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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:

Top Left: Day out at Callington Show.

Top Right: Christmas Pageant Scene.

Bottom: Club members on Neutrog Outing.

Far Right: Thank you to John Courtney for this Wedding Day entry.



Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
2021		
Dec 7 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Dec 12 th (Sunday)	Christmas Party Palmer	ACCMB Committee
2022		
Jan 4 th (Tuesday)	<u>NO General Meeting</u>	
Jan 14 th (Friday)	Pizza Night	John & Vicki Courtney
Feb 1 st (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Feb 11 th (Friday)	Cruise Night	Jan Hall
Mar 1 st (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Mar 6 th (Sunday)	Sausage Sizzle	Terry & June Mabbitt
Mar 8 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Mar 26 th & 27 th (Weekend)	ACCMB 50 th Anniversary	ACCMB Anniversary Committee
Apr 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Apr 6 th (Wednesday)	Ladies' Day	Brenda Cowie
Apr 30 th & 1 st May (weekend)	Conrod Weekend	Roy & Elaine Bretag (& Bordertown Car Club)
May 3 rd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Jun 7 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
Jun 18 th (Saturday)	Presentation Dinner	ACCMB Committee
Jul 5 th (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

Dec 5th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge
(Sunday) 3 rd April 2022	McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic	Details this magazine

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

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

McLaren VALE VINTAGE & CLASSIC

On Sunday April 3, 2022, the McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic will return, bringing the region alive once again with a grand parade of motoring history, vintage fashion, local wines, gourmet food and live entertainment. **Vehicle registrations are now open**, and entries can be completed by filling out the online form or printed entry form. The entry fee is \$30 per vehicle. In its 16th year, the event will see more than 500 vintage and classic motor vehicles parade along the streets of McLaren Vale against a breathtaking backdrop of wineries and vineyards.

All vehicles will begin their journey on the open lawns located at the front of Serafino, where entrants will indulge in a delicious breakfast to fuel them for the day ahead, mingle with fellow car lovers and see the range of period outfits from participants. The Grand Parade will officially commence at 11am with all vehicles rolling out of Serafino for the 2km drive along Main Road where hundreds of spectators will line the streets to enjoy the motorcade. All spectators are then encouraged to head down to the participating wineries where a range of vehicles will be displayed and enjoy a day of food, wine, and music.

Please note that if drivers are submitting an online form, they must remember to make payment for their entry fee to the event's account via Internet Banking or through a cheque. Entry cannot be processed until this payment is received. An email will then be sent with a receipt of entry and payment. We would love if you could please help support this local fundraising event and spread the word registrations are now open. Vintage, classic and motorcycle vehicles are all welcome. Please let me know if you require any further information.

Thanks,
Claudia Ielasi
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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. Also, please send same to our Webmaster, Pieter Kriel, 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 February meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.

President's Report



As I write this report for the December/January edition of Auto Torque I realize that the next club function will be the Christmas Party on December 12th, then family Christmas celebrations, New Year's Eve and then 2022 will be upon us. Where has the year gone?

There have been discussions regarding the alteration of our monthly meeting time of 8.00pm to an earlier time. Firstly, we must address the fact that our ACCMB constitution states that our meeting time is to commence at 8.00pm. To delete the 8.00pm meeting time from the constitution we require members to vote at our February meeting; due to no meeting in January. Please read "Notice to ACCMB members"

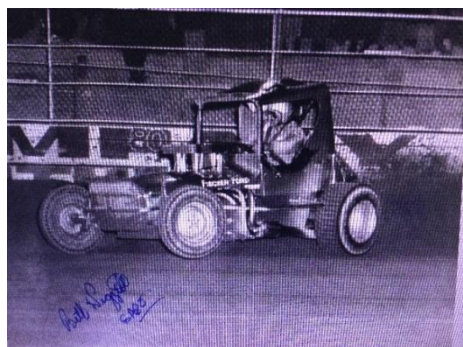
Has anyone checked out the Lloyd's Auction Site? There are many Holden and Ford cars available that are very collectable-that is if you have "a large wallet".

There is also a very unique local vehicle listed for auction.

