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NEWSLETTER OF THE COUNCIL OF MOTOR CLUBS

**NEXT MEETING  
8PM TUESDAY  
31ST MAY 2016**

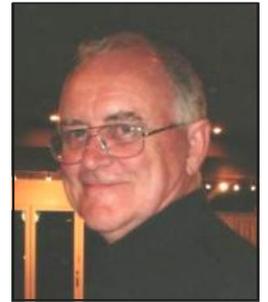
**ARENA SPORTS CLUB  
140 ROOKWOOD ROAD, YAGOONA**



# What a Deussy!



# President's Report



The following is an extract from :



**PRESENTATION TO THE ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL – APRIL 2016.**

## Your 2016 Committee Executive Committee

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*SSC Sub-committee*

The Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs Inc (ACMC) was formed by a group of motoring enthusiasts who were all frustrated by the confusing and impracticable rules and regulations that governed their hobbies and stifled their activities. This was the first time that all disciplines and areas of interest in the enthusiast motoring community had been brought together as one body. Now a group of eight Councils and Associations represent over 600 vehicle clubs and their estimated 50,000 members in NSW. Their interests range through classic and vintage vehicles to motorbikes, hot rods, street machines, motorbikes and 4WDs. The Minister invited the ACMC and other interested parties to join the proposed Vehicle Standards Working Group and have input to the working of proposed rules plus other issues affecting all motorists, especially the members of the ACMC groups.

The Vehicle Standards Working Group (VSWG) was formed back in 2012 at the behest of the Minister, the Hon. Duncan Gay MLC, to bring together interested and affected parties with the intent of solving issues with rules and regulations. It was to specifically give these interested parties direct ability to influence the development of vehicle standards and associated policies in NSW.

### Background of the Vehicle Standards Working Group

- \* Vehicle Safety Compliance Certification Scheme
  - \* Major issue - modifications to braking systems and testing
  - \* Vehicle Enthusiasts Conferences
  - \* Formation of the Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs Inc (ACMC)
- Minister's invitation to form the Vehicle Standards Working Group*

### Achievements of the Vehicle Standards Working Group

- \* Abridged brake testing
- \* Modifications to light vehicles – Vehicle Standards Information (VSI) 6
- \* Australian Design Rules (ADRs) Manual
- \* Suspension modifications and four wheel drives
- \* Individually Constructed Vehicles (ICVs)- VSI 53
- \* Changing the GVM of goods vehicles with alternative identification plates – VSI 48
- \* Bike racks – new Vehicle Standards Information
- \* Street rods – new legislation
- \* Emission standards for older vehicles

Conditional registration for classic vehicles

**Terry Thompson OAM ,  
President**

**Our next meeting  
8pm Tuesday 31st May 2016  
Arena Sports Club, 140 Rockwood Road, Yagoona.**

Meetings commence at 8pm sharp,  
with a social dinner from around 6pm.

Delegates please advise the Secretary at [secretary@councilofmotorclubs.org.au](mailto:secretary@councilofmotorclubs.org.au)  
if you are unable to attend a meeting.

You may send a substitute delegate from your club if you need to. Again, please advise the Secretary at the above email address.

**Front cover: 1926 Duesenberg Model A**

# Important Notices

**Shannons Sydney Classic Tickets will initially be handed out at the General Meeting on Tuesday 31st May and those not collected on the night will be posted to your club as soon as possible following the meeting.**

## CMC Committee Chats

If you would like a member of the CMC to come along to your Club's general meeting to chat about the role of the CMC and answer questions, please let us know.  
Just email the Secretary, Julie Williams at [hollymist@bigpond.com](mailto:hollymist@bigpond.com) to arrange a date and time.

## Club Chat - SSC Concours

It was noted recently by several of the Committee that, for the last few years, numbers for the Shannons Sydney Classic Concours have been down on previous years.

We decided that we would appeal to our members to please consider entering your vehicle in the Concours.

We aren't necessarily looking for the pristine not-a-speck-of anything etc. etc. Originality is 50% of the points awarded. Or as a past stalwart of the Committee once said they should be 'unmolested'.

Past winners have included all kinds of vehicles, such as motorcycles and a WW II Jeep. So, please THINK ABOUT entering.



You will be competing for trophies and, dare I say, should you wish to sell your pride and joy at anytime, having a Concours trophy in your cupboard can only add to the value of the vehicle.

And don't forget our very own 'Joyce', the lovely, totally original, 1963 AP5 Valiant we raffled back in 2013. She raised a pretty good sum of money for Prostate Cancer Research and was subsequently auctioned

for a tidy sum as well.

You can download the full *Judging Procedures* and an entry form from the CMC website just copy and paste this link to check them over. <http://www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au/docs/Judging-Procedures.pdf>



## SSC 2015 DVD on Sale

Don't forget that a DVD is now available of some highlights of the Shannons Sydney Classic 2015. The cost is \$15 each.

The DVD is half an hour long and a percentage of the proceeds will go to Prostate Cancer Research. You can purchase one on line by emailing [cmcsec@bigpond.com](mailto:cmcsec@bigpond.com) and pay by cheque or EFT to:

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



## Volunteers Needed

If you have some spare time on Saturday 13th August to help with the set-up, or Sunday 14th August to help run the show, and would like to lend a hand for a couple of hours, then please let our Secretary, Julie Williams know by emailing to [hollymist@bigpond.com](mailto:hollymist@bigpond.com) to add your name to the list.

We will be holding a volunteers meeting at the Greyhound Social Club on Saturday 30th July from 1:30pm.

**Afternoon tea will be provided.**

# Club Chat

## Guidelines for Club Committee Hand-over & How to Download Minutes

These details should be kept with your Club Secretary or Public Officer and handed to the new Committee following your AGM or at a time immediately following any committee changes.

The Committee of the CMC has identified some issues around club contact details, which are stored on our database, as being incorrect. This means some emails aren't getting to some of our clubs.

If you aren't getting emails from us it's possible that your details are incorrect OR your computer is treating our emails as SPAM. To overcome this, you need to check your **Junk Mail Folder** and if you find an email in there from us you will need **to right-click on the message**, then click on **Junk Email** and select **Add sender to safe senders list**, this should overcome the SPAM issue.

We are aware that at the time of the CMC affiliation renewal each year (31st December), your club's details may well be correct. However, your contact details and / or the details of your Executive Committee may change during the year for various reasons.

In order to assist your club with handover to a new committee, or Public Officer we offer a few suggestions below.

We sincerely hope that your kind assistance with this issue will alleviate some of the discrepancies, which appear each year in our records, and will allow us to keep you informed of important issues in a timely manner.

