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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.)

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Presidents Report

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Welcome everyone to another edition of "The WOBBLE Knocker" Number 65.

Things are starting to build up to be a busy year for the club even without myself and Sue being around. We have quite a few months of organised runs coming up with more suggestions coming in all the time. If you know of anything like a show and shine, another club we could join in an outing, a run that isn't in the newsletter, please let us know and we can put it in as a run. There may be something in your local area coming up that we don't know about that you are attending but the club doesn't even know it's on. Just let me know and I can include it in the newsletter as an extra run. Look at the Lang Lang run for example, it was a great day out but it wasn't an official club run, but everyone had a good time for those who went along.

Retirement for Sue and I is coming along quite fast. I leave my job on the 21st February and Sue on the 28th February. Then on the 11th of March we move into our new digs at Shepparton. I had quite a bit of work done on the MGB recently as it had an overheating problem and also a brake issue. I took it to MGB Workshops in Mulgrave and Andrew there and his boys worked on the car and they did an amazing job with it. I would highly recommend this place. Friday the 7th Sue and I drove up to Shepparton to sign off on our new home and we took quite a bit of stuff with us for the new house. Her modern was full to the roof and I put as much as possible into the MGB. Well the MGB ran like a dream, didn't overheat and it ran as smooth as a baby's bottom. Amazing when you take a car to an expert and get it done properly just how much better a car will perform. Use the original and best parts, use parts that are designed for that car and you will be surprised just how much better, and safer, the car will run.

Tyabb Air Show is fast approaching and as previously emailed to members, this year we are restricted to just 15 cars. I sent out an email a few days ago asking for members to let me know who wants to come to this fantastic event. This is a first in best dressed and I'm happy to say we still have a couple of spaces left. Our member on the inside, Peter Bernardi has told me that there will be some big surprises this year with the huge Globe Master plane flying over. Paul Bennett and his plane that he puts through all sorts of aerobatics and can do things in the sky with it apart from making a coffee will be in action as well as the old and the new machines in the sky. This is one event I truly look forward to every second year. So, let us know if you are coming.

Also on the agenda is the run to the Fort at Queenscliff. We are having an exclusive guided tour of the fort and afterwards we will be going somewhere for lunch. Sue and I will drive to the meeting point in the morning and then go home via the Queenscliffe Ferry afterwards. We will need numbers for this so please let us know if you can come along please. Photo ID will be required to enter the fort grounds.

Well that's enough dribble from me. Don't forget if you have something for sale or you need help with something please let me know and I can put it in this newsletter. We have a number of cars for sale this month so if you are in the market, check them out. These cars belong to members so there is a good chance you will get a good buy.

We are still having issues with our emailing due to this new fangled bloody computer so please let me know if you have trouble getting your newsletter. Also, just to let you know the people we have the website with are closing down in a couple of months so I am looking for an alternative. This means we need new hosting, design, the works. This is out of my league unfortunately but will do my best to keep it on the Wide World Web as this is where we get a lot of enquiries about membership and so on from.

I will keep you posted but this will be something I'll be working on when I retire from work when I will have time to research and look at it.

Gary Turner
President/Editor
BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc.

PLEASE NOTE: The only contact numbers for the club are **0421841939** for Sue and **0426 951 939** for Gary. PLEASE delete these numbers if you have them **59775686** and **0497000778**. One is our landline **59775686** which is being shut and the other mobile number **0497000778** is Gary's work. **DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER.**

RUNS FOR 2020

Below is a suggested run schedule for members that had put up their hands to organise a day out for 2020. We still have a couple of months to spare if anyone can help thanks.

- FEBRUARY** 23rd Queenscliff Fort Tour. Cost \$12.00. Details further on.
- MARCH** 8th March. TYABB AIR SHOW. Restricted to 15 cars only.
- MARCH** 29th March Alan and Yvonne Bennett Up the hills run, details to follow.
- APRIL** Easter long weekend away. This is now full but you can still come but you will have to find your own accommodation.
- MAY** Graeme Williamson is organizing a day out.
- JUNE** Bryce Eishold to do a run down Gippsland way.
- JULY** AGM for 2020/2021 Gary and Sue with Cheryl Sawyer. Carrum Downs Hotel.
- AUGUST** This month needs a run, anyone?
- SEPTEMBER** Richard and Carol Simpson BMC Spring Run.
- OCTOBER** Kel and Jo Hawkesworth are organising a special run.
- NOVEMBER** Caribbean Gardens Show and Shine with the Triumph Car Club Vic.
- DECEMBER** Christmas Lunch and Show and Shine by Gary and Sue.

