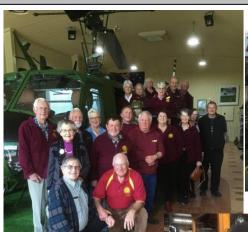


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# **AUTO COLLECTORS CLUB**

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#### ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS

#### 2023/2024

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Club Fees Membership Fee of \$50.00 (including children up to 16 years)					

\*\*(Joining Fee for Provisional Members \$30.00 from 8/11/2022, Logbook Fee \$0.00 from 13/7/2023 and an Annual Hard Copy Magazine Fee \$20.00 from 1/7/2023.) \*\*

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER

#### **OUR COVER PICTURES:**

Port Pirie Weekend.

# **Calendar of Events**

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
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2023		
October 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
October 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Twin Bridges Rally	Twin Bridges Committee
(Weekend)		
October 21 <sup>st</sup> (Saturday)	100-year Anniversary Sandalwood	Debbie Schiller
	Hall	
October 29 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Callington Show	Brenda Cowie
November 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
November 14 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant	Claude Minge
(Saturday)		
December 5 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms 7:30 p.m.
December 10 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	ACCMB Christmas Party	Debbie Schiller / ACCMB Committee
2024 January	No General Meeting	
January 19 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Pizza Night	Claude Minge
February 6 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
February 9 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Cruise Night	Jan Hall
March 5 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
March 12 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
March 17 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cambrai Run	Graham Edwards
March 30 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Loxton Run	Jeff Schiller
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
April 13 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> (Weekend)	Conrod Weekend Hosted by ACCMB	To be advised
April 29 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)	Federation Tour Lunch	Brenda Cowie

#### 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**

October 22nd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
November 5th	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
November 26th	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
December 3rd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge

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

# **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 <u>WORD</u> <u>Document</u> to <u>autocollectorsmb@outlook.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 December meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.



**Pictures in Stitches** Proprietors Bronwyn and Matt Phone 8538 2859 Email: <u>picturesinstitches@gmail.com</u> Website: picturesinstitches.org Contact this business to arrange our club monogramming for your club shirt and/or jumper. Items will be picked up and delivered from

depot at 19 Reserve Drive Murray Bridge 5253

# WELL WISHES

We are aware of club members currently experiencing health and wellbeing issues. We offer our wishes to you and trust you get well soon, enabling you to re-join our club activities.



# **President's Report**

Time for my first President's Report.



We are now starting the time when spring and summer are starting. Hoping it does not get too hot.

We have had three or four runs so far, unfortunately not well attended, except for the Meningie Hotel run. Twin Bridges Rally is performing well this year.

Our Registrar's now have two laptops'. We also have a new printer. A new photocopier will be delivered to our Editor Yvonne. All curtesy of our State Gov.

Michelle from McMahon's Services contacted me to see if we could provide Classic Cars for the opening of the OLD MURRAY BRIDGE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT. We are providing trucks and cars for this event on Sunday 24th September 2023. Well Done, Members.

Harry Howitt.





# From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

I found an article recently, when cleaning up some paperwork and have decided to share it with you all. Hoping you enjoy it as much as I did.

#### HANG ON TILL YOUR'E 80 - IT'LL BE WORTH IT.

I have good news for you.

The first 80 years are the hardest.

The second 80 years are a succession of birthday parties.

Once you reach 80, everyone wants to carry your baggage, and help you up the steps. If you forget your name, - or anyone else's name, -or an appointment, - or your own telephone number, - or promise to be in three places at the same time, - or can't remember how many grand-children you have, You need only to explain that you are 80!

Being 80 is a lot better than being 70. At 70 people are mad at you for everything. At 80 you have a perfect excuse- no matter what you do. If you act foolish- it's your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain.

Being 70 is no fun at all.

At that age they expect you to retire in a house near the sea-And complain about your arthritis (They used to call it lumbago) And ask you to stop mumbling because you can't understand them. (Actually, your hearing is about 50% gone).

If you survive until you are 80 – everybody is surprised, you are still alive. They treat you with respect- just for having lived so long. Actually, they seem surprised that you can walk and talk sensibly.

So, please folks- try to make it to 80. It's the best time of your life. People forgive you for everything! If you ask me—life begins at 80!

Safe and Happy driving to all. Yvonne

# **BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations are extended to any Club Member and their family who have celebrated a special birthday or anniversary recently.



# **THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

#### Our New Provisional Members are:

• Paul & Narelle Marsden – 1978 Torana SL Sedan.

#### Achieving Full Membership

• Noel & Julie Jackson 1988 VL Commodore Sedan.

