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The cars at our Christmas Lunch Show and Shine.

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#### Presidents Report January 2024

Hi all,

Here we are at the start of another year.

I hope you all had a merry Christmas.

Our first club event would have been held by the time you read this, the annual fish and chip run from Hastings to Flinders.

We already have a full calendar for this coming year, so take your pick of runs in your area, and keep those cars on the road. It's always good if you can show your support for those club members who have taken the time and made the effort to plan a run for our benefit.

As some of you know, I am also a member of the Sunbeam & Talbot Car Club. Last year, a few members went on a classic car related tour of England, including a visit to the Goodwood revival. I was lucky enough to attend the revival in 2012 and can attest to what a fantastic event it is. You will see cars that you most likely will never get the opportunity to see here. Included in this newsletter is an information page on the tour for those of you who may be interested in going. It gives an outline of the itinerary and all the places you will visit. The Sunbeam members that attended the tour have highly recommended the trip.

Well, that's it for now, so until next time,

I look forward to seeing you on a run soon.

Francis.



**Editor's note:** Again, I must inform all members to check and check again details of all the runs coming up as they change quite frequently.

Important to check the meeting times, costs, and all details due to circumstance can change through no fault of Sue, Gary, or Richards.

Any changes or updates will be advertised on our Facebook page. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendars

This Month

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**BMC-LEYLAND CAR CLUB** Save the 2024 RUN PROGRAM ... V. 10 1 2 ESTABLISHED 2014 MON - JAN 1st - Hastings to Flinders Annual "Picnic" Run! Meet at Hastings Harbour for SOUTH coffee, then a beautiful run to Flinders – B.Y.O picnic, or purchase... Co-ord"s – Rick & Kay SUN - FEB 4<sup>TH</sup> – Launching Place Home Hotel Yarra Valley Run . Starting in Lilydale heading along the scenic Warburton Hwy for morning tea at Rayners Orchard - then onto the newly EAST renovated Launching Place Home Hotel next to the Yarra River ... Co-ordinator - Rob Bothwell SAT - FEB 24th. - Warrandyte to Beveridge Hunters Tryst Pub. Beautiful back roads via Yan NORTH Yean and Ned Kellys birthplace to this historic pub... Co-ordinator: - Richard Simpson WED – MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> – Garage Day Get Together" 10am on... Gathering at Vince & Marions METRO home to talk cars, motorbikes and projects. Refreshments provided... Hosts: Vince & Marion SUN - MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> – Peninsula Run, Lunch & Car Museum. From Peninsula Freeway BP to SOUTH Arthurs Seat Car Museum and lunch at the Pig & Whistle Tavern: Co-ord's - Derek & Lou SUN - APRIL 21st – Daylesford Autumn Day Out – Meet at 10am at BP Calder Racetrack outbound for a coffee departing at 10.30am for a scenic back roads drive to beautiful WEST Daylesford area for lunch and to explore the main street : Co-ordinator's: - Trevor & Lyn SOUTH SAT - MAY 25th - Gourmet Gippsland Run - From Cardinia Outbound BP we take Grand / EAST Ridge Road to Mirboo North for coffee, then onto lunch at Café Escargot! Co-ord'n: Bryce SUN - JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Battle of Waterloo" Picnic Run with British & French Car Clubs METRO combined for a picnic run and the Battle Cup to be decided over a game of Petanque or Bowls !!! (or Darts when it's our turn!!) Co-ord's : Citroen Car Club (& Paul Buck) SAT - JUL 13<sup>TH</sup> - BMCL 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club AGM - Club Show-n-Shine at Fox Classic Car METRO Museum @"Docklands" for a very special 10th Anniversary AGM & Party: Co-ord: Francis Borg WEST SUN - AUG 18th - Western Winter Wander – Starting at the Keilor Hotel carpark a winters drive to a warm pub lunch at Toobarac Hotel with open fires!!! Co-ord: Rob & Anne SAT - SEPT 14<sup>th</sup> - Spring in The Dandenong's Run - Starting at Rowville Shopping Centre via EAST Cardinia Dam for a drive in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges, with country pub lunch at The Paradise Hotel in Clematis. Co-ordinator: Paul Buck WED - FRI - OCT 16-18TH - Mansfield Midweek Country Trip away -from Melbourne or NORTH Shepparton meeting in Broadford for coffee, then over the Murchison Gap to Flowerdale and Yea for lunch, arriving Mansfield to stay at Alzburg Resort. Thursday - runs to either Mt Buller or Jamieson with free time on return to explore Mansfield. Friday : bbg brekky in the park - and local coffee run before wandering home at your leisure.. Co-ord's: David & Anette METRO TUES – NOV 5<sup>TH</sup> – Melbourne Cup Day Lunch – Jo & Kel are again inviting members to their home in Cup Day attire for Cup Day lunch, a Cup Sweep and lots of fun ! Co-ord's: Jo & Kel SAT - NOV 23<sup>RD</sup> – Yarra Glen/Christmas Hills/St Andrews Circuit – visiting Alowyn Nursery EAST café for coffee and scenic back roads to St Andrews Pub for lunch. Co-ord: Richard Simpson METRO SUN - DEC 8th - Club Christmas Santa Run and Lunch - Meet at East Ringwood for Santa's "run for fun" to the Annual Christmas Lunch at the Kilsyth Club. Co-ordinator's: Gary & Sue **Run's** in all directions – with something for everyone !!!

