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# The "WOBBLE KNOCKER"



Two of our members have very rare cars, Lloyds MG Magnette and Stephen's MG1100.

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The following members are authorised by the club to sign VicRoads renewals.

Gary Turner, Francis Borg, Sue Wilson, Terry Sawyer, Vincent Stok, Russell Linden.

The following members are authorized to sign Standard Declaration and Eligibility forms for the CPS. These members are club scrutineers and Safety Officers.

Gary Turner, Francis Borg, Terry Sawyer, and Vincent Stok.

(No new cars will be admitted to the scheme unless the VicRoads CPS person, Sue Wilson, grants prior permission.)

Club Scrutineer's and Safety Officers are for signing off on the VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration Forms and for advice only. As of March 31, 2017, all cars must require a RWC including all those of pre-1949.

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Hi members.

Welcome to another Wobble Knocker number 104 for June 2023.

#### MEMBERSHIP 159 CLUB CARS (CPS) 147

I'm pleased and proud to announce that our membership is now 159 with 147 vehicles on our club permit scheme. There is more waiting to go on, but we are waiting for paperwork to be completed and RWC to be done. This is a major achievement for this club considering we don't really push membership and most new membership comes from word of mouth.

The cold season is here, and several members have come down with either a bad head cold like I've just got over and Sue now has, or the dreaded Covid which thankfully we have missed. So please treat it as if there is still lots of Covid around and take precautions. We at the museum are still treating the surrounds as if Covid is still around by wiping down all touch points and so on but we are exempt for the time being on wearing masks. Be safe people, it's still around but we just don't hear about it as much.

The AGM is due next month, Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July and it's time for members to consider a place on the committee. I have been president since the club was founded in 2014 and it has certainly been and interesting time with many ups and down's but in saying that it has been a privilege to see the club grow from the early days to now. So, if you'd like to be a part of this club and please consider doing something to help. Our main area we need help with is organising some runs in and around Melbourne. Sue and I can only do so much from up here in Shepparton where we can organise local country runs which most members can't attend due to the distances involved. We feel the same way when a run is organised in Melbourne and as much as we want to go along it's just not financially or distance wise practical. So please consider organising a few runs where we can get together and have some good friendly fun.

This time of the year is also the time when membership fees are now due and payable. Sue will soon send out an invoice to you so keep an eye out for it. Some of you who joined in the last couple of months do not have to pay as your membership will carry you through to next year. Fees remain the same as the past almost 10 years. \$30.00 For a single membership. \$40.00 For a couple or family. A single membership is for one person only so if you are on a run and the club shouts a coffee or meal, a single member who brings along a partner pays in full for that person. So, for an extra \$10.00 you may as well join as a couple as you'll get that back if you attend a run where the club gives back to its members, which happens from time to time. (Just a thought!)

Gary Turner President/Editor BMC-Leyland Car Club.

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#### SUN - JUNE 18TH - 2nd ANNUAL "Battle of Waterloo"

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**SUN - JUL 23rd – Club AGM –** Wallan Hotel as requested by members for lunch and the clubs AGM. Arrive 11.30 am. Run Co-ordinator: Gary & Sue

**SAT - AUG 19th - Westernport Gippsland Run** – Cranbourne to Tooradin Foreshore for coffee, then on to Poowong Country Pub by meandering country roads.

Co-ordinator: Derrick Jones

#### 12th of September starting at 6.30 pm.

Healey factory club night visit on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September starting at 6.30 pm to visit the Healey Factory, **646** Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham. Supper supplied by the club and tea and coffee will be provided by the Healey Factory. Contact Paul Buck. <u>paulbuck873@gmail.com</u> 0412627711

#### SUN - SEPT 24th - WINE TOUR - Heathcote area.

This year our member Brett Huxtable will be taking us on a tour of wineries in and around the Heathcote area. Always a popular run this so get in early.

#### SUN – OCTOBER 8th – Mont De Lancey Historic Homestead – Wandin North.

Hosts Alan and Yvonne Bennett. More details to further on in newsletter

TUESDAY- NOV 7<sup>th</sup> – MELBOURNE CUP DAY at Jo and Kel Hawkesworth at Caulfield.

#### SUN – NOV 19th – Western Wanderer Circuit Run.

We intend to try and avoid the major roads and stick to the "C" roads, where possible.

Meeting at the outbound BP at Calder Park Raceway (on the left about 200m past the raceway main entrance) for a 10am-10:30am departure, fuel, food, coffee, and toilets available.

We will proceed up the Calder Freeway to Diggers Rest, and then onto Bacchus Marsh via back roads. We will then take the Western Freeway for a short time to Ballan and use secondary roads on to Gordon and Wallace

Wallace Hotel will be our destination for a great pub lunch.

Wallace is located just off the Western Freeway, so a quick return to Melbourne is assured.

Co-Ordinator's Rob and Anne Quinn.