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



# **CLUB CLASSIFIEDS**

#### September Meeting.

For Sale.

- 1979 CM Valiant GLX 32K. Contact Suzannah 0421 899 704.
- AU & AE Series Falcoln parts. Contact Suzannah 0421 899 704



The following archive article was printed in the "M.V. Standard" on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1982.

# Trial might be annual event.

The success of Suday's Murray Bridge Auto Collectors Club observation trial means it might become and annual event.

Fourteen cars belonging to members of the local club left Pine Park on Sunday morning to find various items and signs in the town.

Members, upon completing their observations, found themselves at the home of Mr & Mrs P. Klingberg at Rocky Gully, where a barbeque chicken lunch was provided.

The Trial was won by Terry & Judy Franklin.



#### **TWIN BRIDGES RALLY**

(Weekend 13 – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023.)

Registrations for this Rally have now been closed. Details for the weekend have been advised to all participants.

Event organisers are Brenda Cowie and Jan Hall.

## **100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY SANDLEWOOD HALL**

(Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023)

Sandalwood Hall Centenary celebrations: Invitation to display Classic Vehicles. Date: Saturday October 21st, 2023 Time: Vehicles to arrive by 10:00 a.m. at Hall Lunch: Free BBQ lunch for Driver A Flyer regarding the event has been circulated to members via email.

Run sheet available at General Meeting on October 3rd or contact Secretary, Debbie Schiller.

# **CALLINGTON SHOW**

(Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023)

- Please be at the clubrooms, <u>ready to LEAVE BY 9:00 a.m.</u>, as we will not be allowed entry at the Show after 9:30 a.m., when the gates are closed to exhibitors.
- Members coming from the hills, etc., may meet us near the oval gates as has occurred in previous years.
- It is expected that vehicles will remain for the day, i.e., until 4:30 p.m. Anyone needing to leave early, under exceptional circumstances, will need to clear it with the exhibit's organizer on the day.
- If you will be attending and wish to show your vehicle, please make sure you include your name/s on the Run Sheet at the General Meeting on 3rd October 2023.
- Our club has been allocated a limited number of tickets, so do not delay.
- Contact Run Organiser, Brenda Cowie on 8531 0151

# **MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

(Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023)

Final details regarding this event have not yet been advised to the Club but will be provided to those members registering their interest on the Run Sheet which is available at the General Meetings. Contact Claude Minge for further information.

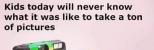


# **ACCMB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

(Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

This event is currently in the planning stages. Run sheet to register your attendance is available at the General Meetings. Debbie Schiller, Secretary /ACCMB Committee









BELOW-FROM THE WHYALLA CLUB' NEWSLETTER!

