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**\*\* (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: Top: Cruise Night. Middle Left: Vintage Machinery Outing. Middle Right & Bottom Left: Ju Jubes Run. Bottom Right: Loxton Run.**

# Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
2024		
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
April 12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> (Weekend)	Conrod Weekend Hosted by ACCMB	Claude & Liz Minge
May 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
May 13 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)	Federation Tour Lunch	Brenda Cowie
June 4 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms - 7:30 p.m.
June 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)	ACCMB Annual Presentation Dinner	ACCMB Committee
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday)	A.G.M. & General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
July 9 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 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

April 7 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
April 28 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
May 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
May 13 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)– May 24 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	South East Safari Tour 2024	Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc.
May 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
June 7 <sup>th</sup> (Friday) – June 10 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)	2024 HD – HR Holden Nationals Murray Bridge SA	Details this previous issue.
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
July 7 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
July 28 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum

*(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 **WORD Document** to [autocollectorsmb@outlook.com](mailto:autocollectorsmb@outlook.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 June meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.

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## President's Report

There is no report for this issue, because of ill health.  
We wish our President, Harry Howitt, a speedy recovery.



## LOGBOOKS RENEWALS 2024/2025

### A reminder.

The Registrar Team need to restamp all club members logbooks yearly. All Logbooks will be collected at Club Meetings in May, June, or July only. The renewals will be processed and posted back to members in due course. You will need to provide your logbooks, registration papers, membership payment receipt from the Treasurer or a copy of your direct deposit for the payment of your Club Membership Renewal and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Registrar team at the meeting night. To avoid delays, please note that the Registrars no longer handle money.

Thanks

The Registration Team.



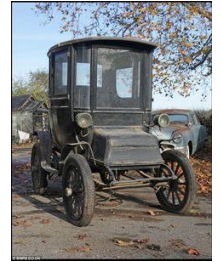
## THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Members are: -

- Sara-Lee Chester & James Fitzhardinge – 1951 Citroen Light IS Sedan, 1981 Mazda RX7 Sedan, 1977 Ford 100 4WD Ute.
- Dianne Van Eck – 1961 Holden EK Special Sedan.

Achieving Full Membership

- Christopher & Melissa Broster – 1986 Landcruiser 4X4.
- Jason & Fiona Day – 1963EJ Holden Sedan.
- Steven & Ruth Bubb – 197 MG Roadster Convertible.



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

## DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We mention the recent passing of Alex Zastera, who is the father of our Club Members, Brett & Anh Zastera. Members may recall Alex used to work some years ago at 5MU. We also extended our condolences to any other club and family members who have experienced the loss of loved ones recently. Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.



## 2024 / 2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewal fees for 2024/2025 will be \$50.00. There are no fees for Logbook replacements and the Annual Hard Copy Magazine Fee will no longer be applicable. Please tick the box on your Membership renewal form if you DO NOT require a hard copy of the Auto Torque magazine.

All membership renewal forms will be emailed in May 2024 to members who have provided an email address to the club. All other non-email address membership renewal forms will be posted to members. Please complete the form and return it to the Treasurer as soon as possible. This will ensure that our club records are kept up to date.

Membership renewal payment must be paid by or at the A.G.M. on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.

## 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.



## From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

The convoy of vehicles comes to a stop. Drivers and some passengers alight and proceed to check their equipment. Tyres are deflated slightly, tow ropes, winches, recovery tracks all present and accounted for. All check in and confirm the travel details. With hands high-fived, all climb back inside their vehicles to resume the journey, looking forward with excitement and anticipation.

4WD engaged, communication between vehicles paramount, they move slowly, carefully negotiating the sandy patches, creek crossings, over or around the rock formations and corrugations, until many hours later the convoy has successfully negotiated its journey without any incidents, to set up camp. Days pass and the group make the return journey homewards. Once they reached civilization, farewells are carried out and all go their separate ways. However, it is not without comment, that the bitumen road surfaces were often as bumpy, corrugated, and patchy and almost as equally difficult to traverse as the bush areas where they have just travelled.

I am sure you also have noticed on your drives that there is a huge variation in road surfaces that we travel upon. Many require great concentration. Sometimes it feels like we are travelling on a boat on the high seas as we bounce and bob over the waves. Also, mind the potholes and broken roadside edges. Thank goodness we all generally have good suspensions and soft seats.