### CLUB LUNCH RUN – SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY FROM LILYDALE ALONG THE VERY, VERY SCENIC *"WARBURTON HIGHWAY"* TO LAUNCHING PLACE !!!



A GREAT SUMMERS DAY OUT... (with plenty of shade..) !!!

Meet Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb at <u>9.30am for 10am Departure</u> in the outbound Service Lane of Maroondah Hwy in Lilydale (Crn: Service Road and Berwick Street) opposite Lilydale McDonalds (coffee & Toilets available).

We're heading off in convoy firstly for morning tea & coffee at Rayner's Orchard "Peach Café" with its nursery, shop and working family orchard...!



Then we're taking a beautiful back country sealed route to arrive at the recently fully refurbished (and fabulous!) Home Hotel in Launching Place with both indoor and outdoor areas. This historic country pub closed down during Covid , but the new owners have beautifully restored and enhanced all its country charm... They have a great dining menu (including small meals) so there's something to please everyone....

#### \*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*

\*FOR PUB BOOKING YOU MUST REGISTER

Please TEXT the name of "each participant" in your car to <u>Robert Bothwell</u> on mobile phone 0431.782.684 - by - Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024



## HISTORIC WARRANDYTE TO BEVERIDGE

## Saturday - February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

"Beautiful quiet country back roads"

- a Club Run not to be missed ..!!!



This beautiful run begins at Stiggants Reserve Warrandyte near to where Victorias first gold was discovered..!

Meet in the carpark north end of Stiggants Road at 9.30am for a 9.45am departure... (toilets available)

Run heads north over the Yarra via Kangaroo Ground, Panton Hill and Arthurs Creek to Melbourne's first Reservoir at Yan Yean... Its BYO flask and bikkies for a "picnic morning tea" overlooking the water – (toilets also available).

Some members - including those up north - might like to rendezvous here around 10.30am to join the run...

We then head westerly via Woodstock and Eden Park to drive through the Eden Park hills and into old Beveridge town..! We will pull up outside the recently restored Vic Heritage Cottage being the birthplace of Ned Kelly where he lived for his first 10 years...

Then its onto the historic Hunters Tryst Hotel built by Andrew Beveridge back in 1845 for a great luncheon. Home the way you came – or you can pop onto the Hume Freeway for a fast trip south or north..

YOU MUST REGISTER PLEASE BY TUESDAY FEB 20<sup>th</sup> FOR OUR PUB BOOKING..

Simply TEXT Richard Simpson on 0419.528.130 with the individual "names of all attendees" in your car....











Wednesday March 6th 2024.

"Club/Garage Get Together"

At Vince and Marion Stok's home.

Vince and Marion welcome members and partners to their home for a general get together.

Vince is happy to show his cars, motorbikes and projects to those who are interested.

10am onwards.

27 Mawby Rd. Bentleigh East.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided by the hosts.

No need to bring anything.

RSVP. <u>3rd March</u>. Marion on <u>0411467980</u>.

## Northern Runs coming up.

As the club has already got a full calendar of events for the rest of this year these northern runs will be included in the runs for next year.

#### So, what do we have planned?

These runs are for **ALL** members despite where you reside.

#### Kerrisdale Mountain Railway and Museum. Tatura P.O.W. Camps with lunch at the Tatura RSL.

#### Heathcote – Valley of Liquidambars.

Calling on the main bakery to have a picnic lunch. **Milawa Cheese Factory.** 

For lunch and sample the delights of the area.

