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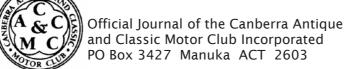
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CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings of the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8.00 pm— ACT Bridge Club (room to the right)

Duff Place, Deakin.

Next Meeting 11 March 2025

EVENTS

Next Club run is 16 March—see Page 19 For details

CUSTODIAN OF THE CLUB'S VEHICLE TRAILER

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Vehicle Trailer: To maintain the trailer in good condition, members using it are required to make a contribution to upkeep.

The contribution is \$20 for each use plus \$10 per 100 km or part thereof. Any damage incurred during use MUST be paid for by the member. Please present proof of financial membership of this Club to the custodian when collecting the trailer. Members are responsible for compliance with all road regulations.

CLUB MAGAZINE

Deadline for Contributions - Next Edition:

Please could I have any contributions by <u>Friday 21 March 2025</u>. Please send them to: editor@cacmc.org.au

Please Note if you are sending in reports etc please send them as a word file not as a pdf.

Most members receive their Colonial by email these days. To avoid paying the \$20 extra for a printed and posted copy. Just email Mike: editor@cacmc.org.au and cc membership@cacmc.org.au and Richard will take you off the labels list and we will email you the next edition.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Sunday 16th CACMC showed a strong presence at the annual Wheels display event, with a typically broad representation of ages, makes and conditions of club member' vehicles. This followed a period of uncertainty in the run-up, as the event was being organised differently this year, by the committee of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs rather than any particular club, and with a number of organisational changes. With support from our club's representative on the Council, Roger Amos, our Events Committee were able to organise a coordinated placement for CACMC on the Showgrounds arena, with high visibility to the public and other club visitors. Congratulations to Malcolm, Roger and the team.

As a club, we now rely heavily on electronic communications with our members, the public, and among the club committee. Along with all the efficiency and convenience, this also brings the nuisance and hazard of everincreasing malicious abuse of the email and phone messaging platforms. Over the last few weeks, there has been a plague of fake emails to members of our committee. These name me as sender and purport to be requests from me (as President) for assistance with an unnamed task, but they do not come from my personal email address or my club official email address. Anyone who responds, in good faith, will be asked to make a dodgy financial transaction of one kind or another.

Please all members be assured that nobody in this club Committee will send any kind of message asking for some unspecified assistance, unless they are requesting a response by voice telephone. Do not be tempted to reply by email to any such message, as your reply alone will reveal more personal details to the malicious sender, which might in future be used for further scam purposes.

Remember to let any Committee member if you have ideas on how this club can operate more effectively - the club belongs to the members.

Richard Thwaites - President

EDITOR'S PAGE

Happy Autumn members! Crikey the year is starting to motor along. Welcome to our new members and we hope to see you at our Club meetings or out on runs.

If you have some interesting stories to tell about your cars or you have an interesting project going on at the moment— please share as I'm always looking for content for the Colonial.

Our Events Committee has been hard at work and there are some nice outings coming up. The next Club run details are on Page 19.

Wheels went well and I noticed some new vehicles being displayed (thanks Scott for the pics). At the last Cub meeting a suggestion was put forward that I should scatter the ads (what few we have) through the publication so I've done that.

From my various sources there seem to be a lot of car shows coming up—check them out on pages 26 to 30

If you have anything to sell (spare parts etc) or are looking for that elusive part for your project—drop us a note at editor@cacmc.org and I can include it in the Colonial.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Name	Member No
Brad Loscher	1101
1984 Ford Capri Coupe	
Gareth Knapman	850
1969 Jaguar XJ6	
1975 Jaguar XJ6C	
1985 Jaguar XJS	
Michael & Sarah Parsons	1102
1992 Subaru Liberty	
Jufri Radin	1103
1995 Ford Falcon ute	
What Low	1104
Khai Luu	1104
1989 Toyota Celica	

Note: I will no longer be listing members' email addresses as these can be found by spam bots.

MIDWEEK SOCIAL EVENTS

If you are retired or semi-retired, you may like to join other Club members for a lunch and a catch-up on the first Friday of every month at Canberra Southern Cross Club.

The group usually spends about an hour or so over lunch talking mainly about cars and restorations taking place. It is a trove of knowledge that is passed to one another.

So why not come along and join us— All welcome.