Whilst I am not suggesting our roads are 4WD tracks, I do occasionally think that some surfaces are not in good condition. Anyway, I guess it does not matter what the surface is like, we all need to drive and be somewhere and any trip is an adventure.

Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne

## CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

### February Meeting.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

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



The following excerpts have been provided to our club members for their information by our Club Federation Representative, Andrew McKinnon.

## Conditions of Use of Scheme Vehicles - Duties of Vehicle Owners

3.5 In accordance with the Regulations and this Code, the owners of vehicles must abide by the following conditions when operating Scheme registered vehicles. They must:

- a. maintain a financial membership of a recognised motor vehicle club at all times;
- b. not drive their conditionally registered vehicle on a road or road related area more than 90 days in each period of 12 months registration;
- c. not drive their conditionally registered vehicle on a road or road related area unless they have completed the nominated journey in the logbook approved by the Registrar prior to commencement of the journey;
- d. carry the conditionally registered vehicle's logbook in the vehicle while driving on a road or road related area and produce the logbook for inspection on request made by a police officer or authorised officer under the Motor Vehicles Act 1959;
- e. not drive, or allow anyone else to drive, the conditionally registered vehicle on the road for fee, hire or reward;
- f. not drive the conditionally registered vehicle on a road or road related area if it does not comply with this Code;
- g. not have more than one current logbook for any conditionally registered vehicle;
- h. while driving on a road or road related area, carry the appropriate vehicle exemption documentation that permits the registration and use of historic (where applicable), left-hand drive, street rod or individually constructed vehicle on the road network;
- i. present their vehicle/s for an inspection upon the request of the club or the Registrar;
- j. cancel the conditional registration of the vehicle when a change of ownership of a conditionally registered vehicle occurs or when they are no longer a financial member of a club. The logbook issued for the vehicles must be returned to the issuing club for cancellation.

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## Vehicle Owners' Logbook Requirements, Maintaining Club Membership & Other Conditions

3.6 Vehicle owners must ensure records for each journey undertaken in a conditionally registered vehicle are listed in the logbook issued by the recognised motor vehicle club. The date of the journey and a brief description of the journey must be recorded before each journey commences.

3.7 A journey for the purposes of logbook recording may consist of one or more separate trips. However, a journey that commences at 10:00pm on a particular day and finishes at



2:00am the next day (for example) constitutes as two calendar days, as each day commences as midnight, Consequently, two separate days use must be recorded in the logbook.

3.8 A Journey' for the purposes of the Scheme does not include driving the vehicle for short distances (within 500 metres) for the purpose of relocating the vehicle from one part of a property to another or enabling another vehicle to gain access to a road or property. This is provided that the Registrar endorsed an extension of condition on the vehicle's certificate of registration.

3.9 Vehicle owners who change membership from one recognised motor vehicle club to another, must return the logbook issued in respect of the vehicle to the issuing club. A new MR334 Scheme application form must be issued by the new club's authorised person before a new logbook can be issued by the new club.

3.10 If a vehicle owner ceases to be a financial member of a recognised motor vehicle club at any time during which the vehicle is registered, the vehicle owner must not drive the vehicle or allow any other person to drive the vehicle until such time that the vehicle owner is verified as a financial member of a club or has taken out standard registration.

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## Penalties for Failing to Comply with a Condition of Registration

3.11 There are penalties for vehicle owners failing to comply with the conditions of use of the vehicles as set out in regulations 15 and 16 of the Regulations for this type of registration.

Pursuant to section 41(2a) of the Act:

'A person must not contravene or fail to comply with a condition of registration of a motor vehicle under section 25.'

A maximum penalty of \$750 applies for this offence.

3.12 Pursuant to section 41(3) of the Act, if a person has been convicted of an offence under the section, the Court may order that the person pay the Registrar the monetary difference between the restricted registration fees paid and the registration fee that ought to have been payable if restricted registration did not apply.

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# COMING EVENTS!

## **CONROD WEEKEND**

(Weekend 12 – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024)

The Conrod Weekend is planned for the weekend of the 13th and 14th of April. It has been held for over 40 years and was held at Pinnaroo and known as the Pinnaroo Campout. Members of 3 other car clubs, namely Bordertown, the Riverland and the Murray Mallee will join with our club for a weekend of socialising, visiting a place or places of interest and participating in a competition/challenge for the Conrod Trophy. It is the first year that our Club is hosting this event, and it will be hosted by each of the 4 clubs on an annual rotation basis. We need members of our club to join us for this weekend. We are planning to have a Barbeque lunch for Saturday and visit a place of interest. On Sunday there will be a competition/challenge to determine which club will win the Conrod Trophy. Details are to be finalized and will be advised a.s.a.p. A sheet will be available at our monthly meeting to record your interest in attending this event.