For anyone who had an interest in speedway, in particular Rowley Park during the 1960's and 1970's and the super modified section, the purple car #88 known as "Suddenly" would be well remembered. Driven by Bill Wigzell this car won many Australian Super Modified titles and State titles, and also held many track records during a very successful era of racing. Owned by Kevin Fischer (Fischer



Motors/Fischer Ford) this vehicle had a formidable reputation throughout Australia. Our club member Roy Bretag worked on and helped run #88 during its racing career. Roy has some great tales to recount about "Suddenly". The car has been on display in the Murray Bridge Speedway clubroom



for the past few years. #88 was locally constructed and developed in the 1960's by Ian Thiel, Roy and a team of mechanics and helpers at Fischer Ford and has always "lived" in Murray Bridge. The auction will determine where the new "home" for "Suddenly" will be. If you would like more information, check out "Suddenly" online.

Lastly to all ACCMB members and your families, on behalf of Liz and myself, we wish you all the best for Christmas and the New year.

Claude Minge

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Notice to ACCMB members of proposed alteration of the ACCMB constitution.

The ACCMB constitution states that "A general meeting of the Club shall be held on the first Tuesday of every month except January, at 8:00 p.m." It is proposed to alter our constitution to delete the reference to "at 8:00 p.m."

To alter our constitution, we will vote at our next general meeting on February 1st, 2022, to delete "at 8:00 p.m."

If this is passed by 75% majority vote by members present at the meeting the club can then determine a new meeting commencement time.

The ACCMB Committee

From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

A year almost gone, Christmas on our doorstep, and the weather is extremely changeable. This continues the theme of the disruption and confusion we all have experienced over the past couple of years. Though the vegetation is definitely enjoying this cool, damp weather providing additional work.

If you have not completed your Christmas shopping yet, consider getting a club jumper and/or shirt monogrammed or purchasing club merchandise (see information at the bottom of this page.) for your vehicle enthusiast.

The 50th Golden Anniversary celebrations in March 2022 are fast approaching and the invitation and registrations forms are attached to this magazine. For those club members who receive an email copy, these forms have been posted to you.

Do not forget to read the information from the committee regarding the proposed amendment to our constitution and have your say and vote at the February meeting.

Most of all, we wish all the members and their families the best of the festive season.

Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to the following: -

- Trevor Kitto who celebrated his 80th birthday on 3rd November.
- Aileen and Jeff Martin who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 25th November.

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COMING EVENTS!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

(Sunday 12th December 2021)

The Auto Collectors Club Annual Christmas Party will be held at Palmer. We will be leaving the Johnston Park Clubrooms at 9:30 a.m. for the Palmer Hall. To satisfy covid regulations the following will apply:

- Members please bring
 - BYO plates, cups, and cutlery.
 - Masks are to be worn except for when eating or sitting.
- The club will provide
 - All food including sweets and will be served to all members.
 - Tea, Coffee, Milk, Sugar.
- For catering requirements, please register your name at the Club General Meeting or contact the President or Brenda Cowie before December 8th, if you will be attending.



The ACCMB Committee

PIZZA NIGHT

(Friday 14th January 2022)

Covid-19 permitting, **IT'S ON AGAIN. Remember, this is a Friday night event.**

Make your own way to John & Vicki Courtney's place to arrive from 5.30 PM. Pizza will be ordered to arrive at 6.30 PM.

NOTE: Please enter from the Riverglades Lagoon side of property, NOT THE NORMAL DRIVEWAY (see directions below) and park in the front yard. Closer to carry chairs and eskies!

Pizza and Watermelon & Pineapple supplied

Cost: - \$5.00 per person

Bring: - Chairs, Drinks, Mosquito Repellent and remember, the mozzies are particularly big and ferocious this season!!

Directions: - Pass through Murray Bridge Main Street and cross the old bridge, follow the Old Princes Highway to the top of Budericks Hill (or the OTR Service Station, for you youngsters) and TURN LEFT into Mitchell Avenue. Follow Mitchell Avenue till you reach Loddon Road and TURN LEFT. Continue to the bottom of the hill then TURN LEFT into Riverglades View (Previously called Murray Drive). Follow this road for 200 metres (it's only a track at that stage) then TURN LEFT into our gateway.