How to organise and put on a run.

Choose a month and a date that you can help

Once chosen decide on a time and place to meet

Contact Sue and let her know so she can co-ordinate with the editor and committee.

Ask members to say if they are attending and make sure you have their phone number and give members yours. This will be possibly put in the newsletter anyway.

On the day get to the meeting point a few minutes early if you can.

Wait for members to arrive and leave at the designated time.

Try and travel in convoy. Do the right thing and if you can't see the member behind you, stop and wait for them in a safe place. Another reason why you need phone numbers.

Upon arriving check that everyone has arrived.

Take a note of who came, where you went, what happened, any story and any other details for doing a run report.

Forward your notes to Gary so he can write up a run report for the magazine.



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Recently as some of you may know, Sue and I had some overheating hassles with our MGB. As we are moving north to Shepparton where the weather is a lot warmer it was a concern that it was running quite hot, even on a cool day. There were other issues with it as well including the brakes weren't performing all that well.

So one day I dropped into MG WORKSHOPS in Mulgrave to talk to them about our issues. I spoke to the owner, Andrew McDowell who had helped me out in the past when we were trying to get wheels for our Morris Minor Van and also when I was looking for some new seat belts for the MGB. Andrew bent over backwards to help us with the wheels but unfortunately he could only do so much so we got the original wheels sandblasted and powder coated, new tyres with a white wall with thanks from Tyrepower in Hastings. Andrew did find some new seat belts for the MGB and they work perfectly.

Sue and I took the MGB up to him one Saturday morning for him to check out the heating problem and break issues which upon opening the bonnet he saw straight away the wrong radiator was in it, the wrong size thermo fan and that the fan in front of the motor was on backwards. All things he said he could fix very easily and he guaranteed that it would run a lot cooler with the correct parts fitted.

As one of his workers was backing out our MGB the brakes failed. On inspection it turned out the brake booster had shit itself, wasn't working at all as well as a number of other problems.

So with all that looking at us and knowing we would be up for a bit of cash we left the MGB up with him to fix these problems.

The thing about him was that he just didn't tell us what was going on, he showed us everything he was doing, using the correct and genuine parts, and not treating us like a couple of idiots. One thing I must say that Sue retains a lot of information very easily and researches what she is told. Hence, you won't pull anything over on her.

The following Saturday we returned up to MG WORKSHOPS to pick up our MGB and it looked so different under the Bonnet. You could easily see all the work that had been done on it. Andrew was even disappointed that before we took the car home he couldn't wash it for us.

I drove it home and it felt like a different car. The brakes were fantastic and it didn't get any hotter than 80. It used to sit on 110 and that was on a cool day. The day I drove it home was quite humid and around 28 degrees.

The following week Andrew rang me to see how the car went on the way home which surprised me as no other mechanic had ever done that before.

A couple of Fridays ago, Sue and I loaded up Sue's car and me the MGB and took a drive up to our new digs at Shepparton. The MGB ran like a dream, no overheating, brakes were fantastic and overall the car was a pleasure to drive.

So I guess why I'm writing this is to let members know of my experience with our new mechanic and say that the service offered and received was simply awesome.

Further if anyone has an issue with their MG takes it to Andrew and the boys at MG WORKSHOPS and let them check it out for you. You will be under no obligation but what he will tell you will be honest and you will get the result you are looking for.

And NO, he didn't ask me to write this or pay me! I wrote it because Sue and I have been ripped off by so many "experts" over the years with our cars that I thought I'd let you know about a bloody good one for a change.

Gary and Sue.

Run report.

Lang Lang Show and Shine. February 9th, 2020.

This was not an official car club run but it was put in the magazine as I knew some members were interested in going along.

As it turned out we had quite a representation from the club there and I'd like to thank the following members who went along:

Graeme Williamson who went in his Wolseley towing his early caravan, Peter Bernardi went in the Austin Kimberly, Clive Millsum – MG Midget, Alan and Yvonne Bennett – Triumph Stag, Reese Williams - MGB, Paul Buck - Mini, Ian James was there in his Morris Commercial and Caravan. Also wandering around was Anna and Aaron and also Bryce and Anne. Philip Smethurst was also there but turned up just as I was leaving. I was there by myself in our Morris Minor Panel Van.

My apologies if I missed you but with such a huge show it was nearly impossible to see everyone who attended.

This year the organizers said it would be big and it sure was. One of the biggest they had ever held over the 9 years it's been going. Not only did they fill up the middle and surrounds of the oval, but also cars were parked in the public car park as there was no room for them anywhere else. Over 100 stalls were in the swap meet section, and in full swing, and very popular was the lawn mower racing. 50 Trade stalls around and with food stalls everywhere, there was plenty to look at and see. Definitely worth going to next year for sure.