- 7 March
- 4 April
- 2 May
- 6 June
- 4 July
- 1 August

CACMC FACEBOOK PAGE

The Club's Facebook page continues to be a valuable channel of communication for the Club bringing events and post event photos etc to members. A big thank you to all those that have uploaded content—keep it coming.

If you've been to any events and have taken any pics or video, or you come across events etc that you think might interest Club members, please let us know.

How do I join the Club's page?

If you are on Facebook and would like to join our Group page:

- Simply type in "Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club" in the search section of Facebook and hit search.
- Then click on the CACMC private group as highlighted above.
- This will then take you to the group page where you will find just underneath the photo a blue "join" box. Click on this box and this will send a request to us to join the group.
- Once we have accepted your request you will then be able to access the page and will receive notices when we publish anything.

Please note: If you are using a Facebook page that isn't in your membership name then you will need to let us know, otherwise we will not recognise you and therefore not approve you to join the group.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Scott Molloy on 0408 308 088.

CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR (including extra runs and swap meets)

Club sanctioned events:

You will notice some events listed on page 12 have a # in the title. This means they are a club sanctioned event where members participation is being sought. These go under club runs in your log book.

A member may advise the club (best the Registrar or Secretary) if they wish to participate in any other club event, be it local or interstate. The club

official records that participation and the member may then record the participation under a club event, provided the route to/from (more appropriately for interstate events) is mostly direct.

The operator may choose to use a combination of club and private use entitlements, an outline of which should be advised to the club officials before departure. Obviously for a rally over long distances, club entitlement is appropriate.

If operators wish to combine an interstate club event with a period of private use, that is also permitted under the system principles. Integrity and common sense are required as any seeming abuse will impact the entire historic vehicle community.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE A LOG BOOK OTHERWISE IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE YOUR VEHICLE ON THE ROAD.



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Web: http://roadwaymufflers.rtrk.com.au

CACMC EVENTS CALENDAR (including extra runs and swap meets)

Date	Event	Contact Details	
March			
9 March	Harden Historic Truck & Tractor Show	See details page 30	
11 March	Club Meeting—Canberra Bridge Club - Deakin—8pm		
16 March	Club Run—Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station #	See details page 19	
22 March	Hilltops Car & Bike Show— Young	See details page 30	
23 March	Rotary Club of Shepparton— Motor Show, Market Day & Swap Meet.	See details page 30	
30 March	EJ-EH Show & Shine	See details page 31	
28-31 March	CHMC Bush Council Rally	See details page 31	
April			
5 April	Forbes Motor Festival	See details page 32	
6 April	All Ford Day—Geelong	See: www.allfordday.org.au for details	
8 April	Club Meeting—Canberra Bridge Club - Deakin—8pm		
13 April	Run to Royalla#		
19 April	Canberra Car Enthusiasts Expo	See details page 33	
27 April	Yass Swap Meet	See details page 33	

May		
13 May	Club Meeting—Canberra Bridge Club - Deakin	
May—date TBA	Club Run—The Loaded Dog Hotel, Tarago # A pleasant run via Bungendore to Tarago's famous old pub for lunch.	
23 May	Benalla Historic Vehicle Tour *Note you must book for this one	See details page 34
24 & 25 May	Historic Winton	See details page 33

OUT AND ABOUT (REPORTS FROM CLUB RUNS & EVENTS)

Wheels 2025 display.

Those who attended Wheels 2025 enjoyed a great day out with lovely weather to look through the wide variety of cars in attendance.

Our club had on display 30 cars. There was a good deal of interaction with the general public on the day and some prospective new members looking to join our club.



While there was some traffic congestion at the entry point, the day

seemed to flow fairly well despite the fact there was only 1 coffee outlet available.

Thanks goes to Roger Amos and Joe Micallef for arriving at the oval early to stake out an area for our club display.

Our member Harry Crawford walked away with one of the prizes on offer for his Austin 7.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success.























Just some of the Club members' vehicles on display at the 2025 Wheels.

A Tale of Two Cars heading into the Future— Article by Harry Crawford

The latest car that I have put on club registration is a 1994 Audi 80. I originally bought this in 2010 sight unseen for \$300 to donate parts to my wife's Audi. That changed and hers was junked and good tyres, wheels etc transferred to this one as I found that it had been serviced well during its life. It gave good service till the pandemic hit, including towing my 1928



Austin 7 to a rally in Toowoomba.