Please let us know if you will be attending so we know how many Pizzas to order! If you have not put your names on the attendance sheet at the December meeting, phone **John or Vicki on 85324107**. Should there be any restrictions due to Covid, I will let you know. Please also let us know if for some reason you need to remove your name from this list, we would not want to over-cater with the Pizzas, would we.



CRUISE NIGHT

(Friday 11th February 2022)

This is an informal run, where you can come and go as you please. **We will not be going as a group from Johnstone Park.**

Leave Murray Bridge on Swanport /Jervois Roads. Turn left onto Swanport Village Road (shortly after passing under the South Eastern Freeway) and follow this road to Swanport Reserve.

Come along for a casual get together, bring your tucker, drinks and definitely mozzie repellent, going on past events be prepared for all weather conditions. Entertainment provided by locals e.g. White Cockatoo's
Join in from 5.30pm onwards. See you there.



Jan Hall (0438 607116) Run Organiser

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Members are: -

- Brian & Rosaria Rainey -2016 Mercedes C250 Sedan, 2020 BMW X1Z5i SUV Wagon, 2021 Skoda Fabia Hatch.
- Kathryn & Owen Rothe – 1939 Plymouth Sedan.
- David & Trudy Brew – 1968 XT Falcon Fairmont Sedan, 1989 VNHSVLE Commodore Sedan.



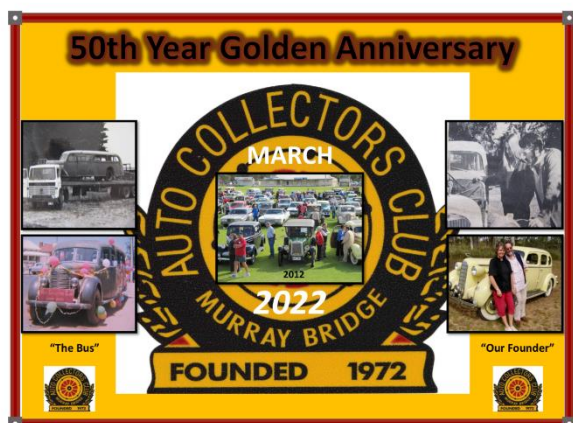
Achieving Full Membership: -

- David Negrin – 185 Corvette Sedan.

Congratulations to you all. We look forward to your continued company at meetings and events.
Trevor Wehrman (Membership Officer)



Photos from Alawoona Run



PRELIMINARY NOTICE for all ACCMB
-- INAUGURAL, PAST & CURRENT
MEMBERS
PROPOSED PROGRAM for the
Weekend of -- 26th – 27th MARCH –
2022

SATURDAY 26th *** **DINNER** -- at the newly refurbished Murray Bridge Golf Clubhouse. 6pm for 6-30pm. Proof of Double Vaccination required. Dress 1970's Style.

*** **Memorabilia** display.

*** **6 Classic vehicle** display.

SUNDAY 27th *** **Re-enactment Run to Mannum**, departing from the **Murray Bridge Wharf** area.
 *** **Midday Lunch** and **Vehicle** display on the lawns of the **Murray Bridge Wharf** area.

This will be catered for, for all **REGISTERED 50th participants only.**

*** **General Public** viewing welcome after the re-enactment run returns from Mannum. **(General Public pay for own meals on the day if required)**

*** **INVITATIONS and REGISTRATION FORMS** will be sent out in December **2021**, for all those past members whose names/address/phone/email we have been able to source. If you want to make sure we have your current details and wish to attend, please contact one of the INVITATION COMMITTEE listed below **prior to the event or when you receive this Auto Torque magazine or view on the ACCMB website.** autocollectorsmurraybridge.com

AGAIN -- If you or a known friend of previous years, who were members of the ACCMB have not received yours, it maybe because we don't have your current contact details, if this is the case **please CONTACT one of the names below ASAP**

Because of **COVID 19** restrictions, it has been necessary to cap the attendance for the **SATURDAY night dinner** to around **150**. **NB - REGISTRATIONS** will be accepted on a **first in registered and payed basis**, after that a **reserve list will be kept.** **DON'T MISS OUT – REGISTER EARLY**

Please spread the word around amongst **Inaugural, Past & Current ACCMB members** who are still with us, so that this **50th GOLDEN Anniversary** will be a very special milestone for all those who have been involved in the "Life & Times" of the ACCMB over the last 50 years.