The hard luck story of the day must go to Graeme Williamson who on inspecting a light fitting in his caravan dropped the covering glass and it smashed. I hope he could find another one or he will have to have plenty of patience to glue it back together again.







IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Club Permit Scheme.



Rules regarding putting vehicles on the BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc Club Permit Scheme.

BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc CPS (Club Permit Scheme), the committee has decided that as of now, the following rules will now apply:

1. A vehicle that is BMC, Leyland, British or European will be admitted to the clubs CPS providing that the vehicle is 25years or older and is classified as a classic vehicle.
2. A non-BMC, Leyland, British or European vehicle can be admitted with the permission of the CPS Person and the committee only if that member already has a BMC vehicle with the club. This rule excludes all Japanese, Ford, Holden and the like, subject to Committee approval.
3. For any new vehicle on the CPS, permission must first be obtained by the full committee with the club CPS person having the final say.
4. Any vehicle in dispute will be submitted to a committee vote and the ruling is final.
5. Any breach of these conditions will mean that the vehicle will not be renewed at its renewal date.
6. Please check at the front of the newsletter to see who is available to sign renewals and new vehicles or contact our CPS Person.

**BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc CPS person is:
Sue Wilson.**

Contact number is 0421841939



Run Report

Phillip Island Classic Motorcycle Races. January 26th, 2020.

Members attending were:

Gary and Sue – Morris Minor Panel Van, Bill Flaherty – Morris Minor, Terry and Cheryl Sawyer – Morris Minor Convertible, Kel and Jo Hawkesworth – Morris Minor, Frank Borg and Norma May – MG Magnette, Bryce Eishold – 1100, Bob Strode – MGB GT, Peter Bernardi – MGB, Rick and Kay Smith – MGB, Graeme Williamson – Morris Major, Vince and Marion Stok – Rover, Peter and Brett – Mini, Tom Cole- Mini and Ramy with his Brother – VW Beetle.

The meeting point as per usual when we go down that way was at Tooradin and we all got there on time. Gary handed out maps of our destination which was at the Phillip Island Race Track and we all headed off in some kind of order to Grantville where we pulled over to the side of the road to ensure everyone caught up.

Then off we went again to the Island where we followed the map to gate 1 where Gary collected the tickets we required. Then we drove back out of Gate 1 and drove about 100 meters back along the road to Gate 2 where we drove into a special marked area that had been set aside for us, just north of the start/finish line, hard up against the trackside fence. A perfect position to see all the action.

Everyone settled in and was told that we had complete access to everything including the roof of the pits, pit lane and so on. Many members took advantage of being able to walk around and see all the bikes of all ages whilst keeping an eye on the racing itself.

Lunch time came and went and at around 2pm some members decided they had seen enough and decided to head for home. It was around that time that the race organizers approached Gary and invited the members who were still there and asked if we would like to do a parade lap or two of the track at around 3pm. Unfortunately by that stage, only a handful of members still remained so it was decided that it wasn't worth it but Gary was promised it would be on the cards at next year's event. This was an opportunity missed.

Overall it was a great day out with good company and some action on the track. It was a bit windy but the weather changed for being quite warm, to cold, then warm again, that's Victoria!

Some photos of the day on the next page.



CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

This year the Club Member of the Year will be selected on a points system as follows.

1 POINT: For participating on a run.

2 POINTS: For organizing and participating on a run.

1 POINT: For doing an article or a run report that is published in the magazine.

1 POINT: Supplying photos, editorial, jokes, etc that is published in the magazine.

1 POINT: For introducing a new member who signs up with the club.

This excludes me as the President.

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Some items we have in stock. Clothing we order in for members which takes one week.

Car Club Car Banner	\$5.00
Club Embroidered Cloth Patch	\$10.00
Club Cap (One size fits all)	\$15.00
Grille Badge	\$30.00
Polo Shirt Navy/Red (Embroidered Logo and name)	\$25.00
Bomber Jacket, Black with leather sleeves (Embroidered Logo)	\$200.00
Rugby Jumper Navy/Red Trim Denim Collar	\$35.00
Club Dress Shirt (Short Sleeve Embroidered Logo and name)	\$35.00

Available from Sue or Gary.

Clothing must be ordered and will take about 10 days.

All sizes available.



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FOR SALE BY MEMBER.