These cars are front drive and mine has a V6 engine and 5 speed manual. It is a lovely cruising car and on trips into country Victoria it was a delight to sit up on 140 on the

quiet secondary roads. I have always been fascinated by the characteristics of the cars of different nations. Italian cars love being raced, post war French cars could handle atrocious roads at high speed, the Toyotas were superbly reliable etc. The characteristic of this German car is meticulous attention to detail and in driving it the best word for its road behaviour is 'poise'. The suspension arms have fairly soft rubber bushes that do not last nearly long enough for a Toyota engineer, but they do help the smoothness. The V6 engine is injected and has a variable length induction manifold curling around in the V. All this is of course computer controlled.

In August 2024 I had decided to take the 1928 Austin 7 to Swan Hill for a border run. For 50 years I had been reading about these runs where Melbourne cars and Adelaide Austin 7s meet at the border (or close by). My Toyota van needed work and so I thought that it is time to put the Audi on rego again and use it as a tow vehicle. I thought this would be straightforward but I ran into a CV boot needing replacing (I had to buy 12 pointed Torx for this) and arguments about engine mounts (5 in all, very complex, the mains inaccessible and in my opinion not needing

replacement). I stopped at one stage and thought, heck, the Austin is the most sensible, I will drive it. So, a grease and oil change, tie the swag on the back, replace a couple of spokes and away we went and did a 1000 miles in a week and had a ball.

When I returned the 30 days limit on the Audi inspection report was almost up and so I decided to reverse the limit washers on the gearbox mounts so that the movement that was designed into them was severely reduced. This held the engine firmly into the body and so when they tested for engine movement by bucking the engine with the clutch in 1st and reverse, it did not have the movement that the Audi engineers appear to have designed in. So much for the testers not understanding our 'old cars' that was part of the rationale years ago for the Historic rego.

Taking it out to Joe Micallef for the club inspection I started to feel that there was something ridiculous about my 'historic car' having cruise control and then I realised that it could also go faster in 2^{nd} gear than the top speed of the vintage Austin! What a contrast!

Talking of contrasts;

Engine mounts: Audi 5 very specialised,

Austin none, bolted directly to chassis

Engine timing: Audi by computer with O2 sensors etc,

Austin manual by steering column control

Transmission: Audi 5 speed by cables to box,

Austin has straight cut gears = double de-clutching

Speed: Audi 200kmph,

Austin 90kmph

Idle adjustment: Audi by sensors > computer > solenoid controlling

air path,

Austin flat head screw

Spark: Audi by computer controlled transistor spark generators

for each cylinder,

Austin; coil + distributor and points (originally 6V)

Brakes: Audi—ABS to 4 disks boosted by engine driven pump that uses Citroen suspension fluid to an accumulator sphere that assists

steering also,

The Austin has 7" pressed steel drums with foot brake by open cables to rear wheels only.

Starting: Audi; Key operated electric with computer controlling injector opening time, on the Austin I jam the choke out with a block of wood and go and swing the permanently mounted crank handle.

The parts availability shows an interesting contrast with the internet and eBay being the go-to for the Audi. The nearly 100yr old Austin benefits mostly from my collection activity as a teenager in the 60s and a specialist Austin 7 club in Melbourne where I have sourced a redesigned head, extractors, and a new beefier crankshaft. They also sell a little kit based on my simple method for building servo action into the horrible brakes on Austin 7s.

In the Austin I do not worry about losing my keys, I don't have seatbelts and I lift the bonnet to put in petrol. My temp gauge is the splatter on the windscreen from the proud radiator cap. The Audi does not have a display screen in it to control music, movies, navigation or to alter the set up of the car. It does have a rudimentary on-board diagnosis system (OBD) where you jump some pins in the fusebox and note the flash pattern on the engine light.

Thinking about it, I realised that the lack of a display screen as the interactive point for the car is going to be the main feature that will distinguish my Audi from current cars. I saw a description of the latest Chinese cars as 'IPads on wheels'

Who, in 1968 when we formed CACMC, could have predicted the extraordinary development of the motor car at a time when Holden and Ford ruled and the Japanese had only just been accepted as good products. Back then even the early brick like mobile phones had not yet arrived. Now the

Chinese have cars with computer controlled suspension, yes suspension, that will bring themselves to your door by whistling them up on your phone!! These are of course electric and I have read that they are now working on nuclear powered cars.

Will those cars ever be presenting themselves driverless to the Club Inspector for Historic rego?