#### SUN – DEC 10<sup>th</sup> – Club Christmas lunch, annual Show and Shine. Kilsyth Club.

With award presentations and raffles.

Co-ordinators Gary and Sue.





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Check out the new grille badge on Steve Haralambous's Morris Major.

# NEW MEMBERS and some of their cars.



Leslie Koumis.



Stephen and Judi Brooks.



Terry Vitanopoulos.

I would also like to welcome to the club the following members.

Ann and Peter Giles.

Rod Quick.

Daniel Grey.

Samantha Ellis who is the daughter of Craig Ellis.



# Authorised members who can sign your renewals are: Sue Wilson

222, 65 Channel Road, Shepparton, Vic 3630. 0421841939

#### **Terry Sawyer**

15 Kingfisher Court, Carrum Downs, Vic 3201 (Also new vehicles) **0417344371** 

#### **Francis Borg**

1321 Murradoc Rd, St Leonards, Vic 3223 (Also new vehicles) **0414989822** 

#### **Russell Linden**

70A Richelieu Street, Maidstone, Vic 3012. 0411449955

#### Vincent Stok

27 Mawby Rd, East Bentleigh, Vic 3165 (Also new vehicles) 0411416912

#### **Gary Turner**

222, 65 Channel Rd, Shepparton Vic, 3630. (President) **0426951939** (Also new vehicles)

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Also please send a **STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE** so it can be returned immediately.

Our new grille Badge \$40.00



# **OUR NEXT RUN**

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BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc SUN - JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> Club AGM — Wallan Hotel.

All members are invited to the AGM held at Hogans Hotel in Wallan on the  $23^{rd}$  of July 2023. There we will hold a brief meeting to discuss a few matters and afterwards hold our AGM to elect our committee for the 2023 - 2024 Financial year.

This period will lead us into our 10<sup>th</sup> year of association.

We will have lunch at the venue like previous years, so we do need bookings for seating.

This is your chance to have your say in how the club is going and help make decisions for the future of the club.

All committee positions will be declared vacant, and a new executive committee will be elected. Positions declared vacant will be:

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The positions of CPS Officer, Membership, Webmaster, Editor, Regalia and Events organiser can be put forward by the membership.

Event's Organiser or Club Captain is very important to keep the club active and provide interesting outings for the members. This does not have to be just one person but can be a sub-committee who will liaise with the editor so the magazine, website and Facebook page can be kept up to date.

I hope members will put some serious thought in stepping up to help the club go forward with some new and fresh ideas. Existing Committee members will be there to help anyone who takes a position on, so you won't have to do it alone.

Those attending the AGM in July must be current financial members of the club to vote if required to do so.

There will be an agenda published in further magazines so if you want anything discussed please let me know so I can add it to the Agenda for the day.

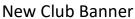


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# **REGALIA**

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## **Car Restoration Projects**

#### A FRFFWAY FAMILY AFFAIR

Members Eddie and Danny Hume.

This largely original Austin Freeway MkII has been tastefully refreshed by a mechanically savvy father and son team in Victoria.





These vehicles were something of factory 'hotrods', with the 2.4-litre, 80bhp, Blue Streak six slotted into an engine bay designed for a four. The radiator was positioned in front of the engine bay cross member, rather than behind it!

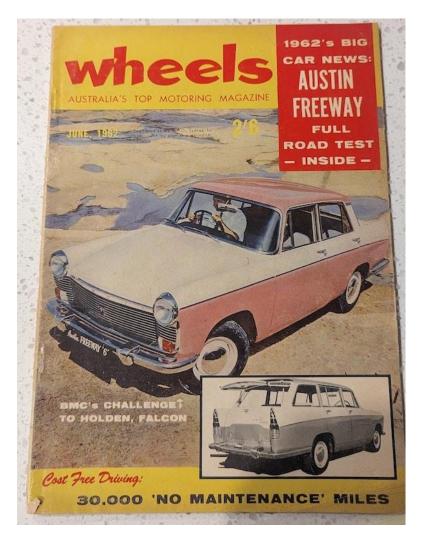
Although British cars, trucks and motorcycles dominated the Australian landscape in the pre-WWII and early post-War years, the Poms didn't adapt their vehicles sufficiently to suit Australian conditions.

Even when the Australianmade Holden arrived on the market, English car makers took years to react to the sixcylinder revolution, while Ford and Chrysler brought out their own Holden competitors.

When finally released in 1962, Austin Freeway and Wolseley 24/80 models were Australian-built variants of the Austin A60 Cambridge and Wolseley 15/60 respectively, both locally powered by a six-cylinder version of the BMC B-Series engine.

BMC Australia's PR, Evan Green and *Modern Motor Magazine's* publisher, Jules Feldman, drove one around Australia in nine days and six hours, proving the vehicle's durability.