#### Midweek Lunch or Picnic Run.

TBA but will be something different.

#### Yarrawonga Lunch on the Paradise Queen.

A lunch cruise on the lake.





### Our Next Northern Run for all members. Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>. Lunch at the famous Milawa Cheese Factory followed by a visit to Brown Brothers winery.



The meeting point will be at Benalla McDonalds at 11am and we will depart shortly after.

It will take a short drive of 35minutes, and we will arrive.

After arriving and a walk around we will go in and have lunch which we have had before, and it was sensational.

After lunch we will then travel a short distance to the equally famous Brown Brothers Winery.

Here we will have the opportunity to sample a few of the delights and purchase some quality wines from the cellar door.



This is a catered event and as such you will <u>need to book</u> your attendance with Sue on 0421841939.

# Editors <mark>RUN REPORT</mark>

## Christmas Lunch and Show and Shine.

### 10<sup>th</sup> December2023.

Firstly, it was great to see such a lot of members and guests at this year's Christmas Lunch and Show and Shine at the Kilsyth Club, Bayswater. This is the beginning of our tenth-year celebration to take place in 2024.

Gary welcomed everyone, especially our guests, Joe from Mini Makeovers and Joe's wife Loraine. Nick Scarff and Nicks wife Ciana was our guest speaker for the day. Apologies for Richard and Carol Simpson, Richard has just had a knee Replacement and has just got released for hospital.

Sandra and Patrick who also has been unwell. We wish them well.

Sue announced the current membership of 169 members and another one on the way to lunch thanks again to Joe who had introduced another member, bringing the total to 170, which delighted those in attendance. Cars on the club permit scheme is 159 with another 6 cars pending. A great effort and mainly due to Joe from Mini Makeovers.

Gary thanked Terry Sawyer for his fantastic job throughout the year with the club permit scheme. He also thanked Cheryl Sawyer for her work keeping an eye of the club finances as our treasurer.

Gary also thanked many members who contacted Sue during his stint in hospital earlier in the year.

After the entre was served we all played a game of Christmas Bingo which Sue had seen and thought it would be fun to play. It was. As this hadn't been done before the first winner to call out "Bingo" was David Neish. We went on calling out and then several members put up their hands. Unfortunately, Sue had not prepared for so many to win at the same time so only a couple got a prize of some chocolates. We could only apologise to the others, but it was just a bit of fun at the end of the day. The main course was then served, and Gary introduced Nick Scarff to give his talk

to the members. Nick spoke mainly of his thesis that he is doing for his degree at university on the history Jaguar and other vehicles in Australia, the of growth of these vehicles, his background, early advertising, and the history of Jaguar in Australia. Members were so interested in what Nick had to say you could hear a pin drop. Nicks talk went on for just under half an hour, but it would not have bothered members if he had talked a lot longer as he was just so interesting. Many members came up to me afterwards to tell me how interesting his talk was and how such a young man was so knowledgeable about a subject and spoke like someone who does talks for a living. Gary then thanked Nick and

presented him with one of our new grille badges mounted on a presentation shield to huge applause.

Gary then called up Joe from Mini Makeovers and presented him with a mounted grille badge as a thank you for his support and getting over 16 odd new members which is so much appreciated.

Gary then went through the next few months coming up early in January and asked members to please read all the details in the newsletters and contact the people who are named as the organiser. He also thanks Richard Simpson for doing a great job with making the future runs look inviting by the way he presents them to be published in the magazine, Great job Richard.

Then we drew out the lucky door prizes of which every member was handed a ticket as they arrived. Winners of the door prizes received a Hamper Sue had organised. Anne Quinn, Clive Millsum. Greg Hocking, Ross Nye, Sue Robinson, Lloyd Newnham, Brett Huxtable, and Pat Sinclair.





After dessert it was time for the presentations of the club awards for the year.

Car show winners:

Ross Nye with his yellow Sunbeam Alpine

Robert Quinn, Morris Minor sedan.

### **Car of the show:** Michael Burton with his Rover P4.

Congratulations to all.

Next it was time to present the 'Most Valuable Car Club Member of the Year'. Sue announced that it was a close contest between several members but at the end of the day and by just one point separating them, Sue named Paul Buck as this year's winner. Gary presented Paul with the shield which he will look after for 12 months and a beautiful glass trophy he gets to keep.