Apologies if you have a headache Joe

Harry Crawford, Foundation Member

NEXT CLUB RUN

CACMC Club Run March 2025

The next run on Sunday 16 March will be a free BBQ at Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station.

Meet up Point will be Kambah Shops Marconi Cres Kambah at 10.15 am for a 10:45AM departure

Travel will be via Point Hut Crossing, Tidbinbilla and Nass roads a distance of approximately 45 Km

If possible the BBQ trailer will be set up at the Honeysuckle Campground near the toilets and shade. If not it will be at the top of the hill in the Tracking Station Car Park about ½ km away.

Bring your own chairs

If planning to attend Contact Howard Taylor 0427-315 017 as numbers are required for catering purposes.

DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 11/2/2025

CACMC GM Minutes 11 Feb 2025

Meeting opened 8:00 pm

Welcome

The President welcomed members to the meeting introduced new member Michael Parsons.

Attendance 49 Apologies 2

Minutes of previous meeting accepted, proposed Richard Thwaites seconded Roger Amos.

Guest speaker. The President introduced club member Joe Micallef who did a presentation on carburettors.

President Richard thanked Joe for his presentation

Correspondence

IN (Via PO Box or mail)

- · Car Club Magazines Young, Cowra, Wollongong, Deniliquin.
- · CBA Statement.
- · BBQ Trailer rego
- · Beyond Bank term deposit due.

IN Via Email

Magazines via Email:

- \cdot IVCC, Rover Owners Club, MPHVC, Bathurst, SCHVC, Orange, Klaxon Membership Applications
- · Matt Molloy #1095 1983 Nissan Bluebird.
- · Mark Zonneveld #1097 1976 Holden HX

- · Ian & Julie Lyall #1096 1989 Daihatsu Rocky
- · David Yacaginsky 1978 Yamaha XS1100.
- · Michael McKell #1098- 1979 Mazda RX7
- · Harry Angel #1099 1994 Land Rover Discovery
- · Mark & Tracey Clemance #1100 1982 Holden
- · Brad Loscher #1101 1984 Ford Capri.

Membership Enquiries

- · Peter Nagy 1995 Aston Martin DB7
- · Brad Loscher 1984 Ford Capri.

Other Emails

- · President Canberra Bridge Club permission to install screen.
- · Secretary CACTMC Famous Wheels 16th Feb 25.
- · Roger Amos Notes from Jan Council meeting
- · Secretary CACTMC minutes Jan meeting.
- · Historic Winton 24th & 25th May 25.
- · SCHVC invitation to visit Club.
- · Braidwood Motor Show 1st March 25
- · Bridge Club Manager return room to original condition.
- · ACT Government CACMC Association Extract.

Outgoing Correspondence

· Secretary - Better Music re Screen.

Acceptance moved David Fox, Seconded Brian Ely

Club badge draw Colin Borg

Last run drawer Danny Periac

Raffle Bob Alexander

Reports

President

Richard Thwaites advised that prefilled **registration** forms for registration renewal can now be downloaded from the clubs website. This should overcome the problem some members had downloading the form from the Access website.

Vice President

Joe Micallef advised that David Fox would be the guest speaker at the March meeting.

Treasurer

Scott Molloy reported income of \$950.29, expenditure of \$546.72 bank balance was \$59,615.50. The clubs term deposit of \$50,000 has matured and was credited with \$1472.60 interest. The term deposit has been renewed for 3 months with an interest rate of 4.8% Proposed Scott Molloy seconded Bob Judd. Carried

Scott outlined some issues discussed by the committee, these included the elimination of cheques, the elimination of cash payments, a possible increase of the joining fee from \$45 to \$60 and the cost of paper copies of the Colonial to the club. Any feedback on these issues would be welcomed.

Membership

Richard Thwaites advised that the club had approximately 366 members and 685 vehicles.

Membership applications are now available on the website and can be filled in on line. Paper copies are an option.

Events

Malcolm Noad outlined arrangements for the forthcoming Wheels show on 16 Feb. March 16th is a barbeque run to Honeysuckle Creek. The April 13th run will be to Royalla.

The May run will be lunch at the Loaded Dog Hotel Tarago.

Registrar

Bob Alexander reported that 29 cars had been inspected since the last meeting. Bob has had several inquiries regarding membership including from the owner of a 1984 Ford Capri.