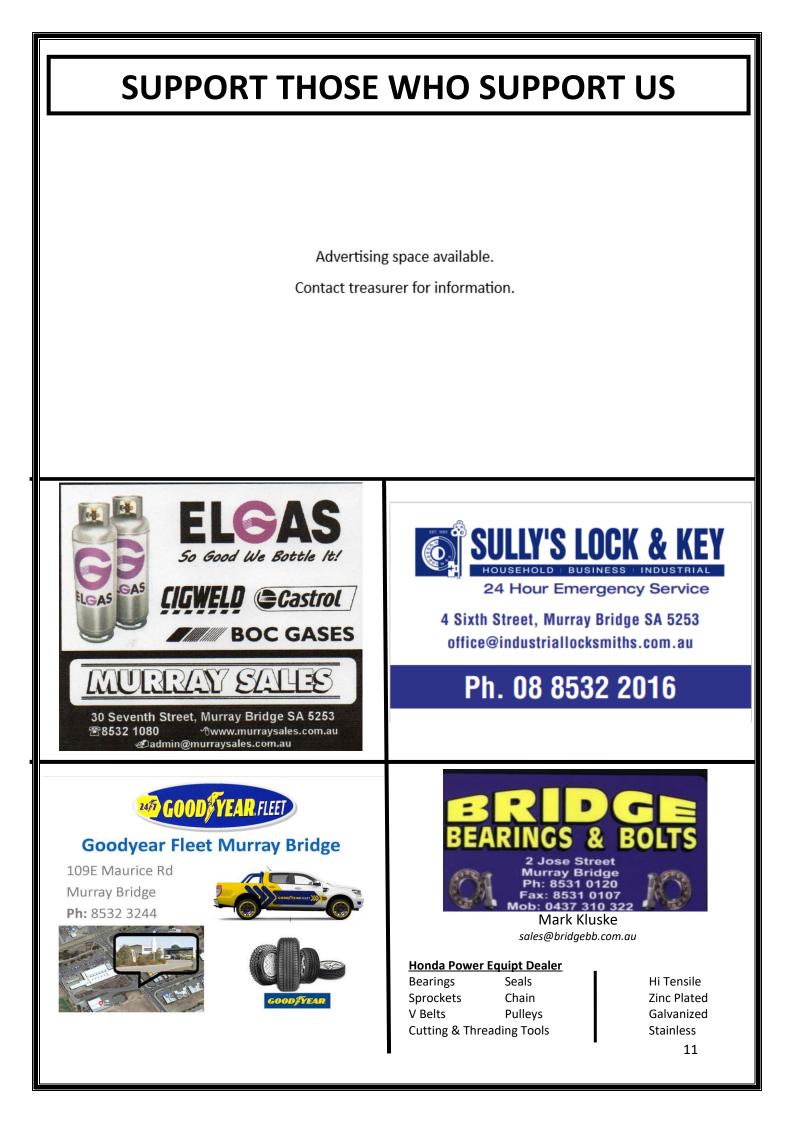
#### Dear members,

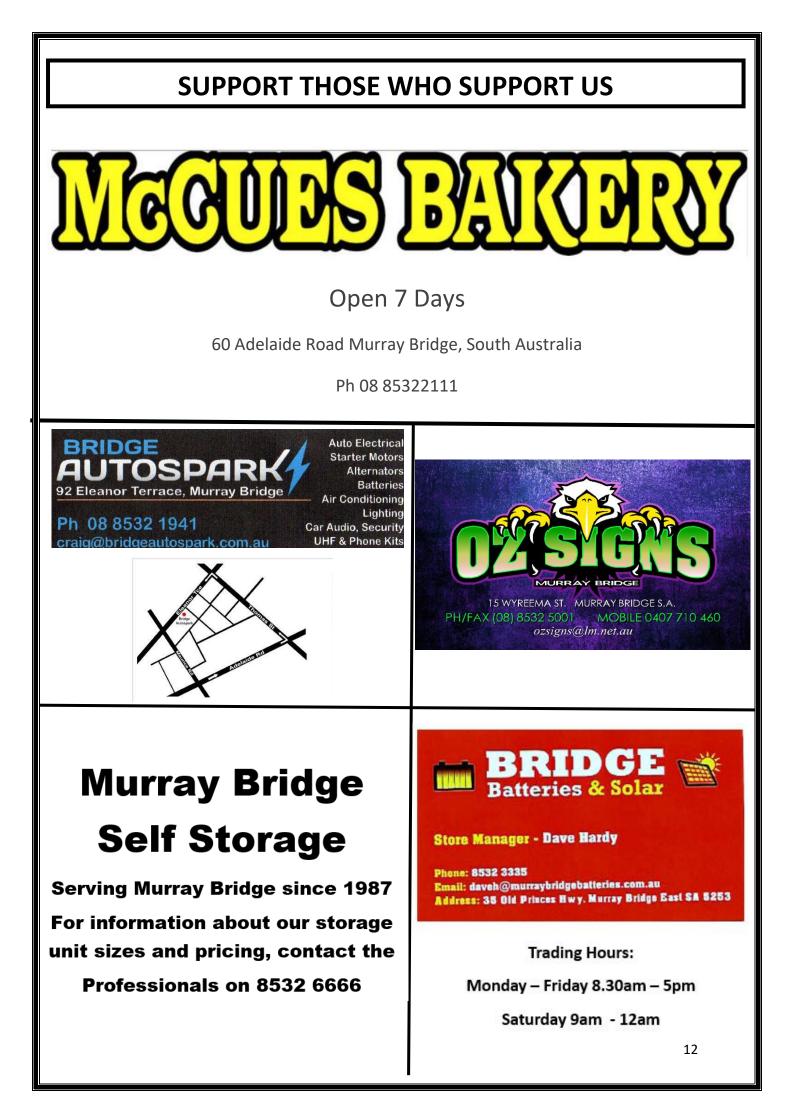
It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few local businesses as a result of COVID-19.

A local bra manufacturer has gone bust, a submarine company has gone under, a manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation, a dog kennel has had to call in the retrievers and a company supplying paper for origami enthusiasts has folded. The local strip club has gone tits up, Interflora is pruning its business and the plumber has gone down the drain.

The saddest one though is the ice cream van man found dead covered in nuts and raspberry sauce. He couldn't take it anymore and topped himself.