Claude and Liz Minge 0408 813 436

## **FEDERATION TOUR LUNCH**

(Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024)

Would members please note that this is not a club run or lunch for our ACCMB Members, but a Tour organised by the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs of SA Inc.

As part of this organised Federation Tour, a brief lunch stop has been arranged for their participants at our Clubrooms on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Our Club has been asked for assistance in setting up for the lunch, serving, and then cleaning up afterwards. Brenda would like some willing and able helpers on the day, so if you can assist her, please contact her as soon as possible on 8531 0151.

Our Club Members could view the vehicles participating in the Federation Tour, between 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. in front of the ACCMB Clubrooms, prior to them departing for the next stage of their tour.

## **ACCMB PRESENTATION DINNER**

(Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024)

The ACCMB Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation Night will be held at the 1924 River Front Steakhouse 1 Wharf Road Murray Bridge on Saturday 22 June 2024. Further details regarding this event will be advised in due course. Please keep this date free and join club members for a great night out. Could members who received Perpetual Trophies at last year's event, please return them to Brenda Cowie as soon as possible. Thank you.

ACCMB Committee

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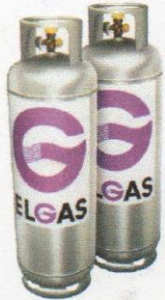
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# Run Reports

## CRUISE NIGHT 9/2/2024.

The annual Cruise Night on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February saw 13 vehicles and 28 members, partners and friends choose their own route to cruise through the town on a mild summer evening to meet at Swanport Reserve, an attractive lawned riverside reserve situated on the southern side of Murray Bridge adjacent to a very picturesque section of the River Murray and which is usually a relatively quiet picnic and fishing spot.



However, on a previous occasion the little corellas decided to also entertain themselves in the area and at around six p.m., the perfect time for what seemed like a nice relaxing picnic tea an incredibly loud jumble of squawking voices flew in and proceeded to race from tree-to-tree screeching with as much volume as they could muster. After they departed it was much quieter and as one would say “they’re like Collingwood – you either love them or you hate them.”

On this occasion they were relatively well-behaved causing only minor disruption and given the informal nature of the event, members were able to socialise, and conversations flowed as individual picnics and platters were shared around.

Amongst the visitors present were club member Malina Bretag’s parents who were visiting from Queensland.



Like the members of the club, the ages of the vehicles present varied from late models to the oldies, and in particular the 1926 Chevrolet truck of Eric Wehrmann and the 1925 Chevrolet Bread Van of Trevor Wehrmann together with the handsome 1929 Dodge DA (BUD) of John and Vicki Courtney are

wonderful examples of the “oldies” and a credit to their owners for the restorative work carried out by them.

One is always surprised by what Claude and Liz Minge will bring out



of the box (excuse the pun for a former undertaker), and this time it was the 1970 300SE Mercedes sedan, and what a superior example of German engineering this vehicle is. Jan Hall’s comments of “perfect weather for going topless” was taken seriously by Jerry and Kerry Wilson in their 1960 convertible

Chevrolet Corvette, along with Bruce and Di Dawson’s 1958 Austin Healey, Jan Hall’s convertible BMW, David Smyth’s BMW Motorsport Roadster and Cecily Graetz in her convertible Mercedes.

It is always interesting when a group of people from diverse backgrounds come together with the common thread being an interest in cars particularly vintage, classic, and other unique vehicles, and you may likely find yourself sitting next to a complete stranger and ask the question “what car did you drive here today” and the conversation continues, and a new friendship is made.





Club President Harry Howitt and Treasurer and event coordinator Jan Hall agreed it had been a top gathering of like-minded motoring enthusiasts once again with great weather to boot. They thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home. (Thank you to the Run Organiser, Jan Hall for organising this event, Di Dawson and Graham Edwards for this report and Di Dawson for the Photos)

**VINTAGE TRACTOR PULL & MACHINERY RALLY 16 – 17/3/2024.**  
**INFORMAL CAR RUN TO THE LOWER MURRAY HERITAGE RALLY**  
**At Murray Bridge Showgrounds – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

A group of 15 like-minded Club members and friends met at the Clubrooms at 10 am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for an informal outing to display their vehicles at the Lower Murray Vintage and Machinery Club's Heritage Rally and Tractor Pull, held at the Murray Bridge Showgrounds.