Editor

Mike Norman advised that printed copies of the February Colonial had been delayed by a problem with printing

Librarian

Jim Orman advised duplicate manuals were on display and available to members and that a n American car manual covering many makes was available from the library.

Council report

Roger Amos outlined the arrangements for attending the Wheels display on 16 February, \$5 tickets can be purchased in advance through the club or bought at the gate for \$10. Details available on the Council website. The HSV Holden club has applied to join the Council. Roger spoke of a podcast on ABC radio covering the re-enactment of Birtle's journey across the world by Warren Brown.

Information Officer

Graham Waite advised that the unidentified car in a 100 year old photo outside the Hotel Canberra had been identified as a 1920's FLINT. Graham has had a request by somebody wanting a MG for a family event. The request is being forwarded to the MG club by Roger Amos.

Rally business

Brian O'Donnell spoke of the proposed rally to the mid north coast departing Canberra on 8 March. More participants would be most welcome. For more information contact by email or phone.

Webmaster

374 copies of the Colonial have been sent electronically.

General business

The meeting was advised that the Goulburn swap meet which was to be held in April has been cancelled The Rotary Club is no longer able to manage the event.

The Bridge Club has requested that the meeting room be returned to the condition it was found in before our club meeting.

Meeting Closed 9:20 pm

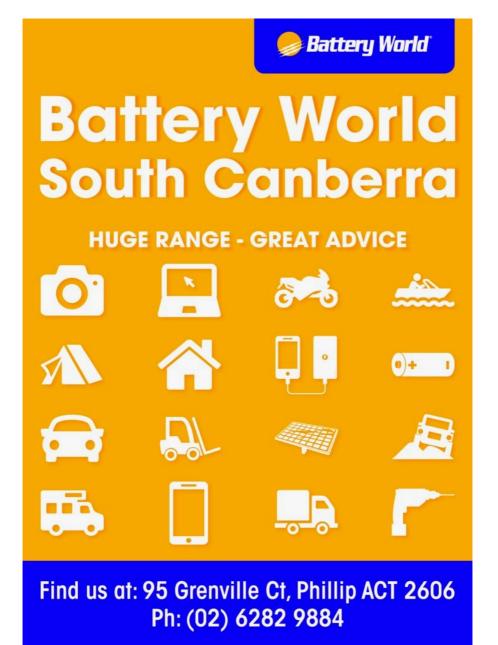


Being Car enthusiasts ourselves, here at <u>TYREPLUS PHILLIP</u> we'd love to look after your car's mechanical and tyre requirements. Pop in to see us in the <u>BIG GREEN</u> Building on Botany Street or give us a call 62823410.

Chat to you soon.

Robyn, Jeremy and the team





10% Discount to members if you show your CACMC membership card.

WHAT'S YOUR PROJECT?

The Club encompasses a wide range of vehicles, makes and models including caravans (although you can't put these on historic plates in the ACT). In a previous Colonial I have written about the project I completed restoring a 1960s vintage Valiant caravan.

Readers would have thought I would have learnt my lesson after that little

project, but I suppose its much like the car restoration or car collecting bug - you can't stop at one!

My next project is a 1970s Viscount Ambassador caravan. This one is a little larger than my previous caravan and it has an aluminium frame rather than a wooden frame, this



makes things a bit easier if you are handy with a hacksaw and a rivet gun.

I sold my other van and picked this one up from a seller on Marketplace in Victoria. Before bringing it home we had to replace the tow hitch, wheel bearings and some wheel studs, which proved to be a bit of a saga as it was a run to Albury Wodonga to the nearest caravan parts supplier. Finally we had these things fixed and towed it home under permit, and it actually towed very well.

Our initial inspection showed that it needed some work (don't they all!), but it was a good base to start from. (looks can be deceiving, can't they?).

Since bringing it home I started to tinker with it. When I say 'tinker,' what I've done is totally rip it apart and start again. After some investigation, I decided this was the best course of action and it



would mean that it could be rebuilt to suit our needs.

So far, I have replaced the A frame (the old one was way too short), I've replaced the floors and changed

the window glass out for polycarbonate, which is a large weight saving. I've gutted the internals including all walls as these had shown signs of water damage. This



allows me to run all new electrics and insulate the van

properly. The timber from the old cupboards will be re-used when I make up new cupboards. The van was originally one that had bunks but I'm going to reconfigure this so we have a large north/south bed instead. The bed will



have gas struts which means I can access the storage underneath easily. The previous owner had cut hole in the side of the van



access a battery, and patched this really badly, so

I've used this to add a new hatch and create a new storage area. On the opposite side will be a pull out kitchen accessed through another hatch.