After the presentations it was then time to thank everyone for attending, wish them a happy Christmas and a safe 2024.









### BMC LEYLAND New Years Day, 2024. Happy New Year everyone.

30 members with 20 vehicles.

First club run for 2024 and what a magical day it was.

We had a little hiccup yesterday when we discovered there was an unadvertised Peninsula Cruisers Graffiti car show in Hastings.

Hastings was buzzing with cars no place to park & no coffee stop.

Bentons Rise Farm in Tuerong came to our rescue and opened their Farm Gate for us.

What a great starting spot, coffee, cakes, toilets some old cars and all in the one venue.

Everyone was pleasantly surprised at our Plan B; we will certainly make this our go to stop next year.

Issy and Ian the owners, love greeting car clubs and being English, the club scored extra brownie points.

We left around 11:15am for a leisurely drive to Flinders. Unfortunately, we lost 2 cars Danny and Ed Hume and families in a Vanguard and an Austin Freeway had mechanical problems leaving Bentons Rise.

Some of the group bought picnics while others decided on a fish n chip lunch.

The weather was beautiful, a light breeze kept us from getting too hot and everyone enjoyed the day.



We had 30 people and 20 cars at Mushroom Reef which was picture perfect with sparkling water and splashing waves in the distance.

Those who helped us enjoy the run were Laurie and Denise Kirby, Colin Rowley, Paul & Lisa Maas, and puppy, Bob & Val Strode, Pat & Ron, Peter Bernardi, Marion & Vince, Terry & Peter, Paul Buck, Reece Williams, Rod Kirby, Bryce & Anne, Joanne and Michael, Craig & Scott, Jo & Kel, Sue & Alec, Derek Jones, Jo & Kel, and a lonely little Austin 7 all by itself!





































Some of the lucky members and their cars at New Years Day run to Flinders.









Gear linkage dropped so a bush repair with a bit of tree while the rest of the family just had to have a picnic.











## <mark>REGALIA</mark>

#### CLOTHING

| Car Club Banner      | \$10.00            | Polo Shirts          | \$35.00 |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Embroidered Cloth Ba | adge \$10.00       | Rugby Jumper         | \$40.00 |
| Club Cap             | \$20.00            | Club Dress Shirt S/S | \$40.00 |
| Grille Badge (New)   | \$20.00<br>\$40.00 |                      | ,       |

### Contact Sue or Gary for orders on 0421841939.



**New Club Banner** 



**New Grille Badge** 



**Cloth Badge** 



#### **Club Dress Shirt**

**Club Polo Shirt** 

**Rugby Jumper** 

All regalia must be paid for on ordering. All clothing can have your name embroidered at no extra charge. Contact Gary or Sue 0421841939.





#### 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

**PLEASE.** If posting your renewal to be signed, send the whole form, and do not detach any part of it until it has been signed.

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



Joe.

Gate 3, Unit 5, Thor Court East Keillor VIC 3033 03 7038 0739 0411 170 413

## SITUATION VACANT.

Joe from Mini Make Overs is looking for someone to help at his business in East Keillor.

Various duties will be required and although this is a mechanical role, you do not have to be a qualified mechanic but just a general knowledge of things mechanical as Joe said that training would be available. You can work 2 to 3 days per week or whatever suits. This vacancy would suit someone who is possibly semi-retired and lives in the area or close by.

If interested or want some more details, please give Joe a phone call.

## Joe 03 9336 1234.

### Thinking of a trip to our 'cuzies' over the ditch in NZ? Mini owners, check this out.

### New Zealand Mini Nationals





The 2024 Mini Nationals will be held at Lake Karapiro, Cambridge over Labour Weekend (25 – 28 October).

Further details will be available early in 2024. In the meantime, if you would like to receive some information or arrange accommodation, please feel free to email the Cambridge isite at events@cambridge.co.nz or book via the listings on this website.

### 25-28 October 2024



Contact Person Peter Tait

Address Lake Karapiro, Waikato, New Zealand View Map

Email petetait@xtra.co.nz

Website https://vimeo.com/867316780



## Contact Paul Buck who has a limited amount of free entry tickets.



## UK Tour 2024. (From Francis Borg)

Following the success of the inaugural tour in 2023, the organisers have decided to offer the tour in 2024. This is a small group tour for 15, with a focus on historic aircraft and cars, culminating in two days at the famous Goodwood Revival historic racing event.