11 vehicles, both vintage and classic, travelled through the main street across the bridge and arrived at the showgrounds where members positioned their vehicles in a long line down the centre of the main oval, providing a significant area of interest for the large crowd attending, where anything from an earlier



era was a major drawcard to such an event.

The main feature of the day was the Tractor Pull which had everyone on the edge of their seats as vintage or modified tractors tested their strength and skills by pulling a drag or sled along, with the winner being the tractor that managed to pull the sled the furthestmost.

The members attending enjoyed wandering around the food stalls, market tents, and farm machinery displays, as well as viewing a variety of stationary engines, vintage machinery, early dairying equipment, and working stationary engines all wonderful examples of how times were in the past era.

Everyone then returned home at their leisure.



(Thank you to Di Dawson for the above article and John Courtney for the Photos)

**JU JUBES 21/3/2024.**

An ABC Landline program on Ju Jubes (JJ's) fruit, aroused the curiosity of Maureen & Graham Edwards almost 12 months ago, so much so, that they decided to research the fruit JJ was all about, and to their surprise, they discovered a JJ's orchard in Cambrai, South Aust. After contacting the owners, Mr. Jody Miltenhoff, son Marcus and family, an exploratory visit took place to arrange an Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) visit. So, on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, with many, many hours of planning by the JJ's run coordinators, Maureen & Graham, saw ACCMB & guests assemble at their Johnstone Park clubrooms where they signed the daily run book and receive their printed directions and run sheets,



prior to leaving for JJ Orchards at Cambrai. “Bang” on 8.30am, members “fired up” their vehicles, and headed for Cambrai township Park, with vehicles at Mannum and Cambrai joining the convoy of 17 classic and 8 modern vehicles ranging in age from a 1925 Chevrolet truck to a 2023 Mercedes Benz for morning tea, where Graham welcomed a total of 60 ACCMB members and guests to their outing. With morning tea complete, it was back into their vehicles for a short 9km drive to JJ’s Orchard S.A.



With all vehicles parked along with a short walk to the house area, run organizer Graham proceeded to introduce JJ’s owner, Jody Miltenhoff who welcomed all to the former historic farm of some 40,000 acres, dating back to the 1860’s originally owned by the Hayden family who lived in a “Pug & Pine Hut” which is currently being restored by the Miltenhoff family (Jody is a builder by trade).



Jody proceeded to give an enlightening explanation of the family venture which commenced some 20 years ago after their property purchase.

While restoring the buildings on the property, they stumbled across JJ’s fruit, and the further they investigated JJ’s, the more amazed they became about the positive health

benefits and the resilience of tree that would grow in extreme conditions.

Fast forward to today, they are now one of the first high density JJ’s Orchards in Australia, with a purpose-built nursery based on 25 years of experience for JJ’s tree propagation, that is now in “full swing”, looking forward to what the next 20-30 years has in



store for the proudly operated JJ’s family farm.

While the ACCMB group were interested in Jody’s presentation ( bearing in mind when members were asked at an ACCMB meeting in September last year of about 60, only a handful had ever heard of what a JJ was ) he proceeded to guide the group down to the JJ’s orchard close to the banks of the Marne River, before explaining all about the orchard, how they harvested, the sizes of the fruit (20-50mm), types

(1,000), tastes (similar to an apple), origin (China, Asia, Middle East), along with many health benefits, including being high in Vitamin B & C, in addition to having positive effects in helping fight certain cancers, while promoting a healthy immune system.



ACCMB members and guests were then encouraged to sample 3 or 4 different versions and sizes of JJ's, with all being amazed at the taste being likened to apple, although much smaller similar to a 50-cent coin.

The group was then invited to walk through the orchard which was completely covered in bird netting to keep the "pesky parrots" out and from eating the fruit. JJ's have a very short harvest period between March and

April yearly.

It was then back up the hill to view the propagation and drying areas with Jody explaining in detail where and how the life of a JJ starts and finishes.

Prior to ending the one-and-a-half-hour tour, Past ACCMB President and Life Member Graham, thanked Jody and the Miltenhoff family for a great tour and explanation of the property and the JJ Orchard and tasting, before presenting Jody with a small gift in appreciation, with the group applauding in the usual manner.



Then it was time to move onto lunch, and due to a last-minute change of venue from the Sedan Hotel back to the Pretoria Hotel, Mannum, most members present drove the half hour drive to have lunch at around 1 pm.