(Thank you to Graham Edwards for providing the cartoons used in this edition of the magazine)







# PORT PIRIE RUN 12 – 14<sup>TH</sup> /8/2023

Andy and I arrived at the Clubrooms about 8:00 a.m., expecting a large number of cars. There were 4 olds, my EJ, Ian & Lynette Buchanan's Camaro, Ricky Kaak in her camper and David Negrin in his



corvette. At the departure time, all engines started except Ricky. The Camper had a flat battery, but Ricky was prepared and with jumper leads and a guick jump start, we were on our way. It rained, not heavy, through to Palmer, Tungkillo, Mount Pleasant, Williamstown to Gawler. Having Andy and G.P.S. on his phone,

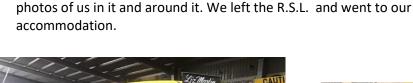
made thing easy. Through Gawler, Mallala, and then Port Wakefield, where we had





a quick morning tea. Wayne & Viktoria Johns and Han & Deidre Robat met us there. We went left to Kulpara, Ninnes, Bute, Port Broughton, and onto Port Pirie. We arrived at the R.S.L. about 12:41 p.m. and were welcomed by the President, Haydin

Madigan. The volunteers had prepared a light lunch of pies, pasties, sausage rolls and scones, jam, and cream. After lunch we worked our way through the



display. The Huey Helicopter was the favourite. Graham took several







We met at the Risdon Hotel for tea where we were entertained by the women's football.

Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. we met at the Transport Museum, starting with a small shed. It had a lot of small bits and pieces. We made our way into the big shed, which was full of you name it, it was in there, followed by a very nice barbeque lunch and salad. I was about to thank them for lunch when Claude beat me to it. Thanks Claude. The Railway Museum was closed for renovations.

On Monday morning, myself, Andy, Jeff & Aileen Martin, John & Lelene Schwerdt made our way to Yacka. Steve Hyde had a large collection of old photos of the town. He also had an old FX Holden. It was sold new from the same garage. It was found on a farm under a tree. We talked about it for about an hour, then made our way home. I think we all had a good weekend. Thank you for attending.

(Thank you for this report from the Run Organiser, Tony Brine, and for the photos from Graham Edwards.)

## **BEND SUPERCARS STREET PARTY 17/8/2023**

Information regarding this event is not available at this time.

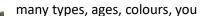
# DRIVE YOUR OLD CAR DAY 1/9/2023



On the 1st of September, 4 cars left Johnstone Park Clubrooms at 9am and travelled up to Mt Pleasant, meeting up with our leading vehicle for

10am morning "tea" at the Bakery. Travelling through many lovely crops of canola, green grain, so many gumtrees, winding roads, uphill and down dale, at least our little cars thought this is fun. As we continued after almost 100kms, up came a sign or two, more old cars

etc. Bethany, what an eye opener for at least 2 of us in the group. We were shown our parking spots. The area was packed out with





name them, possibly at a guess around 200 vehicles, trucks, motorcycles. Time now for lunch, a walk around, many admiring our cars. On our walk we came across 4 more of our members, making

up to 7 cars. Next was time to pack up and venture home, about 200 kms all up.

(Thank you for this report and photos from the Run Organiser, President Harry.)





## PATRON'S RUN 6/9/2023

We left the Clubrooms at 10:15 a.m., with 6 cars and 11 people. The weather was perfect and the countryside a picture with the canola crops out in yellow bloom. Ben was there to welcome us, and insisted they blind fold me, as he had a surprise to unveil. It was a beautiful cream sponge cake that we duly demolished. He claims his wife made it for us. Thanks to Ben and wife. I have been jokingly complaining to Ben about the quality of his morning teas, of biscuits, tea, and coffee. I did suggest Latte and sponge cake, so perhaps next time we may get the "Latte". We then proceeded to the Commercial Hotel for a very enjoyable lunch and then made our way back home to Murray Bridge.



(Thank you for this report from Run Organiser, Bob Hunter, and for the photo from Harry Howitt.)

## MURRAY BRIDGE SHOW 23/9/2023

Once again, the Murray Bridge A. & H. Society has been and gone and the Club was asked to supply a display of some of the vehicle's members are so proud of. It would seem that many of our owners



are extremely busy and unable to attend at this time of the year. However, despite that, 6 names were listed as being able to attend on the sheet at the last meeting and they gathered at our usual position on the Showgrounds on Saturday morning. Our numbers were increased by some new members showing up and joining the early arrivals. As the spectators arrived, they wandered around the vehicles and got to speak to the owners, who were only too willing to explain all the attractions of the displayed vehicles. It is amazing how many onlookers will start their conversation with "my grandfather, or my uncle had one of these models which were exactly the same as this one, only it was a different colour and had a lot more accessories fitted".

