary Committee have also been hard at work, progressing the Anniversary Celebrations. A lot of work is happening behind the scenes to propel our club forward over the next twelve months. If you wish to volunteer, extra assistance is always welcomed.

Thank you to all the members who have renewed their memberships and updated their logbooks as at the 30 June 2021. If you have overlooked these, please urgently contact our relevant Office Bearers, and quickly rectify these matters.

Finally, in closing, with limited numbers attending our meetings, I would like to extend congratulations and best wishes to all who have or are celebrating a special birthday or anniversary. Safe and Happy driving to all.

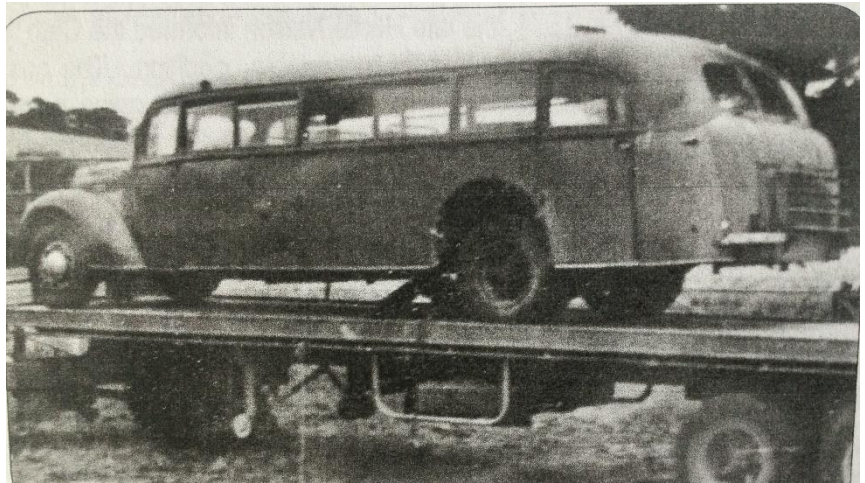
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# COMING EVENTS!

## **BIRDWOOD MUSEUM** **(Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

A run to the museum is planned for Sunday August 29th. Entry is free to all ACCMB club members. This will be your opportunity to view the GMH (Holden) Display; their history and many prototype vehicles such as the GTR-X, as referred to by Graham Hallandal, our guest speaker at our Presentation Night held on June 19th. The Holden display is at Birdwood for 12 months, finishing in December. Of course, all other museum vehicles will be available to view on the day. One in particular that we will focus on is a bus that our club owned and used during the 1970's.

In its day the bus had a custom-built rack at the rear to hold 2 full size kegs of beer. If you would like to know the full story, come along on the 29th and learn about some of our club's history; or for some members to revisit the bus if ever drove it, rode in it, or worked on it.



Format for the day will be a mid-morning departure from Murray Bridge (J.P. Clubroom); Lunch at an Adelaide Hills Hotel - tentatively Woodside/Balhannah but I am unable to confirm due to current lockdown) and then to the Museum for the afternoon. Depart for home at your leisure. I will have a run sheet at the August meeting or contact Claude Minge on 0408 813 436 to confirm attendance.

## **DRIVE YOUR OLD CAR DAY** **(Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021)**

The first day of Spring is promoted by the Federation of Historic Motor Vehicles SA as "Drive It Day" in SA, to be out and about and seen in your historic vehicle.

We are again going to take up the invitation from the Gawler Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club to join them at Bethany Reserve; Bethany Road, Bethany on Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

We will leave the **Johnstone Park Clubrooms at 9.00 am** and travel to Lovells Bakery at Mount Pleasant. BYO Smoko or buy coffee and/or Bakery items from them. Toilets also provided. "Hill's dwellers" are welcome to meet us there, but it would be appreciated if you could let me know if you are going to do so.

At around about 10.30 we will leave from Mount Pleasant to travel to Bethany Reserve.



Bethany Reserve has a large shelter shed and toilets, but there should be quite a few people there, so please bring chairs, tables and whatever else you may need. There are no other facilities there, so bring your own lunch.

This is generally a very well patronised gathering by other clubs and individuals, so a very interesting gathering of vehicles should be present.

Travel home at your leisure.

If you wish to attend, please put your name on the run sheet or contact **Jan Hall** on 0438 607 116.

### **PATRON'S RUN** **(Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

We will be leaving the clubrooms at 9.30am and drive to Ben Finniss' Collectable Classics Car yard in Strathalbyn to view his collection. Morning tea of coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Proceed to Robin Hood Hotel in Strathalbyn for lunch. Price approx. \$20.00 per head.

Please place your name on the run sheet at the meetings or contact Run Organiser Bob Hunter on 8532 1603.

### **MURRAY BRIDGE SHOW** **(Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

Would anyone interested in including their vehicle/s in a Static Display at the Murray Bridge Show on the Saturday, please indicate same on the Run Sheet at the General Meeting. The programme for the day, will be much the same as in previous years, with showing all day and taking part in the Grand Parade at about 2:30 p.m. Vehicles are requested to remain until the completion of the Grand Parade. There will be free entry for the driver only of the vehicle taking part in the display. Any inquiries to Jeff Martin on 0409 321 961.