Thanks, 50th Anniversary Committee

50th ANNIVERSARY INVITATION COMMITTEE

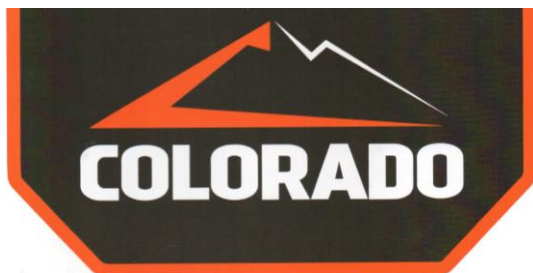
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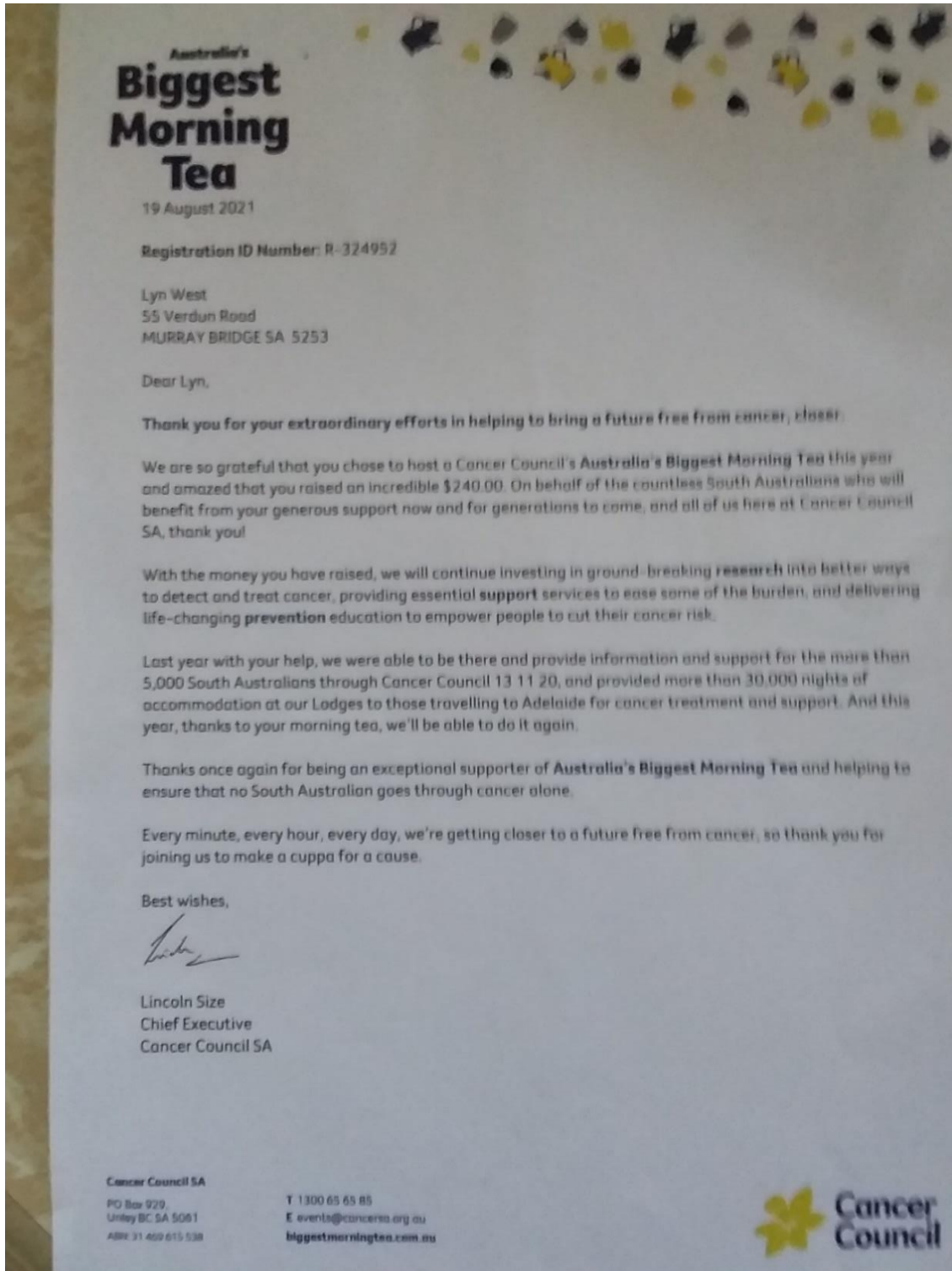
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Run Reports

