



The Preserve

**Newsletter of the Council of Motor Clubs
The Vital Link for Motoring Clubs**



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The CMC is delighted to report that Terry is improving slowly and we expect to see him at the General Meeting on Tuesday 27th May at our new venue, so I guess you have to put up with me reporting on his behalf one more time.

From this month *The Preserve* will be emailed out to all clubs as a monthly newsletter. The Committee decided that we have much better things to do with your money than spend it on printing costs. This has also made Madam Treasurer a very happy camper indeed.

In the past a printed copy was handed to delegates at general meetings. However, this meant that only the delegate got a copy. By emailing the newsletter to all clubs, a copy can be easily passed on to all your members.

So, on with the important matters to hand, these being the wrap-up of National Motoring Heritage Day and the upcoming Shannons Sydney Classic.

National Motoring Heritage Day went off with a bang as usual. All of the locations were published on the National Trust Magazine this year, thanks to Ian Shearman, CMC committee member and member of the Rover Owners Club. The response we received to these items in the magazine has indicated that this has substantially lifted the profile of the event.

Articles have appeared or will appear in the Southern Highlands News, the Mosman Daily and the Hills Shire Times. I received a number of phone calls as well.

The organisation of the SSC is progressing well, thanks once again to Kay & Tony De Luca's outstanding efforts with regard to this event. Couldn't do it without you folks.

This year we are running a "lollipop" traffic marshal training day at Sydney Motorsport Park on Saturday 12th July, for volunteers who will be helping out at the SSC.

Spaces are limited so please email me at hollymist@bigpond.com, if you wish to take part in the training. Morning tea and lunch will be provided on the day.

This will allow for much better management of the event as there will be at least two marshals to oversee each area on the day.

There will also be a pre-event volunteers meeting with a date and location to be advised as soon as it can be arranged.

Terry and I are also working with the ARDC to better promote the SSC so we can attract more spectators. There will be a change to the programme this year as well, but you'll have to wait and see what we have in store.

We received an application in the last few days, for a Robert Shannon Foundation grant, from the Wenona High School at North Sydney. The students are restoring a Morris Minor and the Morris Minor Club has promoted their application to the CMC. Applications close on 30th May, so they made it just in time.

The application has been forwarded to the Robert Shannon Foundation by the CMC with a recommendation for approval of the grant.

We will be voting on the affiliation of the Monaro Club at this month's meeting and Lester will talk about the SLK Drivers Club, who have approached Council to become affiliated. It's all happening folks. The Council is going strong and getting better every year.

Julie Williams

Secretary General



Our New Meeting Venue & Day

As many of you are aware we have **moved our General Meeting** to the **Greyhound Social Club at 140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona**. After almost 40 years at our present venue, the Council of Motor Clubs identified the need for the change, based on the reasons as set out below, and have acted on it following a majority vote.

In two past emails I outlined the reasons for the move.

"As you may be aware, the Magpie Sports Club, where we currently hold our General Meetings, has been taken over by a larger club and they have recently undertaken some renovations.

We have been advised that, at this point in time, the club will not undertake any (much needed) renovations to the function room upstairs where our meetings are held. However, there is a strong possibility that they will upgrade the facilities in the not too distant future and this may well disrupt our current arrangements."

While we had no trouble securing the venue at the Greyhound Club, we were unable to secure the Monday evening as the club closes at 8pm on Monday nights. We therefore, had to change the night to the last **Tuesday** of each alternate month. Again, please accept our apologies for any disruption to your club meetings.

The first meeting to be held at the Greyhound Social Club will be on Tuesday 27th May 2014 at 8pm. This particular meeting will, of necessity, be up a short staircase, but it is nothing like the staircase at the Magpie Sports Club and is easier to negotiate. All subsequent meetings will be held in the Ground Floor Auditorium, which is spacious and very comfortable. There is also a Bistro with Chinese and Australian meals. This will make it easier for those of you who wish to come straight from your workplace and have a meal before the meeting, and of course, to do a bit of socialising.

Future meeting dates for 2014 are as follows:

Tuesday 27th May

Tuesday 29th July

Tuesday 30th September

Tuesday 25th November (AGM)

The staff and management of the Greyhound Social Club have been extremely accommodating and pleasant to deal with, so I'm sure the move will be a happy one for everyone concerned.

Your feedback on the change will be more than welcome, but I do ask that you wait until after the first meeting and then I will be happy to listen to any comments.