Lunch was served to all 50 guests, who sat and talked about their JJ's experience, and following "the stomach's all being filled", ACCMB Vice President Claude Minge thanked Graham and Maureen Edwards, along with assistants Elaine and Roy Bretag for organizing such a well-organized and attended outing for the ACCMB members and guests. Again, the usual response came from all present.

On leaving the Pretoria Hotel, Graham and Maureen sincerely thanked the Management and team for their understanding and last-minute organizing of lunch.

(Thank you to Run Organisers Graham & Maureen Edwards and their Assistants Roy & Elaine Bretag for this event. Thank you to Graham Edwards, & Di Dawson for the article and providing photographs along with photos also from Liz Minge & Elaine Bretag.)

Hi Graham,

Sorry for delay in getting back to you for the wonderful emails.

It's been a hectic few days picking, packing fruit from our two orchards at Cambrai and Sunlands (Waikerie). Delivery drop off to Adelaide Produce Market (3.30am) and other clients makes for a long day.

Please give Liz our heartfelt thanks for writing the poem. It's very gratifying that our families hard work in establishing our farm has been warmly received by so many of your members. You have a great group of like-minded people with county community spirit and friendship.

Thanks again to you, Maureen, and the committee's interest in arranging to come to our farm.

You are always welcome to come back and maybe.... just maybe project 961, 962 and 963 might be finished.

Thanks again.

Jody, Noeleen and Marcus.



(The above is a copy of an email sent following the run.)



### AN ODE TO THE JU JU BERRY.....

**By Poet - Liz Minge**

'Twas a balmy autumn day as we travelled out to see.  
An orchard of fruit, grown on the juju berry tree...  
It's really quite absurd, that so few of us had heard...  
Of this apple-like berry, sometimes called the red date.  
We travelled thru the hills, the Marne Valley then finally a farm gate....  
Where an oasis of green our eyes did behold,  
And our gracious host Jody-so much information he told.  
We learned of the value-the benefits and such  
Full of vitamins and zinc and potassium and much...  
More than that, it helps fight against asthma, coughs and laryngitis-  
Not to mention, constipation, heart disease and even colitis.  
It helps retard hair loss and weight gain-promotes healthy teeth as well,  
This juju berry is indeed a "magical" fruit- of that you can tell.  
So take the drive to Cambrai-it's just my suggestion....  
Oh! I forgot to add sleep, insomnia and chronic indigestion.....  
Can all be improved by the juju, when brewed like a tea.  
Just dry- then add water-seems simple to me.....  
So throw out the tablets, the pills and pharmaceutical concoction  
And look to the juju berry as a healthier, more natural option.....



(Thank you to Liz Minge for sharing her poem with the Club.)

### LOXTON RUN 30/3/2024.

It was a beautiful, clear autumn morning when ten members in five cars left the clubrooms at 8 am to travel to Loxton. Another two members/one car joined the travellers on East side and then we were off to Karoonda for a short comfort stop and some took advantage of a snack from the deli. A further short stop at Alawoona for a cuppa and a bite to eat before we all headed off to Loxton and a cruise along the river front before arriving at the Village at just after 10.30 am. Here we were joined by four more members who were staying in the Riverland for Easter. Arriving at the Village we were given priority parking in or near the shady straw roofed shed which was very welcome as it had started to warm up a bit by then. We all then went our separate ways to have a look around and there was plenty to see.







Operating stationary engines, whip cracking demonstrations, local art, and craft stalls, shearing demonstrations, horse and wagon rides and a carillon bell display were some of the attractions. In addition, there were the static building displays like the General Store, The Bank of Adelaide, The Nissen Hut, The Railway Station, The School, Doecke's Cottage as well as a variety of farm machinery and implements.



At 12 noon it was time for a rest and a bite to eat. After purchasing our lunch of choice, German sausages, freshly baked goods from the Village Bakery or a "pie floater" from the Village Pie Cart we met in the cool of the Institute building where we enjoyed some time together.

During the afternoon it became rather hot and many of us enjoyed any shady area we

could find to view the happenings around us.

The day finished at approximately 2.15pm with a Grand Parade of the Village vintage tractors, trucks, and fire engines, which two members from ACCMB were happy to participate in, each driving a vintage tractor.



Thank you to those members who came along, we hope you enjoyed it. (Thank for the article and photos from Run Organizers Debb & Jeff Schiller.)



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