In order that RMS records for your club are kept up to date, the Council suggests that the details regarding any Executive Committee changes should also be advised to the Roads & Maritime Service as soon as possible. **( This service has been relocated from Grafton. Please call the RMS or visit their website for details )**. This is especially important if your club has vehicles on HCRS. Failure to inform them may result in an application for registration being refused.

You must also advise NSW Fair Trading **(13 32 20)** of your Public Officer and/or address changes.

### Guidelines

**Note: Affiliation Renewals are due on 31st December each year.**

As soon as possible following any changes, we would ask that you notify changes of the following to the CMC at [secretary@councilofmotorclubs.org.au](mailto:secretary@councilofmotorclubs.org.au).

<u>Executive Committee</u>	<u>Contact Details</u>
President Vice President Treasurer Secretary / Public Officer HCRS Registrar	First point of contact. i.e. one email address only, or postal address. Website address (if you have one). Email & phone contacts only, for one or two delegates who will attend CMC general meetings.

### HOW TO DOWNLOAD MINUTES FROM THE WEBSITE

Please note the minutes are not usually on the website until 14 days following a General Meeting.

**Instructions on how to download minutes from the website are as follows:**

Go to the Website: at [www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au](http://www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au)

Select: "**Document Centre**" then "**Minutes**"

**If you have any problems with this procedure please contact the Secretary, Julie Williams, at**

[secretary@councilofmotorclubs.org.au](mailto:secretary@councilofmotorclubs.org.au)

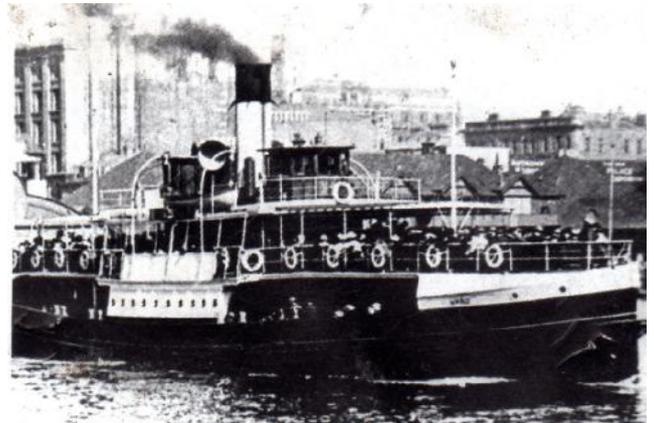
**or call 0409 161 357.**

# Old Sydney Town

*The Dee Why c.1938*



## On the Harbour

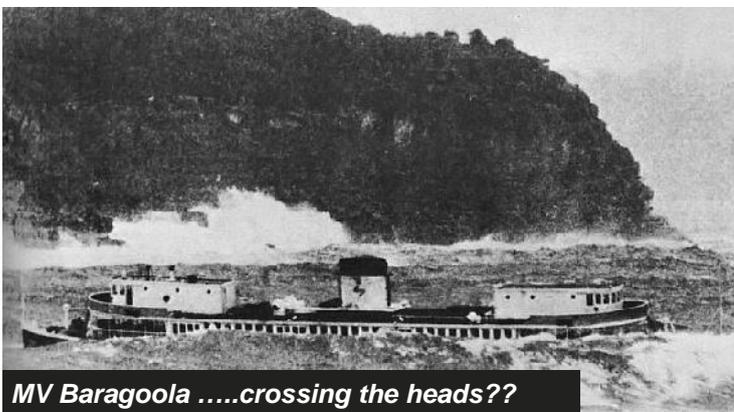


*The steamship Manly II an early Manly ferry*



*Ferries pass the unfinished Bridge C.1930*

*Lady Ferguson c.1930*



*MV Baragoola .....crossing the heads??*

*And probably one of the most famous ferries  
.....the South Steyne. 1938*

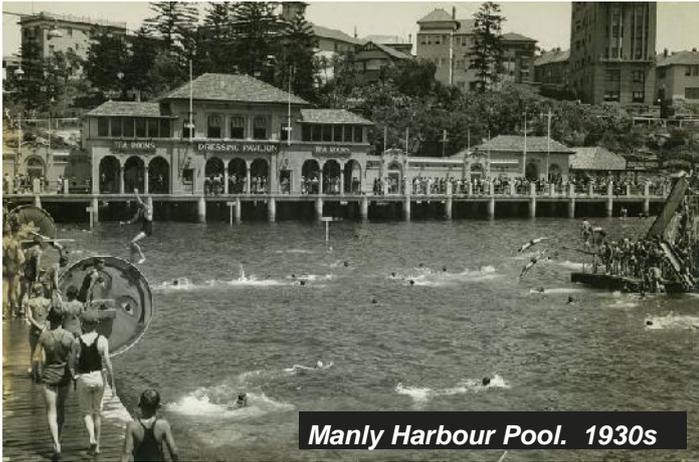


*Work on The Bridge 1930s*



# Old Sydney Town

## On the Harbour



*Manly Harbour Pool. 1930s*



*Circular Quay (Sydney Harbour) in the early 1900s.*



*Luna Park  
...1950s*



*Trams at Circular Quay 1920s*



*Passenger vessel, possibly  
SS Mooltan III, leaving the P&O  
wharf in Sydney Cove, c 1930*



*Bennelong Point  
before the Opera House*

# National Motoring Heritage Day



Car Clubs who attended were:

Central Coast Historic Car Club  
Central Coast Antique & Classic Motor Club  
Central Coast LVDC  
Central Coast British Car Club  
Twin Lakes Classic Car Club  
Central Coast All Ford Club  
Central Coast Holden Owners  
Mini's on the Coast plus Mini Car Club  
Classic Falcon Owners Car Club  
Austin A40 Car Club  
Chrysler Restorers Car Club  
Hillman Owners Car Club  
Humber Car Club  
Riley Owners Club  
Wolseley Owners Club  
XW/XY Falcon Owners  
Jaguar Car Club  
Vintage Compact Speedway  
Central Coast Vintage Motor Cycle Club  
Central Coast Machinery Club

A great range of vehicles and a huge crowd made this day very special.

Allan Mead from the Central Coast Historic Car Club was on the organising committee and advised me the previous largest attendance was 140 cars two years ago.

A great day was had by all.

**Peter Asquith**

The Heritage Day Car Show saw displays of: Vintage, Historic and Classic Cars from Local & Regional Car Clubs. Lots of Vintage cars were on display from the 1911 Model "T" Ford to the immaculate Jaguar "E Type" coupes alongside nostalgic 1930's to 1950's Buick's, Chrysler's, Chev's, Ford's, Austin "7"s, All the British Classics, Holden's of all ages from 1948 to mid-1980's, plus just about everything in-between.