As I mentioned earlier all the electrics are being replaced. As we are running lithium batteries now, these are housed outside of the van to comply with the new lithium standards for caravans. All 240 volt electrics are being replaced and will be signed off by a licensed electrician. All 12 volt is also being replaced – the wiring was typical 70s – you can have any colour wire you like as long as its white... not helpful particularly when it comes to wiring taillights etc. I'm sure that the original factory builders only had one roll of wire to choose from. Wiring codes etc were not as strict as they are today Nowadays though there are some very rigorous codes to meet when it comes to both 240 and 12volt – especially if you are using lithium batteries in your van.

I've spent a lot of time reading all the codes to familiarise myself with them, and I'm grateful that I have a son who is an apprentice electrician as well as friends who are qualified sparkys. Watching YouTube videos from other caravan renovations also provide some great ideas and a lot of lessons on what not to do.

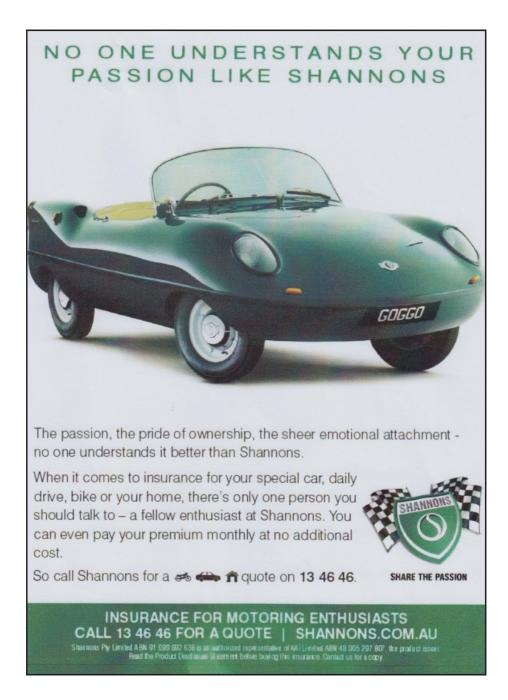
Still to do while the weather is warm in the immediate term will be painting the outside of the van. Later on will be the installation of electric brakes, hot water system, aircon, the internal fit out, painting etc (where's that list again?)

The only downside to this project at the moment is that the van rebuild is taking place in front of my shed which means I can't get the Zephyr out, hopefully once its watertight I can move the van out of the way and get the old bus out on runs again

This will be a long-term project – but I hope to have this completed by the end of this year. The end result will be a caravan that caters for our needs, has one or two 'luxuries' not found on the vintage vans, and allows us to take our two German shepherds travelling with us.

Wish me luck!!!

Mike Norman



INTERSTATE AND LOCAL CAR EVENTS



Contact Ken for more Information or to Book a stall
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CHMC 54TH BUSH COUNCIL RALLY Hosted by DUBBO ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB MARCH 28TH - MARCH 31ST 2025

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN DUBBO FOR THE BUSH COUNCIL RALLY.

RALLY HEADQUARTERS AT THE GREYHOUND RACING COMPLEX, 500 WHEELERS LANE, DUBBO

2025 is also our Club's 60th Anniversary and we look forward to seeing you all next year for a great weekend and to celebrate with us.

ENTRY FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE SOON.

RALLY DIRECTOR:

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CLUB PRESIDENT: COLIN FROST Ph. 68885046 or 0429 441 251

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Sunday, 30th March 2025 Belconnen Bowling Club

ALL PRE 80 HOLDENS WELCOME

all enquiries:

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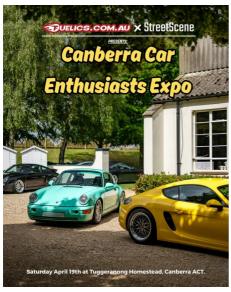


APRIL 2025











MAY 2025









JUNE 2025



AUGUST 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS

If Club members are looking to get seatbelts restored for their vehicles, then here's a recommendation from one of examiners—Mick Gifford who has used this service and speaks highly of them:

Early Seatbelt Restoration—Contact Denis on 0407 225 559

Recommendation from Mick.

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