### **WELLINGTON STRAWBERRY FETE** **(Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021)**

Please note that the Wellington Strawberry Fete Committee have cancelled the 2021 Event. Another Covid casualty. Lyn West (Run Organiser)

### **NEUTROG FACTORY** **(Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

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**ALAWOONA RUN**  
**(Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

ACCMB Club Run to Alawoona, to visit Lloyd Griffiths' personal collection of cars (everything from 1948 Holden 215 to late model Lamborghini).

This will be a 300km round trip from Murray Bridge, so we will have to leave our clubrooms at 8:30 a.m., then on to Karoonda for a short pit stop and morning tea. Then on to Alawoona for an early lunch at picnic area behind the Alawoona Hall (good clean toilets). Then approx. 10 km of good gravel road to Lloyd's Farm to spend the afternoon looking at his vast collection of cars. Return home at your leisure.

PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE A BYO EVERYTHING, LUNCH, DRINKS, CHAIRS ETC. as there is nothing available in Alawoona.

Not suitable for cars that cannot travel at 90 to 100km/h. (Maybe a trip for your modern vehicle?)

For further information about this run, contact Roy of Elaine Bretag. Roy 0438 425 791 or Elaine 0409 056 158.

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## 50th GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

**WANTED** – PHOTOS of ACCMB RUNS, OUTING, GATHERINGS, EVENTS from 2012 – 2021/2 for display at the Club's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> GOLDEN Anniversary. 26<sup>th</sup> -- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022



**Photo above was taken at the ACCMB 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012**

If you have any photos, memorabilia etc that would be suitable for a historic display & the production of a DVD for the weekend of the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations, please CONTACT – **Graham Edwards** 0428813070 – [edwardsgm1@bigpond.com](mailto:edwardsgm1@bigpond.com) or **Elaine Bretag** 0409056158 – [roy.bretag@bigpond.com](mailto:roy.bretag@bigpond.com)

### **ALSO WANTED**

For current /older/original members of the ACCMB, if you have any names, addresses or phone numbers of **past members** who would like to come to the 50<sup>th</sup> weekend, these would be much appreciated by the sub-subcommittee who are endeavoring to put together the invitations.

Please spread the date & word around amongst **current, past & Inaugural ACCMB members** who are still with us, so that this **50<sup>th</sup> GOLDEN Anniversary** will be a very special milestone for all those who have been involved in the “Life & Times” of the ACCMB.

**Thanks, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**





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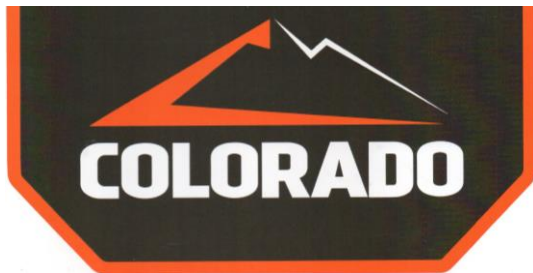
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# ***Run Reports***

## **PRESENTATION DINNER (19/6/2021)**

60 Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) members and guests congregated at the newly renovated Murray Bridge Golf Club (MBGC) function/bar rooms to celebrate the clubs 49<sup>th</sup> annual Presentation night. This being the first one in two years because of COVID restrictions.

General conversation amongst the people present was renewing acquaintance's, COVID and the week's rainfall, set the scene for an enjoyable evening.

With all seated, ACCMB President Claude Minge welcomed those present, including a special welcome to guest speaker, Graham Hallandal, wife Brenda and family, past members along with prospective ACCMB members, before outlining the evenings proceedings.

While attendees chatted, the main course meal of alternate drop chicken and roast beef was served by the jovial, swift and polite waitresses for the evening, while "Barista Barry" manned the bar in between kitchen duties.

Following the main course, the presentation of trophies took place by President Claude and wife Liz, with the winners of the **2018/19** year, being presented with their interesting design and color "keeper trophies". These are presented to the recipients of that years Perpetual trophies.

The winners were as follows,

**Valvoline Trophy** – Jan Hall

**Patron's Run-** Susannah Lambert & Peta Buck

**President's Trophy-** Lyn West

**Sausage Sizzle** – Elaine & Roy Bretag

**Ladies' Day** – Elizabeth & Claude Minge

**Economy Run** – Peter & Aileen Geue

**Most Improved Vehicle** – Ricky & Neil Kaak

**Founders' Trophy** – Elizabeth & Claude Minge

**Mal Fountain Run** – Deidre & Trevor Kitto

**Patron's Run 2019 / 2020** - Wayne Johns



Next presentation were the Perpetual trophies for **2020/2021**, and the winners were as follows,

**Valvoline Trophy** -- for most points scored for attendance of meetings & runs – **Jan Hall**.

**Patron's Run** – Winner of completion set down by Patron – **Jan Hall**.

**President's Trophy** – Member chosen by President for continuing Club service – **Brenda Cowie**.

**Sausage Sizzle** – Winner of quiz set by run organizer – **Maureen & Graham Edwards**.

**Ladies' Day** – Winner of quiz set by run organizer – **Liz & Claude Minge**.

**Economy Run** –Members to determine amount of fuel used by nominated car on run – **Lyn & Tom West**.

**Founders' Trophy** – Most interesting run during year– Karoonda Silo Run -- **John Courtney & Graham Edwards**.

**Mal Fountain Run** – A run completed during COVID at leisure from online download -- **Maureen & Graham Edwards**.

As recipients admired their newly acquired trophies, a delicious and generous serving of either "Sticky date pudding" or "Fruit Salad" and ice cream was served.