The original Freeway was replaced by the Freeway MkII in October 1964, with more power, power brakes, revised rear suspension and improved seating. It was short-lived, being phased out a year later, in favour of BMC's Min-inspired, front wheel drive large models.

However, the Freeway slightly out-powered the 75bhp Holden EJ, but was out-performed by the Falcon and Valiant and lacked the interior space of the Big Three.

(Interestingly, a wider-cabin version was prototyped in Sydney, but never went into production. We've outlined this development in the Austin entry in our Car Brands section of this website.)

Freeway sales were poor, averaging around 660 cars per month, compared with Holden's near 12,000 and Ford's 4000 sales per month.

However, the Austin Freeway was a good-performing sedan that rode and handled well. It was well equipped by contemporary standards, offering windscreen washers and a fresh air heater/demister.

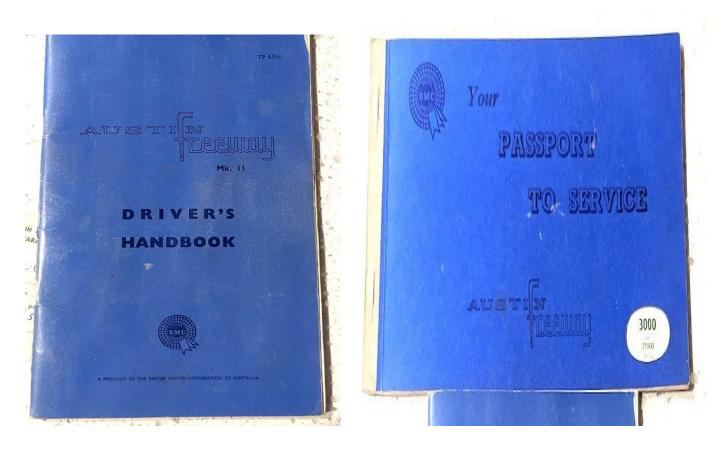


## Refurbishing the Freeway.

Our featured Freeway was bought by Ed H from a car collector in East Gippsland. That guy had purchased it from Clare, in South Australia, in 2017, where it had was something of a barn find, having travelled only 22,000 genuine miles.

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The original owner had bought it new, in March 1965, but it was last registered in 1988, in South Australia. The car came with the original pre-delivery worksheet, driver's handbook and service book.



Ed H conceived the Freeway project as a family affair, with assistance promised by his father, Danny. The aim was to rejuvenate the old Austin and use it to attend car club rallies, as well as other weekend activities.



When Ed picked up the car its paintwork was in surprisingly good condition, needing only a cut and polish to bring back the original lustre. However, the interior needed work and the vinyl floor was well worn.

Years of inactivity meant that the complete brake system needed to be overhauled and the fuel system was gummed up.



"Because the car was a barn find," said Ed H. "It also had about 40kg of red earth from the farm it was found on."

The boys set to work in Ed's garage, replacing the brake lines and wheel cylinders, and got the drum shoes re-bonded. They also fitted a new master cylinder and vacuum servo.

The Zenith carburettor was rebuilt and the float level reset. The rusted exhaust system was replaced, from the headers back.

They replaced the sump seals and rocker gaskets and fitted an upgraded timing chain cover. In went a new clutch.

The door rubber and boot rubbers were perished and were all replaced.

Sound deadening was installed under the new carpet that was installed to replace the original vinyl.





The boys also replaced all the suspension bushes and overhauled the Armstrong hydraulic lever shocks. They fitted new kingpins and replaced the old rubber with new 185mm Bridgestone tyres.



Since finishing the project in 2022, Ed H and his young family have attended many functions in the Freeway that always turns heads.



Members Eddie and Danny Hume's Austin Freeway.

#### Details of a future run in October.

#### **Sunday October 8th.**

(Expressions of interest – contact Sue)

Suggested itinerary is meet at York on Lilydale - travel through the edge of the Dandenongs/Yarra Valley - a scenic route with fruit tree blossom likely. Arriving at Mont De Lancey, Wandin North for a guided tour of the historic 1880s homestead and many other buildings. We can enjoy a BYO lunch in the magnificent gardens and individuals can browse through the working blacksmith, wood turner and vintage machinery sheds. The expansive museum is also part of the area with more than 5000 pieces of memorabilia. The tour/entry costs \$10 per person (I will be the volunteer guide). I can arrange for a dedicated area for us to park/picnic where other visitors can view the cars if wanted.

There is a cafe on site where takeaway can also be purchased but I thought a sit-down lunch could be a problem as it can be busy with people not on tours etc.

Regards

Yvonne and Alan

#### MINI MAKEOVERS

Just want to shout out to a friend of the BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc.

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Joe at Mini Makeovers has referred several new members to our club from existing clubs where they were not getting much satisfaction or service from their committee and so on.

So to all our members, if you need a good mechanic or mechanical advice, please contact him and have a chat.

Let's support those who support us.

# GOT SOMETHING TO SELL

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