BIGGEST MORNING TEA (14/3/2021)



Thank you and congratulations to all the members who supported the above event. Lyn West.

NEUTROG FACTORY KANMANTOO (7/10/2021)

Making “Fertilizer While the Sun Shines” was the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) theme for their latest run while COVID restrictions have been somewhat relaxed in South Australia.

October 7th in warm spring weather, 23 ACCMB members in their 13 classic / modern vehicles, as usual assembled at their clubhouse for the usual sign in, and the distribution of details to participants by Neutrog run coordinators – Graham & Maureen Edwards.

Last minute changes, back to the original route was brought about by a couple of apologies and a no-show member, but that’s life in today’s COVID world.

The convoy departed the clubhouse right on 9am, heading along Thomas St, Cypress Tce., left onto Rocky Gully Rd, before continuing onto Monarto Rd, before the group took a short stop off to view the new Monarto Safari Park (MSP) visitors entrance and the new Visitors buildings and parking currently under construction. This was all viewed by members on top of the pipeline earth ramp, a very convenient place to view the operations from. Many ACCMB members had no idea that the entrance to the MSP would soon be changed from the Old Princess Highway, to avoid massive congestion on busy weekends, to a much safer Monarto Road entrance.



Following the viewing and information of the new site by run organizer Graham, it was off to the Neutrog factory at Mine Rd, Kanmantoo, where ACCMB members were met and welcomed by Neutrog’s Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Ms. Megan Lannan.

With all vehicles parked for viewing, members checked into COVID and were ushered into Neutrog’s board room, where their BYO morning tea was had.



Ms. Lannan introduced then the speaker, Customer Relations Manager Mr. Paul Dipuglia who delivered a most informative talk on the vast selection of garden products produced onsite, those included names such as Bush Tucker, Dead Horse, Litter Bugs, Rapid Raiser and Who Flung Dung, just to name a few, all available from selected stores nationally.

Neutrog was formed in 1988 and is situated on 20 acres and employs over 50 people at Kanmantoo and would employ more if they could. Neutrog’s name was born from the combination of “Nutrients & Organics” to accurately reflect the true nature of products manufactured. Neutrog supplies some of the most magnificent gardens and grounds in



Australia and around the world and are currently exporting large quantities from Australia to places like Vietnam, Singapore, Korea, and Taiwan. At the conclusion of Mr. Dipuglia’s deliverance, ACCMB daily run organizer Graham, presented tokens of appreciation to Ms. Lannan, Mr. Dipuglia and Managing Director, Mr. Angus Irwin, while ACCMB members showed their appreciation with acclamation for their visit.

Then it was onto the Rufas coach driven by Gavin, to give ACCMB members a guided tour of the facility, with mind boggling statistics and explanations by tour guide, Managing Director Angus Irwin, with members being amazed at the row upon row of all sorts of “S..t”, destined to be reproduced into high quality fertilizer. On return to the factory, members were given a “sneak peek” of the laboratory, before heading off to the newly renovated Callington Oval Bistro for lunch.

On arrival, Chef Tricia welcomed members to the bistro, and after a delicious lunch, ACCMB President Claude Minge thanked run organizers, Graham and Maureen Edwards for another great outing. Graham responded also thanking Bistro Chef and Staff for a great lunch.