It's not just a 'blokey' tour; the last tour had 5 ladies in the team, and they thoroughly enjoyed it. There is so much to do and see – and join in the party atmosphere at the Goodwood Revival, which offers so much more than just pre-1967 cars battling it out on the track. If you are very keen, the tour organiser can put you in touch with the guys at Biggin Hill who will take you up in a Spitfire; this is an extra cost but may be on your bucket list.

Dates: 25 August to 9 September 2024 (16 days)

### Indicative price: AU\$7,800 per person.

#### Included:

Ticketing to all venues and events •

Most meals (most but not all)

Accommodation

- Guides
  - Historic aircraft flight over Cambridge,
  - taking off at Duxford.

Travel/driver •

- Tips and gratuities
- Airfares to and from the UK and travel insurance are not included.
- The tour starts and finishes in London and includes A day at Winchester (the cathedral, shopping, etc) the following venues and events. Churchills War Morgan car factory tour Rooms - London Gaydon British Motor Museum Imperial War Museum – London **Bletchley Park** American War Cemetery - Cambridge Shuttleworth Collection Imperial War Museum – Duxford Haynes Motor Museum Flight over Cambridge (1945 Dragon Rapide) **Bovington Tank Museum** Walking tour through Cambridge Royal Navy Submarine Museum, Gosport RAF Coningsby, home of the Battle of Britain National Motor Museum, Beaulieu memorial flight D Day Museum, Southsea East Kirby Aviation Heritage Centre Portsmouth Maritime Museum International Bomber Command Heritage centre Goodwood Revival (Saturday and Sunday) Lincoln Cathedral Tangmere ex-RAF museum **Rimmer Brothers Biggin Hill (heritage hanger) RAF** Cosford Dinner in the 617 'dam buster' squadron bar at

Petwood Hotel and Spa

Due to the Goodwood Revival ticketing selling out so quickly, we need to confirm participants before the end of 2023 – which also gives you the necessary lead time to arrange airfares and coordinate with other destinations and activities you might like to do before/after this tour.

#### Contact Tony Zuiderwyk for more details. tonyzuider@gmail.com or 0411 144 447

I can provide photos, reference testimonials, and put you in contact with the UK tour organisers. Note: my wife and I enjoyed this tour so much, I offered to promote a 2024 tour - we have no connection with the UK tour company other than being happy customers.

**Thinking about a trip to New Zealand** in the future? If so, fly into Auckland and take the short drive south to the city of Hamilton and another short drive away to the city of Cambridge. I promise you will not be disappointed in two fantastic car museums. They are two of the best you will see, and the selection of vehicles are to be seen.

Sue and I plus Llyod and Glenda Newnham visited them both when we were in NZ last October and we were delighted with what was on display. This is something you must put on your "Bucket List" for sure.

**At Cambridge** is the Ross Brother Museum and the cars and earth-moving equipment there is amazing.

## Car nostalgia: Ross Bros Museum

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Hamilton is renowned for its stunning gardens, river cycle tracks and lake walks, destination eateries, and galleries, but lesser-known delights are slowly becoming major drawcards for visitors. Proving particularly enticing is the hidden wonderland that is Ross Bros Museum. Lyndsay Whittle recently spent some time visiting and was both surprised and delighted.

If cars, engines, motorcycles, trucks, and machinery capture your interest, then you'll be doing yourself and your mates a huge favour by gathering a like-minded group and heading to the Ross Bros Museum on the outskirts of Cambridge.

Allow yourself more time than just a 'quick look' because there's so much to see that a stroll around for an hour or so just isn't going to do justice to the 100 or so machines housed in the 3130 square metre building. Also known locally as the Ross Brothers Muscle Car Garage, the experience begins with an Americana-themed diner as the backdrop for an array of desirable cars, mainly muscle cars, from the 1970s.

The first car we came face-to-face with was an immaculately presented 1970 HT Holden Monaro, a sight good enough to make anyone who grew up in that era go weak in the knees.