Owners of these cars were on hand to have a chat and no doubt they had some interesting stories. The kids had lots of fun as well with yummy food stalls and amusement rides to keep them entertained.

The weather was fantastic so a great day was had by all who attended the Heritage Day. There was an expected crowd of 4500 and 185 cars were on show, as well as Speedway cars and Vintage motor cycles.

Thank you to the Central Coast Historic Car Club who hosted this wonderful event we hope to see you all back again next year for the 2017 Heritage Day Car Show.



# National Motoring Heritage Day

## Berry Showground

What a day! It would have to be rated as one of the best NHMD event we have ever hosted. We had a turnout of around 400 vehicles, the sun was shining almost as bright as the cars on show.

Holden and Ford did us proud with a wonderful line up headed by both the new Holden and the new Mustang. We were getting a little concerned that we were going to run out of display space, in fact some proud owners decided they would park outside the showgrounds. We estimate we had over 400 cars participating with over 800 spectators throughout the day. We in fact had food venders running out of food, but thank goodness it was after the award presentation so cars were starting to leave. The display was well represented by many clubs, for which we are very grateful.

A note of interest this year was that we had so many private entries of the most unusual vehicles; all in all a very successful day. Patrick as always was at his best in announcing and promoting cars of interest, Sponsors and the promotion of CMC and the upcoming Route (66) event.

Thank you to the CMC for your great support! together with Judges Terry and Ted from the CMC. Please convey our appreciation for the great job they did; the day went without incident. I am still getting comments of gratitude for putting on such a good show.

**Michael Lipscombe**

**Co-ordinator**

**NMHD (SHVC)**



Photos courtesy of David Petrikas,  
President  
Sunbeam Owners Club

# National Motoring Heritage Day

## Berry Showground

The Sunbeam Owners Club of NSW was one of the many taking part in the annual

National Motoring Heritage Day activities, including the eclectic and interesting display hosted by Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club at Berry Showground.

The theme for 2016 was: "A Salute to Ford and Holden" in their last year of local vehicle manufacture. As expected there were some outstanding Holdens on display including early "humpy" FJ and FX classic Holdens, together with GT Falcons, GTRXU1 and SS Toranas among others.

However, the small Sunbeam display of Tigers and Alpines from the Sunbeam club driven by David Petrikas, Charles Seaberg, John Moss and David Rubie, together with Roy Segrott's Morgan attracted a large number of admirers and a rare for some onlookers.

As is often the case people are fascinated with the V8 engines in the Tigers and were also in for a bit of surprise when looking at John and Patricia Moss's immaculate Alpine with its modern Nissan engine and tastefully updated interior.

Other classics included historic Jaguars, Rileys, a good number of English sports cars including Triumph TR5's and Spitfires, Austin Healey, MGs, Jensens and vintage race cars.

The diversity was quite remarkable, even attracting Lamborghinis, Maseratis, Shelby Mustangs, Corvettes, Camaros, hot rods and some lovely vintage Chryslers including a stunning burgundy coloured roadster.

The best Aussie Ford in show, was awarded to an XW GT Falcon, with best Holden won by an LX Torana SS hatchback. Runners up were an XC Cobra hardtop and a FJ Holden ute.

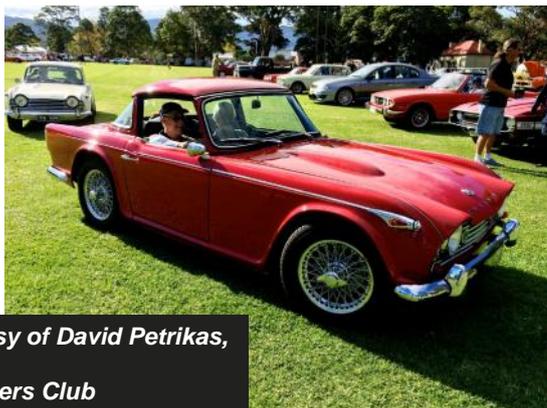
A 66 Mustang won best car in show, with an immaculate LC Torana XU1 named runner-up – no doubt a popular choice given this year's Aussie Ford and Holden theme.

Most original Holden was awarded to a HK Kingswood with an amazingly original extremely low mileage 1961 Ford Thunderbird convertible runner up in the most original category. Best-restored vehicle meanwhile, was won by a 1967 Corvette.

Given the beautiful location, the cars were not the only star of the event, with the drive down as rewarding as the show itself, with the unique combination of rolling foothills and lush green dairy pastures, and the dramatic backdrop of interesting escarpment formations on the one side and ocean views on the other between Gerringong and Berry.

**DAVID PETRIKAS, PRESIDENT,**

**Sunbeam  
Owners Club  
of NSW**



Photos courtesy of David Petrikas,  
President  
Sunbeam Owners Club

# National Motoring Heritage Day

## Museum of Fire

Actual count of 105 vehicles + 1 caravan.

There were 2 x Daimler SP250 cars but don't know which club.

Chrysler Restorers Club were there; they are also volunteers for the museum and did most of the work in cooking lunch for everyone.

Regals Mopar Car Club was also there, plus a few drop-ins on the day. I spoke to a couple who read about it in the local paper.

There were 18 MG's from the MG Car Club and there were 2 others from other clubs. Mark White, CEO of the Museum, also helped cook the barbeque and took time to walk around and talk to as many of the participants as possible.

Overall a great promotion for the historic movement and the CMC.



# Auto Polo

## 1910 - 1956

**1928. Two cars collide during an auto polo match in Fort Myers, Florida.**

It combines all the dangers and excitement of a bullfight, a football game and a ride in an aeroplane.

Given that early automobiles were marketed as replacement horses, it was inevitable that the game of auto-polo would be invented.

A degree of credit must go to Joshua Crane, Jr. of the Dedham Polo Club in Boston. Crane first proved the viability of the sport in 1902 by demonstrating his skill wielding a polo mallet and steering a car simultaneously.

But it would be another decade before auto-polo truly entered the public sphere. In July 1912, a Ford dealer from Kansas held an auto-polo match in an alfalfa field in Wichita as a stunt to drum up business. Attended by thousands of spectators, the match pitted the "Gray Ghosts" against the "Red Devils."

The contest featured two cars per team, with one man driving each car and another man hanging off the running boards with a mallet, swinging at a basketball-sized sphere. A surgeon stood by to attend injured players.



The sport grew in popularity in following years, with matches held regularly in New York, Chicago and other cities around the U.S.