I have included a map in order to help you find your way there for the **May 27th Meeting**. May I suggest that you carry the magazine with you on the night so you have the map handy to guide you.

If you have any issues with finding the club please give me a call on 0409 161 357.

Thank you again. **Julie Williams, Secretary**



The Robert Shannon Foundation

The Robert Shannon Foundation was established in 2003 to perpetuate the memory of Robert Shannon, founder of Shannons Insurance, who died unexpectedly in March 2000.

Robert was an avid classic car enthusiast, who especially enjoyed his 1930 Invicta S Type. He was a strong supporter of the historic motoring movement and was concerned that it was not attracting enough younger people, particularly in the areas of the preservation and restoration of classic vehicles.

AIM

After the success of the Shannons 2001 National Motoring Tour, the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) established the Robert Shannon Foundation. The AHMF is the national body representing classic and historic vehicle clubs in all states and territories. The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage people under the age of 30 to become involved in the restoration and preservation of veteran, vintage, post-vintage, historic 50's, historic 60' and historic 70's vehicles up to 30 years old. The Foundation may (1) help with the purchase of specialist tools or equipment; (2) assist with the actual cost of restoration work, (3) contribute toward TAFE or other fees or (4) contribute toward any project considered worthwhile by the Trustees.

ELIGIBILITY

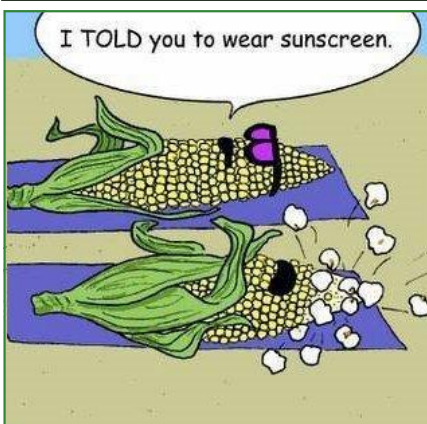
Any person or group of people under the age of thirty years and engaged in studying automotive restoration and preservation or actively working on historic vehicles is eligible to nominate for a grant.

Before completing an application form an individual or group should seek the support of a local vehicle club. This club must be affiliated with the appropriate state council.



Robert Shannon's Invicta

A laugh a minute.....



The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?" "Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."



"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," he said. "A normal person would pull the plug."

Do you want a bed near the window?"

National Motoring Heritage Day

▲ Tribute to Australia's Motoring Heritage - Sunday 18th May 2014

Mittagong Public School

The Southern Highlands really turned it on. Everything was brilliant - weather, relaxed and friendly atmosphere and a great array of cars and clubs.

Mittagong Public School has embraced this event now and make us most welcome.

There were just on 120 cars on display with a few visiting in transit to other events. Thirty Three of the cars were MG's which gladdened me as I put a bit of work into organising my "Old Speckled Hen" run each year. The consensus among my club is that they want to return to this venue next year.

The stand out club was most definitely the Alfa Romeo Owners Club. They had a great display of the marque spread over many years, club banners and did some promotional work for their club and did not separate themselves from everyone else, but moved around and mixed well.

Mark Fletcher (Fletch) was back for the second year in a row. He featured my car last year and another member's MGA this year. I spoke to him about Shannons Sydney Classic and he was quite interested and said he would be back from America by then. I gave him some brochures to keep this in his diary. As Shannons is a major sponsor of Classic Restos, maybe Tony could have a quiet word in his ear?

Just heard on the radio about the passing of Black Jack. As a small boy, my father used to take me to Parramatta Speedway (Cumberland Oval) and Jack raced there then, and then worked his ring off to be World Champion and knighted "Sir Jack". My only personal contact with him was at the Easter Show at the RAS Showground quite a few years back when I was being dragged around the decorated cake display and I bumped into another bored participant in a lovely hand knitted cardigan doing the honours with his wife. We only nodded hello and rolled our eyes in recognition. Just a small poignant moment, but one which mirrors the humility of the great man.

John Lindsay



National Motoring Heritage Day

Bella Vista

The day started bright and early, as well as being fine, just as we like it!

I had promised to help the organisers, the Leyland P76 Owners Club of NSW.

The space available within the Bella Vista Historic Site suits a display of motor vehicles, with grassy cover and some shade. There was a number of stalls, both for food and crafts. For the little children, pony rides could be purchased as well as a petting enclosure for small animals. The homestead was open for those who wished to visit it and take in the well-restored heritage building.