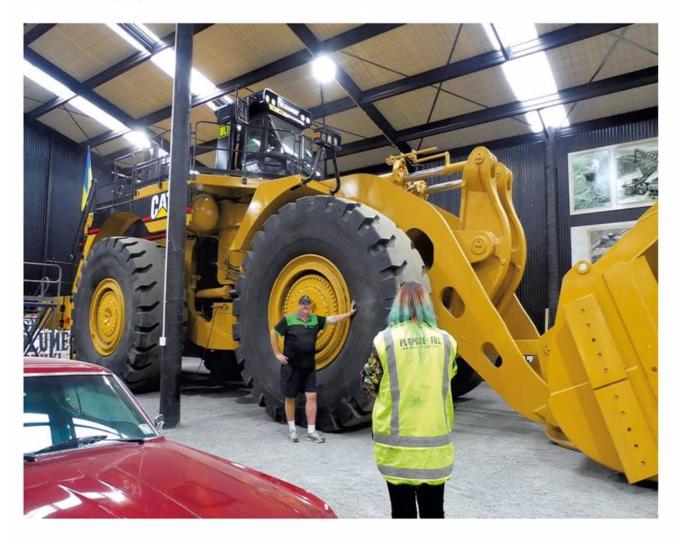
A couple of cars along was an equally impressive bright red 1971 XY Falcon GT and continuing on, the collection was an ocean of unexpected surprises.

The iconic race car of New Zealand motorsports legend Scott Dixon takes pride of place in the museum, with the Targetbranded 2005 Panoz G-Force Toyota Indy-Car offering a rare opportunity to see this historically important vehicle up close and personal.

Set among the shining vehicles are old fuel pumps and photos, along with detailed placards explaining each car's provenance.

While most of the cars displayed in the Ross Bros collection are owned by members of the family, others are on loan to the museum for display purposes. The plus side of this is the fact the display naturally changes and evolves.

## **Shifting gears**



Leaving the car section and entering the truck and machinery display is a wow moment. The sheer size and scale of these machines aren't evident until you're standing close to something like the Caterpillar 994 loader. Although this display model dates back to 1998 model, the 994 range, introduced in 1994, was referred to as the largest mechanically driven loader in the world. The 994 is huge. It's fitted with a 4641-litre fuel tank (equivalent to 15 to 16 standard bathtubs) and can consume almost a 200-litre drum of fuel per hour. The tyres weigh in at 4.7 tonnes each and stand 3.58 metres in height, with the restorers saying they used 130 litres of CAT Yellow to paint the machine. **In Hamilton** is the Jukebox Car Museum which has a sensational café in the front and the museum is behind a couple of doors. Here you will see two stories of beautiful old cars, many of which are our own BMC vehicles.



## JUKEBOX DINER

The Jukebox Diner is onsite, a 1950s themed diner, entrance through 13 metre tall 50s replica Wurlitzer Jukebox, pictures of famous movie and rock n roll stars including Elvis and Abba. We also have some big statues including Elvis and Betty Boop. From cooked breakfasts to burgers and shakes, the Jukebox diner has everything to keep your tummy from rumbling. The cabinet is kept well stocked Monday through Sunday with sandwiches, salads and other delicious treats.









#### CARS

#### **RIGHT FROM 1918 TO 1987**

Belair, Auburn, Cadillac, all the classics. We have restored a 1937 Bedford bus, once used to take local Hamilton children to school. Watch out for a tiny three wheeled car called the Messerschmidt, immediately identifiable by it's transparent bubble canopy.

And our prized possession the 1937 Bugatti - currently under restoration. The Bugatti is one of only three of its kind ever manufactured. Tom, the founder of the museum purchased the car in a French auction after the vehicle was found in a barn where it had been sitting for more than 40 years. Follow the <u>Bugatti</u> journey here.

### PETROL MEMORABILIA

#### **SIGNS, TINS & MORE**

This stuff holds just as much history as the cars themselves! You can notice developments in design and materials through the years. There's even a Big Tree garage complete with signs and tools. Big Tree was one of New Zealand's first petrol companies, bought out by Shell in the 1950s.

The BP sign hanging from the roof, pride of place in the center of the museum was found in the canals of Amsterdam along with 10 others. They had been there for 25 years, you can even see the water stain line. This sign is 60 years old.



### MOTORBIKES & SCOOTERS

#### SOMETHING FOR THE TWO WHEEL LOVERS

We have everything from vintage bicycles complete with wicker baskets, 1980s racing machines, to 40s cruisers - if two wheelers are your thing you won't be disappointed.

Come and check out our three Indian motorcycles ranging from 1929-41. Impeccable design and engineering these bikes really are works of art.

Our scooter collection features the Corgi which were designed to be dropped out of planes by army soldiers during World War II to support airborne troops.









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