Cuts, bruises, broken bones and occasional deaths were the result as cars collided, rolled over and tossed their riders. But it was not the risk to life and limb that ultimately led to the sport's decline.

As the *Paterson Daily Press* wisely predicted back at Joshua Crane's first demonstration in 1902, it was the cost of constantly replacing battered vehicles that led to players largely abandoning the sport by the late 1920s.

It is easier to sit on a well-upholstered seat than to ride a spirited pony. The player has more strength and energy left to devote to his strokes.

**C. 1910**



# Auto Polo



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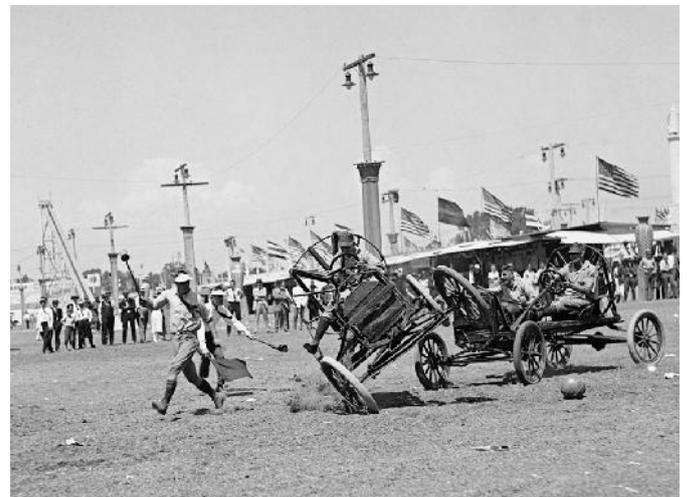
c. 1920

An auto polo driver rides up on a competitor's car during a match in Pinehurst, North Carolina.



All we hope is that this lunatic game will not spread.

So do we !!!!!



# Classic Eye Candy

## Back to the Future - The Stout Scarab

*This was written by Ron Schneider of Milwaukee, 65, owner of Leon 's Frozen Custard.*

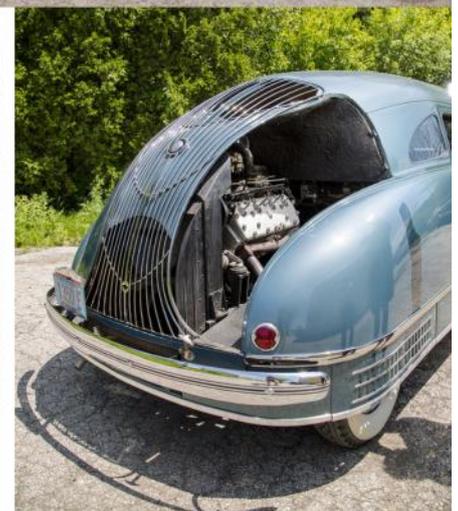
William B. Stout was a Michigan-based inventor, best remembered for building the first all-metal airplane and a portable folding house, one of which I own. In the 1930s, he turned his attention to the auto industry with his Stout Scarab, of which nine were made.

His goal: to build a car of the future. It was no bigger than a normal car on the outside, with twice the room inside. It had flush window glass and fenders incorporated into the body, so it would drive without wind noise. It had a table, moving chairs, and three cigar lighters.

In retrospect, some say Stout built the first minivan. But the car, so radical and expensive for its time (about \$5,000, which would be about \$85,000 today), didn't catch on.

I paid \$12,000 for one, and bought another for parts, then began a two-year restoration. Once done, I drove the Scarab across country twice. Along the way, I found Bill Stout's grandson, living in Phoenix. I asked if the car was like what he remembered as a boy. He said it was, down to the finger and nose prints on the windows, from people wanting to see inside. Some thought Stout was a crackpot, at first. But his ideas were more right than wrong.

I restored my Scarab to see if the car was as good as he said it was. And it is.



# The Stout Scarab



## Council of Motor Clubs Presents The Shannons Sydney Classic

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**Sunday 14th August 2016**

**Sydney Motorsport Park,  
at Eastern Creek**

**Gates open to the Public at 10am**

Over 1900 Veteran & Classic vehicles from over 150 clubs on display and on parade, including cars, motorbikes, scooters and military vehicles, police vehicles, ambulances & fire engines. AND it's on rain, hail or shine. There's plenty to see and do indoors.

- Double-decker bus rides around the track (gold coin donation for the Bus Museum)
- Trade displays in Pit Garages all day with books, models & all sorts of memorabilia available for sale.
- Live music, the Free Spirit Markets, Rock 'N' Roll dancing, art show and much, much more !!
- Don't forget, this is very close to Father's Day, so come along and pick up a gift that Dad will love!

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

**General admission \$20**

**Free entry for kids under 12 years  
& Free Parking**





## *The sharing of marriage....*

The old man placed an order for one hamburger, French fries and a drink.

He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife.

He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife.

He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering.

Obviously they were thinking, 'That poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them.'

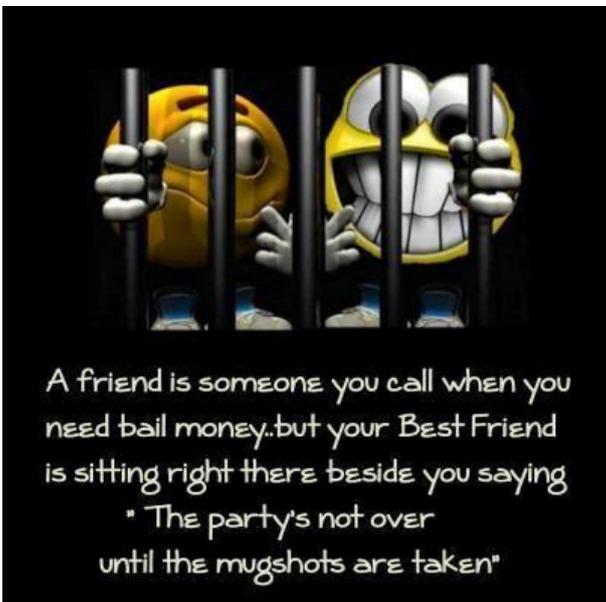
As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said, they were just fine - they were used to sharing everything

People closer to the table noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink. Again, the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them.

This time the old woman said 'No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything.'

Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked 'What is it you are waiting for?

She answered -- 'THE TEETH'



A friend is someone you call when you need bail money..but your Best Friend is sitting right there beside you saying  
" The party's not over until the mugshots are taken"

## *Idiot Sightings.....*

We had to have the garage door repaired. The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener.

I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a ½ horsepower.