(Thank you to the Run Organisers, Graham & Maureen Edwards for this report and photos.)

ALAWOONA RUN (10/10/2021)



A LEGEND IN THE MURRAYLANDS.

On the 10th of October 2021. The Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge were finally on track to visit Lloyd Griffith's private motor vehicle collection at Alawoona. This event was previously cancelled back in July due to our state covid shut down.

There were 27 vehicles with 62 members and friends who left the

Johnston Park Clubrooms at 8:30 a.m. to travel to Karoonda for a short coffee and pit stop, then travelling on to Alawoona to regroup before heading out to Lloyd Griffiths Enterprise Estate.

Lloyd greeted us at the main shed containing an almost complete display of Holden vehicles from a 1948 -215 to the latest Monaro and Commodore models. When we were

finished inspecting all things Holden, we went up to Lloyd's

workshop area where we chatted while enjoying our BYO lunch, this also allowed run organisers Roy and Elaine Bretag to thank our host with a small gift for his time and effort in sharing his collection with us.

President Claude Minge also congratulated Lloyd on his vast collection of Holden cars which shows us how passionate he has been over the past 40 years, in bringing these vehicles together which has been an inspiration to us all.



After lunch we were on the move to another two sheds containing original and restored assortment of vehicles from 1920's to modern including Buick, Daimler, Dodge, Chevrolet, Jaguar, Toyota Landcruiser, Nissan, Honda, Lamborghini to just name a few, and all of this interspersed with an extensive collection of motorcycles, from Drag racing to road and track bike of all many makes and models.

It was not too surprising to see why these vehicles are kept under lock and key.



At about 2:30 p.m. after a most enjoyable day out, our thoughts were turned to the drive home. Congratulations and thank you again to Lloyd Griffith.

YOU ARE A LEGEND.

(Thank you for the report and photos from the Run Organisers, Roy & Elaine Bretag.)

CALLINGTON SHOW (31/10/2021)



On a Sunny Sunday Morning at 9am 8 cars left Johnstone Park Club Rooms bound for the Callington Show. We were directed to the Bottom Oval where there were Animal and Bird kites flying high due to a gentle breeze, Clydesdale Horse's showing their skills, Side Show rides and Food Stalls.

Around the perimeter of the Top Oval were exhibits, stalls, music, Dog's performing their

agility skills, Stationary Engines and Tractors. The presentation of the Show Grounds was immaculate, well done to the organisers. In between the Oval's was a shelter shed where some of the Club Members were handing out goodies and signing children's Trail Blaze handouts, marking off all the displays they had visited during the day.

Great Show and weather were perfect. Callington Show is worth a visit in the future.

(Thank you to the Run Organizer Brenda Cowie, Report by Jan Hall. Photos supplied by Jan Hall and Kevin Hosgood)



MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (20/11/2021)



On Saturday November 20th the 2021 Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant was held at Sturt Reserve. Last year the Pageant was cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

This year the Pageant was very different to the format that we have been

accustomed to prior to Covid 19- a format we perhaps took for granted for the past 50 years. Thanks to the organisers of this year's event for their ability in adapting the Pageant to conform to SA Health regulations and making it a reality. Limitations such as



all participants must travel in vehicles meant that there were no marching bands or walking displays; no throwing of sweets to the crowd; Covid sign in required; and the parade route limited to a lap around Sturt Reserve; etc. This created a very different style of pageant for both the participants and the crowd attending. The weather was cool. The crowd was enthusiastic and welcoming to the parade. Thank you to the five club cars that joined with Liz, some of our family and me in our Studebaker representing the ACCMB in the pageant. John and Carol Ali in their International Ute, Bruce and Marcia



Eldridge in their Mercedes Benz, Bob Hunter in his M.G., Robin Kavooris in his Valiant Wagon and Allen and Eunice Wegener in their Ford Falcon.

There are some S.A. country towns that have cancelled their annual Christmas functions so let us be grateful that Murray Bridge was privileged to have held this event successfully.

(Thank you for the report from Run Organisers Claude & Liz Minge. Photos supplied by Bob Hunter.)

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