Marques represented included: Austin, Morris, Ford, Holden, Studebaker, Hudson, Chevrolet, Daimler, Singer, Riley, Jowett, Leyland (P76), Jeep, MG, Fiat, Daimler, Rover, Wolseley, Jaguar, Swallow, Clubman, VW, Hillman, Humber, Mazda. Although both US and British marques were represented, there were many more British than others.

The outstanding car which was there, in my estimation, was the 1930 Morris Isis.

Clubs which were well represented, as well as ROC, included Austin (I think the greatest number of cars), Morris Minor Picnic Club, Jowett, Wolseley, Leyland P76 Owners.

By the time that I left, at about 1:45pm, there had been about 77 vehicles attending, a small number leaving before the day had finished. I understand that by the end of the day, more than 80 vehicles had been on show.

The Leyland P76 Owners Club, and in particular Kay and Tony De Luca, must be congratulated for a wonderful event and the smooth manner in which it was organised. A total of more than \$2500 was raised for Friends of Bella Vista, including a gold coin donation for each car on display.

Ian Shearman





**Council of Motor Clubs Presents
The Shannons Sydney Classic
Sydney Motorsport Park, at Eastern Creek
Sunday 17th August 2014**

Displays for 2014

Please let us know if your club or Marque has an anniversary coming up this year so we can book you a spot on Pit Lane for a special display.

This year we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the CMC Display Day.

110 years of Rover
100 years of Maserati
100 years of the Dodge
90 years of the Jewett
60 years of the Swallow Doretta
60 years of the Southern Sporting Car Club
50 Years of the Ford Mustang
50 years of the Mini Cooper 'S'
50 years of the Jaguar Drivers Club
50 years of the Sunbeam Tiger
50 years of the Pontiac GTO
50 years of the MG Midget Mk II
50 years of the Sprite Mk III
50 years of the Citroën Car Club
50 years of the Fiat 850
50 years of the Lancia Motor Club of NSW
50 years of the Ford Falcon XM
50 years of the Renault 8 Gordini
50 years of the XM Falcon
40 years of the VW Passat in Australia
40 years of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club
40 years of the Ford Falcon XA GT
40 years of the Valiant Charger R/T E49
40 years of the Leyland P76 Targa Florio
40 years of the Holden LJ Torana GTR XU-1
40 years of the Humber Car Club
20 years of the Southern Sydney Early Holden Car Club
20 years of the Pittwater Motoring Enthusiasts Asscn.

Email: secretary@councilofmotorclubs.org.au

Saturday

Gates open at 10am
FREE ENTRY & PARKING.
TRADE DISPLAYS & SALES IN
PIT GARAGES ALL DAY
CSCA SUPERSPRINT CIRCUIT EVENT 10:00 AM

Sunday

Gates open to the Public at 10am

Over 1900 Veteran & Classic vehicles from 150 clubs on display and on parade, including cars, bikes, scooters and military vehicles.

- Double-decker bus rides around the track,
- Concours Display & Trophy Presentation on Pit Lane
- Trade displays in Pit Garages all day with books, models & all sorts of memorabilia available for sale.
- Live music.
- Don't forget, this is very close to Father's Day!

It's a day for all the family with lots of things for Dad, Mum & not forgetting the kids with clowns & face painting

General admission \$15

Kids under 12 years & Parking FREE

CMC 50th Anniversary Commemorative Merchandise

If you couldn't attend our Birthday celebrations last year, here's your chance to pick up some CMC 50th Anniversary memorabilia. We will only reach this milestone once, so don't miss out. All the details and how to order and pay are listed below. Just post or email your request and we'll ship your order to you.



Champagne Flute \$ 8 Quantity _____
 Coffee Mug \$ 15 Quantity _____
 Umbrella \$ 30 Quantity _____
 Calculator \$ 5 Quantity _____
 Cap \$ 15 Quantity _____
 Key Rings \$ 4 Quantity _____
 Pens \$ 3 Quantity _____

Set of 6 Flutes \$ 40 Quantity _____
 Set of 6 Mugs \$ 75 Quantity _____

Total Order \$ _____ Plus Postage \$10

Shipping Instructions

Name: _____

Street Name & Number / PO Box: _____

Suburb/City: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

OR: I Will collect at the next General Meeting please:

Payment Details

Post your cheque or Money Order, with this order form,
to The Secretary, GPO Box 3954, Sydney 2001

CMC Bank Details: A/c Name: Council of Motor Clubs BSB: 633 108 A/c No: 1233 73078 (Bendigo Bank)

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