He shook his head and said, 'You need a ¼horsepower.'

I responded that ½ was larger than ¼ and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

We haven't used that repairman since...this happened in Ipswich, Qld.

I live in a semi rural area.

We recently had a new neighbour call the local council P & W office to request the removal of the WOMBAT CROSSING sign on our road.

The reason: 'Too many wombats are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

Story from Collingwood, Melbourne.

She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.'

He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

From Bankstown, Sydney.....

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked,

'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?'

To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?'

He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

This happened in Elizabeth S.A.

The pedestrian light on the corner beeps when it's safe to cross the street.

I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine.

She asked if I knew what the beeper was for.

I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, 'what on earth are blind people doing driving?!'

She is a government employee in ATO Newcastle NSW AU.

When my husband and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it.

We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door.

As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked.

'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'its open!'

His reply, 'I know. I already did that side.'

## **STAY ALERT!**

***They walk among us, they breed, and they vote !!***

# Just for laughs.....

My teacher pointed me with his ruler and said: "At the end of this ruler there's an idiot!"

I got detention after asking *which* end.

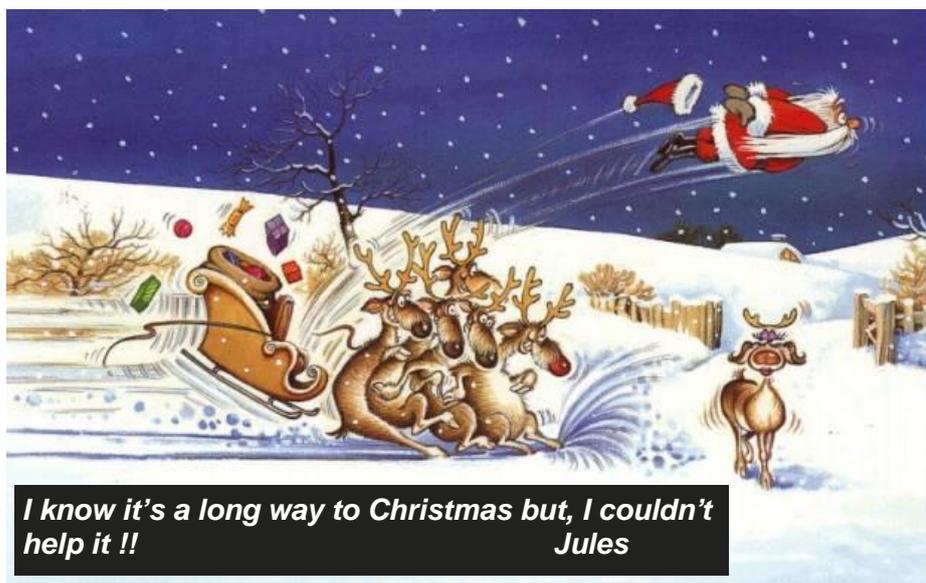
THE ANSWER  
MAY NOT LIE  
AT THE  
BOTTOM OF  
A BOTTLE  
OF WINE.  
BUT YOU SHOULD  
AT LEAST CHECK.

MY WIFE MADE ME  
COFFEE THIS MORNING AND  
WINKED AT ME WHEN SHE  
HANDED ME THE CUP.

I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE  
SCARED OF A DRINK IN ALL  
OF MY LIFE.



Donald Trump's hair finally runs off to seek a better life



I stick my head through the shower curtain and lick Peoples bums while they aren't looking.

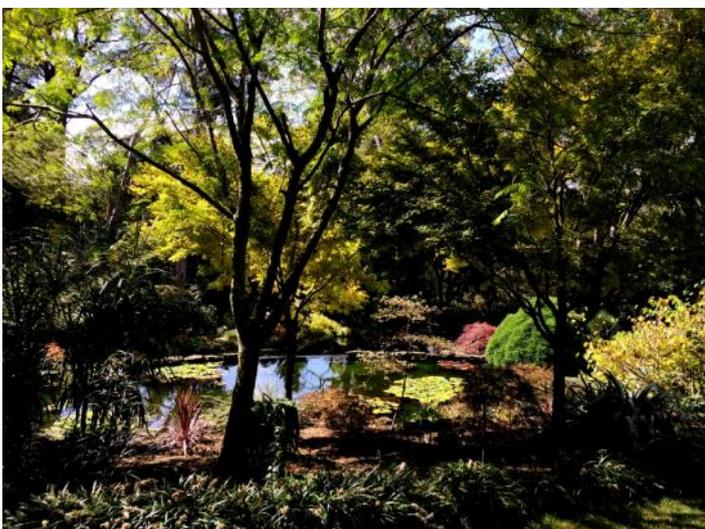
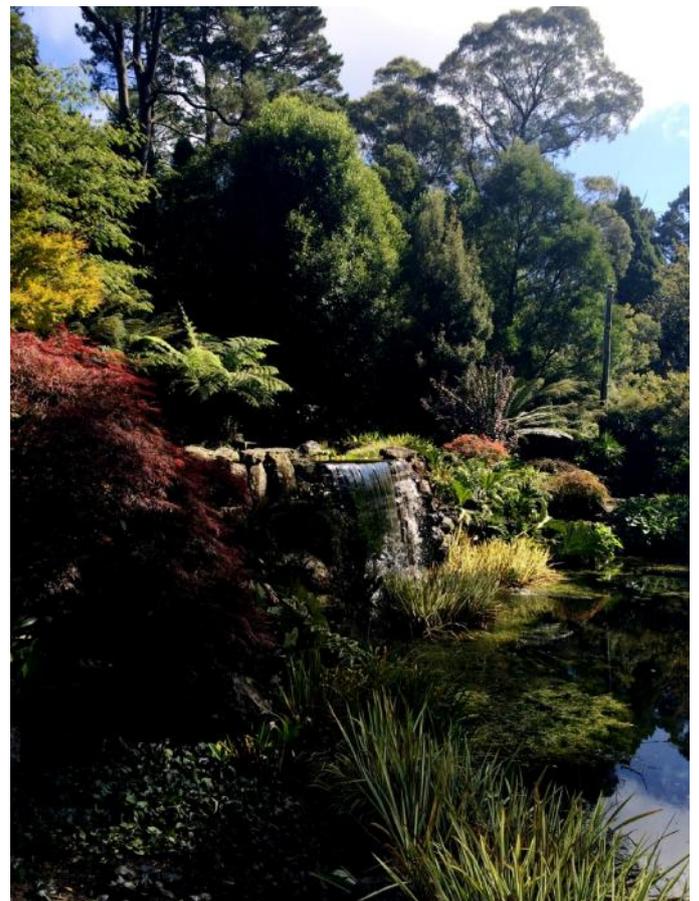


# Beautiful Australia



*Windyridge  
Gardens,  
Mount Wilson*

*.... a little  
slice of  
paradise*



*Photos courtesy of David Petrikas,  
President  
Sunbeam Owners Club*

# Poets Corner

## About CJ Dennis

### Larrikin poet's Sentimental 'Slanguage'

C. J. Dennis, who would have been 133 about a week ago, once wrote that, as a small boy, he had 'a devout and urgent desire to become a larrikin'. This might have been because his four maiden aunts dressed him in starched suits, Eton collars, a cap, patent leather shoes and brown gloves in which he carried a cane.