MGB

Contact seller

Hi all, I am selling my MGB 1964 I have had the B for about 4yrs, I have spent about \$3000 on her to many thing to list, She is in good condition, original engine & gearbox, drives well but could still do with a couple of tweaks here & there, if any one is seriously interested then just message me. Price \$18,000 with a roadworthy. Cheers



CONTACT: Gary or Sue for details.

FOR SALE BY MEMBER.

Bob Strode.

This beautifully turned out and restored MGB GT is up for grabs for one lucky buyer. With an asking price of \$19,500, the buyer will get a car that will give them many years of problem free driving.

Currently on a Club Permit with the BMC-Leyland Car Club (Not transferable) this vehicle is ready to go.

Contact Bob Strode direct on 0414 240 020.

No time wasters or tyre kickers please.

Advertised elsewhere.



FOR SALE BY MEMBER.

ROSS NANKIVELL

0439 632 805

Ross is selling his Mk 11 Kimberley for around the \$3,500 mark. The car is situated in the Goulburn Valley near Shepparton. This is a well kept, very tidy car. Any further information please contact him.



OUR NEXT FEBRUARY CLUB RUN.

SUNDAY 23rd February.

A tour of Fort Queenscliff and its surrounds.

Cost is \$12.00 per person.

Photo ID will be required to enter the grounds as it is a Commonwealth Military area.

We are having an exclusive guided tour of the fort and its surrounds which will take around 1 ½ hours, then afterwards we will be going somewhere for lunch which has to be decided. Sue and I will be driving to the meeting point in the morning and then go home via the Queenscliffe Ferry after the lunch is finished.

MEETING POINT:

Avalon BP Truck Stop, Princess Freeway.

Corner of the Princess Freeway and Hughes Road, Little River.

Hungry Jacks, Left Hand side of freeway heading to Geelong.

TIME:

Meeting at 8:30 for a 9am depart to Queenscliff.

As usual, if we don't already know you are coming could you please let us know.





8th MARCH CLUB RUN

Tyabb Air Show.

This year we are restricted to just 15 cars so if you have not already let Sue know if you are coming you will need to NOW. We only have a couple a spaces left so don't be disappointed. This event is one I always look forward to every second year. It's a long day but you will enjoy every second. Each car gets a vehicle pass with two tickets to allow you entry. These tickets can ONLY be picked up at our meeting point which is at **Gary and Sue's place, 15 Majestic Drive, Somerville between 7am and 7:30 am** before we drive in convoy to the airport. This year promises to be a fantastic day and I have included a clipping form the Peninsula Aero Club for your information.

BE QUICK.



Tyabb Airshow

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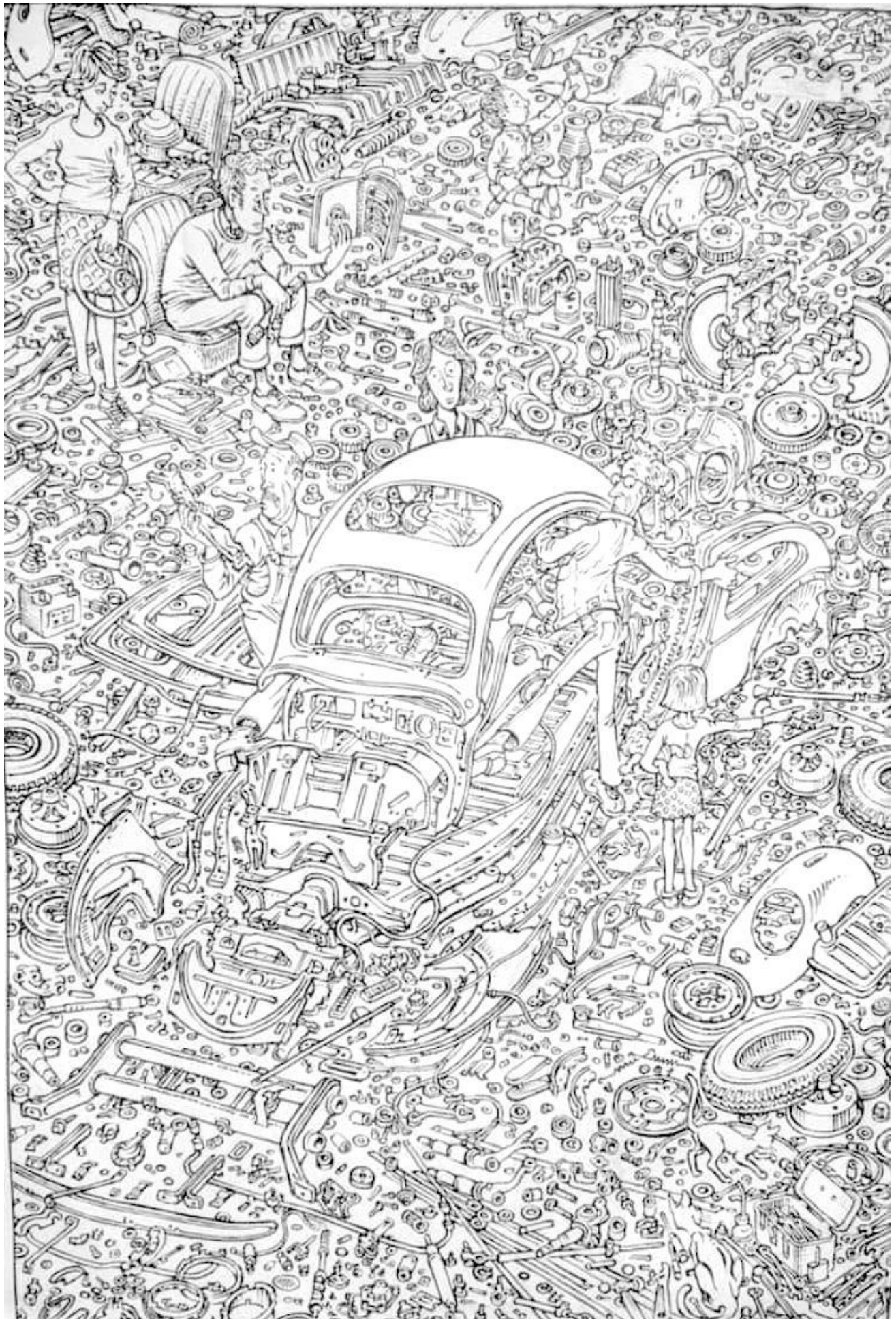
AIRCRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Our 2020 airshow lineup continues to exceed all expectations, with the announcement that we are expecting not 1, but 2 C-27J Spartans!