It was then time for President Minge to introduce the evenings Guest speaker, well known former businessman – **Graham Hallandal**. His subject – "20 years as an employee with General Motors Holden" (GMH) accompanied by a Power Point presentation **1955 – 1975**.

Beginning his working life as an apprentice Fitter & Turner with GMH, working his way up through GMH into positions of Draughtsman, Senior Cost Estimator in Finance Dept of GMH, Fisherman's Bend, until he was later transferred to the Manufacturing Department as a Senior Engineer, helping coordinate with Opel – Germany with the first Commodore.

Along with many, one of his greatest experience's came with the **TORANA GTR-X** project, which unfortunately because of competition brands releases at about the same time, of similar cars to that of the **GTR-X**, and costing much less, the GMH project was shelved, and now the only remaining **GTR-X** can be seen on display at the Birdwood Museum. Truly a disappointment for the GMH fans at the time, including President Claude's late father, Claude Minge senior.

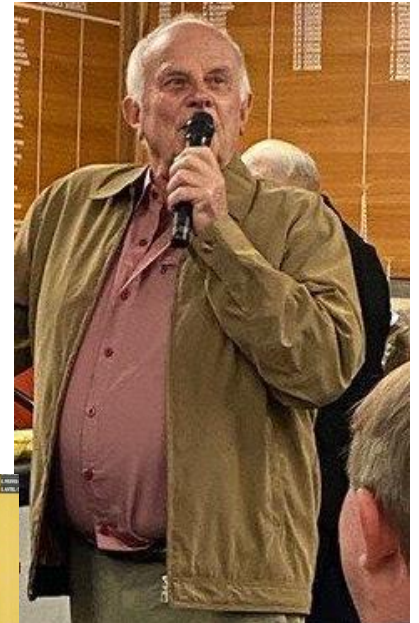
At the conclusion of Graham's informative presentation, President Claude made a small presentation, with all applauding in the usual manner.

With the evening drawing to an end, President Minge gave a sincere thank you on behalf of all present to the MBGC management, kitchen & bar staff for their hospitality, while thanking all for coming and wishing all a safe return home.

(Thank you to Graham Edwards for this report and photos from Graham Edwards and Elaine Bretag)











### **PUB RUN (11/7/2021)**

The sun was shining brightly and warmly as we assembled outside the Johnstone Park clubrooms for what a number of members commented on as being a “civilised” departure time of 10.30. Some rain was forecast, but there was no sign of it yet. 14 cars and 30 people chatted as usual awaiting “starters orders”, among them Jeff and Debb Schiller with their beautiful XJ6 Jaguar, a recent acquisition. This soon caught the admiring eye of Tom West. If only he were still supple enough to get into and out of an XJ6!! Also, Dave and Rhonda Verrall in their lovely little Mini. I think it was a “first run” with this club for both cars. Great to have you along.

So, at the appointed time, we set sail for Angaston. The sun poured through the windows and made for very pleasant driving, but we did notice the gathering of clouds on the horizon. Never mind, we should be nearly there before the bad weather arrived. Through Punthari, Cambrai, Sedan and Keyneton, the landscape looking nice and green after recent rain, but the grass not really very long yet. A lovely drive really. The weather was starting to look a bit ordinary by the time we reached Angaston, but not a problem inside the pub.

I was most impressed with the Brauhaus Hotel staff. They really made us welcome and cheerfully looked after us. That has been my impression from my dealings with them in the lead up to the day and they certainly delivered when we arrived. By far the best mob I have dealt with since organising these pub runs, not to mention good value and great tucker. I was most pleased to offer them a vote of thanks from the members before we left.

As usual, there was lots of noise from everyone as we had a few drinks and waited for our meals. And again, as usual, this noise gradually subsided as the meals were presented. From what I could see, a good meal was enjoyed, as was the good company. Eventually it was all over for another year, as everyone gradually dispersed to find their way home.

I must apologise to Terry Mabbett. The Fairmont had cracked a bit of a wobbly and was not idling properly (it does this from time to time) and stalled when we hit the Walker Flat Road. Took you a bit by surprise, didn't it, Terry. Sorry about that. It played up all day until we got nearly back to Murray Bridge, then came good with only a few kilometres to go. I'll get to the bottom of it one day (maybe).

Anyway, hope you all had an enjoyable day.

(Thank you for the report from Run Organisers, John and Vicki Courtney and Photos from Graham Edwards)

### **ALLAWOONA RUN (25/7/2021)**

Roy & Elaine Bretag advise that this run has been rescheduled to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021. (Please Refer to entry under Coming Events for details.)

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