And his name was Clarence — all in all, the perfect recipe for small boy torture in a remote country town. As soon as he could, Dennis dropped the 'Clarence' and became known universally as Den.

As he grew up, Dennis drifted unsuccessfully through a range of jobs including working in his father's Laura pub, the Beetaloo. Spilt beer and smashed glasses convinced everyone that he was not cut out by nature to be a barman.

In the new century, after some editorial ventures in Adelaide, he finished up in Toolangi, north east of Melbourne, depressed and broke.

It was during this time that he brought the Sentimental Bloke into existence and, in line with Dennis's own low spirits, the Bloke comes on the scene not triumphantly but in a state of puzzled gloom.

*The world 'as got me snouted jist a treat;  
Cruel forchin's dirty left 'as smote me soul;  
'An all them joys o' life I 'eld so sweet Is up the pole.*

What he can't understand is why he feels so down. But gradually it dawns on him that it's spring time and he hasn't got a girl.

*It seems to me I'm kind er lookin' for  
A tart I knoo a hundred years ago,  
Or maybe more.  
Wot's this I've 'eard 'em call that thing? ... Geewhizz  
Me ideel bit o' skirt! That's wot it is!*

The street lore offers a way out of his confusion:

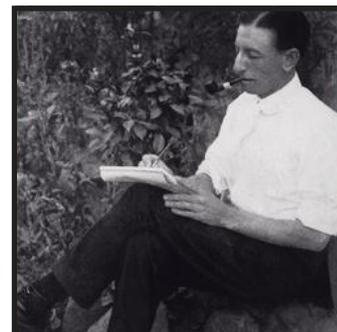
*Aw, spare me days,  
If this 'ere silly feelin' doesn't stop  
I'll lose me block and stoush some flamin' cop!*

But he does meet her — his ideal bit o' skirt. 'Er name's Doreen ...'

Head over heels in love the Bloke abandons his rough mates, the booze and the life of the streets only to find himself in — of all places — a theatre, sitting in velvet seats to see a play! Love conquers all.

The Sentimental Bloke is a wonderful example of just how good Dennis was at writing verse in 'slanguage' as he put it, chronicling the ordinary man's experience of those times in the language of everyday: the gang warfare on Melbourne's back streets, the life of the markets and barrowmen, the coming of war.

Dennis was well read in and a great lover of the works of Shakespeare. He made a study of how Shakespeare and his contemporaries used slang and was astounded to find that much of the language of the streets of Melbourne had its origins in the lanes and markets of Elizabethan London.



The Bloke's moods mirror many of those found in Shakespeare's sonnets. Shakespeare's forlorn and depressed 29th sonnet,

*'When, in disgrace with Fortune and men's eyes/I all alone  
beweep my outcast state',* has its exact counterpart in Dennis's *'An' 'ere's me, 'ere,/Jist moochin' round like some pore, barmy coot/Of 'ope and joy an' forchin destichoot.'*

One of Shakespeare's lyrics on the coming of Spring salutes *'lady-smocks all silver-white'*. Dennis has his 'Spring Song' too — *'The young green leaves is shootin' in the trees/The air is like a long cool swig o' beer'* — and, like Shakespeare's ladies, Dennis's 'smilin' tarts walk up and down all dressed/In clobber white'. There are many similar parallels.

So when the Sentimental Bloke is dragged off to the theatre by Doreen, it is to a Shakespearean play — about feuds, street fighting, love and honour. As the bloke puts it:

*'Doreen and me, we bin to see a show/The swell two-dollar touch/The drarmer's writ be Shakespeare, years ago/About a barmy goat called Romeo.'*

This is C. J. Dennis at his brilliant best, bringing together the character of the street-fighting Bloke and Dennis's own fascination with Shakespeare, slang and larrikinism. When Romeo fights Tybalt, the Bloke, sitting in the velvet theatre seats alongside Doreen, can't contain himself. It's the world he knows:

*Quite natchril, Romeo gits wet as 'ell.  
'It's me or you!' 'e 'owls, an' wiv a yell,  
Plunks Tyball through the gizzard wiv 'is sword.  
'Ow I ongcored!  
'Put in the boot!' I sez. 'Put in the boot!'  
'Ush!' sez Doreen. 'Shame!' sez some silly coot.*

*The Songs of a Sentimental Bloke* was published by Angus and Robertson with an introduction by Henry Lawson on 16 October 1915. By 31 March 1917 it had sold 66,148 copies. It's still going, deservedly so, because, like Lawson himself, Dennis opens a window on one part of our Australian culture and the forces, traditions, speech and images that have helped to forge it.

**Brian Matthews**

**16 September 2009**



# Poets Corner

In 1919 Australia's leading film producer of the time, Raymond Longford, made a movie called *The Sentimental Bloke* and, like the book, it became a hit. It was one of our original blockbusters, and audiences queued to see it.

CJ Dennis was delighted that his book had become a film, even taking a small role as an actor in it. You can see him playing a scribe, appearing near the start of the first reel.

I like to think that he insisted on that somewhat autobiographical role for himself as a lark, rather than Longford merely assigning it to him.

Here are some stills from the film.