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Tyabb airshow will have one C-27 Spartan on static display for airshow attendees, with the second taking to the skies above Tyabb showing off its agility and performance in a handling display.

To see this fabulous machine up close and in person, along with the opportunity to meet its crew, grab your tickets today:



FIND THE RADIATOR!

March 29th CLUB RUN.

Organised by Alan and Yvonne Bennett

Meeting point:

Berwick Main Street

Meeting time:

9am for a 9:30am depart.

Set aside Sunday, March 29 for a glorious drive through the eastern side of the Dandenong Ranges – hopefully some of the trees will be putting on their spectacular autumn colour thanks to cooler nights and the potato fields around Cockatoo and Gembrook will be a rich green with harvesters tilling through the rich red volcanic earth bringing in the crops. The trip will be on gently winding country roads with all bitumen surfaces.

Starting from Berwick Main Street central car park at 9.30am (above the public toilets) we will tour through the outer reaches of Berwick onto the Emerald-Beaconsfield Rd towards Emerald. The trip will take us through the picturesque village of Upper Beaconsfield before a morning tea stop at the colourful and unique Elephant Rock which overlooks Cardinia Reservoir (no toilets or seating).

From there we will travel through the hills around Upper Pakenham and Gembrook before stopping at the Ash Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre in Cockatoo for a tour around the centre. The building holds a special place in the hearts of locals as it was the refuge for many families during the disaster. Re-developed as an education centre two years ago and staffed by volunteers it provides information on Ash Wednesday, outlines how the community has rebuilt itself, and importantly offers advice on staying bushfire safe in the home and garden. (Public toilet adjacent).

The education centre is all set for our arrival at 11am (when it opens) and from this weekend is no longer charging the \$2 entry fee. However donations are always appreciated as they do have expenses (power/water) to cover their volunteer based activity. The club will pay for this activity.

The building is filled with information and we expect most people will be happy to linger for 45 minutes or so before we head off for the lunch spot – arriving 12.30ish

Bring a picnic lunch and camp chair for our final destination of the day travelling through the popular town of Emerald and onto Wellington Rd for lunch at one of Melbourne's most popular outdoor destinations - Cardinia Reservoir Park at Narre Warren East. The lush Australian landscape includes views of the dam wall and spillway and has many spots for us to enjoy lunch to end our day. Those who want to linger can try out the many well-formed and signed walking trails and others needing to get going can travel along Wellington Road towards Rowville, Narre Warren or the northern suburbs.

Remember your picnic lunch, chair and teas/coffees as none of our locations provide these facilities. Please let Gary and Sue know that you are attending, thanks.

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