

Hello All

#### **Notice of General Meeting**

Sapphire Coast Historic Vehicle Club Inc. At the "Club Rooms" On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7:00pm for a 7.30pm meeting

#### Raffles and Supper will follow the Meeting so please bring a plate to share.

#### **Minutes of previous General Meeting**

MOM dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 are available on the Website and on the Notice Board in the Club Building

#### Reminders

Melbourne Cup Day has been organized at our Club House starting at 11:30 am until 5:00 pm

Club Xmas Party Sunday 8th December 11.00-3.00 - bookings required by Thursday 5th Dec – Go to the booking app on the web site or let the secretary know. Please bring a dessert dish

Robyn Vella has organised the Ladies Christmas Lunch event to be held on Thursday 12 December at 12pm. The venue is the RSL club. All ladies, wives or girlfriends please bring a Secret Santa gift up to the value of \$10. We would request that the ladies RSVP by, and no later than the 8 December (The date of the SCHVC Christmas Party)

#### Warbirds Rally 2024 Temora



The English Electric Canberra, a first-generation British jet-powered medium bomber. It could fly at a higher altitude than any other bomber throughout the 1950s and by 1958 it had set nineteen point-to-point speed records and three height records, including one of 70,310 ft (21,430 m) in 1957.

What an incredible sight it was to see this Bird fly

### Many laughs and a good barbeque at Junee Tourist Park after the Warbirds Airshow on Saturday







#### Updated Calendar of remaining Events for 2024

November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooma Motorfest (Saturday)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Cup Day at the SCHVC Club House (Tuesday)
- 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (Thursday)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Club Working Bee (Saturday) Bombala Historic Engine& Machinery Society
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bombala Historic Engine and Machinery Society (not a Club event)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Collinswood Picnic Day at Candelo (Sunday)
- 27th Breakfast Run Bega Heritage Cheese Café (Wednesday)

#### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Terrible British Day Canberra (Sunday)
- 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (Thursday)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Club Working Bee (Saturday)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Spectacular Bega Cheese Heritage Centre Bike & Car Show
- 8<sup>th</sup> Club Christmas Party 11:00 am to 03:00 pm (Sunday)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Ladies Christmas Party Venu RSL Club Merimbula 12:00 pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Rotary New Years Eve Markets (not confirmed yet?) (Tuesday)

#### Please take note of the events, trust we see many of you there

#### Car central to forensic case over the disappearance of Azaria Chamberlain

The National Museum of Australia, in Canberra has acquired the 1977 model yellow hatchback V8 Torana, which was central to the conviction and ultimate exoneration of Lindy and Michael Chamberlain, over the 1980 disappearance of their daughter, Azaria.

The disappearance of Azaria Chantel Loren Chamberlain (11 June – 17 August 1980) became one of the most infamous events in contemporary Australian social and legal history. Despite the family's protestations that Azaria was taken by a dingo at Ayers Rock (now Uluru), in October 1982, Lindy Chamberlain was tried and convicted of murder and Michael Chamberlain was convicted of being an accessory to the crime. Lindy was given a life sentence and imprisoned for over three years, before new evidence forced a royal commission that ultimately resulted in the 1988 exoneration of Lindy and Michael Chamberlain by the Northern Territory Criminal Court of Appeal.

The 1977 Torana played a key role in the convictions with forensic evidence which alleged Azaria's blood was in the car. The royal commission subsequently found this substance was bitumen, sound deadener, milkshake, and copper dust.

Michael Chamberlain said that the car represents the one of the worst perversions of forensic science in Australia's history: 'While the car represents this gross injustice, it also symbolises freedom, as a result of the proper and independent revision of forensic science, which eventually saw Lindy exonerated,' said Dr Chamberlain.

'Because I love this car, it is with some sorrow that I am releasing it to the National Museum, but I also take comfort from the decision, because I know the Museum will take better care of the vehicle than I can. It will survive not just as an example of a total forensics' failure, but ultimately as a symbol of the triumph of Australian justice,' said Dr Chamberlain.

National Museum senior curator Sophie Jensen said that 'the Torana is an important addition to the Museum's National Historical Collection which will help future generations understand this important and tragic episode in Australian legal history'.

The dismantled car was held by Northern Territory authorities until 1990 when it was returned to Michael Chamberlain, who restored it. The National Museum acquisition also includes Dr Chamberlain's Bible, his running shoes worn at Ayers Rock, clothing and photographs.



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