The weather was excellent and soon the owners took out the chairs and tables and settled down to a lot of conversations, mostly about cars, etc. As the crowd increased more questions and stories were exchanged between owners and spectators and all seemed satisfied that the display was a very interesting one indeed. Because the "Grand Parade" was not included in the display for the day, we were able to have an "early minute" and were able to start on our way home around mid-afternoon. All in all, it was a good display, and the weather was in our favour. I thank all the members who were able to attend and present their vehicles.

(Thank you to the Run Organiser, Jeff Martin for this report and Harry Howitt for the photos.)

## OLD MURRAY BRIDGE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT 24/9/2023.

Information regarding this event is not available at this time.

# WANTED – ACCMB PUBLICITY & ARCHIVES OFFICER

Hi Members.

As you would have heard at the 2023 ACCMB AGM when nominations were read out – I indicated that I will be standing down from this position at the next AGM (2024).

After 13 years in this position, I feel it is time to stand aside and let a younger person take on that Committee position.

I indicated that an apprentice for the remainder of the 2023-2024 Club year would be to the advantage of the club, to learn the ins & outs of dealing with the media & all that goes with the position. It is and has been a very rewarding 13 years for me and I know for many, many regular readers in the public, who look forward to reading what the ACCMB has done & is about to do.

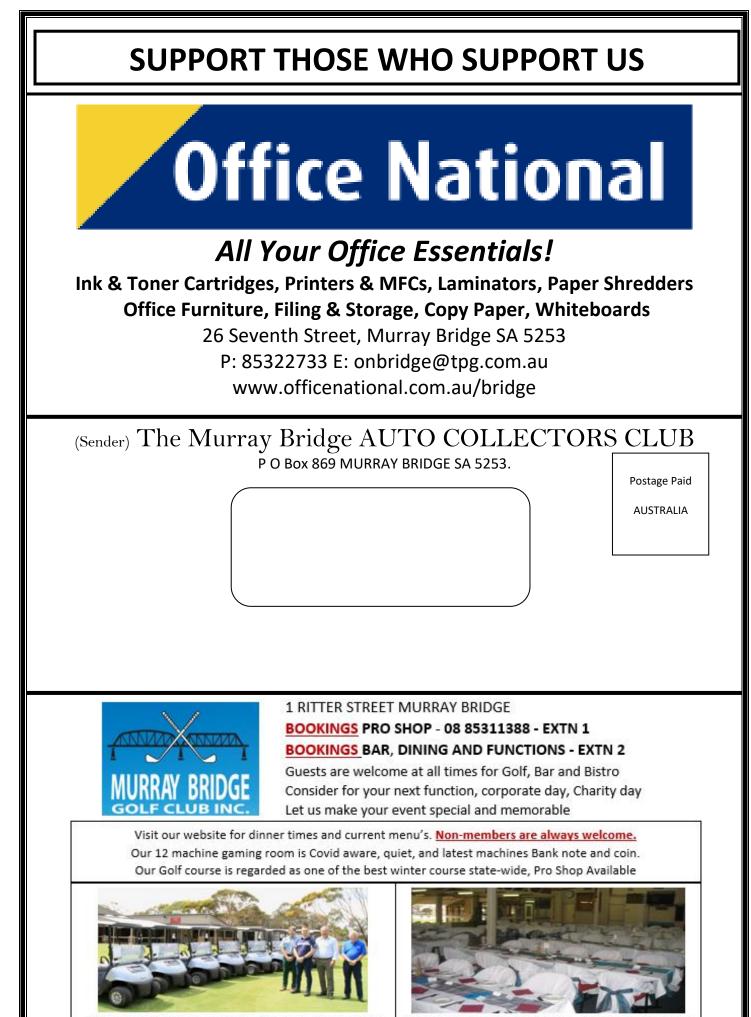
So, I would like to remind <u>ALL ACCMB Members</u>, that unless this position has been filled by next AGM, the ACCMB will be without a committee person acting as Publicity/Archives to handle this very important part of a very successful club that will be 52 years of age next March.

To the 250 plus members of this club, please give this <u>URGENT/SERIOUS</u> consideration to serve the remainder of this 2023-2024 year as my <u>Publicity Apprentice.</u>

This would please me no end, and I am sure the <u>President &</u> <u>Committee of the ACCMB</u>. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming my apprentice for the remainder of the Club year, & I will outline what duties need to be performed.

Kind Regards, Graham Edwards, Current Publicity/Archives Officer. 22-9-2023





10 Electric Buggies available kindly sponsored by Jackson's 4x4 Murray Bridge Birthdays, weddings, wakes, parties all catered for at our upgraded function room