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# Sunbeam National Car Rally, FORBES

## Provisional program 10-12 June 2016



- Forbes Town Hall – Mayoral reception



- Forbes historic Post Office

<b>FRIDAY</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> June 6:00-7:00 pm	Welcome by Forbes Mayor Drinks at <b>Forbes Town Hall</b> (Pre-register 4:00-6:00 pm)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> June 10:00 AM-12:00 pm	Assemble and register outside <b>Town Hall, Harold Street</b> for Show & Shine
<b>SATURDAY</b> 2:00 – 5:30 pm	Show and shine finish Swap meet <b>Town Hall OR</b> <b>McFeeters Car Museum</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6:30 pm	<b>Forbes Sportsman's Hotel &amp; Golf Club:</b> Casual dinner (Bus From Hotel to Golf Club)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> June 10:00 am -12:00 pm	Drive to <b>Parkes Radio Telescope</b> or other points of interest e.g. <b>Dubbo Zoo, Cowra, Utes in the Paddock</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12:00 pm-1:30 pm	Lunch at telescope (or other venue) Return to Forbes in afternoon
<b>SUNDAY</b> 4:00- 5:00 pm	Nationals Committee meeting and tally judging sheets at <b>Victoria Inn</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 6:00-10:30 pm	Presentation Dinner <b>Forbes Services Memorial Club</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> June (all day)	Farewell and departures



- McFeeters Car Museum



- Parkes Radio Telescope



- Lake Forbes



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FORBES NSW

## 40<sup>th</sup> National Sunbeam Rally FORBES 10-13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Calling all Sunbeam car owners!**

### REGISTER now for the 40th National Sunbeam Rally!

The Sunbeam Owners' Club of NSW is pleased to announce that the Dinner & Entertainment Package for the **Sunbeam Nationals** weekend in Forbes is just \$195 per person\*.

The package includes:

- *Friday evening welcome drink at Forbes Town Hall (extra drinks at own cost)*
- *Saturday Show & Shine and FREE entry to McFeeters Classic Car Museum*
- *Saturday 2 course Dinner with music at Club Sportsman's Hotel & Forbes Golf Club*
- *Sunday drive to Parkes Radio Telescope (tours of interactive visitors centre extra)*
- *Sunday 2 course Presentation Dinner at Forbes Services Club*

**To secure your place, pay a deposit of \$60 with full payment  
for the Meals/Entertainment Package due by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.**

\*Please note that your accommodation & breakfast are NOT included in the 'entertainment package'.

Friday dinner and daily lunches are not included, giving you the opportunity to grab a bite en-route, browse local cafes, restaurants or fast food outlets and have a lunch of your choosing at your leisure.

<p><b>DEPOSIT/PAYMENT ENQUIRIES:</b> Lisa Petrikas Treasurer, SOCNSW P.O. Box 3166 FREEMANS REACH NSW 2756</p> <p>TEL: 0417 215 530 Email: lisa@tractorworx.com.au</p>	<p>You can send a cheque to Lisa Petrikas, Treasurer or make a direct deposit* to the club's bank account, details below:</p> <p><b>Sunbeam Owners Club of NSW Inc</b> <b>BSB: 062 204</b> <b>Account No: 10005837</b></p> <p><i>*Please include <b>SURNAME</b> if paying by direct deposit!</i></p>
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Your **accommodation** should be **booked directly** with the **FORBES VICTORIA INN** 8-12 Sheriff St (Weekend rate \$99 or \$120 including breakfast). Ph: (02) 6851 2233 (*Undercover parking available*).

**IMPORTANT:** Mention that you are with the 'Sunbeam' club or they may not release a room to you.

Additional accommodation available at:

**THE PLAINSMAN MOTEL** 22 Sheriff Street (\$120-\$130 room only + breakfast \$14-\$25) Ph (02) 6852 2466

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(Adjacent to Forbes Golf Course and overlooking the fairways and greens)



(Book direct with Motels on above numbers for **best price** & availability and avoid third party booking site surcharge):

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SHOW \$ SHINE



10AM TO 5PM

**Sunday 16**  
**October 2016**  
**BURWOOD PARK**

***Celebrate the 25th anniversary***  
***of the Classic Car Show and Shine in style at the***  
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Bring your four wheeled baby along for show, or enter one of fourteen categories to be judged best in show by the Council of Motor Clubs.

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| 02. Best 30s Classic                         | 07. Best Modern – 1980 onwards | 12. Best Street Machine                    |
| 03. Best 40s Classic including WWII vehicles | 08. Best Commercial Vehicle    | 13. Best Custom                            |
| 04. Best 50s Classic                         | 09. Best Motorcycle            | 14. Best Unmodified – Original or Restored |
| 05. Best 60s Classic                         | 10. Best Exotic or Unusual     |  |

Entry is \$10, payable on event day to the volunteers from the Burwood SES.  
To enter, visit [www.burwoodfestival.com.au](http://www.burwoodfestival.com.au) and click on the Classic Car Show and Shine tab

# *Expression of Interest*

## **CMC – Route 66 - 2017**

**Come and join us on Route 66 – August 2017 –  
Around 26 days coach tour New York to Los Angeles, taking in  
New York, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Woodward Dream Cruise, Route  
66, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas & Los Angeles**

**Visiting museums, local city tours, and everything in between.**

**Pricing is very rough at the moment as we are still designing this fantastic  
tour.**

**Land tour is about \$7,500 per person twin share, plus air fares.  
Accommodation includes breakfast. Single Supplement about \$2,700.**

**If you are thinking about joining us please return this form by email or  
ring me for snail mail. This will assist with planning and pricing quotes.**

**It's essential that we have some idea of numbers ASAP so that planning  
can go ahead so, PLEASE let us know whether you're thinking about  
coming as soon as you can.**

### **Thanks.**

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information please contact Lynelle  
[tic@ticauto.com.au](mailto:tic@ticauto.com.au) or Mobile 0422 513 256.

I will forward details as they become available.

### ***Lynelle Titcume***

CMC Committee - Tour Coordinator.

Self Drive options are being investigated.

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### ***Lynelle Titcume***

CMC Committee - Tour Coordinator.



***Lynelle is always looking for new ideas for tours. Please  
feel free to contact her if you can contribute.***

# CMC - USA Route 66 2017 - Newsletter 1

Welcome aboard the first Council of Motor Clubs newsletter for the USA Route 66 tour happening in 2017.

Some people have already expressed their interest and paid a small deposit; thank you. Some are still waiting for more details. This Tour is still evolving and is looking fantastic!

The Expression of Interest form appears on the previous page in case you know anyone who wants to join us on our adventure!

Here is what we have so far:

## **First Night in New York is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Tour is going to be about 26 - 28 nights** – still confirming a few side trips, and attractions.

Ending in Los Angeles about 6 - 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Still researching to see if we can include a Racing event along the way.

## **Pricing \$7350.00 per Person Twin Share (still approximate due to evolving Itinerary)**

*Coach Tour, Accommodation, Breakfast, entry fees into many attractions and Gratuities.*

*Should have detailed information by February - March 2016 and can then confirm prices and Itinerary.*

## **Attractions include: (Keep in mind still evolving!)**

New York - 3 days visiting attractions and exploring, Niagara falls - including sightseeing cruise, free afternoon to visit other attractions, Dearborn – Detroit, Woodward Dream Cruise, the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, Motown Museum and time to see other attractions, Chicago – sightseeing tour, free time to explore and an Optional Gangster Tour, Route 66 Hall of fame Museum, Abraham Lincoln Museum, Gateway Arch, Kemp Auto Museum, Well Rogers Museum, heaps more museums, Cadillac Ranch, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas just to mention a few things!!!!

## ***Has anyone heard of somewhere or something that we can research and maybe include?***

*Airfares are approximately \$2,000 per person. Some people may want to travel as a group to be in New York on this day, but some may want to trip around before or after the tour, this is great, enjoy while you are in USA. I will add another information page when travelling gets closer.*

This tour is filling fast, if you have not already paid a deposit can you please forward your \$200 per person deposit as soon as possible to:

CUA : L & J Titcume

BSB: 814 282

Account number: 31065342

Any questions at all, please do not hesitate to email or give me a ring.

***Keep Motoring***

***Lynelle Titcume***

CMC – Tour Coordinator

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Segenhoe Street  
Aberdeen NSW 2336



The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual ABERDEEN

# "Big Boys Toys" & Family Day

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

Jefferson Park Aberdeen

9.30 am till 2 pm

Admission=Adults \$2 -Children \$1(under 7 years free) - Family \$5

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The Aberdeen



## Big Boys Toys & Family Day

An invitation to your Club Members and families to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> running of the Aberdeen Big Boys Toys on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 at Jefferson Park Aberdeen, from 9.30 am till 2 pm.

The event will feature a Show and Shine with trophies for a wide range of categories including Cars, Bikes and Trucks plus best display by an individual or club.

The event is again being supported by Reliance Motorsport, therefore we expect to see a strong presence from the Motor Cycle fraternity.

Admission fee has again been kept at an affordable amount. \$2 per Adult, \$1 children and \$5 Family (kids under 7 are free). Free rides and entertainment for children plus a variety of displays and vendor stalls for the Mums.

Big Boys Toys is a fund raising event to assist the Aberdeen Men's shed and Aberdeen Lions Club to continue their local charity work.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact one of the event Coordinators.

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### RACE COACHING course available:

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To discuss the details of the course that best suits you and for availability, pricing and the calendar, please call our office and speak to Michael Noybayk - Head of the Driving Academy on 02 8814 9083 or 0417 462 664.

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If you do not have a car or would prefer to use one of ours, you are welcome to hire a Volvo for your course.

## 4WD **L P P** FULL LICENCE HOLDERS

Four wheel driving is a specialised area of driver training and the courses are designed to build on the knowledge gained in DRIVE AWARE, so this must be completed before booking into this course.

Depending on the class size and needs, there are half day and full day options available.

From \$400pp (inc.GST)

### 4WD course content:

- Vehicle dynamics of a 4WD
- Driving on slopes - safe ascent and descent
- Vehicle recovery techniques and equipment
- Driving on different surfaces
- Using 4WD controls
- Understanding and caring for your environment

You will receive a certificate of completion when you successfully complete the course. Lunch and refreshments are provided.



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## SAFER DRIVER **L**

On 1st July 2013, the NSW Government Roads Minister Duncan Gay announced a ground-breaking new program for learner drivers called 'SAFER DRIVER'. In an initiative designed to establish the foundations for a lifetime of safer driving, the NSW Government has recognized that more is needed to be done to educate our young drivers, particularly in the areas of attitude, decision making, and risk perception and management.

\$140pp (inc.GST)

The SAFER DRIVER program is a five hour course that will count towards twenty hours of log book time for learner drivers. The course will engage learner drivers in an interactive program designed to provoke group discussion as well as practical demonstrations and assessment of the skills and attitude required to be a safer driver.

SAFER DRIVER is an excellent initiative that is the starting point for a lifetime of safe driving. Courses will be run on weekends and school holidays.

## DRIVE AWARE **L P P** FULL LICENCE HOLDERS

DRIVE AWARE IS NOT A HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVING COURSE

DRIVE AWARE has been developed by The Formula Company with the support of Volvo and is based on current local and international driver safety research. The course is suitable for all licence holders and covers driver attitude, decision-making and risk management as well as safe driving skills and techniques. This course is designed to teach students how to proactively recognise and avoid potentially unsafe situations as well as how to react in case of an emergency.

The course runs over a half day on the wet and dry handling arena with high instructor to student ratios and is suitable for L plate drivers with 50 hours or more in their log book, and P Plate drivers.

\$149pp (inc.GST)

We also welcome parents to attend the day with their child in order to improve their own driving safety and coaching skills free of charge.

### DRIVE AWARE course content:

- Driver cabin and control set-up
- Vision and awareness exercises
- Attitude and decision making discussion and exercises
- Vehicle dynamics and car control
- Emergency braking exercises
- Following distance exercises

Students will receive a certificate of completion when they successfully complete this course.

## ADVANCED DRIVING **P P** FULL LICENCE HOLDERS

THIS COURSE EXPLORES ADVANCED CAR CONTROL TECHNIQUES AND IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR LEARNER DRIVERS

We recommend students with P-Plates or a full licence complete the DRIVE AWARE course (or equivalent) prior.

The ADVANCED DRIVING course has been developed by The Formula Company with the support of Volvo and focuses on advanced driving and car control techniques to help make you a more competent and aware driver on the road.

ADVANCED DRIVING is a full day program conducted on the wet and dry handling arena.

\$320pp (inc.GST)

### ADVANCED DRIVING course content:

- Personalised technique assessment and coaching
- ABS and Non-ABS braking experience
- Understeer and oversteer awareness exercises
- Vision and scanning exercises
- Safety system experience
- Emergency hazard identification and response
- Cornering techniques
- Following distance exercises

Students will receive a certificate of completion when they successfully complete this course. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

## PERFORMANCE DRIVING **P P** FULL LICENCE HOLDERS

THIS IS A COURSE SPECIFICALLY FOR TRACK DAY ENTHUSIASTS

We recommend the ADVANCED DRIVING course be completed prior to this course.

The PERFORMANCE DRIVING course takes place on the main circuit with one of our professional race driving coaches sitting next to you providing personalised one-on-one tuition.

The PERFORMANCE DRIVING course focuses on learning the correct skills and techniques that will help you safely get the most out of your car and the experience of driving unrestricted on a racing circuit.

From \$820pp (inc.GST)

### PERFORMANCE DRIVING course content:

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- Race circuit, correct lines and alternate racing lines
- Understanding oversteer and understeer
- Correct braking techniques
- On-board video review

The PERFORMANCE DRIVING course is available at any of our public or private track days throughout the year and requires the use of your personal road car.

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